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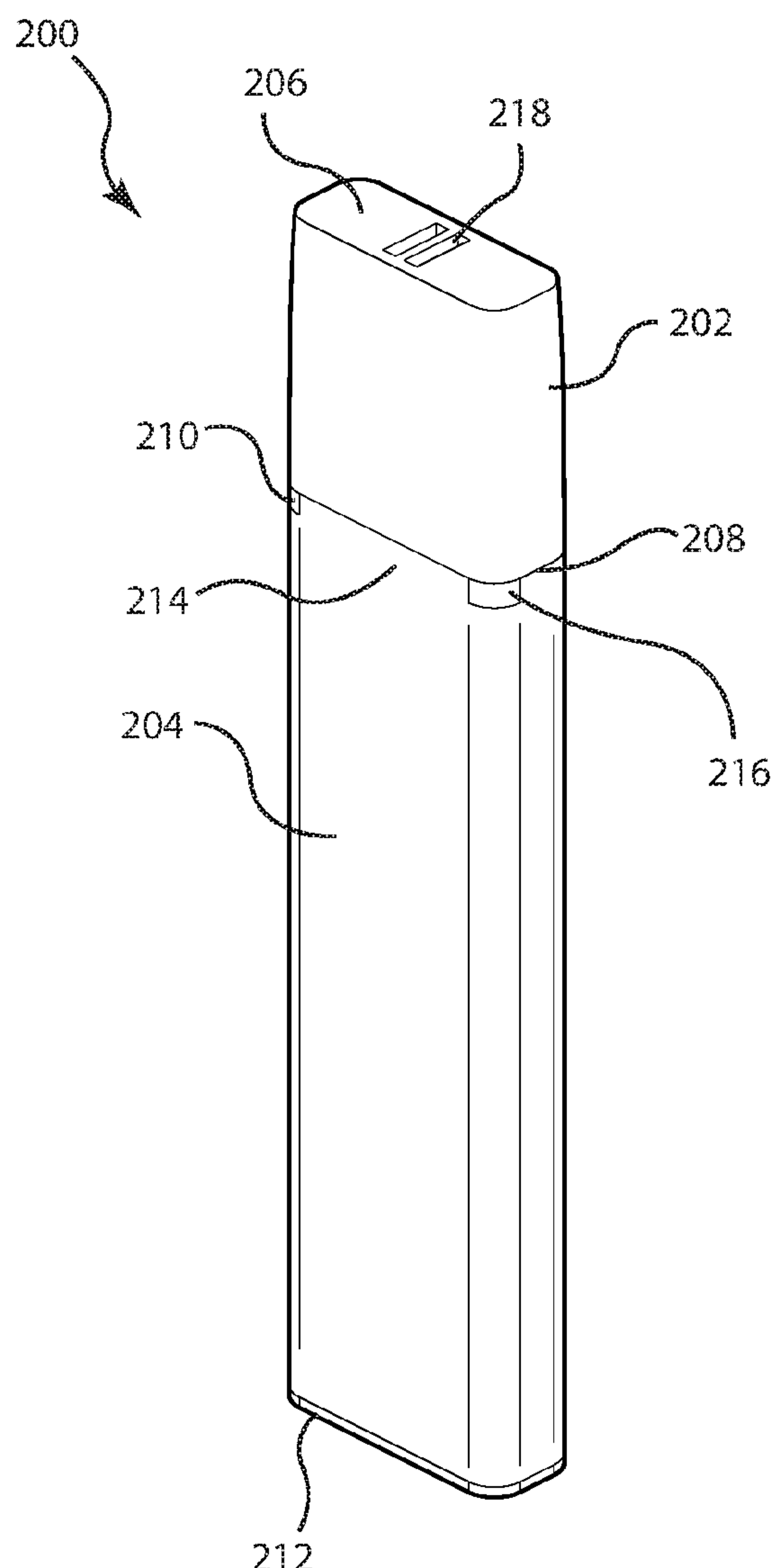
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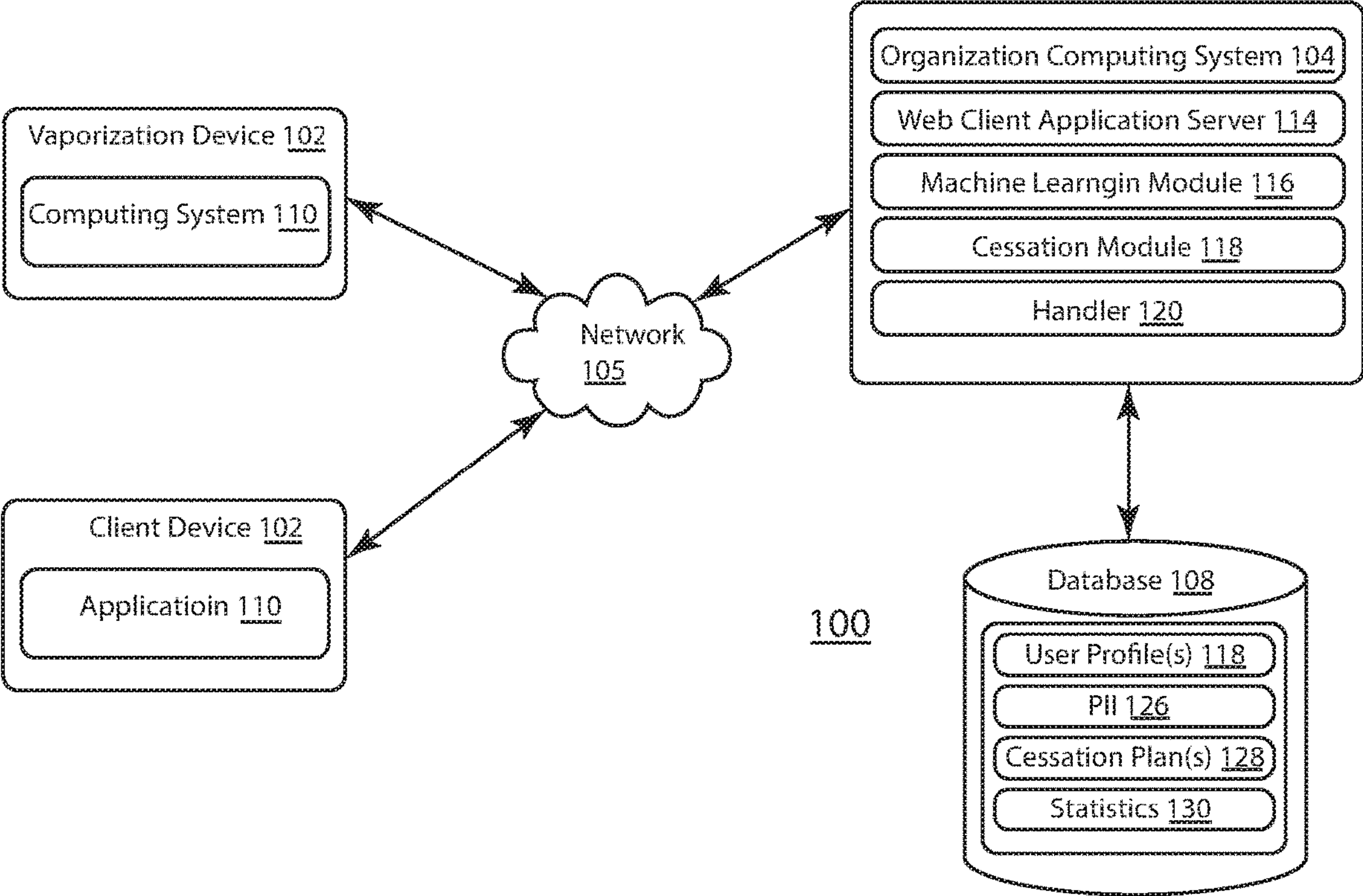
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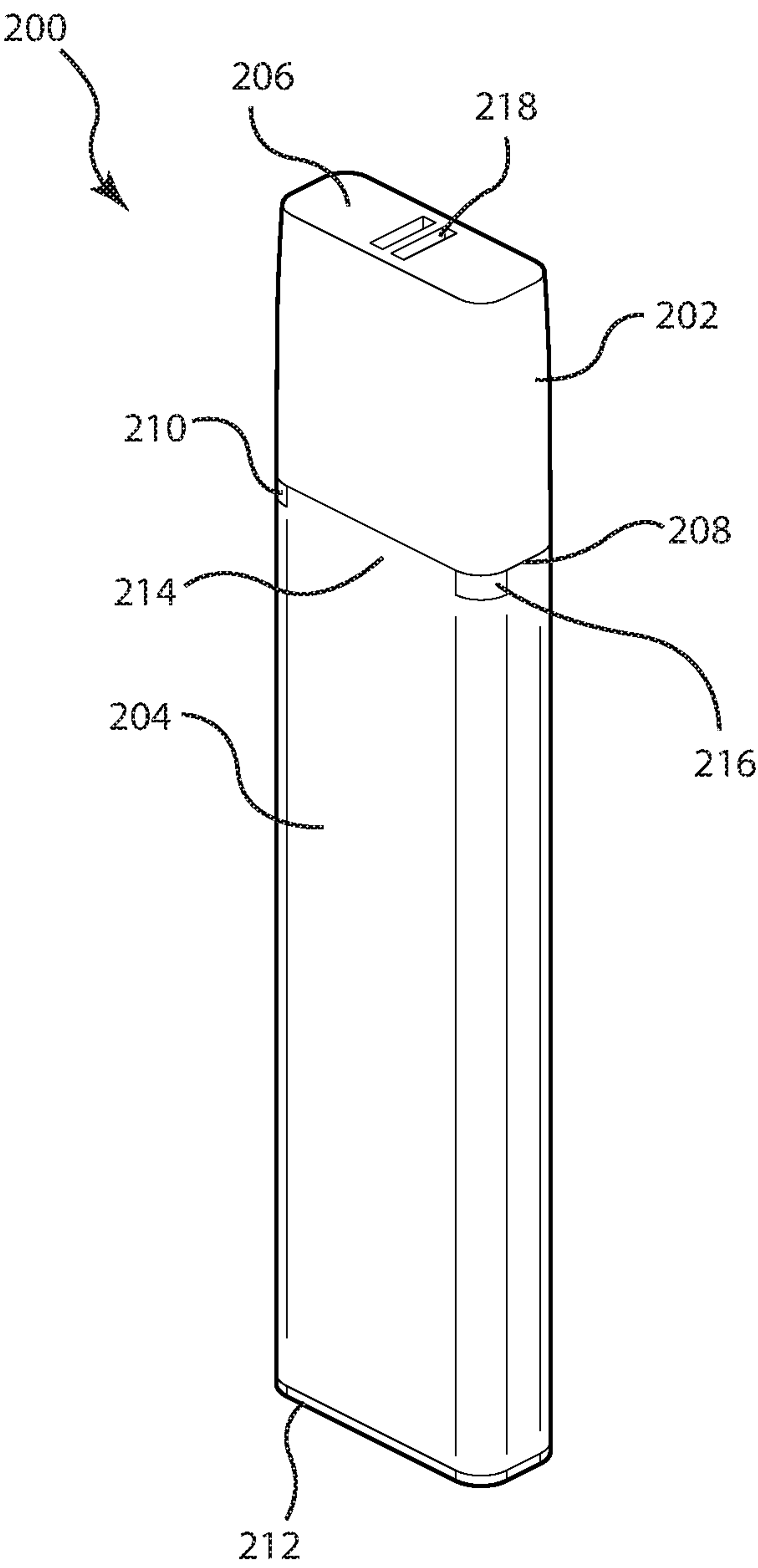
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A system and method for practitioner tracking of patient substance intake and controlling of substance dosing for patients is provided. A controlled dosing platform displays patient profiles under the practitioner's care and upon selecting a particular patient one or more streams of usage statistics from use of a vaporization device is displayed. The usage statistics may include a regression value, a control period and a quit date. The regression value may be a linear or an exponential regression value. The practitioner can manipulate any or all of the usage statistics to modify a smoking cessation plan.







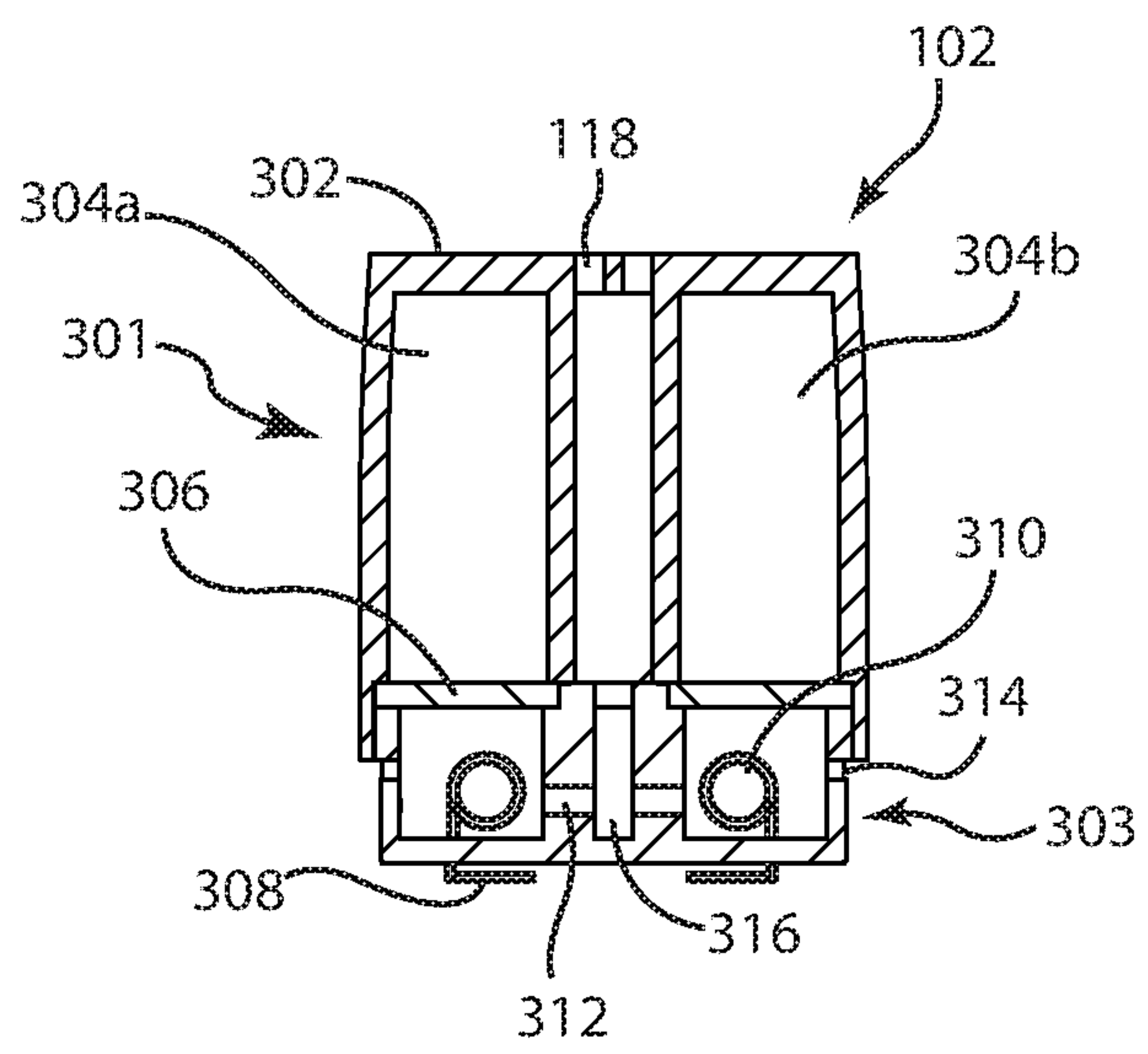
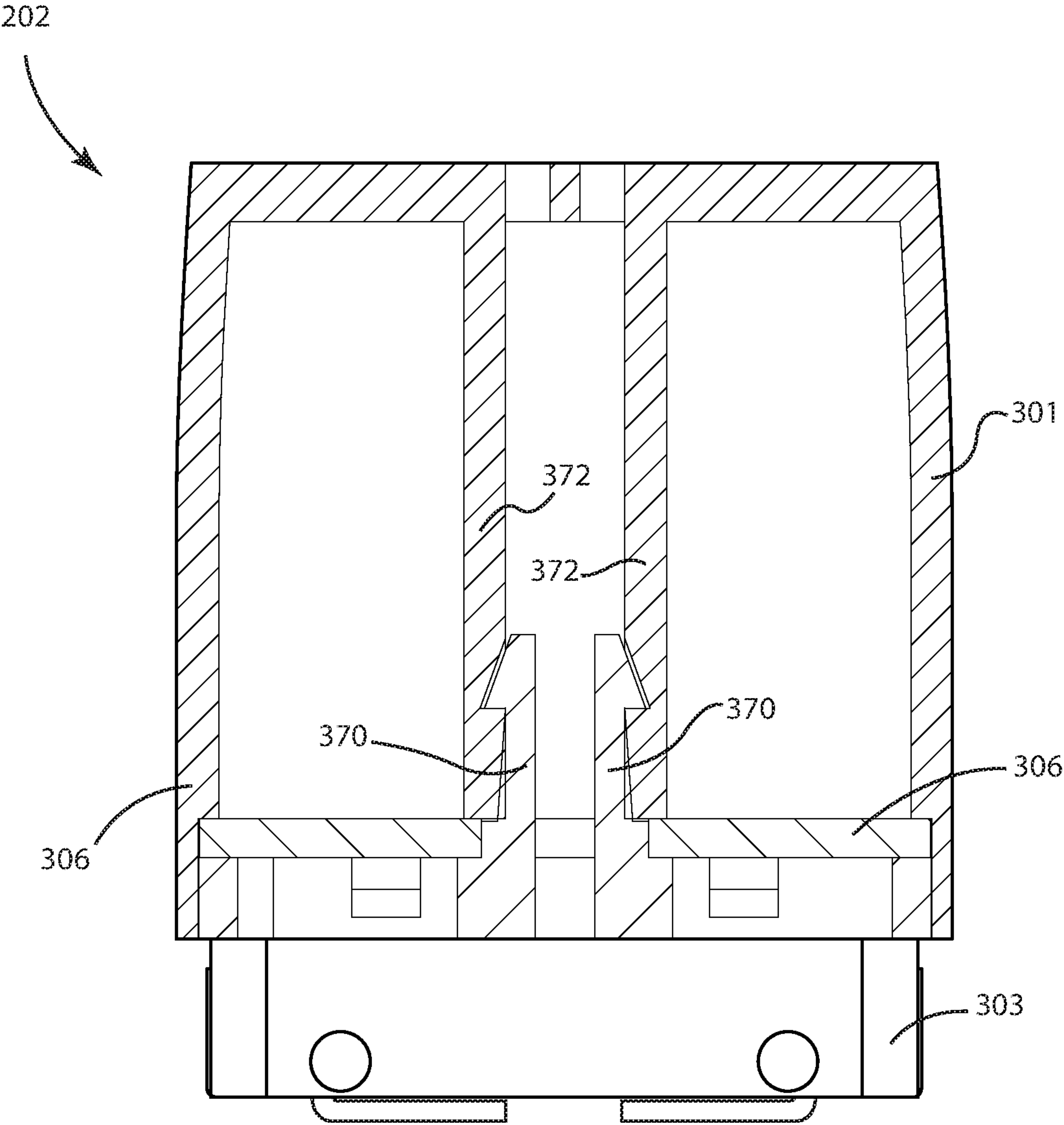


FIG. 3A



FIG. 3B



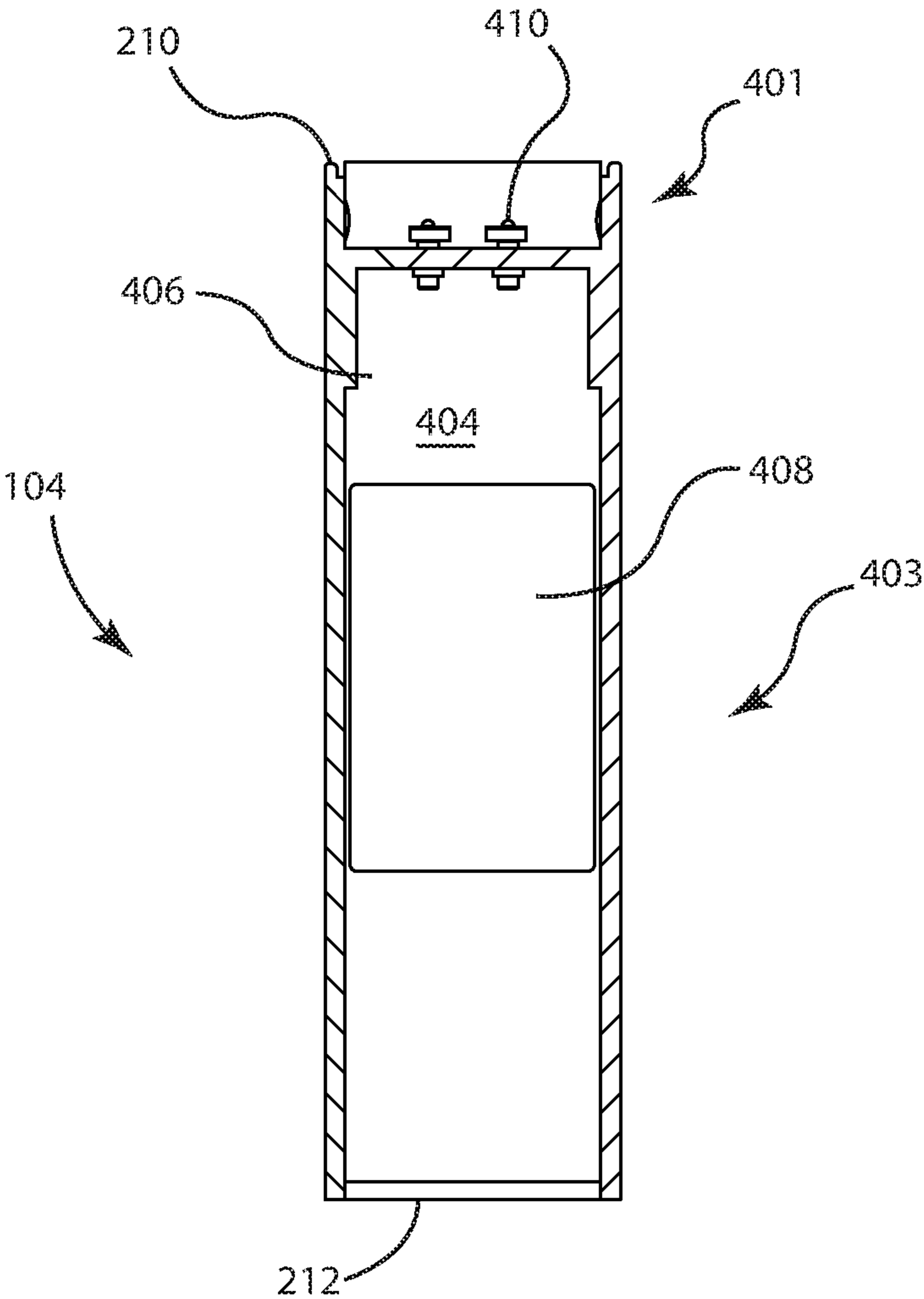


FIG. 4A



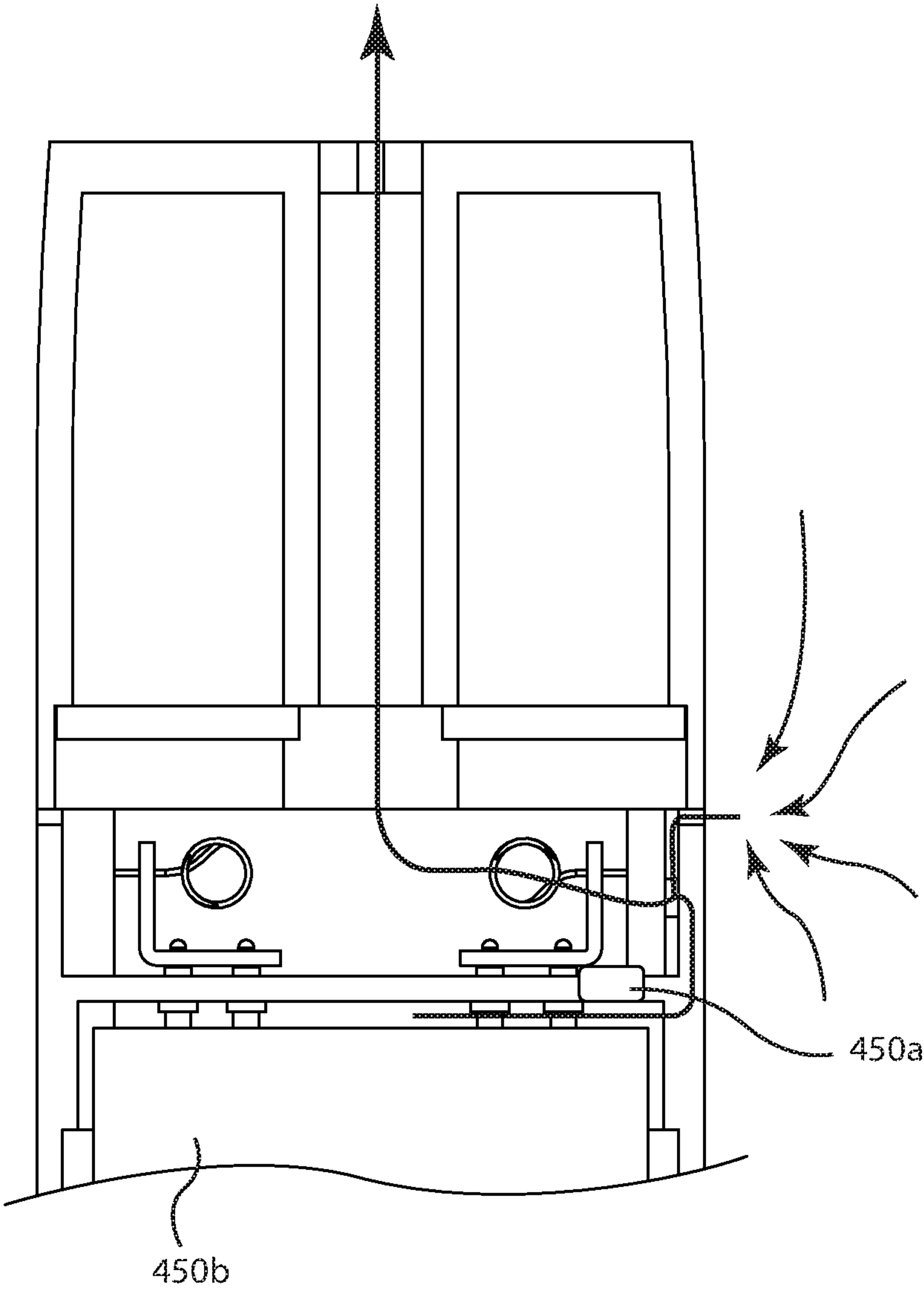


FIG. 4b

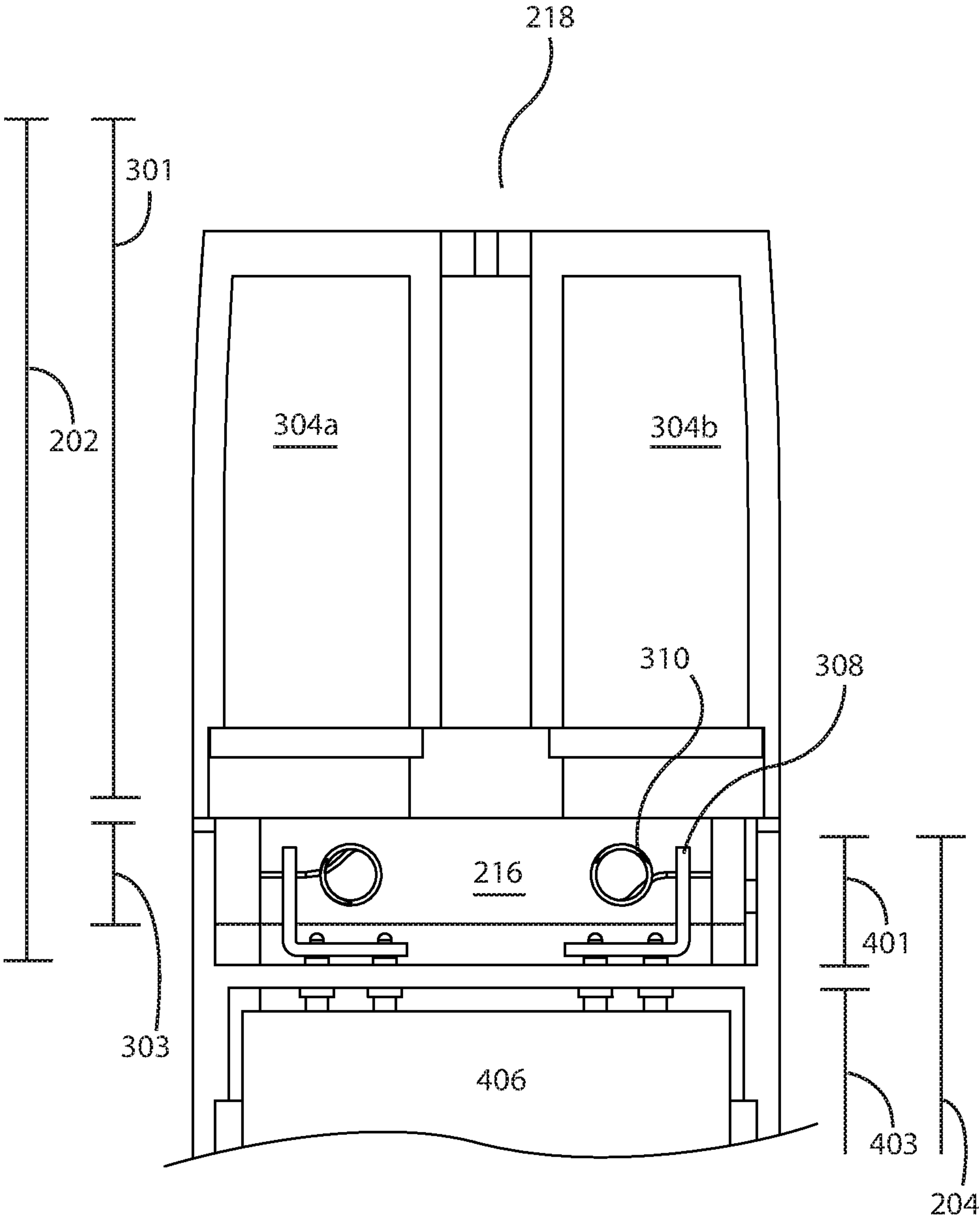
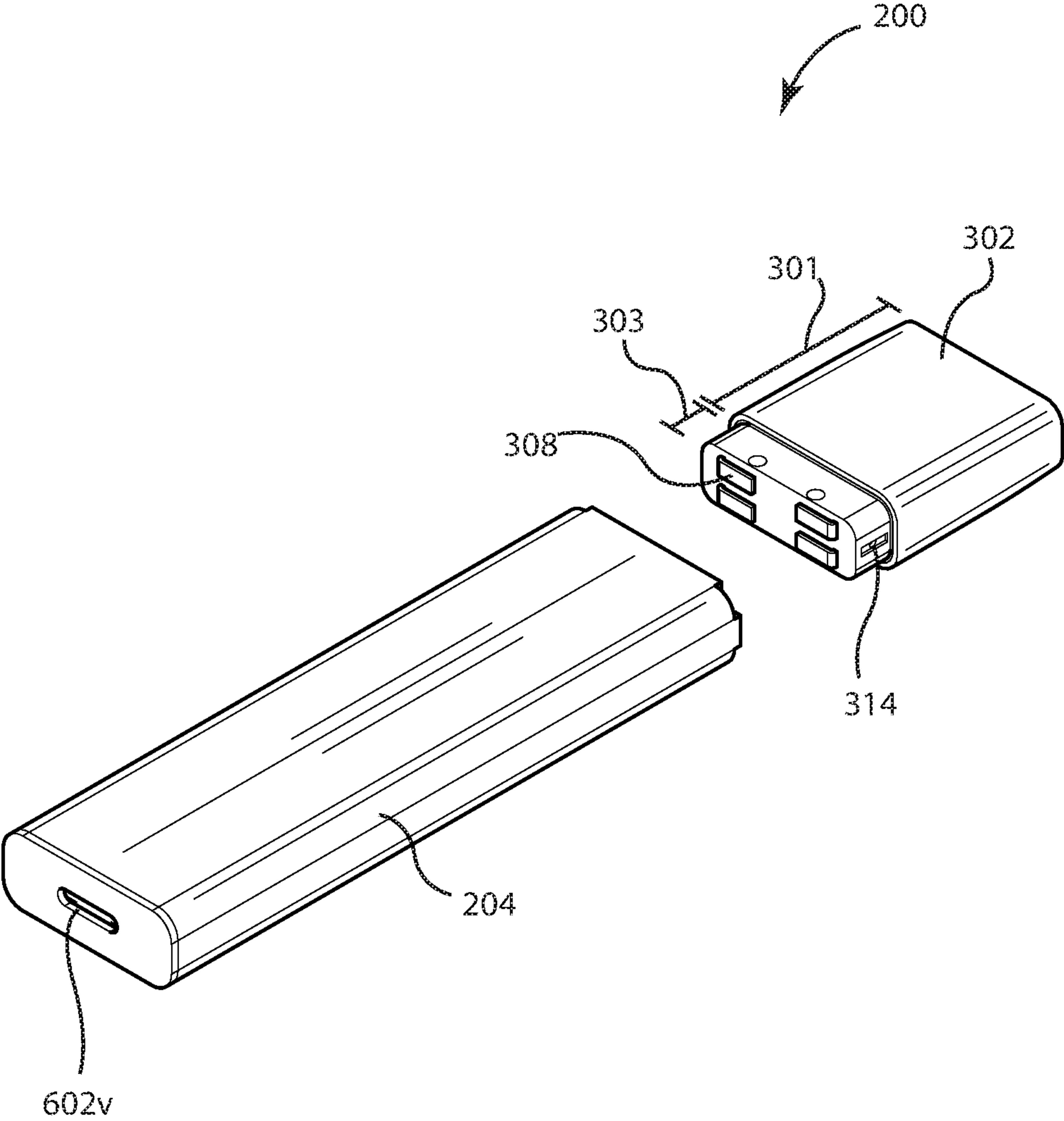


FIG. 5





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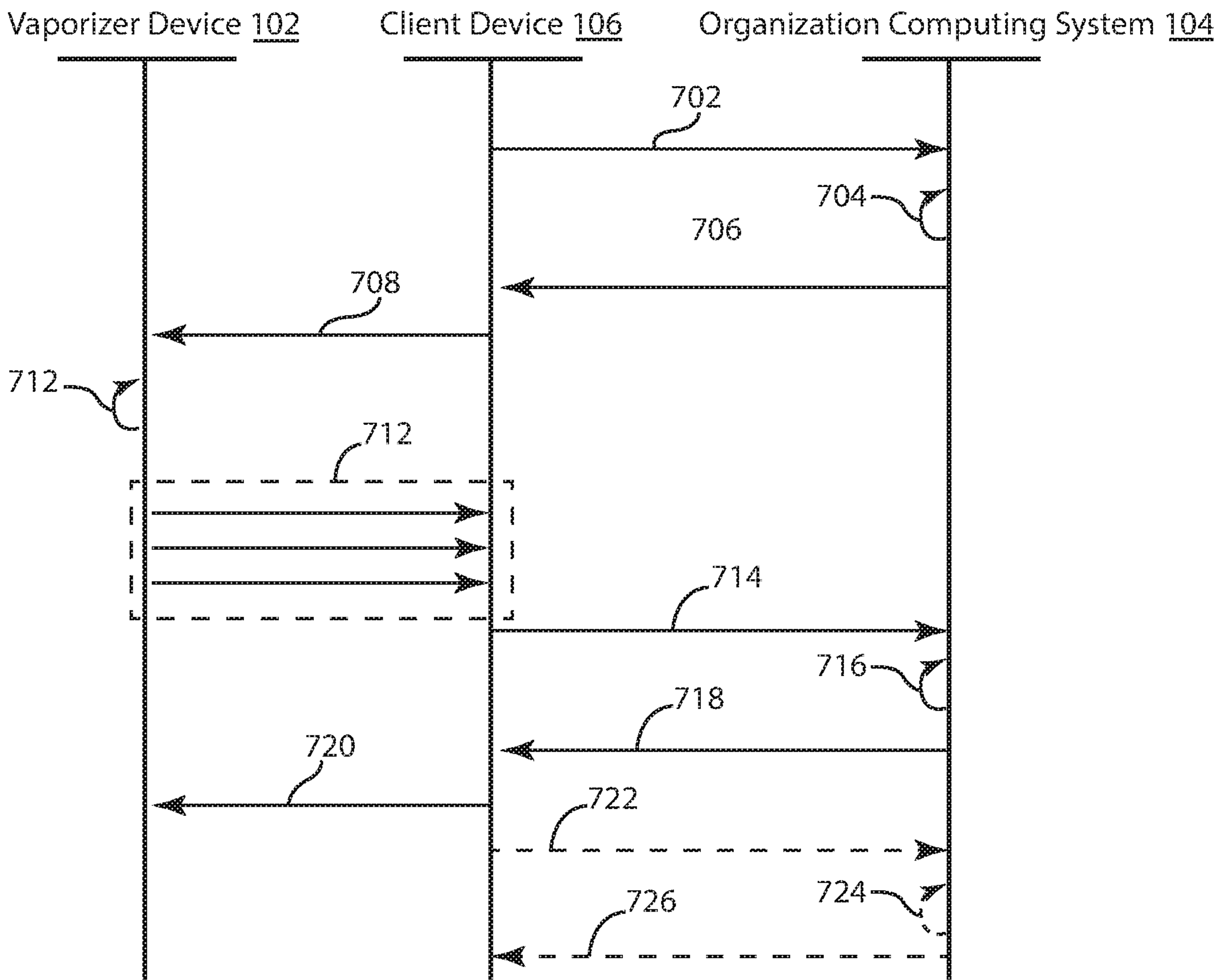


FIG. 7A

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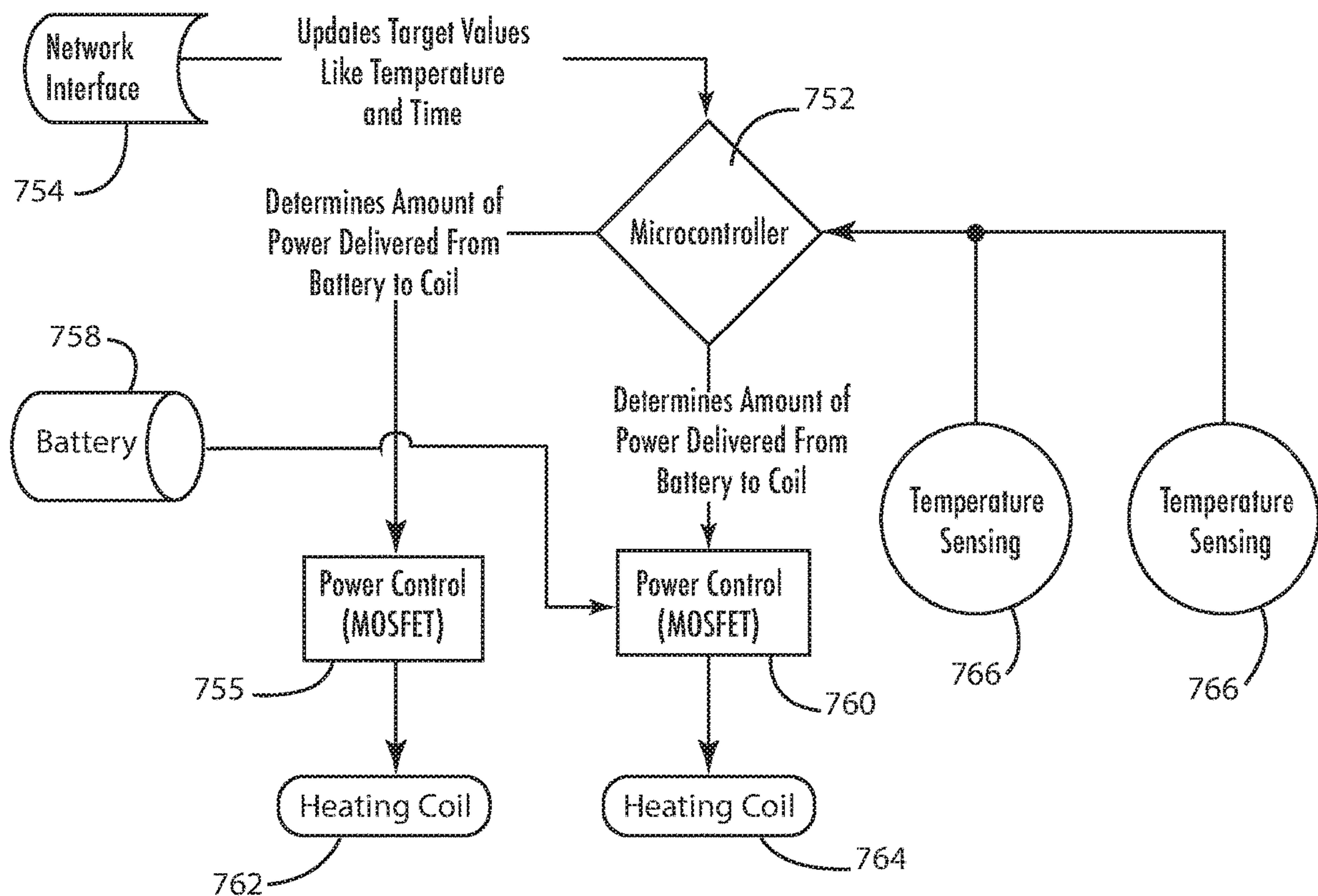


FIG. 7B

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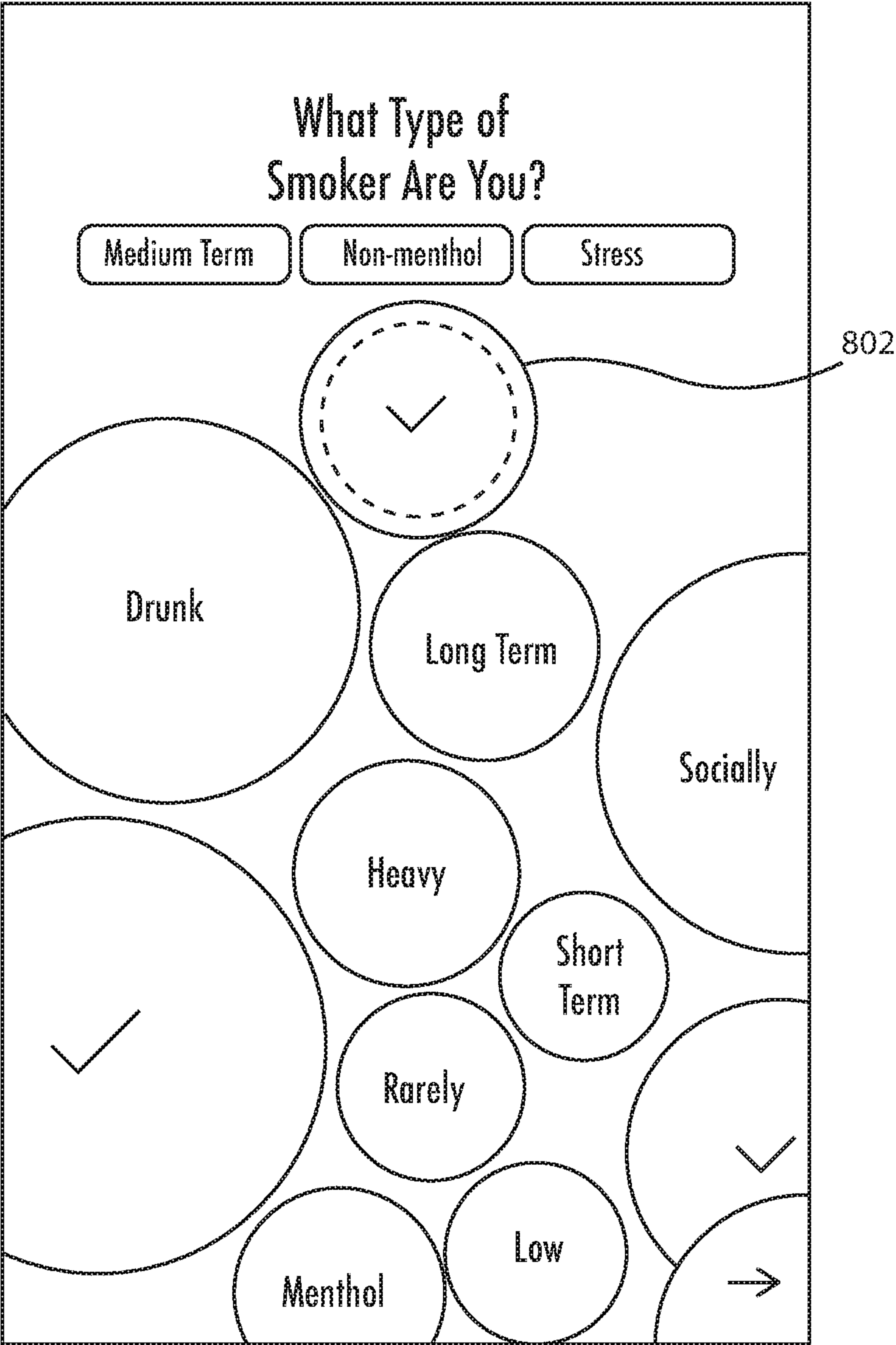
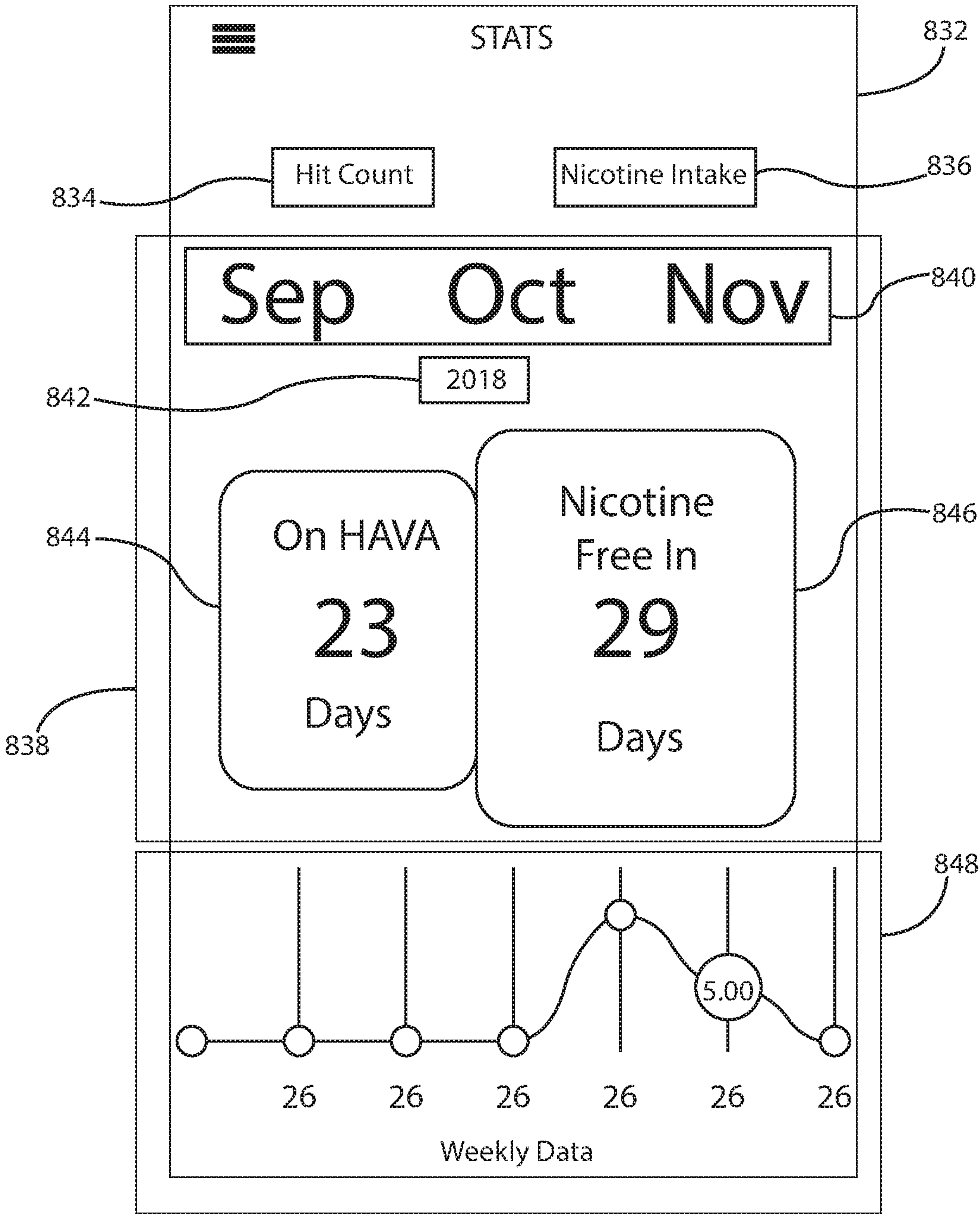
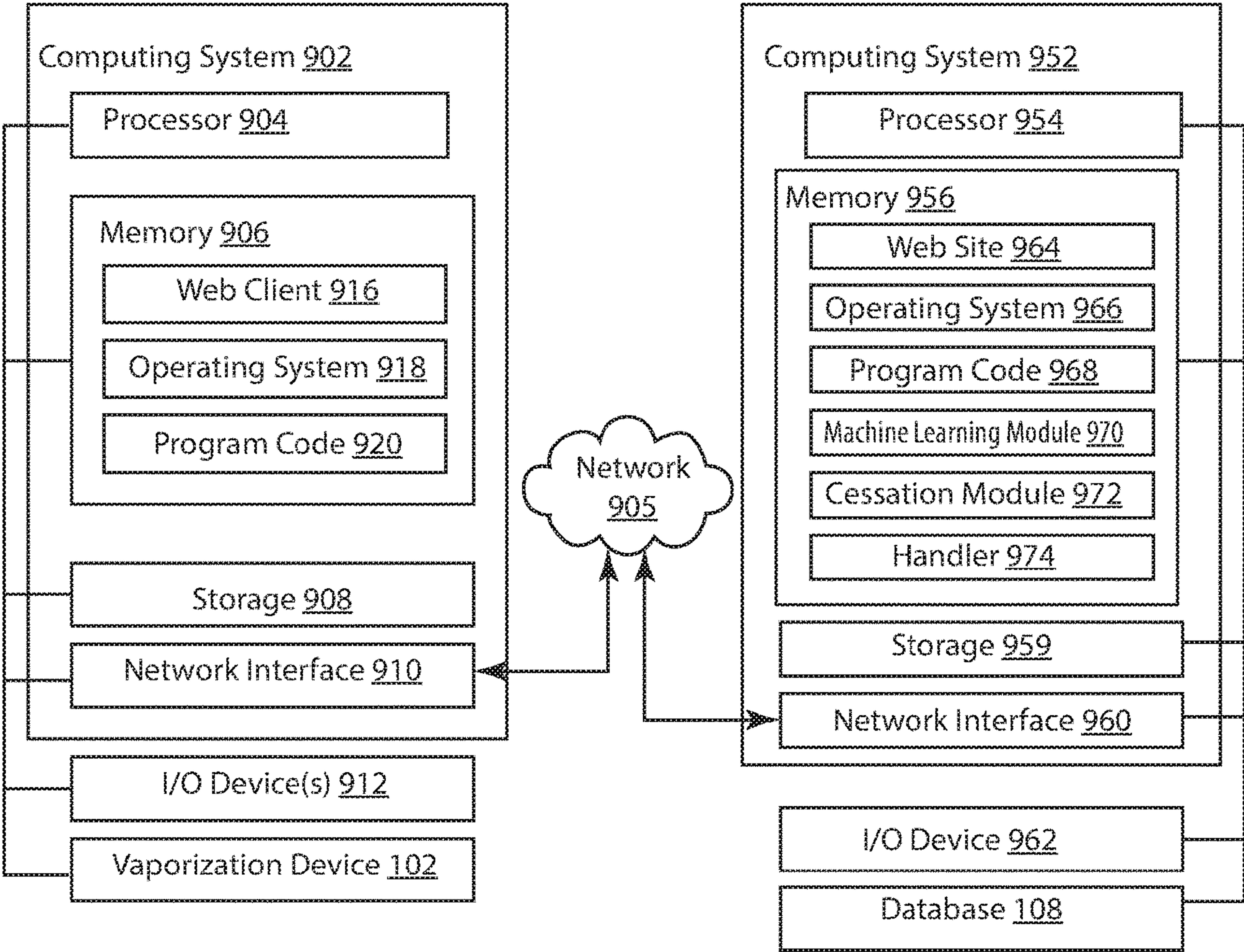


FIG. 8a





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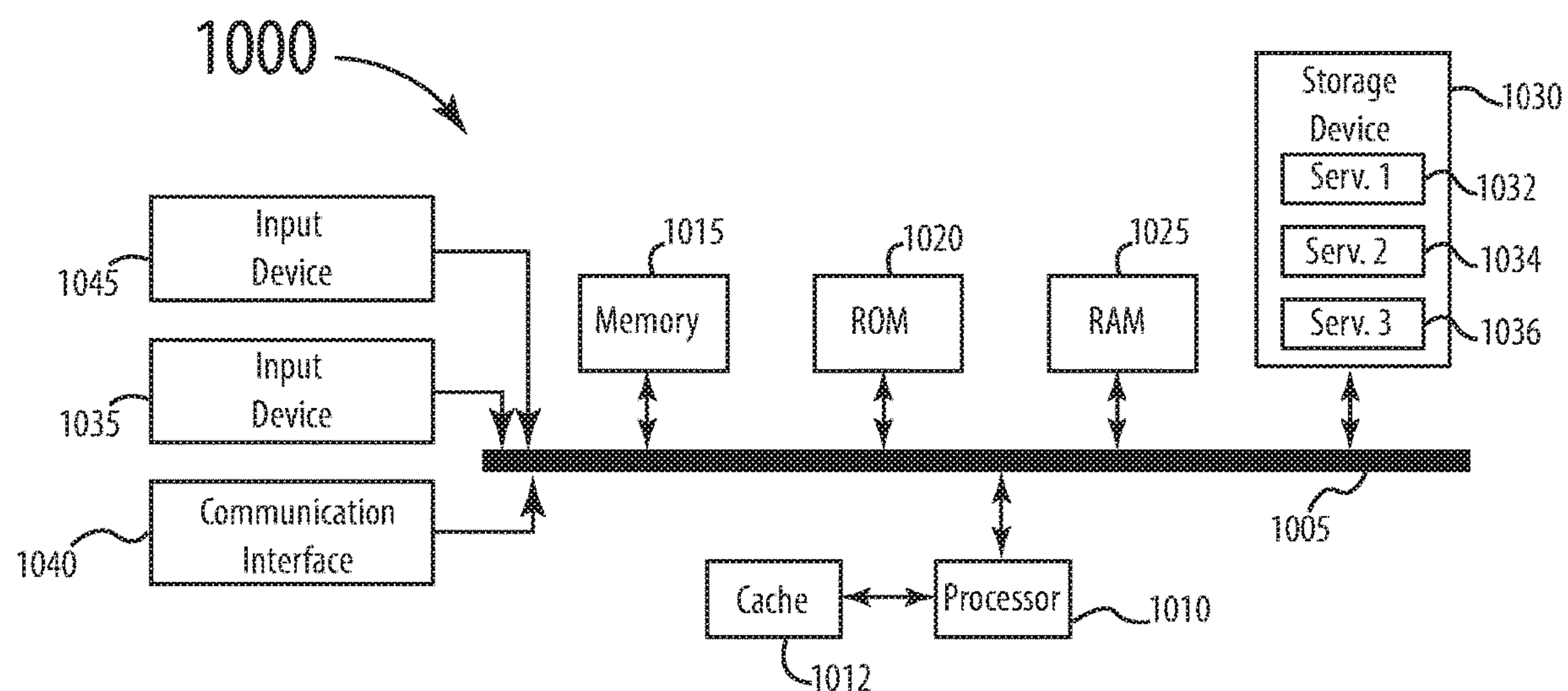


FIG. 10A

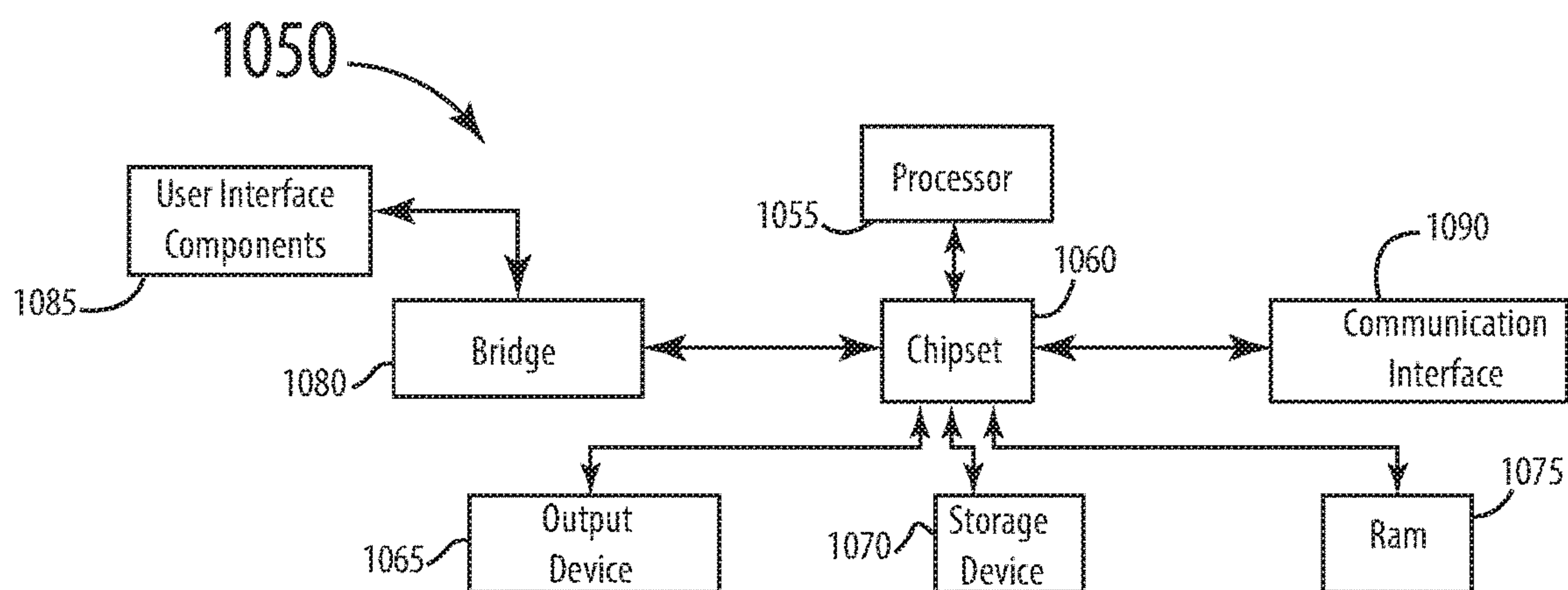


FIG. 10B



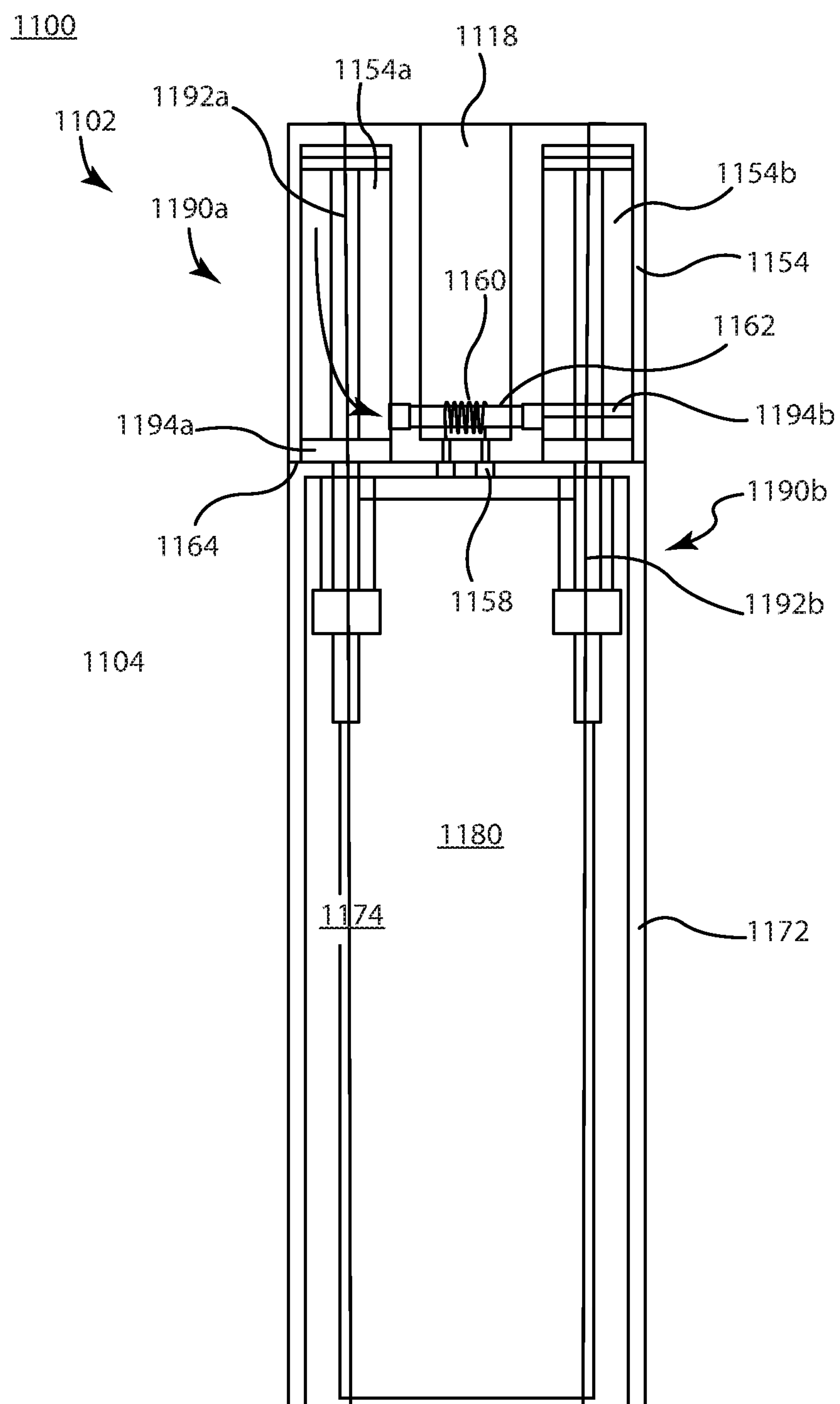
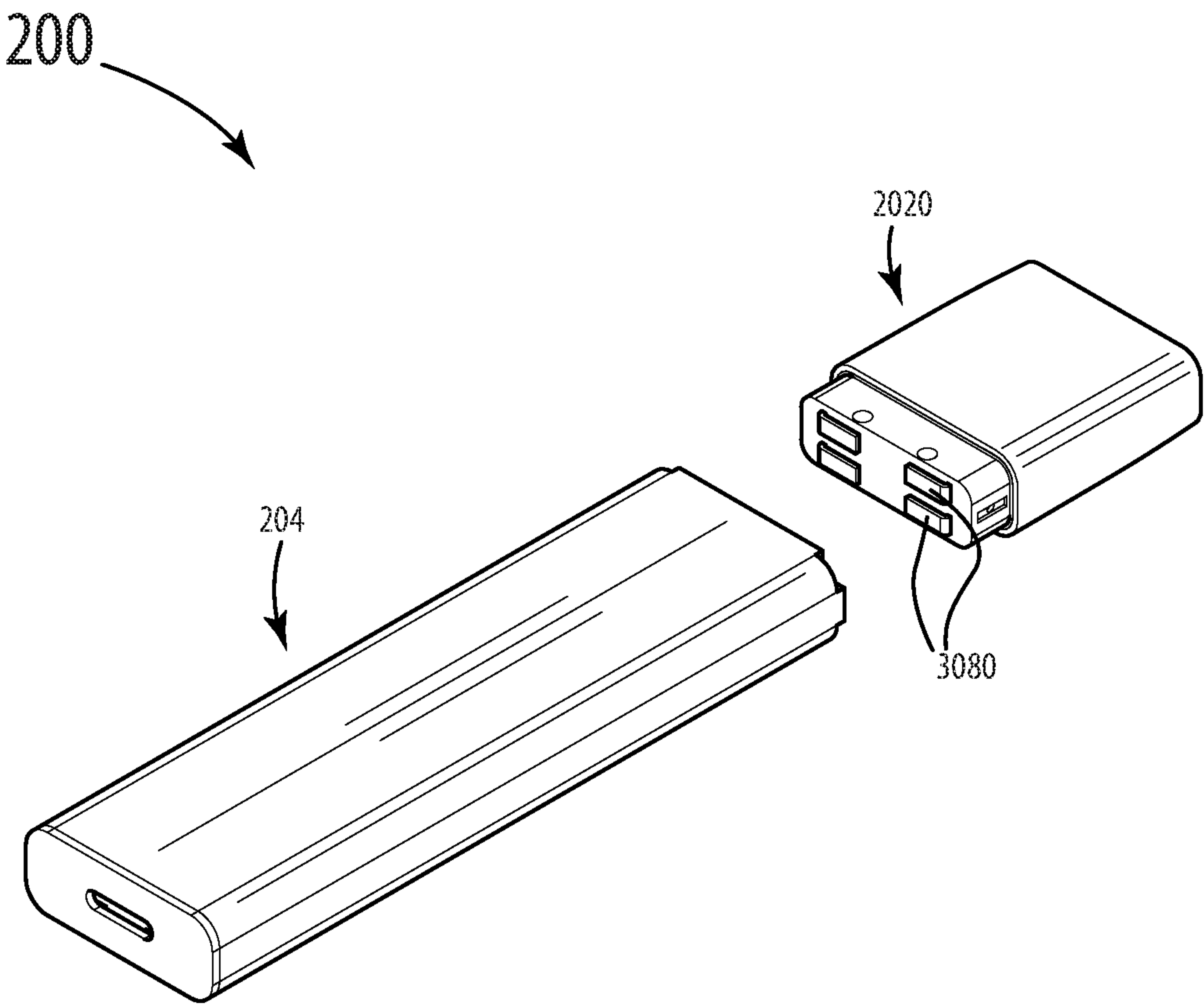


FIG. 11



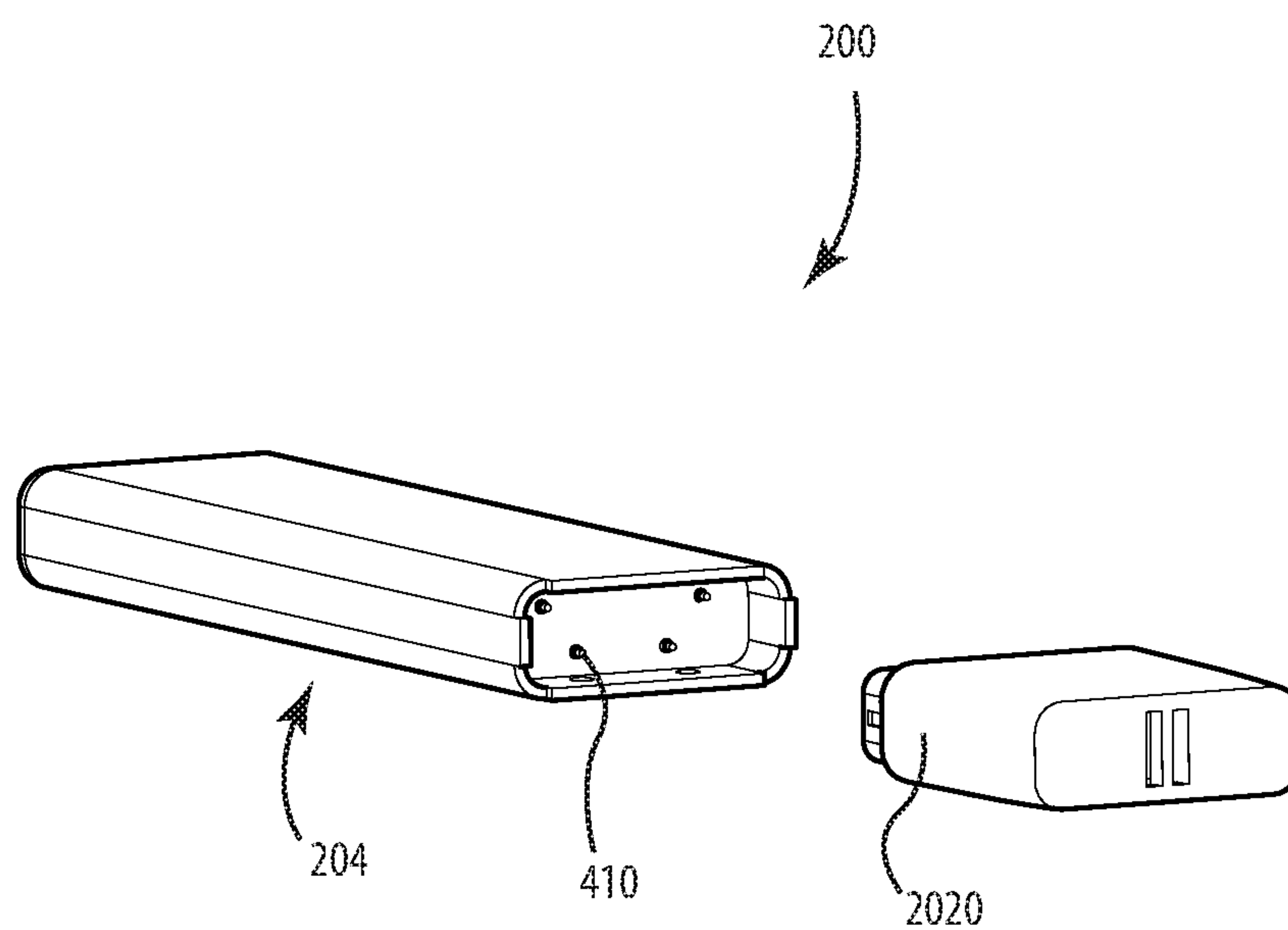


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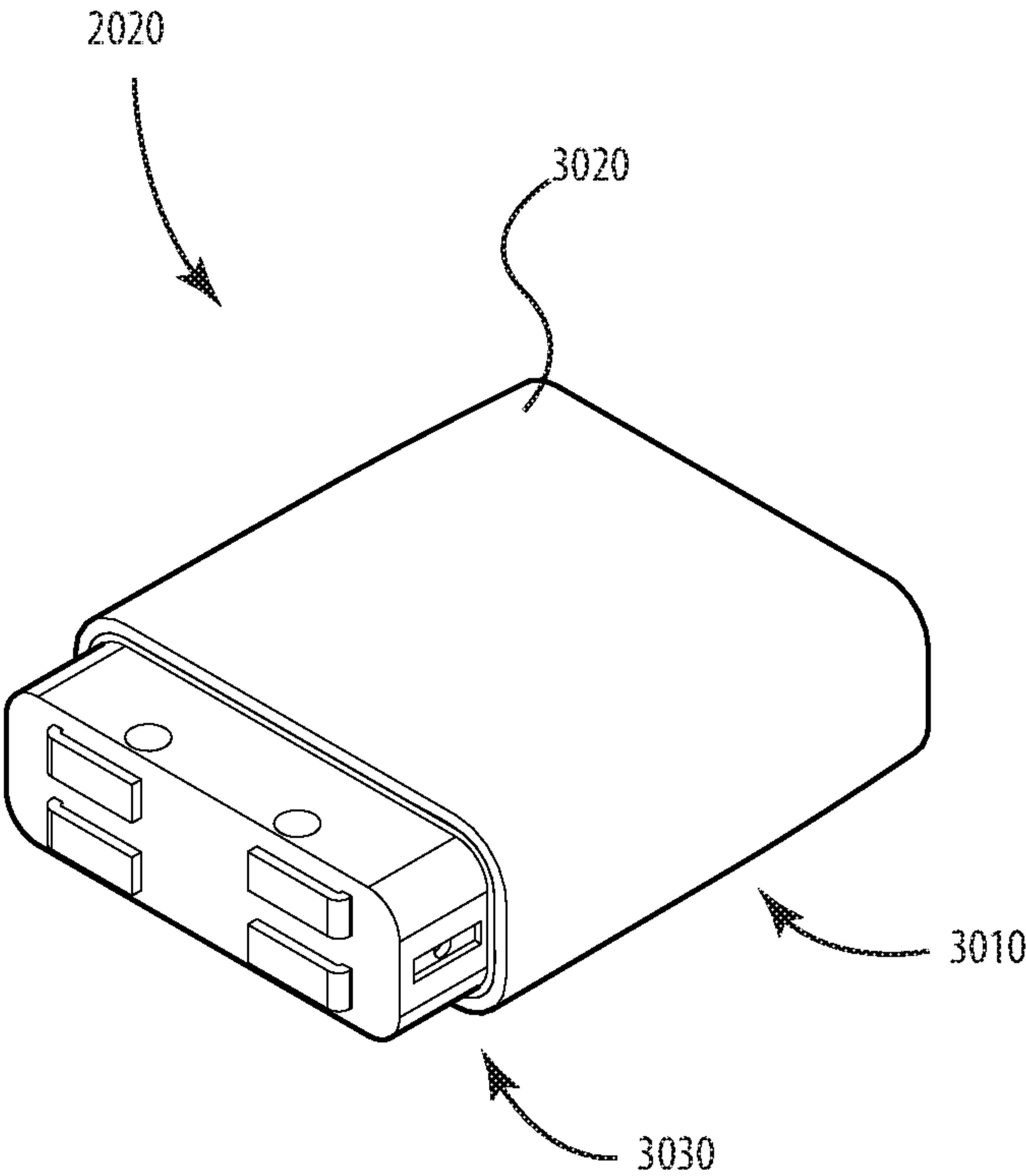


FIG. 13

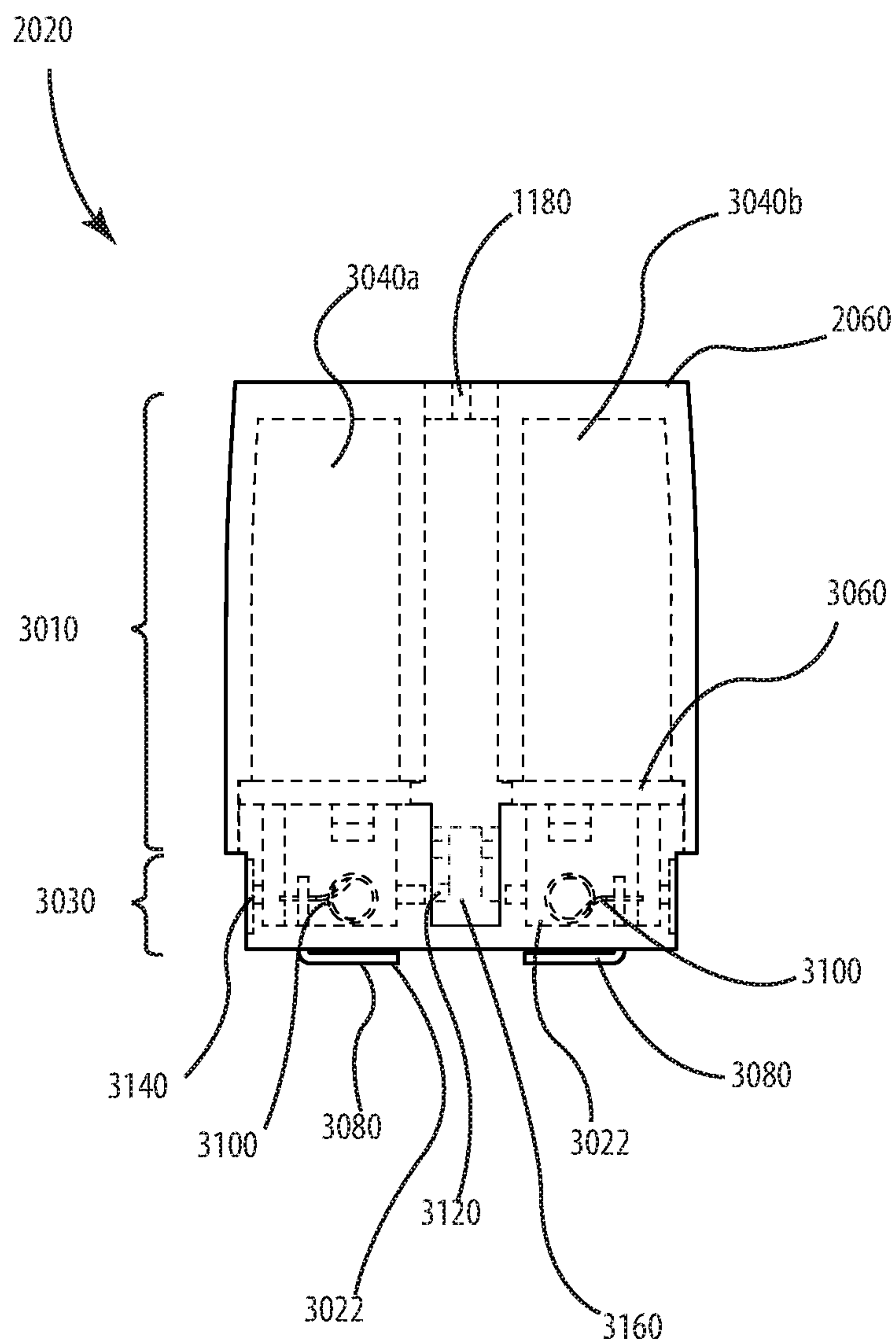


FIG. 14A

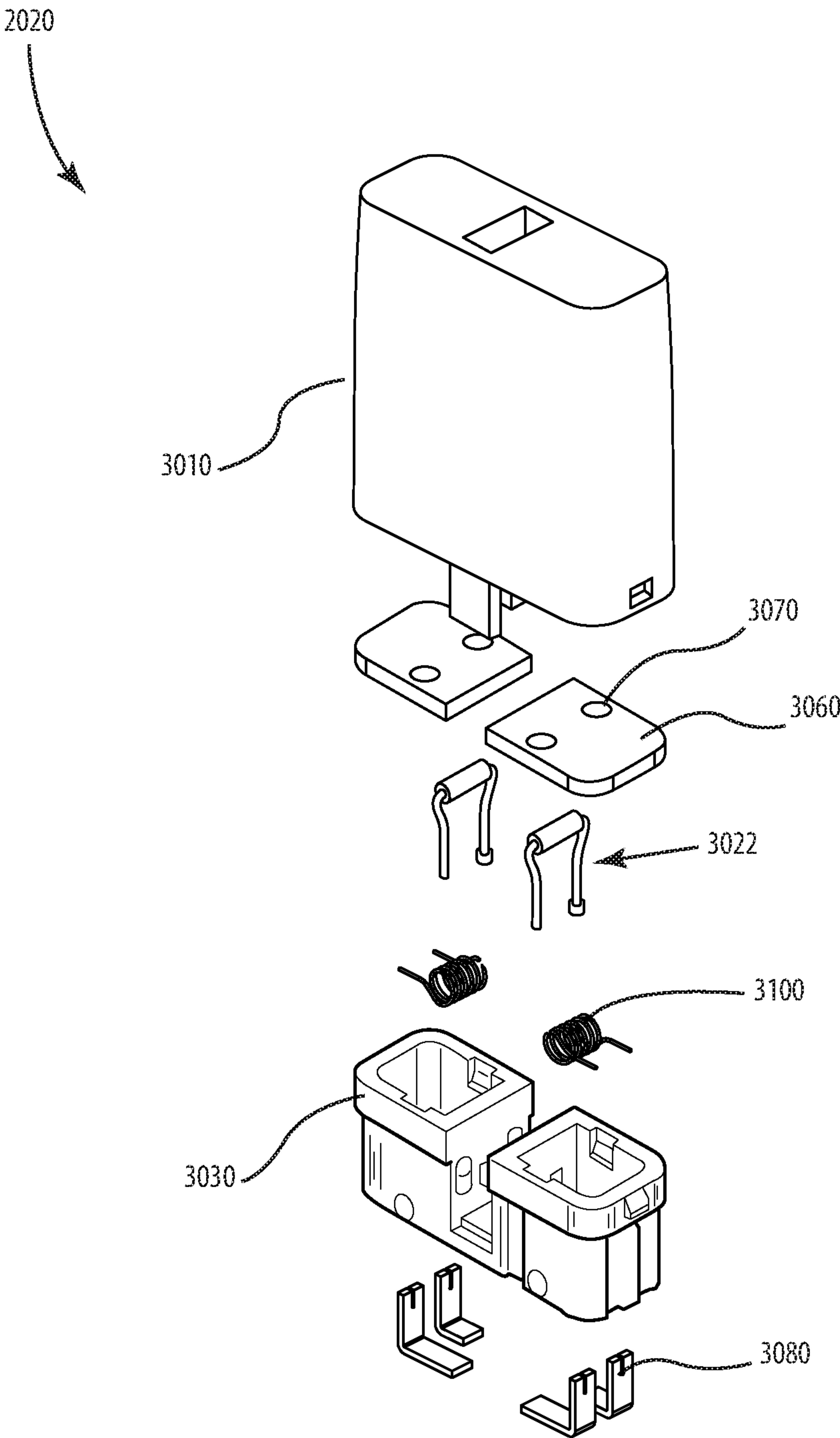
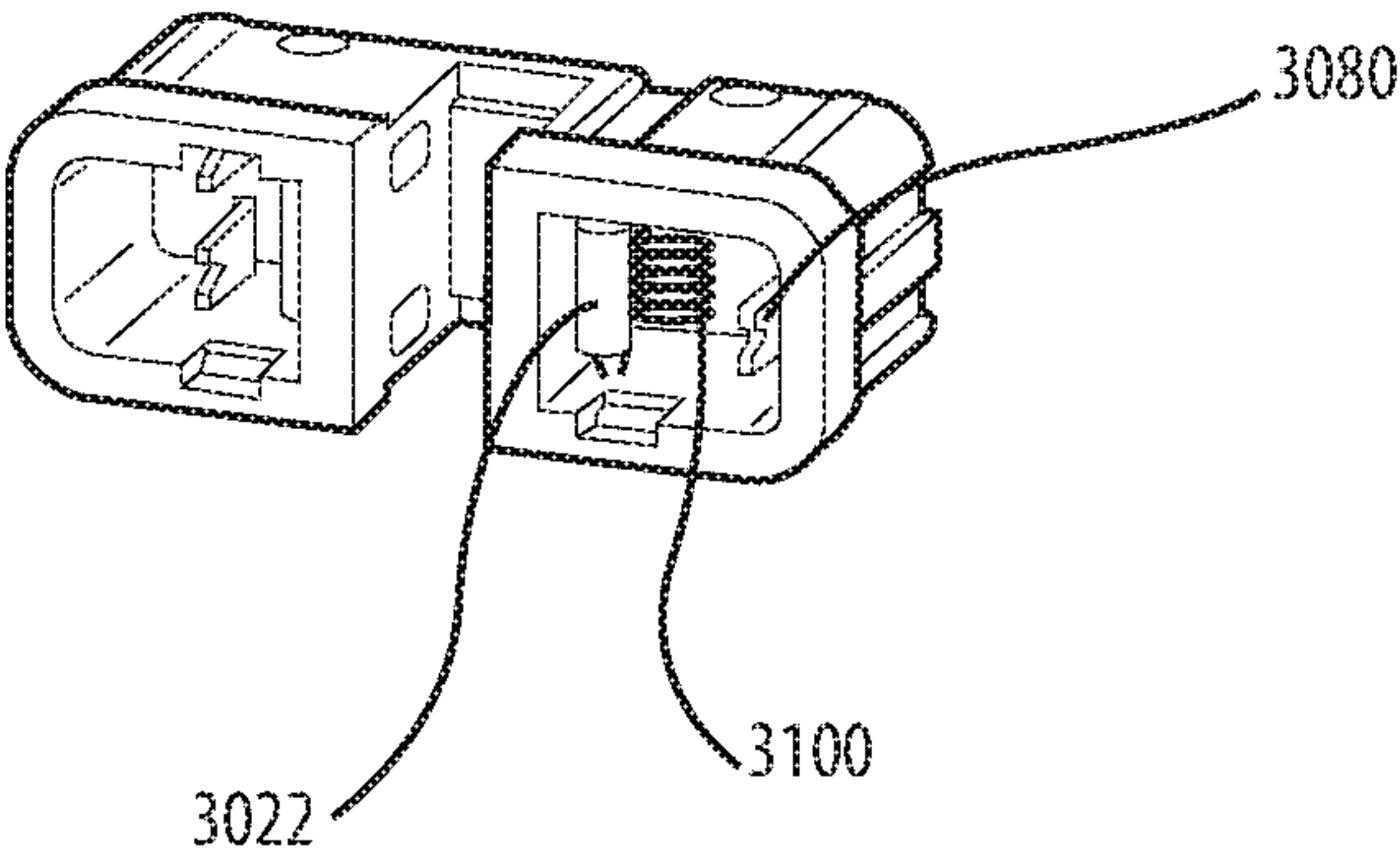
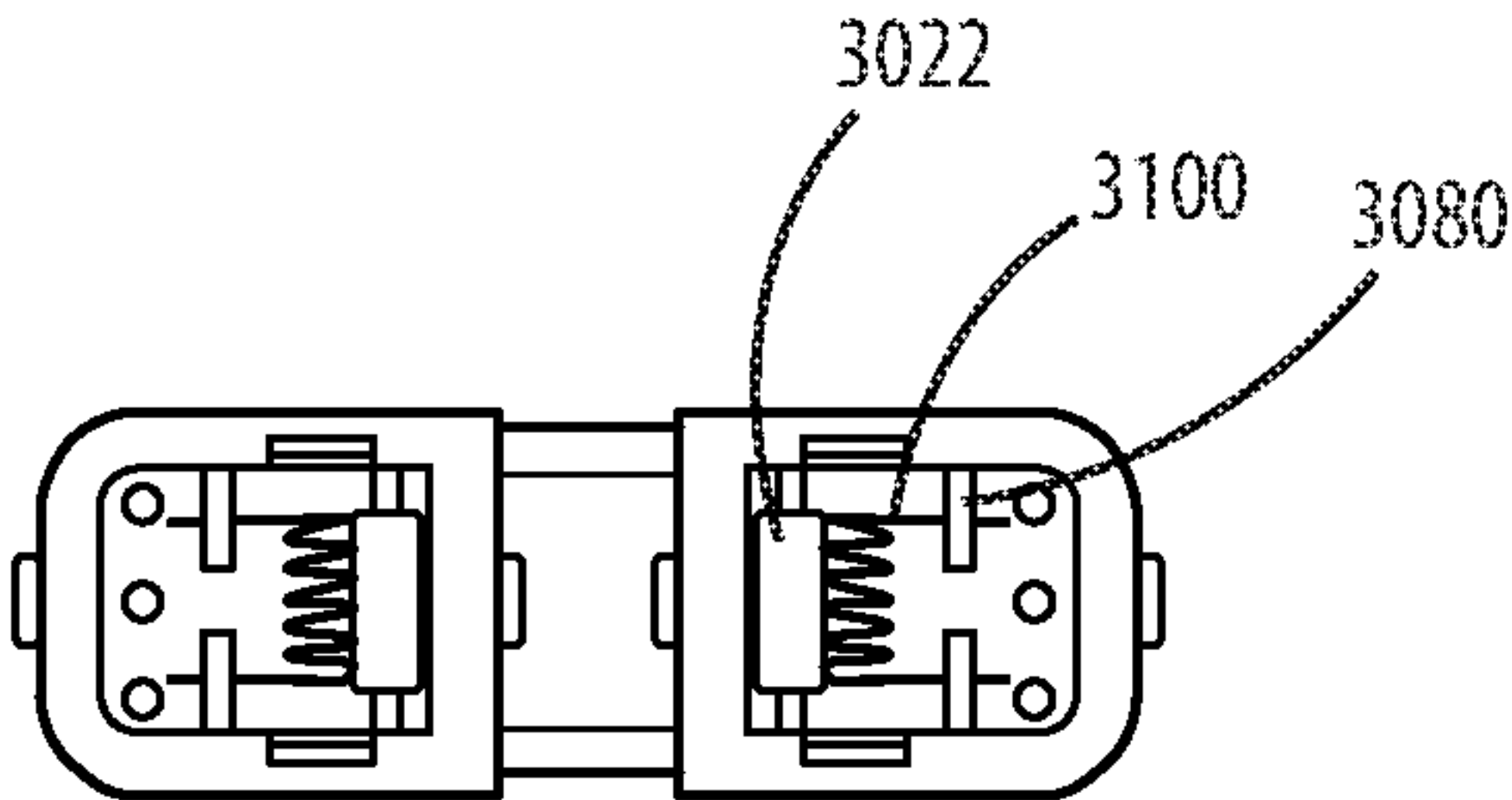


FIG. 14B





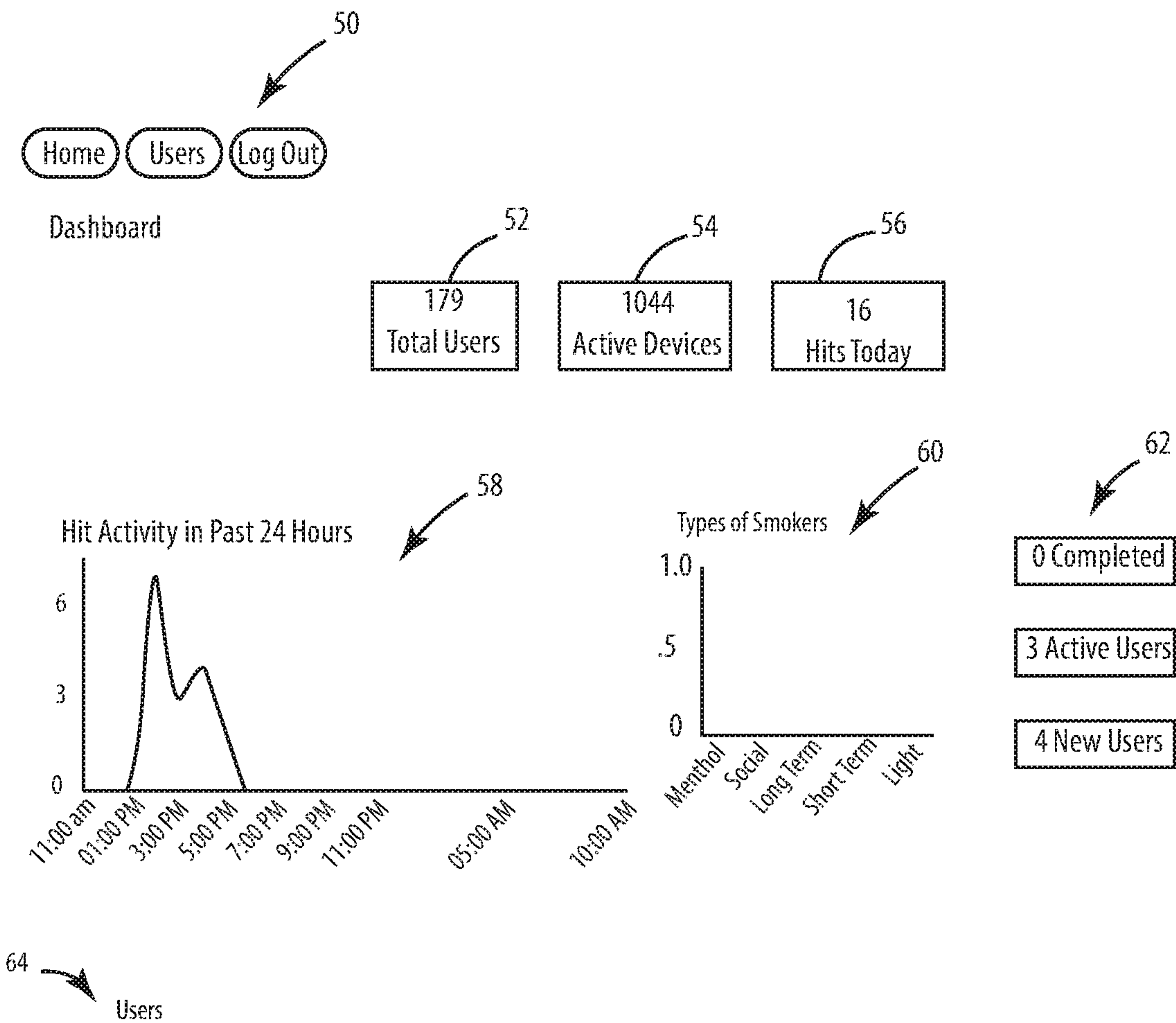


FIG. 16

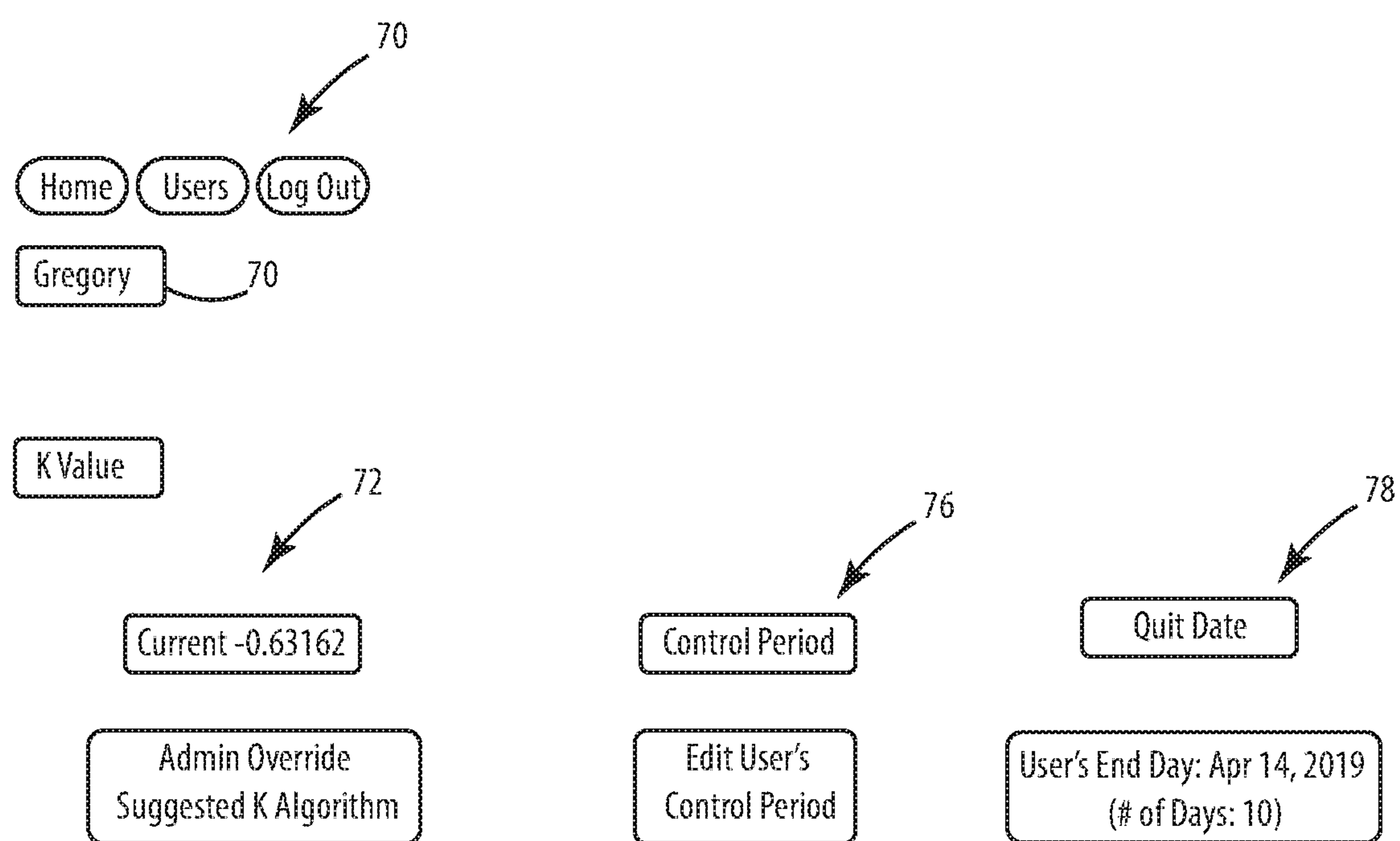


FIG. 17A

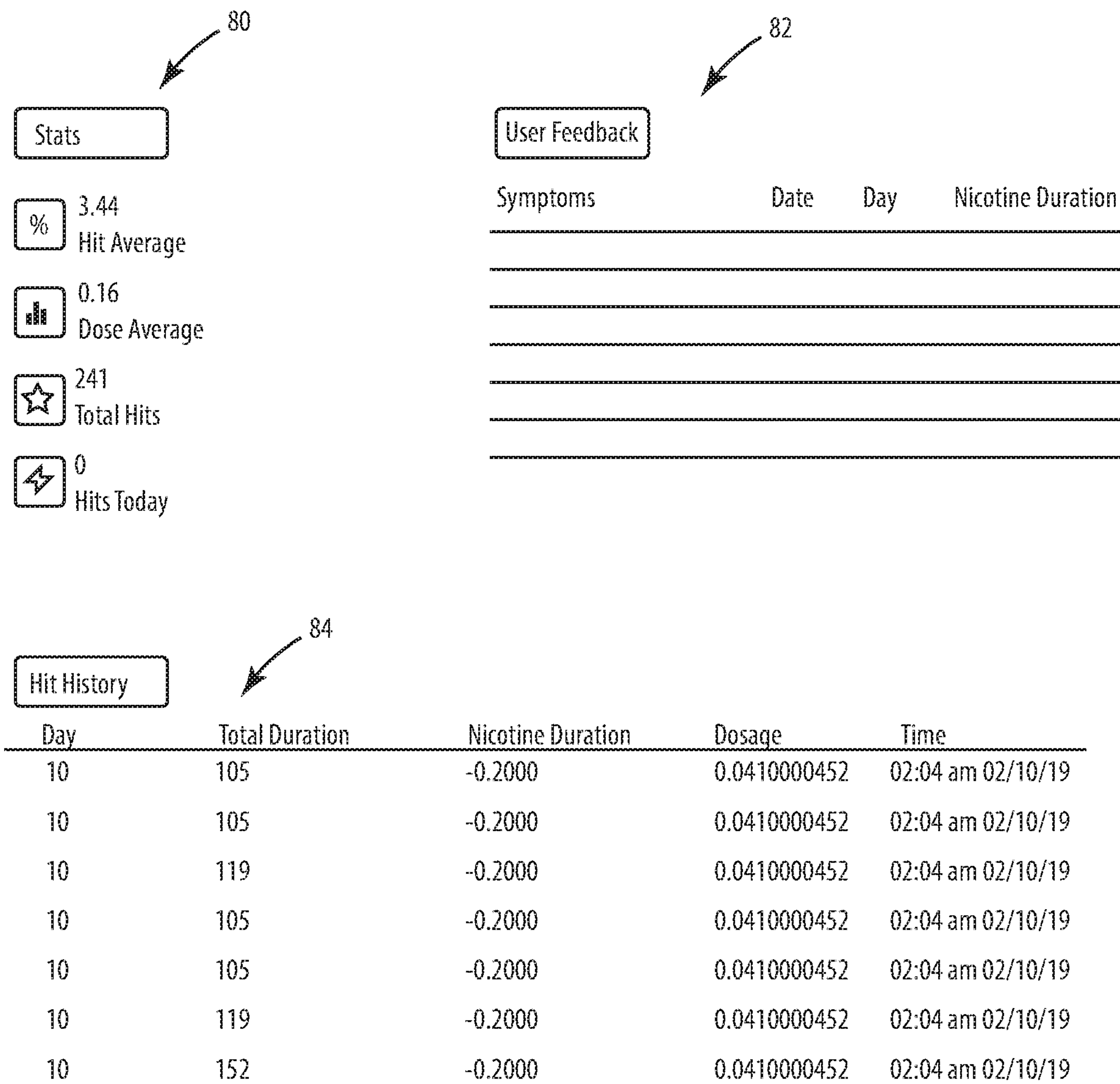


FIG. 17B



## VAPORIZATION DEVICE

### CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

**[0001]** The present application is a continuation-in-part of and claims priority to U.S. patent application Ser. No. 16/251,968, filed Nov. 18, 2018 which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety for all purposes.

### FIELD OF THE DISCLOSURE

**[0002]** The present disclosure generally relates to a vaporization device and a system for implementing a smoking cessation plan utilizing the vaporization device.

### BACKGROUND

**[0003]** Vaporizer devices have been frequently used as a cigarette replacement or as a means to wean users of cigarettes. For example, vaporizer devices may be a battery-operated device that is specially configured to mimic or simulate the feeling of smoking a cigarette. However, rather than burning actual tobacco, the vaporizer device is configured to burn a liquid solution, thereby creating a vapor inhalable by the user. Such liquid solutions may include a nicotine-containing substances similar to that of cigarettes.

### SUMMARY

**[0004]** Embodiments disclosed herein generally relate to a system and method for facilitating a smoking cessation plan. In some embodiments, a vaporization device is disclosed herein. The vaporization device includes a first portion and a second portion. The second portion is selectively coupled with the first portion. The first portion includes a first body, a first half of a split-pod, a second half of a split-pod, an opening, a first heating apparatus, and a second heating apparatus. The first body defines a first interior volume. The first half of the split-pod and the second half of the split-pod are formed in the first interior volume. The first half of the split-pod is configured to hold a nicotine-containing liquid. The second half of the split-pod configured to hold a non-nicotine-containing liquid. The opening is formed in the first body. The opening separates the first half of the split-pod from the second half of the split-pod. The first heating apparatus is dedicated to the first half of the split-pod. The second heating apparatus is dedicated to the second half of the split-pod. The second portion includes a second body and a computing system. The second body defines a second interior volume. The computing system is disposed within the second interior volume. The computing system is configured to vary an amount of current supplied to the first heating apparatus and the second heating apparatus.

**[0005]** In some embodiments, a smoking cessation system is disclosed herein. The smoking cessation system includes a vaporization device and a server system. The vaporization device includes a first half of a split-pod and a second half of a split-pod. The first half of the split-pod is configured to hold a nicotine-containing liquid. The second half of the split-pod is configured to hold a non-nicotine-containing liquid. The vaporization device is configured to deliver a vapor mixture. The vapor mixture includes a first vapor formed from the non-nicotine-containing liquid and a second vapor formed from the nicotine-containing liquid. The server system is in communication with the vaporization device. The server system is configured to generate a smoking

cessation plan for the vaporization device based on at least usage statistics associated with the vaporization device.

**[0006]** In some embodiments, a computer-implemented method of facilitating a smoking cessation plan is disclosed herein. A server system generates an initial smoking cessation plan based on one or more inputs provided by a client device in communication with a vaporization device. The initial smoking cessation plan includes one or more phases. Each phase is associated with a predefined ratio of a vapor mixture for the vaporization device to deliver to a user. The server system transmits the initial smoking cessation plan to the client device. The server system receives one or more streams of usage statistics associated with the user's use of vaporization device. The server system analyzes the one or more streams of usage statistics to determine whether the user's use of vaporization device is in accordance with the initial smoking cessation plan. The server system determines that the user's use of the vaporization device deviates from the initial smoking cessation plan. The server system modifies the initial smoking cessation plan based on the usage statistics.

### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

**[0007]** So that the manner in which the above recited features of the present disclosure can be understood in detail, a more particular description of the disclosure, briefly summarized above, may be had by reference to embodiments, some of which are illustrated in the appended drawings. It is to be noted, however, that the appended drawings illustrated only typical embodiments of this disclosure and are therefore not to be considered limiting of its scope, for the disclosure may admit to other equally effective embodiments.

**[0008]** FIG. 1 is a block diagram illustrating a computing environment, according to example embodiments.

**[0009]** FIG. 2 is a perspective view of a vaporization device, according to example embodiments.

**[0010]** FIG. 3A is a cross-sectional view of first portion of vaporizer device, according to example embodiments.

**[0011]** FIG. 3B is an exploded view of first portion of vaporizer device, according to example embodiments.

**[0012]** FIG. 3C is a cross-sectional view of first portion of vaporizer device, according to example embodiments.

**[0013]** FIG. 4A is a cross-sectional view of second portion of vaporizer device, according to example embodiments.

**[0014]** FIG. 4B is a cross-sectional view of second portion of vaporizer device, according to example embodiments.

**[0015]** FIG. 5 is a partial cross-sectional view of a vaporization device, according to example embodiments.

**[0016]** FIG. 6 is a perspective view of vaporization device, according to example embodiments.

**[0017]** FIG. 7A is a block diagram illustrating a method of generating a smoking cessation plan, according to example embodiments.

**[0018]** FIG. 7B is a block diagram illustrating one or more operations associated with use of vaporization device, according to example embodiments.

**[0019]** FIG. 8A is a block diagram illustrating a graphical user interface, according to example embodiments.

**[0020]** FIG. 8B is a block diagram illustrating a graphical user interface, according to example embodiments.

**[0021]** FIG. 9 is a block diagram illustrating a computing environment, according to example embodiments.



[0022] FIG. 10A is a block diagram illustrating a computing device, according to example embodiments.

[0023] FIG. 10B is a block diagram illustrating a computing device, according to example embodiments.

[0024] FIG. 11 is a perspective view of a vaporization device, according to example embodiments.

[0025] FIG. 12A is a perspective view of a vaporization device, according to example embodiments.

[0026] FIG. 12B is a perspective view of a vaporization device from an opposite view of that shown in FIG. 12A.

[0027] FIG. 13 is a perspective view of a cross-sectional view of first portion of vaporizer device, according to example embodiments.

[0028] FIG. 14A is a cross-sectional view of first portion of vaporizer device, according to example embodiments.

[0029] FIG. 14B is an exploded view of first portion of vaporizer device, according to example embodiments.

[0030] FIG. 15A is an end view of first portion of vaporizer device, according to example embodiments.

[0031] FIG. 15B is a perspective end view of first portion of vaporizer device, according to example embodiments.

[0032] FIG. 16 shows a screenshot of a portal used with a controlled dosing platform of the present invention.

[0033] FIGS. 17A& 17B shows a screenshot of a user profile associated with the controlled dosing platform of the present invention.

[0034] To facilitate understanding, identical reference numerals have been used, where possible, to designate identical elements that are common to the figures. It is contemplated that elements disclosed in one embodiment may be beneficially utilized on other embodiments without specific recitation.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0035] One or more embodiments disclosed herein generally relate to a vaporization device and a system for implementing a smoking cessation plan utilizing the vaporization device. The vaporization device may include a first portion that is selectively coupled to a second portion. The first portion may include a body. The body may include a split-pod configuration. For example, the body may include a split-pod with the first half of the split-pod configured to hold a nicotine-containing substance and a second half of the split-pod configured to hold a non-nicotine-containing substance. Each half of the split-pod may include a respective heating apparatus, configured to create a vapor mixture from the nicotine-containing substance and the non-nicotine-containing substance. The second portion may include a computing system disposed therein. The computing system may be configured to vary the amount of current provided to each respective heating apparatus, such that a predefined ratio of nicotine-containing substance to non-nicotine-containing substances is delivered to the user. Such ratio may be generated as part of an overall smoking cessation plan stored on the vaporization device.

[0036] The vaporization device may be configured to communicate with a user's client device (e.g., mobile phone). For example, vaporization device may provide client device with the user's usage statistics. Such usage statistics may include a number of uses of vaporization device, as well as the duration of each use. Client device may provide the usage statistics to a server system. The server system may adjust the smoking cessation plan based on the usage statistics provided by the client device. For

example, if a user is too heavily relying on the vaporization device (e.g., higher usage rate than expected), the server system may adjust the smoking cessation plan accordingly. FIG. 1 is a block diagram illustrating a computing environment 100, according to example embodiments. Computing environment 100 may include vaporization device 102, organization computing system 104, and client device 106 communicating via network 105.

[0037] Network 105 may be of any suitable type, including individual connections via the Internet, such as cellular or Wi-Fi networks. In some embodiments, network 105 may connect terminals, services, and mobile devices using direct connections, such as radio frequency identification (RFID), near-field communication (NFC), Bluetooth™, low-energy Bluetooth™ (BLE), Wi-Fi™, ZigBee™, ambient backscatter communication (ABC) protocols, USB, WAN, or LAN. Because the information transmitted may be personal or confidential, security concerns may dictate one or more of these types of connection be encrypted or otherwise secured. In some embodiments, however, the information being transmitted may be less personal, and therefore, the network connections may be selected for convenience over security.

[0038] Network 105 may include any type of computer networking arrangement used to exchange data. For example, network 105 may include any type of computer networking arrangement used to exchange information. For example, network 105 may be the Internet, a private data network, virtual private network using a public network and/or other suitable connection(s) that enables components in computing environment 100 to send and receive information between the components of environment 100.

[0039] Client device 106 may be operated by a user. For example, client device 106 may be a mobile device, a tablet, a desktop computer, or any computing system having the capabilities described herein. Client device 106 may belong to or be provided to a user or may be borrowed, rented, or shared. Users may include, but are not limited to, individuals such as, for example, subscribers, clients, prospective clients, or customers of an entity associated with organization computing system 104, such as individuals who have obtained, will obtain, or may obtain a product, service, or consultation from an entity associated with organization computing system 104.

[0040] Client device 106 may include at least application 112. Application 112 may be representative of a web browser that allows access to a website or a stand-alone application. Client device 106 may access application 112 to access functionality of organization computing system 104. Client device 106 may communicate over network 105 to request a webpage, for example, from web client application server 114 of organization computing system 104. For example, client device 106 may be configured to execute application 112 to access content managed by web client application server 114. The content that is displayed to client device 106 may be transmitted from web client application server 114 to client device 106, and subsequently processed by application 112 for display through a graphical user interface (GUI) of client device 106.

[0041] Client device 106 may communicate with vaporization device 102. For example, client device 106 may communicate with vaporization device 102 via network 105. Vaporization device 102 may be a split-pod vaporization device configured to deliver a vapor mixture formed from a nicotine-containing substance and a non-nicotine-containing



substance. Vaporization device **102** is discussed in further detail below in conjunction with FIGS. 2-6.

[0042] Vaporization device **102** may include computing system **110**. Computing system **110** may be configured to communicate with client device **106**. In some embodiments, computing system **110** may be further configured to communicate with organization computing system **104**. Computing system **110** may be configured to track user of vaporization device **102** may an end user. For example, computing system **110** may track a number of uses of vaporization device **102** and a duration of each user. In some embodiments, vaporization device **102** may transmit the usage information to client device **106**. Client device **106** may, in turn, transmit the usage information to organization computing system **104**. In some embodiments, vaporization device **102** may transmit usage information directly to organization computing system **104**.

[0043] Organization computing system **104** may include at least web client application server **114**, a machine learning module **116**, a cessation module **118**, and handler **120**. Each of machine learning module **116**, cessation module **118**, and handler **120** may be comprised of one or more software modules. The one or more software modules may be collections of code or instructions stored on a media (e.g., memory of organization computing system **104**) that represent a series of machine instructions (e.g., program code) that implements one or more algorithmic steps. Such machine instructions may be the actual computer code the processor of organization computing system **104** interprets to implement the instructions or, alternatively, may be a higher level of coding of the instructions that is interpreted to obtain the actual computer code. The one or more software modules may also include one or more hardware components. One or more aspects of an example algorithm may be performed by the hardware components (e.g., circuitry) itself, rather as a result of the instructions.

[0044] Cessation module **118** may be configured to communicate with client device **106**. In some embodiments, cessation module **118** may be configured to communicate with vaporization device **102**. Cessation module **118** may receive usage information from vaporization device **102**. Cessation module **118** may work in conjunction with machine learning module **120** to generate a smoking cessation plan for each user based, in part, on user input and usage information. For example, cessation module **118** may work in conjunction with machine learning module **120** to generate a cessation plan that includes a ratio of nicotine-containing substance to non-nicotine-containing substance to deliver to a user. Based off received usage information, cessation module **118** may work in conjunction with machine learning module **120** to update the cessation plan for each user.

[0045] Machine learning module **116** may include one or more instructions to train a prediction model used by cessation module **118**. To train the prediction model, machine learning module **120** may receive, as input, usage activity of each user. In some embodiments, machine learning module **120** may further receive, as input, one or more parameters specified by each user via application **112**. Machine learning module **116** may implement one or more machine learning algorithms to train the prediction model. For example, machine learning module **116** may use one or more of a decision tree learning model, association rule learning model, artificial neural network model, deep learning model,

inductive logic programming model, support vector machine model, clustering mode, Bayesian network model, reinforcement learning model, representational learning model, similarity and metric learning model, rule based machine learning model, and the like.

[0046] Account handler **120** may be configured to manage an account associated with each user. For example, account handler **120** may be configured to communicate with database **108**. As illustrated, database **108** may include one or more user profiles **124**. Each user profile **124** may correspond to a user with an account with organization computing system **104**. Each user profile **124** may include at least one or more of personal identification information **126**, a cessation plan **128**, and statistics **130**. Personal identification information **126** may include information associated with the user. In some embodiments, personal identification information **126** may include a name, home address, billing address, mailing address, telephone number, e-mail address, social security number, and the like. Cessation plan **128** may correspond to a cessation plan generated for each user by cessation module **118** and machine learning module **116**. Cessation plan **128** may include one or more phases, wherein each phase of cessation plan **128** may include a specific ratio of nicotine-containing substance to non-nicotine-containing substance in a vapor mixture as well as a duration for each phase. Statistics **130** may include one or more statistics associated with a user's usage. Such statistics may include usage information tracked by computing system **110**.

[0047] FIG. 2 is a perspective view of a vaporization device **200**, according to example embodiments. Vaporization device **200** may be an example of vaporization device **102** discussed above, in conjunction with FIG. 1. As illustrated, vaporization device **200** may include a first portion **202** and a second portion **204**. First portion **202** may be selectively coupled with second portion **204**.

[0048] First portion **202** may generally include a first end **206** and a second end **208**, opposite first end **206**. First end **206** may include an opening **218** formed therein. In some embodiments, first portion **202** may taper from second end **208** to first end **206**. As discussed in further detail below, first portion **202** may be configured to store one or more fluids used for delivery of a vapor mixture to users of vaporization device **200**. For example, first portion **202** may be configured to store at least two liquids: a non-nicotine containing liquid and a nicotine containing liquid. In operation, a vapor mixture formed from at least a portion of the non-nicotine containing liquid and the nicotine containing liquid may be delivered to user of vaporization device **200**.

[0049] First portion **202** may be formed from a thermoplastic material (e.g., high-temperature thermoplastic material). Generally, first portion **202** may be formed from a food-safe, chemical (e.g., oil) resistant material. Exemplary materials may include, but are not limited to, nylon-based plastic (or equivalent), polyphenylene sulfide (PPS), polyether ether ketone (PEEK), polyetherimide (PEI), and the like.

[0050] Second portion **204** may generally include a first end **210** and a second end **212**, opposite first end. Although not shown in this particular figure, second end **212** may include a charging slot formed therein. Exemplary charging slots may include, but are not limited to, universal serial bus (USB) port, lightening port, and the like. As discussed in



further detail below, second portion **204** may be configured to house one or more electronic components of vaporizer device **202**.

[0051] Second portion **204** may be formed from extruded aluminum alloy, a material having an anodized or powder coating, and the like.

[0052] As illustrated in FIG. 2, when in selective communication, first portion **202** may create an interface **214** with second portion **204**. Interface **214** may not be uniform about vaporizer device **210**. For example, formed between first portion **202** and second portion **204** may be one or more air passages **216**. Each air passage **216** may allow air to flow from outside vaporizer device **200** to an interior volume defined therein. For example, when a user inhales via opening **218**, air may be pulled within vaporizer device **200** via one or more air passages **216**.

[0053] Generally, first portion **202** may be configured as a disposable component of vaporizer device **102**. For example, first portion **202** may be disposed by end user when first portion **202** no longer contains at least one of a nicotine-containing substance or a non-nicotine-containing substance. However, rather than having the user physically refill first portion **202**, the user may purchase a new first portion **202** for use with vaporizer device **102**.

[0054] In some embodiments, first portion **202** may be self-destructing. In other words, first portion **202** may be configured such that a user cannot tamper with first portion **202** (e.g., re-fill or re-use first portion **202**, take liquid out of first portion **202**, etc.).

[0055] FIG. 3A is a cross-sectional view of first portion **202** of vaporizer device **200**, according to example embodiments. First portion **202** may include a body **302**. Body **302** may include a first region **301** and second region **303**. First region **301** may include a split-pod formed therein. For example, first region **301** may include a first half of a split-pod **304a** and a second half of a split-pod **304b**. First half the pod **304a** may be separated from second half of the split-pod **304b** via opening **118**, which may extend from first end **206** of first portion **202** to second region **303**. Both first half of the split-pod **304a** and second half of the split-pod **304b** may be configured to hold a liquid. For example, first half of the split-pod **304a** may be configured to hold a nicotine-containing liquid; second half of the split-pod **304b** may be configured to hold a non-nicotine-containing liquid.

[0056] Second portion **303** of body **302** may include one or more electric contacts **308** and one or more heating coils **310**. In some embodiments, each of one or more heating coils **308** may be positioned adjacent a respective half of the split-pod **304a**, **304b**. For example, second portion **303** of body **302** may include a first heating coil **310** dedicated to first half of the split-pod **304a** and a second heating coil **310** dedicated to second half of the split-pod **304b**. Each heating coil **310** may be configured to heat the liquid contained in a respective half of the split-pod **304a**, **304b** to create a vapor mixture. Each heating coil **310** may be formed from a metal material that is used for resistive heating. Exemplary metal materials may include, but are not limited to, Nichrome, KANTHAL®, stainless steel, and the like.

[0057] Each electrical contact **308** may be configured to deliver power to each heating coil **310**. For example, each electric contact **308** may be configured to deliver a defined amount of power to each coil **308**, such that a specific ratio of non-nicotine-containing liquid to nicotine-containing liquid is vaporized. In some embodiments, each electrical

contact **308** may be positioned adjacent a respective half of the entire split-pod **304a**, **304b**. For example, second portion **303** of body **302** may include a first electrical contact **308** dedicated to a first heating coil **310** for first half of the split-pod **304a** and a second electrical contact **308** dedicated to a second heating coil **310** for the second half of the split-pod **304b**.

[0058] As illustrated, each electrical contact **308** may be configured to support a respective heating coil **310**. For example, each electric contact **308** may include an opening (not shown) formed therein. Electrical coil **310** may at least partially extend within the opening, such that electrical coil **310** may be supported by electrical contact **308**.

[0059] Body **302** may further include one or more divider walls **306**. Each of divider wall **306** may be positioned in such a way as to separate each heating coil **310** from a respective half of the split-pod **304a**, **304b**. For example, as illustrated, a first divider wall **306** may be positioned between first half of the split-pod **304a** and first heating coil **310** and a second divider wall **306** may be positioned between second half of the split-pod **304b** and second heating coil **310**. Each divider wall **306** may include an opening (not shown) formed therein. Each opening may be formed as to allow passage of a wicking material between each half of the split-pod **304a**, **304b** and a respective heating coil **310**. Wicking material may be used to deliver fluid from a respective half of the split-pod **304a**, **304b** to a respective heating coil **310**. Exemplary wicking materials may include, but are not limited to, silica, cotton, or other porous materials).

[0060] Body **302** may further include a mixing chamber **316**, one or more vapor vents **312**, and one or more air vents **314** formed therein. Mixing chamber **316** may be defined within second region **303**. Mixing chamber **316** may be in fluid communication with opening **218**. For example, mixing chamber **316** may be formed in second region **303**, such that mixing chamber **316** may separate each respective set of electrical contacts **308** and heating coils **310**. Each vapor vent **312** may be formed within an interior of first portion **202**. For example, each vapor vent **312** may be formed proximate a respective heating coil **310**. In operation, vapor formed from fluid in one half of the split-pod **304a** may enter mixing chamber **316** via a first vapor vent **312**, and vapor formed from fluid in second half of the split-pod **304b** may enter mixing chamber **316** via a second vapor vent **312**. Within mixing chamber **316**, vapor formed from a non-nicotine-containing fluid may mix with vapor formed from a nicotine-containing fluid to form a vapor mixture. The vapor mixture may be delivered to an end user via opening **218**.

[0061] Each air vent **314** may be formed in body **302**. For example, as illustrated, each air vent **314** may be formed such that each air vent **314** may provide fluid communication between an interior of body **302** and an exterior of body **302**. One or more air vents **314** may be configured to draw ambient air into vaporizer device **200**. For example, one or more air vents **314** may be configured to draw ambient air into vaporizer device **200** via one or more air passages **216**, upon inhalation of an end user.

[0062] FIG. 3B is an exploded view of first portion **202** of vaporizer device **200**, according to example embodiments. As discussed above, in some embodiments, first portion **202** may be self-destructing. In other words, first portion **202** may be configured such that a user cannot tamper with first



portion 202 (e.g., re-fill or re-use first portion 202, take liquid out of first portion 202, etc.).

[0063] As illustrated, first region 301 is shown detached from second region 303. Between first region 301 and second region 303 are one or more divider walls 306 and heating coils 310. To configure first portion 202 such that first portion 202 is tamper-proof, a sealant 350 may be used to couple first region 301 to second region 303. In some embodiments, sealant 350 may be applied to first region 301, such that after first region 301 and second region 303 are attached, sealant 350 prevents disassembly of second region 303 from first region 301. Sealant 350 may be any sealant able to prevent fluid leakage from first region 301. Exemplary sealants may include, but are not limited to silicon, epoxy, a combination of the two, or any other suitable material.

[0064] FIG. 3C is a front perspective view of first portion 202 of vaporizer device 200, according to example, embodiments. As discussed above, in some embodiments, first portion 202 may be self-destructing. In other words, first portion 202 may be configured such that a user cannot tamper with first portion 202 (e.g., re-fill or re-use first portion 202, take liquid out of first portion 202, etc.).

[0065] As illustrated, first region 301 is shown attached to second region 303. Second region 303 may include one or more internal snap hooks 370 integrated therein. As illustrated each of the one or more internal snap hooks 370 may secure second region 303 to first region 301 by interfacing with one or more internal walls 372 of first region 301. As such, use of one or more internal snap hooks 370 may result in a single-use first portion 202 (i.e., single-use pod). In some embodiments, first portion 202 may implement a combination of one or more snap hooks 370 and sealant 350 to prevent tampering with first region 301.

[0066] FIG. 4A is a cross-sectional view of second portion 204 (FIG. 5) of vaporizer device 200, according to example embodiments. Second portion 204 may include a body 402. Body 402 may include a first region 401 and second region 403. First region 401 may be configured to receive first portion 202 (FIG. 5) of vaporizer device 200. For example, when selectively coupled, second region 303 of first portion 202 (FIG. 5) of vaporizer device 200 may be positioned at least partially within first region 401 of second portion 204 of vaporizer device 200.

[0067] Second region 403 may define interior volume 404. Disposed within interior volume 404 may be at least computing system 110. Computing system 110 may include a printed circuit board 406 and a power source 408. Printed circuit board 406 may include at least one or more of power control circuitry, current sensing circuitry, voltage sensing circuitry, charging interface, battery charging circuitry, network interface (e.g., radio frequency identification (RFID) module, near-field communication (NFC) module, Bluetooth™ module, low-energy Bluetooth™ (BLE) module, Wi-Fi™ adapter, ZigBee™ module, etc.), microcontroller, and one or more safety mechanisms.

[0068] Microcontroller may be configured to communicate with a remote computing server. For example, microcontroller may be configured to communicate user consumption information to a remote computing server and receive, from the remote computing server, dosage instructions. The dosage instructions (described in further detail below) provide the microcontroller with instructions directed to a target temperature of each heating coil 310 and a duration each

heating coil 310 is heated. The dosage instructions may be a part of a larger cessation plan generated by remote computing server.

[0069] Microcontroller may instruct the power control circuitry regarding the amount of power to be provided to one or more electrical contacts 308. Power control circuitry may be configured to control the amount of power provided by power source 408 to one or more electrical contacts 308. For example, temperature of heating coils 310 may be measured using the resistance change of the coil, and implementing a feedback loop with the microcontroller to adjust the power output to meet the target temperature (e.g., proportional-integral-derivative (PID) control loop). In some embodiments, power control circuitry may be a metal oxide silicon field effect transistor (MOSFET). The amount of power provided by power source 408 to each electrical contact 308 affects the amount of vapor produced by first portion 202 of vaporizer device 200. In some embodiments, power source 408 may be a re-chargeable battery (e.g., 3.7 V battery).

[0070] In some embodiments, microcontroller may use a regression-based algorithm programmed locally on each device, which may be loaded to microcontroller via application 112 executing on client device 106 associated with vaporization device 200. The regression-based algorithm may include instructions on how and when to reduce a user's nicotine intake. In some embodiments, for each user, there may be a control period in which organization computing system 104 learns and understands a user's smoking behaviors. For example, organization computing system 104 may learn the amount of time, milligrams of nicotine taken per day, and the number of times vaporization device 200 is used. This data may be used to design each user's cessation plan.

[0071] The formula for each users cessation plan is calculated using:  $D_n = D_0 * e^{(m \cdot t_0 - c) * k}$

[0072] For each user, the variables that are stored may be:

[0073] Start date ( $t_0$ )—this may represent the date when the user started the smoking cessation program.

[0074]  $k$ —this may represent a constant that will be used to control how steep the regression will be for the patient.  $k$  may be a negative value. For example,  $k$  may be in the range between about  $-0.05$  and  $-0.5$ . The higher the absolute value, the steeper the regression of the nicotine, and the quicker the patient will quit smoking. In some embodiments, the default value of  $k$  may be about  $-0.2$ .

[0075] Control period ( $c$ )—this may represent the length of the initial period, during which no regression takes place, but the patient's current smoking habits are being monitored. In some embodiments, the maximum nicotine dose may be applied during each hit.

[0076] After the control period, the following values may be calculated:

[0077] Average initial daily dose ( $D_0$ )—this may represent the average daily nicotine dose during the control period, calculated from the hits made during that period.

[0078] Current daily dose ( $D_n$ )—this may represent the daily nicotine dose for the  $n^{th}$  day ( $t_n$ ).

[0079] This may be calculated using:  $D_n = D_0 * e^{(m \cdot t_0 - c) * k}$

[0080] Average number of hits ( $h_n$ )—this may represent the average number of hits made per day during the program up until the  $n^{th}$  day (including the hits made during the control period).



[0081] Current hit dose ( $d_n$ )—this may represent the nicotine dose for the current hit, calculated

[0082] using the formula:  $d_n = D_n / h_n$ .

[0083] In some embodiments, the program may end when  $d_n$  falls below a threshold value (e.g., 0.005 mg). Adjustment of the  $k$  value would adjust the rate of regression.

[0084] FIG. 4A contains a printed circuit board 406 may further include one or more contacts 410 coupled thereto. As illustrated, one or more contacts 410 may take the form of a pin-shaped contact. In some embodiments, one or more contacts 410 may be soldered to printed circuit board 406. One or more contacts 410 may be configured to contact each electrical contact 308, when first portion 202 and second portion 204 are in selective communication. One or more contacts 410 may be configured to transfer current provided by battery 408 to one or more electrical contacts to raise a temperature of one or more heating coils 308. In some embodiments, each contact 410 may be spring actuated to ensure solid contact with each electrical contact 308.

[0085] Further, although not shown, in some embodiments, second portion 204 may include a fingerprint sensor located on an exterior surface of body 402. Fingerprint sensor may be in communication with computing system 110. For example, when a user wants to use vaporization device 102, the user may unlock vaporization device 102 using fingerprint sensor located thereon. FIG. 4B is a partial cross-sectional view of vaporization device 200, according to example embodiments. As illustrated, first portion 202 is selectively coupled to second portion 204. In some embodiments, such as that shown in FIG. 5, second portion 204 may include one or more pressure sensors 450a, 450b (generally, “pressure sensor 450”) disposed therein. For example, second portion 204 may include a first pressure sensor 450a selectively positioned in the path of airflow during inhalation and a second pressure sensor 450b placed in the main housing. First pressure sensor 450a may be positioned in second portion 204, such that first pressure sensor 450a is exposed to airflow during inhalation as a result of the pressure drop in interior volume 404.

[0086] Second pressure sensor 450b may be configured to observe atmospheric pressure. Second pressure sensor 450b may be used in conjunction with first pressure sensor 450a to determine the differential pressure between atmosphere and that of the inhalation path. By doing so, accuracy is improved, most notable in situations when vaporization device 200 is taken to locations with different atmospheric pressures.

[0087] FIG. 5 is a partial cross-sectional view of a vaporization device 200, according to example embodiments. As illustrated, first portion 202 is selectively coupled to second portion 204. Second region 303 of first portion 202 may be positioned at least partially within first region 401 of second portion 204. In some embodiments, mating between first portion 202 and second portion 204, via second region 303 and first region 401, may be secured via natural friction, a lever tab, a snap hook, a magnet, and the like. When selectively coupled, one or more contacts 410 may be in physical contact with one or more electrical contacts 308.

[0088] FIG. 6 is a perspective view of vaporization device 200, according to example embodiments. As illustrated, first portion 202 is detached from second portion 204. As may not have been visible in previous Figures, another view of first region 301 and second region 303 of first portion 202 is shown. Further, as previously recited but now shown in

detail, second portion 204 may include changing slot 602 formed in second end 212 of second portion 204. Exemplary charging slots may include, but are not limited to, universal serial bus (USB) port, lightening port, and the like.

[0089] FIG. 11 is a perspective view of a vaporization device 1100, according to example embodiments. Vaporization device 1100 may be an example of vaporization device 102 discussed above, in conjunction with FIG. 1. As illustrated, vaporization device 1100 may include a first portion 1102 and a second portion 1104. First portion 1102 may be selectively coupled with second portion 1104. First portion 1102 may include an opening 1118 formed therein.

[0090] As discussed in further detail below, first portion 1102 may be configured to store one or more fluids used for delivery of a vapor mixture to users of vaporization device 1100. For example, first portion 1102 may be configured to store at least two liquids: a non-nicotine containing liquid and a nicotine containing liquid. In operation, a vapor mixture formed from at least a portion of the non-nicotine containing liquid and the nicotine containing liquid may be delivered to user of vaporization device 1100.

[0091] As discussed in further detail below, second portion 1104 may be configured to house one or more electronic components of vaporizer device 1102. When in selective communication, first portion 1102 may create an interface with second portion 1104. Interface 1102 may not be uniform about vaporizer device 1110. For example, formed between first portion 1102 and second portion 1104 may be one or more air passages 1116. Each air passage 1118 may allow air to flow from outside vaporizer device 1100 to an interior volume defined therein. For example, when a user inhales via opening 1118, air may be pulled within vaporizer device 1100 via one or more air passages 1116.

[0092] First portion 1102 may include a body 1104. Body 1104 may include a split-pod formed therein. For example, body 1152 may include a first half of a split-pod 1154a and a second half of a split-pod 1154b. First half the pod 1154a may be separated from second half of the split-pod 1154b via opening 1118, which may extend through first portion 1102. Both first half of the split-pod 1154a and second half of the split-pod 1154b may be configured to hold a liquid. For example, first half of the split-pod 1154a may be configured to hold a nicotine-containing liquid; second half of the split-pod 1154b may be configured to hold a non-nicotine-containing liquid.

[0093] Body 1152 may further include one or more electrical contacts 1158, a heating coil 1160, and a wick mechanism 1162. In some embodiments, heating coil 1160 may be positioned proximate each half of the split-pod 1154a, 1154b. For example, heating coil 1160 may be positioned between first half of split-pod 1154a and second half of split-pod 1154b. In some embodiments, heating coil 1160 may be positioned about wick mechanism 1162. For example, heating coil 1160 may be wrapped around wick mechanism 1162. Heating coil 1160 may be configured to heat the liquid contained in each respective half of the split-pod 304a, 304b to create a vapor mixture. Heating coil 1160 may be formed from a metal material that is used for resistive heating. Exemplary metal materials may include, but are not limited to, Nichrome, KANTHAL®, stainless steel, and the like.

[0094] Each electrical contact 1158 may be configured to deliver power to heating coil 1160. For example, each electric contact 1158 may be configured to deliver a defined



amount of power to each coil **308**, such that a specific amount of liquid is vaporized.

[0095] Body **1152** may further include one or more air vents **1164**. Each air vent **1164** may be formed in body **1152**. For example, as illustrated, each air vent **1164** may be formed such that each air vent **1164** may provide fluid communication between an interior of body **1152** and an exterior of body **1152**. One or more air vents **1164** may be configured to draw ambient air into vaporizer device **1100**.

[0096] Second portion **1104** may include a body **1172**. Body **1172** may define interior volume **1174**. Disposed within interior volume **1174** may be at least computing system **1180**. Computing system **1180** may be substantially similar to computing system **110** discussed above in conjunction with FIG. 4A.

[0097] As illustrated, vaporization device **1100** may include one or more piston assemblies **1190a**, **1190b** (generally “piston assembly **1190**”) that extends from first portion **1102** to second portion **1104**. Each piston assembly **1190** may be configured to selectively deliver a dosage of liquid to a user of vaporization device **1100**. Each piston assembly may include a rod **1192a**, **1192b** (generally “rod **1192**”) which is configured to move linearly and a plate **1194a**, **1194b** (generally “plate **1194**”) coupled to each rod **1192a**, **1192b**, respectively. As illustrated, piston assembly **1190a** may be positioned within first half of split-pod **1154a**. Piston assembly **1190a** may extend from first half of split-pod **1154a** into interior volume **1174** of second portion **1104**. Piston assembly **1190b** may be positioned within second half of split-pod **1154b**. Piston assembly **1190b** may extend from second half of split-pod **1154b** into interior volume **1174** of second portion **1104**.

[0098] In operation, computing system **1180** may control each piston assembly **1190**, such that each rod **1192** may move linearly to control the amount of fluid provided to wick mechanism **1162**. The distance each rod **1192** moves is translated to an amount of fluid provided to wick mechanism **1162**. For example, the movement of rod **1192a** down within first half of split-pod **1154a** may push fluid in first half of split-pod **1154a** down and out to wick mechanism **1162**.

[0099] Computing system **1180** may control each piston assembly **1190** individually, such that a certain ratio of nicotine-containing fluid to non-nicotine-containing fluid is delivered to the user.

[0100] In operation, air may be drawn from outside of vaporization device **1100** via one or more air vents **1164**, such that the air flows past heating coil **1160** and wick mechanism **1162**, into opening **1118**, and into the user’s mouth.

[0101] FIG. 7A is a logical diagram illustrating a method **700** of generating a smoking cessation plan, according to exemplary embodiments. For example, method **700** of generating a smoking cessation plan may involve use of vaporization device **102** discussed above in conjunction with FIGS. 1-6. Method **700** may begin at step **702**.

[0102] At step **702**, client device **702** may access organization computing system **104** to initialize a smoking cessation plan. For example, client device **702** may access functionality of organization computing system **104** via application **112**. In some embodiments, initializing a smoking cessation plan may include an end user to register a vaporization device **102** and enroll in a plan. Further, in some embodiments, initializing a smoking cessation plan includes client device **106** transmitting initializing informa-

tion. Such initializing information may include, but is not limited to, a user’s age, gender, smoking habits (e.g., how many times per day, how many packs per week, how long the user has smoked for, etc.), occupation, smoking cessation goals, and the like.

[0103] At step **704**, organization computing system **104** may generate a smoking cessation plan for the user. In some embodiments, organization computing system **104** may generate a smoking cessation plan based on the initializing information. Cessation module **118** may leverage a prediction model generated by machine learning module **116** to generate a smoking cessation plan for the user. For example, cessation module **118** may provide one or more items of initializing information to prediction model to generate the smoking cessation plan. As such, the user’s smoking cessation plan may be individualized to the user’s attributes and goals. The smoking cessation plan may include one or more phases, such that each phase may include a specific ratio of nicotine-containing substance to non-nicotine-containing substance in a vapor mixture. Over time (e.g., as the user progress through the various phases), the ratio of substances within the vapor mixture may change, until a user is almost entirely consuming a vapor formed from the non-nicotine-containing substance.

[0104] At step **706**, organization computing system **104** may transmit the smoking cessation plan to client device **106** of the user. In some embodiments, organization computing system **104** may provide client device **106** with access to the smoking cessation plan via one or more application programming interfaces (APIs) that allow client device **106** to access the smoking cessation plan.

[0105] At step **708**, client device **106** may communicate the smoking cessation plan to vaporizer device **102**. For example, client device **106** may interface with computing system **110** in vaporization device **102**, such that vaporization device **102** may store at least a portion of the smoking cessation plan in memory. The portion of the smoking cessation plan transmitted from client device **106** to computing system **110** may include instructions as to how much power to deliver to each heating coil **310**. Accordingly, computing system **110** may control the amount of current provided by a battery source to each electrical contact **308**.

[0106] At step **712** vaporization device **102** may deliver a vapor mixture formed from a predefined ratio of a nicotine-containing substance and a non-nicotine containing substance to the end user. For example, when a user attempts to consume a vapor mixture, computing system **110** may deliver a predefined amount of current to each electric contact **308** to heat each heating coil **310**. Heating each heating coil **310** to a predetermined level aims in producing an amount of vapor from each half of the split-pod **304a**, **304b**, such that the predefined ratio is achieved.

[0107] At step **712**, vaporization device **102** may transmit user data to client device **106**. For example, vaporization device **102** may transmit usage statistics that include a number of inhalations and a duration for each inhalation to client device **106**. In some embodiments, vaporization device **102** may transmit usage statistics in real-time (or near real-time), whenever vaporization device **102** is connected to client device **106** via one or more networks. In some embodiments, vaporization device **102** may transmit usage statistics in one or more batches. For example, vaporization device **102** may transmit usage statistics periodically (e.g., daily).



[0108] At step 714, client device 106 may forward the user data to organization computing system 104. For example, client device 106 may provide the user data to organization computing system 104, such that organization computing system 104 may analyze the user's usage of vaporization device 102, and update the smoking cessation plan accordingly.

[0109] At step 716, organization computing system 104 may receive the user data from client device 106. Organization computing system 104 may analyze the user data to determine whether the smoking cessation plan should be adjusted. For example, cessation module 118 may be configured to provide the user data, as input, to prediction model to determine whether the initial smoking cessation plan should be adjusted. Such adjustments may be made, for example, if the user is consuming more vapor mixture than previously expected. The adjustments may result in an extension of certain phases to the smoking cessation plan, such that the user is more slowly weaned off the nicotine-containing substance.

[0110] At step 718, organization computing system 104 may transmit the updated smoking cessation plan to client device 106 of the user. In some embodiments, organization computing system 104 may provide client device 106 with access to the updated smoking cessation plan via one or more APIs that allow client device 106 to access the updated smoking cessation plan.

[0111] At step 720, client device 106 may communicate the updated smoking cessation plan to vaporizer device 102. For example, client device 106 may interface with computing system 110 in vaporization device 102, such that vaporization device 102 may store at least a portion of the updated smoking cessation plan in memory. The portion of the smoking cessation plan transmitted from client device 106 to computing system 110 may include updated instructions as to how much power to deliver to each heating coil 310. Accordingly, computing system 110 may control the amount of current provided by a battery source to each electrical contact 308.

[0112] In some embodiments, logical diagram 700 may further include one or more steps 722-726. At step 722, client device 106 may access functionality of organization computing system 104 to access user statistics. For example, client device 106 may access application 112 to view usage statistics corresponding to vaporization device 102. Client device 106 may request access to usage statistics by requesting access via a log-in prompt. For example, via client device 106, a user may log into his or her account.

[0113] At step 724, organization computing system 104 may receive the request from client device 106 to view usage statistics corresponding to vaporization device 102 and the user's account. For example, upon receiving a request from client device 106, organization computing system 104 may generate one or more graphical user interfaces (GUIs) that visually display usage statistics to end user. Exemplary GUIs are discussed below in conjunction with FIG. 8.

[0114] At step 726, organization computing system 104 may provide client device 106 with access to the one or more GUIs. For example, in some embodiments, organization computing system 104 may transmit the one or more GUIs to client device 106 for rendering and display. In some embodiments, organization computing system 104 may provide client device 106 with access to the one or more GUIs

via one or more APIs that allow client device 106 to access the one or more GUIs to display the usage statistics.

[0115] FIG. 7B is a block diagram 750 illustrating one or more operations associated with use of vaporization device 200, according to example embodiments. As shown, block diagram 750 includes a microcontroller 752, a network interface 754, a battery 756, a first power control 755, a second power control 760, a first heating coil 762, a second heating coil 764, a first temperature sensor 766, and a second temperature sensor 768.

[0116] As illustrated, a user, via network interface 754, may update target values like temperature and time for vaporization device usage. Such target values may be input to microcontroller 752. Microcontroller 752 may determine the amount of power to be delivered from battery 756 to each heating coil 762, 764, based on the target values. First power controller 758 (e.g., first MOSFET) may control the amount of power provided to first heating coil 762, in accordance with instructions received from microcontroller 752. Second power controller 760 (e.g., second MOSFET) may control the amount of power provided to second heating coil 764, in accordance with instructions received from microcontroller 752. First temperature sensor 766 may monitor the temperature of first heating coil 762, and provide the temperature readings to microcontroller 752, thus creating a first feedback loop between microcontroller 752 and first heating coil 762. Second temperature sensor 768 may monitor the temperature of second heating coil 764, and provide the temperature readings to microcontroller 752, thus creating a second feedback loop between microcontroller 752 and second heating coil 764.

[0117] FIG. 8A is a block diagram illustrating an exemplary graphical user interface (GUI) 800, according to example embodiments. GUI 800 may be generated by organization computing system 104. Organization computing system 104 may provide GUI 800 to client device 106 via application 112. Client device 106 may render and display GUI 800.

[0118] GUI 800 may be representative of a smoking cessation initialization screen. For example, via GUI 800, users can provide input directed to the type of smoke the user is. GUI 800 may include one or more graphical elements 802. Each graphical element 802 may be representative of a category of smoker associated with the user. In some embodiments, a user may select multiple graphical elements 802 to provide organization computing system with a better overview of the user's smoking habits. Exemplary options may include, but are not limited to: long term smoker, heavy smoker, short term smoker, rarely, low smoker, menthol smoker, drunk smoker, social smoker, and the like.

[0119] FIG. 8B is a block diagram illustrating an exemplary graphical user interface (GUI) 830, according to example embodiments. GUI 830 may be generated by organization computing system 104. Organization computing system 104 may provide GUI 830 to client device 106 via application 112. Client device 106 may render and display GUI 830.

[0120] GUI 830 may be representative of a screen that provides the user with smoking cessation plan statistics. For example, GUI 830 may include one or more graphical elements 834, 836, 838, and 848. Graphical element 834 may correspond to statistics associated with a hit count (i.e., the number of times a user used vaporization device 102).



Graphical element **836** may correspond to statistics associated with the user's nicotine intake (i.e., how much nicotine the user is inhaling from vaporization device **102**). As illustrated, the user has selected graphical element **834** associated with hit count statistics.

[0121] Graphical element **838** may include one or more graphical elements **840-846** associated with graphical element **834**. Graphical element **842** may allow the user to select a year for which to view statistics. Graphical element **840** may allow the user to select a month for which to view statistics. Graphical element **844** may include one or more statistics directed to how long the user has been on the smoking cessation plan. As illustrated, this particular user has been on the plan for **23** days. Graphical element **846** may include one or more statistics directed to the goal of the individual. For example, as illustrated, this particular user will be (or should be) nicotine free in **29** days, based on the generated smoking cessation plan.

[0122] Graphical element **848** may provide weekly and/or daily data associated with graphical element **834**. For example, graphical element **848** may be representative of a line graph that illustrates the user's weekly and/or daily hit count data. As illustrated, on Oct. 30, 2018, the user took 5 hits from vaporization device **102**.

[0123] FIG. 9 is a block diagram illustrating an exemplary computing environment **900**, according to some embodiments. Computing environment **900** includes computing system **902** and computing system **952**. Computing system **902** may be representative of client device **106**. Computing system **752** may be representative of organization computing system **104**.

[0124] Computing system **902** may include a processor **904**, a memory **906**, a storage **908**, and a network interface **910**. In some embodiments, computing system **902** may be coupled to one or more I/O device(s) **912** (e.g., keyboard, mouse, etc.) and vaporization device **102**. In some embodiments, computing system **902** may communicate with vaporization device **102** via network **905**.

[0125] Processor **904** may retrieve and execute program code **920** (i.e., programming instructions) stored in memory **906**, as well as stores and retrieves application data. Processor **904** may be included to be representative of a single processor, multiple processors, a single processor having multiple processing cores, and the like. Network interface **910** may be any type of network communications allowing computing system **902** to communicate externally via computing network **905**. For example, network interface **710** is configured to enable external communication with computing system **952**.

[0126] Storage **908** may be, for example, a disk storage device. Although shown as a single unit, storage **908** may be a combination of fixed and/or removable storage devices, such as fixed disk drives, removable memory cards, optical storage, network attached storage (NAS), storage area network (SAN), and the like.

[0127] Memory **906** may include application **916**, operating system **918**, program code **920**, and messaging application **922**. Program code **920** may be accessed by processor **904** for processing (i.e., executing program instructions). Program code **920** may include, for example, executable instructions for communicating with computing system **952** to display one or more pages of website **964**. As another example, processor **904** may access program code **920** to perform operations for implementing a smoking cessation

plan. In another example, processor **904** may access program code **920** to perform operations for selectively providing adjusting power delivered to each heating coil in vaporizer device **102**. Application **916** may enable a user of computing system **902** to access a functionality of computing system **952**. For example, application **916** may access content managed by computing system **952**, such as website **964**. The content that is displayed to a user of computing system **902** may be transmitted from computing system **952** to computing system **902**, and subsequently processed by application **916** for display through a graphical user interface (GUI) of computing system **902**.

[0128] Computing system **952** may include a processor **954**, a memory **956**, a storage **958**, and a network interface **960**. In some embodiments, computing system **952** may be coupled to one or more I/O device(s) **962**. In some embodiments, computing system **952** may be in communication with database **108**.

[0129] Processor **954** may retrieve and execute program code **968** (i.e., programming instructions) stored in memory **956**, as well as stores and retrieves application data. Processor **954** is included to be representative of a single processor, multiple processors, a single processor having multiple processing cores, and the like. Network interface **960** may be any type of network communications enabling computing system **952** to communicate externally via computing network **905**. For example, network interface **960** allows computing system **952** to communicate with computer system **902**.

[0130] Storage **958** may be, for example, a disk storage device. Although shown as a single unit, storage **958** may be a combination of fixed and/or removable storage devices, such as fixed disk drives, removable memory cards, optical storage, network attached storage (NAS), storage area network (SAN), and the like.

[0131] Memory **956** may include website **964**, operating system **966**, program code **968**, machine learning module **970**, cessation module **972**, and handler **974**. Program code **968** may be accessed by processor **954** for processing (i.e., executing program instructions). Program code **968** may include, for example, executable instructions configured to perform steps discussed above in conjunction with FIG. 7. As an example, processor **954** may access program code **968** to perform operations for generating a smoking cessation plan. In another example, processor **954** may access program code **968** to perform operations adjusting a smoking cessation plan based on usage information associated with each user. Website **964** may be accessed by computing system **902**. For example, website **964** may include content accessed by computing system **902** via a web browser or application.

[0132] Cessation module **972** may be configured to communicate with client device **106**. In some embodiments, cessation module **972** may be configured to communicate with vaporization device **102**. Cessation module **972** may receive usage information from vaporization device **102**. Cessation module **972** may work in conjunction with machine learning module **970** to generate a smoking cessation plan for each user based, in part, on user input and usage information. For example, cessation module **972** may work in conjunction with machine learning module **970** to generate a cessation plan that includes a ratio of nicotine-containing substance to non-nicotine-containing substance to deliver to a user. Based off received usage information,



cessation module 972 may work in conjunction with machine learning module 970 to update the cessation plan for each user.

[0133] Machine learning module 970 may include one or more instructions to train a prediction model used by cessation module 972. To train the prediction model, machine learning module 970 may receive, as input, usage activity of each user. In some embodiments, machine learning module 970 may further receive, as input, one or more parameters specified by each user via application 916 executing on computing system 902. Machine learning module 970 may implement one or more machine learning algorithms to train the prediction model. For example, machine learning module 970 may use one or more of a decision tree learning model, association rule learning model, artificial neural network model, deep learning model, inductive logic programming model, support vector machine model, clustering mode, Bayesian network model, reinforcement learning model, representational learning model, similarity and metric learning model, rule based machine learning model, and the like.

[0134] Account handler 974 may be configured to manage an account associated with each user. For example, account handler 974 may be configured to communicate with database 108. For example, account handler 974 may be configured to update each user profile stored in database 108.

[0135] FIG. 10A illustrates a system bus computing system architecture 1000, according to example embodiments. System 1000 may be representative of at least a portion of computing system 110 in vaporization device 102. One or more components of system 1000 may be in electrical communication with each other using a bus 1005. System 1000 may include a processing unit (CPU or processor) 1010 and a system bus 1005 that couples various system components including the system memory 1015, such as read only memory (ROM) 1020 and random access memory (RAM) 1025, to processor 1010. System 1000 can include a cache of high-speed memory connected directly with, in close proximity to, or integrated as part of processor 1010. System 1000 can copy data from memory 1015 and/or storage device 1030 to cache 1012 for quick access by processor 1010. In this way, cache 1012 may provide a performance boost that avoids processor 1010 delays while waiting for data. These and other modules can control or be configured to control processor 1010 to perform various actions. Other system memory 1015 may be available for use as well. Memory 1015 may include multiple different types of memory with different performance characteristics. Processor 1010 can include any general purpose processor and a hardware module or software module, such as service 1 1032, service 2 1034, and service 3 1036 stored in storage device 1030, configured to control processor 1010 as well as a special-purpose processor where software instructions are incorporated into the actual processor design. Processor 1010 may essentially be a completely self-contained computing system, containing multiple cores or processors, a bus, memory controller, cache, etc. A multi-core processor may be symmetric or asymmetric.

[0136] To enable user interaction with the computing device 1000, an input device 1045 can represent any number of input mechanisms, such as a microphone for speech, a touch-sensitive screen for gesture or graphical input, keyboard, mouse, motion input, speech and so forth. An output device 1035 can also be one or more of a number of output

mechanisms known to those of skill in the art. In some instances, multimodal systems can enable a user to provide multiple types of input to communicate with computing device 1000. Communications interface 1040 can generally govern and manage the user input and system output. There is no restriction on operating on any particular hardware arrangement and therefore the basic features here may easily be substituted for improved hardware or firmware arrangements as they are developed.

[0137] Storage device 1030 may be a non-volatile memory and can be a hard disk or other types of computer readable media which can store data that are accessible by a computer, such as magnetic cassettes, flash memory cards, solid state memory devices, digital versatile disks, cartridges, random access memories (RAMs) 1025, read only memory (ROM) 1020, and hybrids thereof.

[0138] Storage device 1030 can include services 1032, 1034, and 1036 for controlling the processor 1010. Other hardware or software modules are contemplated. Storage device 1030 can be connected to system bus 1005. In one aspect, a hardware module that performs a particular function can include the software component stored in a computer-readable medium in connection with the necessary hardware components, such as processor 1010, bus 1005, display 1035, and so forth, to carry out the function.

[0139] FIG. 10B illustrates a computer system 1050 having a chipset architecture that may represent at least a portion of computing system 110 of vaporization device 102. Computer system 1050 may be an example of computer hardware, software, and firmware that can be used to implement the disclosed technology. System 1050 can include a processor 1055, representative of any number of physically and/or logically distinct resources capable of executing software, firmware, and hardware configured to perform identified computations. Processor 1055 can communicate with a chipset 1060 that can control input to and output from processor 1055. In this example, chipset 1060 outputs information to output 1065, such as a display, and can read and write information to storage device 1070, which can include magnetic media, and solid state media, for example. Chipset 1060 can also read data from and write data to RAM 1075. A bridge 1080 for interfacing with a variety of user interface components 1085 can be provided for interfacing with chipset 1060. Such user interface components 1085 can include a keyboard, a microphone, touch detection and processing circuitry, a pointing device, such as a mouse, and so on. In general, inputs to system 1050 can come from any of a variety of sources, machine generated and/or human generated.

[0140] Chipset 1060 can also interface with one or more communication interfaces 1090 that can have different physical interfaces. Such communication interfaces can include interfaces for wired and wireless local area networks, for broadband wireless networks, as well as personal area networks. Some applications of the methods for generating, displaying, and using the GUI disclosed herein can include receiving ordered datasets over the physical interface or be generated by the machine itself by processor 1055 analyzing data stored in storage 1070 or 1075. Further, the machine can receive inputs from a user through user interface components 1085 and execute appropriate functions, such as browsing functions by interpreting these inputs using processor 1055.



[0141] It can be appreciated that example systems **1000** and **1050** can have more than one processor **1010** or be part of a group or cluster of computing devices networked together to provide greater processing capability.

[0142] FIGS. 12A-15B show an alternate embodiment of a first portion **2020**. These figures will be discussed with similar reference numbers to other parts of the application. FIG. 13 shows a close-up perspective view of a first portion **2020** of vaporizer device **200**, according to example embodiments. First portion **2020** may include a body **3020**. The body **3020** may include a first region **3010** and second region **3030**. See also FIGS. 14A and 14B. First region **3010** may include a split-pod formed therein. For example, first region **3010** may include a first half of a split-pod **3040a** and a second half of a split-pod **3040b**. First half the pod **3040a** may be separated from second half of the split-pod **3040b** via opening **1180**, which may extend from first end **2060** of first portion **2020** to second region **3030**. Both first half of the split-pod **3040a** and second half of the split-pod **3040b** may be configured to hold a liquid. For example, first half of the split-pod **3040a** may be configured to hold a nicotine-containing liquid; second half of the split-pod **3040b** may be configured to hold a non-nicotine-containing liquid.

[0143] Second region **3030** of body **3020** may include one or more electric contacts **3080**, one or more heating coils **3100** and one or more temperature sensor such as a thermistor **3022**. In some embodiments, each of one or more thermistor **3022** is disposed between each of one or more heating coils **3100** that may be positioned adjacent a respective half of the split-pod **3040a**, **3040b**. For example, second region **3030** of body **3020** may include a first heating coil **3100** and a first thermistor **3022** dedicated to first half of the split-pod **3040a** and a second heating coil **3100** and a second thermistor **3022** dedicated to second half of the split-pod **3040b**. Each heating coil **3100** may be configured to heat the liquid contained in a respective half of the split-pod **3040a**, **3040b** to create a vapor mixture. Each heating coil **3100** may be formed from a metal material that is used for resistive heating. Exemplary metal materials may include, but are not limited to, Nichrome, KANTHAL®, stainless steel, and the like.

[0144] Each thermistor **3022** may be disposed adjacent the heating coil **3100** to measure the temperature of the coil **3100**. In one embodiment the thermistor **3022** is electrically contacted with the metal contact pins and fed into microcontroller in a constant temperature feedback loop. In another embodiment the thermistor **3022** is wired through the contact **3080**, through which information such as temperature information is fed into the microcontroller. Specifically, temperature information is fed from the contacts **3080** to the pins **410** in second portion **204**. See FIGS. 12A and 12B. When the heating coil causes a rise in temperature, the microcontroller will process the temperature information as a voltage reading. The microcontroller will determine the temperature by measuring the resistance of thermistors **3022**. When the temperature rises a translation is made to the temperature values via code to get an accurate temperature. By positioning the thermistor **3022** right next to the coil **3100**, accurate temperature measurements can be obtained.

[0145] In one embodiment, the thermistor may be a Negative Temperature Coefficient (NTC) thermistor that can limit the current that can flow once a resistance level is met. The NTC thermistor allows for a reduction in resistance as temperature increases. In one embodiment the NTC is a

glass encapsulated NTC thermistor. In one embodiment, the temperature sensor or thermistor **3022** may be used in a range from  $-55^{\circ}\text{C}$ . to  $200^{\circ}\text{C}$ . In another embodiment, the temperature sensor **3022** may be used at temperatures approaching absolute zero ( $-273.15^{\circ}\text{C}$ .) as well as those specifically designed for use above  $150^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The temperature sensor thermistor **3200** allows for the accurate detection of coil temperatures in the device **200**. In one embodiment, the temperature sensor or thermistor **3200** may be made of 315L stainless steel, ceramics, polymers or other materials depending on desired temperature response.

[0146] In another embodiment, a Positive Temperature Coefficient (PTC) thermistor may be used. The PCT thermistor allows for an increase in resistance as temperature increases. In one embodiment, other temperature sensors may be used instead of the thermistors.

[0147] In one embodiment, the thermistor is placed electrically contacted with the metal contact pins and fed into microcontroller creating a constant temperature feedback loop. This loop enables precise temperature readings that enables safer and sharper and focused dosing. Thus, the loop now created by the combination of the thermistor, metal contact pins microcontroller allows for accurate dosing in relation to the temperature schedule.

[0148] In one instance, the thermistor **3022** can detect when the split pods **3040a** and **3040b** are dry, lack liquids. This may be called a “dry hit.” A dry hit occurs if there is not enough liquid in chamber **3160** and metal coils **3100** are allowed to exponentially increase in temperature. In these situations, the coil **3100** heats up faster and if there is no liquid the thermistor can shut the pods **3040a**, **3040b** off before any harmful chemicals are released. “Dry hits” can be dangerous to patients as metals that are heated up to a point can release chemicals such as formaldehyde. By using thermistors **3022**, it is possible to achieve an accurate dosing versus temperature schedule and apply accurate dosing using the present invention.

[0149] Each electrical contact **3080** may be configured to deliver power to each heating coil **310**. For example, each electric contact **3080** may be configured to deliver a defined amount of power to each coil **3080**, such that a specific ratio of non-nicotine-containing liquid to nicotine-containing liquid is vaporized. In some embodiments, each electrical contact **3080** may be positioned adjacent a respective half of the entire split-pod **3040a**, **3040b**. For example, second region **3030** of body **3020** may include a first electrical contact **3080** dedicated to a first heating coil **3100** for first half of the split-pod **3040a** and a second electrical contact **3080** dedicated to a second heating coil **3100** for the second half of the split-pod **3040b**.

[0150] As illustrated, each electrical contact **3080** may be configured to support a respective heating coil **3100**. For example, each electric contact **3080** may include an opening (not shown) formed therein. Electrical coil **3100** may at least partially extend within the opening, such that electrical coil **3100** may be supported by electrical contact **3080**. In another embodiment, the thermistor **3022** is wired through the contact and a wick is disposed through the coil. See FIGS. 15A and 15B.

[0151] Body **3020** may further include one or more divider walls **3060**. Each of divider wall **3060** may be positioned in such a way as to separate each thermistor **3022** and heating coil **3100** from a respective half of the split-pod **3040a**, **3040b**. For example, as illustrated, a first divider wall **3060**



may be positioned between first half of the split-pod **3040a** and both the first thermistor **3022** and first heating coil **3100**. Likewise, a second divider wall **3060** may be positioned between second half of the split-pod **3040b** and both the second thermistor **3022** and second heating coil **3100**. Each divider wall **3060** may include an opening **3070** formed therein. Each opening **3070** may be formed as to allow passage of a wicking material between each half of the split-pod **3040a**, **3040b** and a respective heating coil **3100**. Wicking material may be used to deliver fluid from a respective half of the split-pod **3040a**, **3040b** to a respective heating coil **3100**. Exemplary wicking materials may include, but are not limited to, silica, cotton, or other porous materials.

[0152] Body **3020** may further include a mixing chamber **3160**, one or more vapor vents **3120**, and one or more air vents **3140** formed therein. Mixing chamber **3160** may be defined within second region **3030**. Mixing chamber **3160** may be in fluid communication with opening **1180**. For example, mixing chamber **3160** may be formed in second region **3030**, such that mixing chamber **3160** may separate each respective set of electrical contacts **3080**, thermistors **3022** and heating coils **3100**. Each vapor vent **3120** may be formed within an interior of first portion **2020**. For example, each vapor vent **3120** may be formed proximate a respective heating coil **3100** and thermistors **3022**. In operation, vapor formed from fluid in one half of the split-pod **3040a** may enter mixing chamber **3160** via a first vapor vent **3120**, and vapor formed from fluid in second half of the split-pod **3040b** may enter mixing chamber **3160** via a second vapor vent **3120**. Within mixing chamber **3160**, vapor formed from a non-nicotine-containing fluid may mix with vapor formed from a nicotine-containing fluid to form a vapor mixture. The vapor mixture may be delivered to an end user via opening **1180**.

[0153] Each air vent **3140** may be formed in body **3020**. For example, as illustrated, each air vent **3140** may be formed such that each air vent **3140** may provide fluid communication between an interior of body **3020** and an exterior of body **3020**. One or more air vents **3140** may be configured to draw ambient air into vaporizer device **200**. For example, one or more air vents **3140** may be configured to draw ambient air into vaporizer device **200** via one or more air passages **216**, upon inhalation of an end user.

[0154] FIG. 14B is an exploded view of first portion **2020** of vaporizer device **200**, according to example embodiments. As discussed above, in some embodiments, first portion **2020** may be self-destructing. In other words, first portion **2020** may be configured such that a user cannot tamper with first portion **2020** (e.g., re-fill or re-use first portion **2020**, take liquid out of first portion **2020**, etc.).

[0155] As illustrated, first region **3010** is shown detached from second region **3030**. Between first region **3010** and second region **3030** are one or more divider walls **3060**, thermistors **3022** and heating coils **3100**. To configure first portion **2020** such that first portion **2020** is tamper-proof, a sealant **350** may be used to couple first region **3010** to second region **3030**. In some embodiments, sealant (not shown) may be applied to first region **3010**, such that after first region **3010** and second region **3030** are attached, sealant prevents disassembly of second region **3030** from first region **3010**. Sealant may be any sealant able to prevent fluid leakage from first region **3010**. Exemplary sealants

may include, but are not limited to silicon, epoxy, a combination of the two, or any other suitable material.

[0156] The device **200** with the thermistors **3022** has an advantage of definitive accuracy over existing prior art current-temperature sensing mechanisms in current-closed pods designs. In smaller prior art designs similar to the size of device **200**, thinner shorter wires are required. These short thinner wires make the current way of using ohms law and reading resistance then applying a temperature coefficient very inconsistent and inaccurate (error of close to 100° C.). In order to achieve very accurate temperature readings, such devices would require sub-ohm thicker vaping wire which would not fit in smaller designs. Also note, that sub-ohm vaping is not recommended and comes with it's own set of risks as current is less limited by resistance.

[0157] As stated above, vaporization device **102**, **200** may transmit user data to client device **106**. In another embodiment, user data may be transmitted from vaporization device **102**, **200** to a controlled dosing platform, which in one embodiment will be disposed within ORGANIZATION COMPUTING SYSTEM **104** as shown in FIG. 1. User data may be held in device **102**, **200** until it connects over the network **105** to the server. Once connected over the network, the device **102**, **200** will send updates on user data to server and ultimately to the controlled dosing platform on ORGANIZATION COMPUTING SYSTEM **104**. The controlled dosing platform enables the physician/practitioner to login and select a patient to see how much nicotine or other substance was used by the patient. The physician/practitioner further is able to adjust dosing schedule/nicotine intake of that patient based on the data as viewed on the controlled dosing platform.

[0158] FIGS. 16-17B show screenshots provided when using the controlled dosing platform. The practitioner/physician updates or adjusts dosing schedule that will eventually be transmitted to vaporization device **120**, **200**. If the physician wants to change patients dosing the practitioner updates it on the portal, which is then downloaded by application **112** of the client device **106** and ultimately the vaporization device **102**, **200** downloads and updates the new dosing schedule once connected over the network **105**. The practitioner/physician can mark data and date/time changes and see how a patient's behaviors and intake changes over a new schedule.

[0159] In use, a physician or practitioner logs into a portal and views dashboard **50**. See FIG. 16. The dashboard **50** provides a view of user data under the control of the practitioner. This data includes total users **52**, number of active devices **54**, number of hits **56** taken, a snapshot of activity in a twenty-four hour period **58**, types of smokers **60**, user overview **62**, for instance, number of users that completed the program of the present invention, number of active users, number of new users. The dashboard **50** is not limited to the ways data is aggregated and may be shown in numerous other ways. Also provided on the dashboard **50** is a user list **64**.

[0160] By clicking on any user name in the user list **64**, the practitioner may view user data on a particular user/patient. The practitioner may see how much nicotine or other substance was used by the selected user/patient and adjust dosing schedule/nicotine intake for the user/patient. The practitioner can view and adjust dosing in a variety of ways and can adjust the plan if the user is not happy with their current schedule.



[0161] FIG. 17A&B show a screenshot of a user profile 70, here showing a user named Gregory 66 which was a user selected from the user list 64 in FIG. 16. User data from the device 200 is updated to the server and displayed on user profile 70. For example, looking at Gregory's user profile 70 page information such as all usage data or stats 80 (ie: average hit, dose average, total hits during program, hits taken today), user feedback 82 and a hit history 84 are provided. The profile 70 also provides data such as regression formula 72, a control period 76 and an end or quit date 78. Each of the regression formula or regression value 72, a control period 76 and an end or quit date 78 can be adjusted by the practitioner to increase or decrease the nicotine dose on a per use basis.

[0162] It should be noted that regression formula 72 is shown in FIG. 17 as a k value, however, a  $t_e$  value may be used in the alternative. When the regression formula 72 is a k value, exponential regression algorithm, the formula of  $D_n = D_0 * e^{(m - t_0 - c) * k}$  is used. Alternatively, if regression formula 72 uses a linear regression algorithm,  $t_e$  value 74 the variables that are stored for each user under the  $t_e$  value may be:

[0163] Start Date ( $t_0$ )—this may represent the date when the user started using the smoking cessation program.

[0164] Control Period (c)—this may represent the length of the initial period, during which no regression takes place, but the user's current smoking habits are being recorded. In some embodiments, the control period will be 2 days.

[0165] End date ( $t_e$ )—this is the date when the user finishes the program.

[0166] Initial daily dose ( $d_0$ )—this is the initial nicotine dose that will be applied at the beginning of the program.

[0167] During the control period,  $d_0$  will be applied during each hit.

[0168] After the control period, the following values will be calculated:

[0169] m—this may represent the constant that determines how steep the regression is. The higher the absolute value of m, the quicker the regression.

[0170] It is calculated using the following formula:

$$t_e = d_0 / m + (t_0 + c)$$

[0171] Current dose ( $d_n$ )—this is the nicotine dose for the  $n^{th}$  day, calculated using the following formula:

$$d_n = d_0 - m * (t_n - (t_0 + c))$$

where  $t_n$  is the  $n^{th}$  day of the program.

[0172] When the program ends,  $d_n$  will have a value of 0.

[0173] Changing the end date,  $t_e$  value, affects the slope of the m value. Thus, if the  $t_e$  value is moved up the slope of the m value will be increased and the regression will be quicker. However, if the  $t_e$  value is moved back (made lower) the slope of the m value will decrease and the regression will be slower. Thus, in one example, if a practitioner step downs a patient 0.2 MG per day over 30 days, instead of over a 90 day period, the slope would be steeper for the 30 day selection.

[0174] While the foregoing is directed to embodiments described herein, other and further embodiments may be devised without departing from the basic scope thereof. For example, aspects of the present disclosure may be implemented in hardware or software or a combination of hardware and software. One embodiment described herein may be implemented as a program product for use with a computer system. The program(s) of the program product define

functions of the embodiments (including the methods described herein) and can be contained on a variety of computer-readable storage media. Illustrative computer-readable storage media include, but are not limited to: (i) non-writable storage media (e.g., read-only memory (ROM) devices within a computer, such as CD-ROM disks readably by a CD-ROM drive, flash memory, ROM chips, or any type of solid-state non-volatile memory) on which information is permanently stored; and (ii) writable storage media (e.g., floppy disks within a diskette drive or hard-disk drive or any type of solid state random-access memory) on which alterable information is stored. Such computer-readable storage media, when carrying computer-readable instructions that direct the functions of the disclosed embodiments, are embodiments of the present disclosure.

[0175] It will be appreciated to those skilled in the art that the preceding examples are exemplary and not limiting. It is intended that all permutations, enhancements, equivalents, and improvements thereto are apparent to those skilled in the art upon a reading of the specification and a study of the drawings are included within the true spirit and scope of the present disclosure. It is therefore intended that the following appended claims include all such modifications, permutations, and equivalents as fall within the true spirit and scope of these teachings.

1. A computer-implemented method for practitioner tracking of patient substance intake and controlling of substance dosing for patients participating in a smoking cessation plan, said smoking cessation plan based on one or more inputs provided by a client device in communication with a vaporization device, the initial smoking cessation plan comprising one or more phases, wherein each phase is associated with a predefined ratio of a vapor mixture for the vaporization device to deliver to a user, said method comprising:

displaying, over a server system, at least one patient profile on a controlled dosing platform, said patient profile including one or more streams of usage statistics, said patient profile being under control of said practitioner;

receiving, by the server system, updates to said one or more streams of usage statistics associated with patient usage of the vaporization device;

selecting, over the server system, one patient profile from said controlled dosing platform;

viewing, over the server system, said one or more streams of usage statistics for said selected patient profile;

modifying, by the server system, the initial smoking cessation plan based on selecting at least one of said one or more streams of usage statistics; and

transmitting, by the server system, the modified initial smoking cessation plan to the client device.

2. The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein the usage statistics comprise one or more uses of vaporization device and a duration associated with each use of the one or more uses.

3. The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein one of said one or more streams of usage statistics is a regression value.

4. The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein one of said one or more streams of usage statistics is a control period.

5. The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein one of said one or more streams of usage statistics is a quit date.



6. The computer-implemented method of claim 2, wherein said regression value is a linear regression.

7. The computer-implemented method of claim 6, wherein said linear regression is defined using

$$t_c = d_0/m + (t_0 + c)$$

wherein said  $t_c$  is when the patient finishes the smoking cessation plan, wherein said  $d_0$  is an initial daily nicotine dose, wherein said  $m$  is a constant, wherein  $t_0$  is when the patient started using the smoking cessation plan and wherein  $c$  is a control period.

8. The computer-implemented method of claim 2, wherein said regression value is an exponential regression.

9. The computer-implemented method of claim 8, wherein said exponential regression is defined using

$$D_n = D_0 * e^{((m - t_0 - c) * k)}$$

wherein said  $D_n$  is a current daily dose, wherein said  $D_0$  is an average daily nicotine dose during the control period, wherein  $e$  is the base of the natural logarithm, also called Euler's constant,

wherein said  $t_0$  is the  $n$ th day of the program

, wherein said  $t_0$  is when the patient started using the smoking cessation plan and wherein said  $c$  is a control period and wherein said  $k$  is a constant.

10. A nicotine intake tracking and nicotine dosing controlling system comprising:

a vaporization device configured to deliver a vapor mixture comprising a first vapor formed from a non-nicotine-containing liquid and a second vapor formed from a nicotine-containing liquid, wherein the vaporization device comprises a computing system disposed therein, the computing system comprising:

a printed circuit board, comprising:

a microcontroller in selective communication with the server system, the microcontroller storing dosage instructions for a smoking cessation plan stored thereon;

a server system in communication with the vaporization device, the server system configured to generate a smoking cessation plan for the vaporization device based on at least usage statistics associated with the vaporization device; and

an organization computing device, the organization computing device including a controlled dosing platform,

said controlled dosing platform displaying at least one patient profile, said patient profile including one or more streams of usage statistics.

11. The system of claim 10 wherein said patient profile is under control of a practitioner.

12. The system of claim 10 wherein said patient profile provides one or more streams of usage statistics associated with patient usage of the vaporization device.

13. The system of claim 12 wherein one of said one or more streams of usage statistics is a regression value.

14. The system of claim 12 wherein one of said one or more streams of usage statistics is a control period.

15. The system of claim 12 wherein one of said one or more streams of usage statistics is a quit date.

16. The system of claim 13 wherein said regression value is a linear regression.

17. The system of claim 16, wherein said linear regression is defined using

$$t_c = d_0/m + (t_0 + c)$$

wherein said  $t_c$  is when the patient finishes the smoking cessation plan, wherein said  $d_0$  is an initial daily nicotine dose, wherein said  $m$  is a constant, wherein  $t_0$  is when the patient started using the smoking cessation plan and wherein  $c$  is a control period.

18. The system of claim 12 wherein said regression value is an exponential regression.

19. The system of claim 18, wherein said exponential regression is defined using

$$D_n = D_0 * e^{((m - t_0 - c) * k)}$$

wherein said  $D_n$  is a current daily dose, wherein said  $D_0$  is an average daily nicotine dose during the control period, wherein  $e$  is the base of the natural logarithm, also called Euler's constant,

, wherein said  $t_0$  is the  $n$ th day of the program, wherein said  $t_0$  is when the patient started using the smoking cessation plan and wherein said  $c$  is a control period and wherein said  $k$  is a constant.

20. The system of claim 12, wherein the server system is further configured to be able to modify the smoking cessation plan based on selecting at least one of said one or more streams of usage statistics and transmit the modified smoking cessation plan to the client device.

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