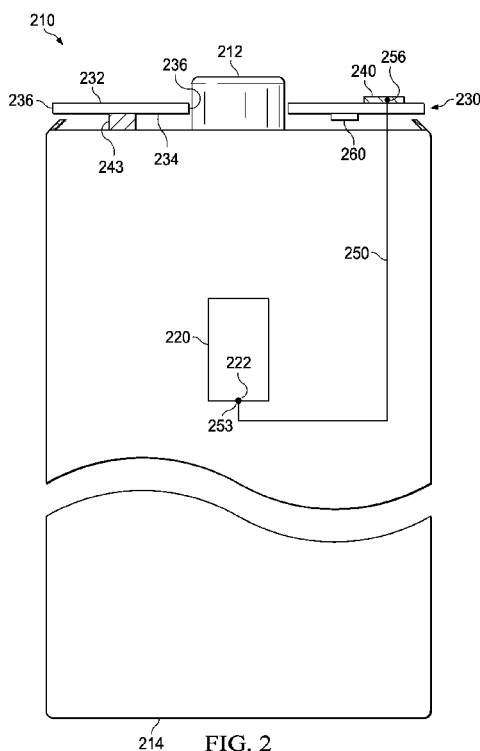




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(54) **Title:** BATTERY INCLUDING AN ON-CELL INDICATOR



(57) **Abstract:** The invention is directed toward a battery including an on-cell indicator. The battery including an on-cell indicator includes at least one electrochemical cell; at least one on-cell indicator; a printed circuit board; and at least one integrated circuit. The at least one electrochemical cell includes a first terminal and a second terminal. The at least one on-cell indicator includes at least one on-cell indicator terminal. The printed circuit board includes at least one on-cell indicator contact and at least one electrochemical cell contact. The at least one electrochemical cell contact is in electrical connection with the first terminal of the at least one electrochemical cell. At least one conductive trace includes an on-cell indicator interconnect and a printed circuit board interconnect. The on-cell indicator interconnect is in electrical connection with the at least one on-cell indicator terminal. The printed circuit board interconnect is in electrical connection with the at least one on-cell indicator terminal. At least one integrated circuit is in electrical connection with the printed circuit board.



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BATTERY INCLUDING AN ON-CELL INDICATOR

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The invention relates to a battery including an on-cell indicator.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Wireless communications, including radio frequency identification (RFID) and other near field communication (NFC) protocols, are gaining in popularity for applications such as security, inventory management, access control, and the like. The number of smartphones and mobile devices that include RFID or NFC protocols is growing along with the various applications of passive or active transponders, such as RFID circuits and NFC circuits. Such communications circuits may be coupled with an antenna that modulates, and in some instances emits, a wireless communication signal that can be read by a reader, such as a smartphone.

Electrochemical cells, or batteries, are commonly used as electrical energy sources. A battery contains a negative electrode and a positive electrode. The negative electrode contains an active material that can be oxidized. The positive electrode contains an active material that can be reduced. The negative active material is capable of reducing the positive active material. A separator is disposed between the negative electrode and the positive electrode. An electrolyte is also included within the battery. The aforementioned components are generally disposed in a housing, such as a metal can with an open end, that is crimped over an end cap and seal to close the battery. The battery may be primary, *i.e.*, meant to be discharged to exhaustion one time and then discarded. The battery may, alternatively, be secondary, *i.e.*, meant to be discharged and recharged multiple times.

Battery testers may be used to determine characteristics of the battery, such as the remaining battery capacity. An exemplary type of a common battery tester is known as a thermochromic tester. In a thermochromic tester, a circuit may be completed when a consumer manually depresses a one or two button switch. Once the switch is depressed, the consumer has connected the battery to the thermochromic tester. The thermochromic tester may include a silver resistor, *e.g.*, a flat silver layer that has a variable width so that the electrical resistance also varies along its length. As current travels through the silver resistor, the dissipated power generates heat that changes the color of a thermochromic ink display that is placed over the silver resistor. The thermochromic ink display may be arranged as a gauge to indicate the relative capacity of the battery. However, it is typically

necessary for the consumer to inconveniently hold the battery and/or remove the battery from the device in order to test the battery using the battery tester, such as the thermochromic tester. In addition, it may be difficult to accurately connect the battery tester to the battery.

Accordingly, there exists a need for a battery including an on-cell indicator that does not
5 require manual interaction between the consumer and the battery and/or indicator. In addition, the battery including an on-cell indicator may also include advanced processing and communication capabilities. There also exists a need for a battery including an indicator circuit that does not detrimentally affect the external dimensions of the battery. A need exists to provide an on-cell indicator that easily connects to the battery. There also exists a need to provide a battery with an on-
10 cell indicator that does not have a reduced battery capacity due to the inclusion of on-cell indicator components within the battery housing.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

In one embodiment, the invention is directed toward a battery including an on-cell indicator.
15 The battery including an on-cell indicator includes at least one electrochemical cell; at least one on-cell indicator; a printed circuit board; and at least one integrated circuit. The at least one electrochemical cell includes a first terminal and a second terminal. The at least one on-cell indicator includes at least one on-cell indicator terminal. The printed circuit board includes at least one on-cell indicator contact and at least one electrochemical cell contact. The at least one
20 electrochemical cell contact is in electrical connection with the first terminal of the at least one electrochemical cell. At least one conductive trace includes an on-cell indicator interconnect and a printed circuit board interconnect. The on-cell indicator interconnect is in electrical connection with the at least one on-cell indicator terminal. The printed circuit board interconnect is in electrical connection with the at least one on-cell indicator terminal. The at least one integrated circuit is in
25 electrical connection with the printed circuit board.

In another embodiment, the invention is directed toward a remote battery indication system. The remote battery system includes at least one reader and at least one battery including an on-cell indicator. The at least one reader may be, for example, a smartphone. The at least one battery including an on-cell indicator includes at least one electrochemical cell; at least one on-cell
30 indicator; a printed circuit board; a communications circuit; and at least one integrated circuit. The at least one electrochemical cell includes a first terminal and a second terminal. The at least one on-

cell indicator includes at least one on-cell indicator terminal. The printed circuit board includes at least one on-cell indicator contact and at least one electrochemical cell contact. The at least one electrochemical cell contact is in electrical connection with the first terminal of the at least one electrochemical cell. At least one conductive trace includes an on-cell indicator interconnect and a printed circuit board interconnect. The on-cell indicator interconnect is in electrical connection with the at least one on-cell indicator terminal. The printed circuit board interconnect is in electrical connection with the at least one on-cell indicator terminal. The at least one integrated circuit is in electrical connection with the printed circuit board.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

While the specification concludes with claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter, which is regarded as forming the present invention, it is believed that the invention will be better understood from the following description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings.

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a battery including an on-cell indicator according to one or more embodiments shown and described herein.

FIG. 2 is a cross-section of another battery including an on-cell indicator according to one or more embodiments shown and described herein.

FIG. 3 is a cross-section of another battery including an on-cell indicator according to one or more embodiments shown and described herein.

FIG. 4 is a cross-section of another battery including an on-cell indicator according to one or more embodiments shown and described herein.

FIG. 5 is a cross-section of another battery including an on-cell indicator according to one or more embodiments shown and described herein.

FIG. 6 is a cross-section of another battery including an on-cell indicator according to one or more embodiments shown and described herein.

FIG. 7 is a cross-section of another battery including an on-cell indicator according to one or more embodiments shown and described herein.

FIG. 8 is a cross-section of another battery including an on-cell indicator according to one or more embodiments shown and described herein.

FIG. 9 is a cross-section of another battery including an on-cell indicator according to one or more embodiments shown and described herein.

FIG. 10 is a perspective view of a printed circuit board for use within a battery including an on-cell indicator according to one or more embodiments shown and described herein.

5 FIG. 11 is a side view of the printed circuit board of FIG. 10.

FIG. 12 is a top view of the printed circuit board of FIGS. 10 and 11.

FIG. 13 is a bottom of the printed circuit board of FIGS. 10, 11, and 12.

FIG. 14 is a perspective view of a spacer for use within a battery including an on-cell indicator according to one or more embodiments shown and described herein.

10 FIG. 15 is a side view of the spacer of FIG. 14.

FIG. 16 is a top view of the spacer of FIGS. 14 and 15.

FIG. 17 is a bottom view of the spacer of FIGS. 14, 15, and 16.

FIG. 18 is a view of a label for use with a battery including an on-cell indicator according to one or more embodiments shown and described herein.

15 FIG. 19 is a view of a label for use with a battery including an on-cell indicator according to one or more embodiments shown and described herein.

FIG. 20 is a view of a label for use with a battery including an on-cell indicator according to one or more embodiments shown and described herein.

20 DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The present invention is directed toward a battery including an on-cell indicator. The battery including an on-cell indicator may include at least one electrochemical cell; at least one on-cell indicator; at least one printed circuit board (PCB); and at least one integrated circuit. The electrochemical cell may include a first terminal and a second terminal. The PCB may be in
25 electrical connection with, at least, the first terminal of the electrochemical cell. The on-cell indicator may be in electrical connection with the PCB. The at least one IC may be in electrical connection with the PCB. The at least one IC may be in electrical connection with the at least one on-cell indicator. The battery including an on-cell indicator is capable of, for example, sending information, such as battery voltage, to a reader, such as a smartphone.

30 The electrochemical cell is capable of converting chemical energy within the active materials of the electrochemical cell by means of an electrochemical reduction-oxidation (redox) reaction to

electrical energy. David Linden, *Handbook of Batteries*, 1.3 (4th ed. 2011). The electrochemical cell consists of an anode, a cathode, and an electrolyte. *Id.* One or more electrochemical cells may be referred to as a battery. Electrochemical cells, or batteries, may be primary or secondary. Primary batteries are meant to be discharged, *e.g.*, to exhaustion, only once and then discarded. Primary
5 batteries are described, for example, in David Linden, *Handbook of Batteries* (4th ed. 2011). Secondary batteries are intended to be recharged. Secondary batteries may be discharged and recharged multiple times, *e.g.*, fifty times, a hundred times, or more. Secondary batteries are described, for example, in David Linden, *Handbook of Batteries* (4th ed. 2011). Accordingly, batteries may include various electrochemical couples and electrolyte combinations. It should be
10 appreciated that the invention applies to primary and secondary batteries of aqueous, nonaqueous, ionic liquid, and solid state systems. Primary and secondary batteries of the aforementioned systems are thus within the scope of this application and the invention is not limited to any particular embodiment.

Batteries also come in varying sizes and dimensions. The International Electrotechnical
15 Commission (IEC), for example, has established standard sizes and dimensions for batteries available to consumers at retail. The IEC has set standard sizes and dimensions, for example, cylindrical batteries, such as AAA batteries, AA batteries, C batteries, and D batteries. Similarly, standard sizes and dimensions have been set for non-cylindrical batteries. A 9V alkaline battery, for example, has a prismatic, or rectangular, shape having dimensions set by the IEC. Individual battery
20 or device manufacturers may also designate the dimensions for prismatic batteries that may not be generally available at retail, such as lithium ion prismatic batteries. It should be appreciated that the present invention applies to batteries of sizes and dimensions set by the IEC, such as AA, AAA, C, D, and 9V, as well as to batteries of sizes and dimensions designated by individual battery or device
25 manufacturers. Primary and secondary batteries of the aforementioned sizes and dimensions are thus within the scope of this application and the invention is not limited to any particular embodiment.

The battery may have a first terminal and a second terminal. The first terminal of a primary battery may be, for example, the negative terminal. The second terminal of a primary battery may be, for example, the positive terminal. The first terminal of a secondary battery may be, for example, the positive terminal. The second terminal of a secondary battery may be, for example, the
30 negative terminal. The battery may include a housing, such as a metal can, with at least one open

end. The anode, cathode, and electrolyte may be placed within the housing. The first terminal may be an end cap. The housing may be crimped over the end cap, including a seal, to close the battery. The housing may be the second terminal of the battery.

5 The on-cell indicator may include an antenna. The on-cell indicator may include at least one on-cell indicator terminal. The on-cell indicator may include a first on-cell indicator terminal and a second on-cell indicator terminal. The at least one on-cell indicator terminal; the first on-cell indicator; and the second on-cell indicator terminal may comprise any suitable material, such as an electrically conductive material.

10 The antenna may include at least one antenna trace that may define a single antenna; multiple antennae; or define one or more continuous loop antennas. Each loop may have one or more turns or windings of the at least one antenna trace. The at least one antenna may include at least one on-cell indicator terminal. The at least one antenna may include a first on-cell indicator terminal and a second on-cell indicator terminal. The at least one on-cell indicator terminal; the first on-cell indicator terminal; and the second on-cell indicator terminal may provide joint connections for
15 solder, conductive adhesive, conductive fluid, ultrasonic welding, thermosonic bonding, thermo-compression bonding, crimping, or compression to a conductive trace. The at least one on-cell indicator terminal; the first on-cell indicator terminal; and the second on-cell indicator terminal may be electrically coupled to the printed circuit board.

20 The at least one antenna; the on-cell indicator terminal; the first on-cell indicator terminal; and the second on-cell indicator terminal may be made from copper, aluminum, silver, gold, or other conductive metals. Other suitable materials include conductive foams, conductive polymers, conductive glues, and conductive carbon, such as graphite. The at least one antenna; the on-cell indicator terminal; the first on-cell indicator terminal; and the second on-cell indicator terminal may be printed, painted, or spray coated. The at least one antenna may be printed by a machine that
25 defines the antenna through the use of screen, gravure, or ink jet printing to apply the material onto a subject surface. The printing may be completed via RF sputtering techniques; impact or pressure techniques that define material on the subject surface; metal foil mask techniques; etch techniques; chemical vapor deposition techniques; electroplating techniques; and heat or light activation techniques that activate the material that is applied to the subject surface.

The at least one antenna; the on-cell indicator terminal; the first on-cell indicator terminal; and the second on-cell indicator terminal may be made from foil. The at least one antenna; the on-cell indicator terminal; the first on-cell indicator terminal; and the second on-cell indicator terminal may be a pre-formed wire that is either insulated or bare. If the pre-formed wire is bare, it may be covered by a non-conductive sheet, a non-conductive tape, a non-conductive flexible substrate, or a non-conductive shrink wrap.

The printed circuit board includes at least one layer having an electrical circuit that is in electrical connection with the battery. A wiring pattern, or circuit, may be on or within the printed circuit board. The circuit may include a plurality of safety devices, power terminals, external connection terminals, and the like that provide additional functionality. Examples of additional functionality include a communication circuit(s), antenna(e), and thermal heat sink(s). Examples of safety devices may include a protective module, a positive-temperature-coefficient (PTC) thermistor, and the like. The protective module may include, for example, a switching device, a control-circuit unit, a resistor, an inductor, a capacitor and the like. The PCB may comprise one or more layers, each having its own wiring pattern. The wiring pattern may comprise conductive traces or conductive foil traces. A multi-layer PCB may comprise vias between layers to provide electrical connection between the wiring patterns on each respective layer. The conductive traces may be applied to the printed circuit board by any suitable means known in the art, for example, using plating, physical vapor deposition, etching, and the like.

The printed circuit board may include a top surface, a bottom surface, and a side surface. The top surface, the bottom surface, and the side surface of the printed circuit board may include at least one on-cell indicator terminal contact. The top surface, the bottom surface, and the side surface of the printed circuit board may include a first on-cell indicator terminal contact and a second on-cell indicator terminal contact. The at least one on-cell indicator terminal contact; the first on-cell indicator terminal contact; and the second on-cell indicator terminal contact may be made from copper, aluminum, silver, gold, or other conductive metals. Other suitable materials include conductive foams, conductive polymers, conductive glues, and conductive carbon, such as graphite.

The at least one on-cell indicator terminal contact; the first on-cell indicator terminal contact; and the second on-cell indicator terminal contact may, for example, include two distinct contacts. One distinct contact may be on the bottom surface of the printed circuit board. The other distinct

contact may be on the top surface of the printed circuit board. The distinct contacts of the at least one on-cell indicator terminal contact; the first on-cell indicator terminal contact; and the second on-cell indicator terminal contact may be in electrical connection with one another through the wiring of the printed circuit board.

5 The at least one on-cell indicator terminal contact; the first on-cell indicator terminal contact; and the second on-cell indicator terminal contact may, for example, include three distinct contacts. One distinct contact may be on the bottom surface of the printed circuit board. Another distinct contact may be on the top surface of the printed circuit board. The other distinct contact may be on the side of the printed circuit board. Any one of the distinct contacts on the top, bottom, or side
10 surfaces of the printed circuit board may be in electrical connection with one or more of the distinct contacts on the top, the bottom, or side surfaces of the printed circuit board through the wiring on or within the printed circuit board.

 The printed circuit board may include a top surface, a bottom surface, and a side surface. The top surface, the bottom surface, and the side surface of the printed circuit board may include at
15 least one electrochemical cell contact. The top surface, the bottom surface, and the side surface of the printed circuit board may include a first electrochemical cell contact and a second electrochemical cell contact. The at least one electrochemical cell contact; the first electrochemical cell contact; and the second electrochemical cell contact may be copper, aluminum, silver, gold, or other conductive metals. Other suitable materials include conductive foams, conductive polymers,
20 conductive glues, and conductive carbon, such as graphite.

 The at least one electrochemical cell contact; the first electrochemical cell contact; and the second electrochemical cell contact may, for example, include two distinct contacts. One distinct contact may be on the bottom surface of the printed circuit board. The other distinct contact may be on the top surface of the printed circuit board. Any one of the distinct contacts on the top, bottom, or
25 side surfaces of the printed circuit board may be in electrical connection with one or more of the distinct contacts on the top, the bottom, or side surfaces of the printed circuit board through the wiring on or within the printed circuit board.

 The at least one electrochemical cell contact; the first electrochemical cell contact; and the second electrochemical cell contact may, for example, include three distinct contacts. One distinct
30 contact may be on the bottom surface of the printed circuit board. Another distinct contact may be

on the top surface of the printed circuit board. The other distinct contact may be on the side of the printed circuit board. Any one of the distinct contacts on the top, bottom, or side surfaces of the printed circuit board may be in electrical connection with one or more of the distinct contacts on the top, the bottom, or side surfaces of the printed circuit board through the wiring on or within the printed circuit board.

The at least one electrochemical cell contact may be in electrical connection with the first terminal of the battery. The first electrochemical cell contact may be in electrical connection with the first terminal of the battery. The second electrochemical cell contact may be in electrical connection with the second terminal of the battery. The at least one electrochemical cell contact; the first electrochemical cell contact; and the second electrochemical cell contact may be welded, glued, soldered, compressed, bonded, and the like to the respective terminal of the battery.

At least one tab interconnect may be included between the at least one electrochemical cell contact and the first electrochemical cell contact of the printed circuit board and the first terminal of the battery. The tab interconnect may be made from copper, aluminum, silver, gold, nickel, nickel-plated steel, or other conductive metals. Other suitable materials include conductive foams, conductive polymers, conductive glues, and conductive carbon, such as graphite. The tab interconnect may be welded, glued, soldered, compressed, bonded, and the like to the at least one electrochemical cell contact; the first electrochemical cell contact; and the first terminal of the battery.

At least one conductive trace may electrically connect the on-cell indicator terminal to the on-cell indicator terminal contact of the printed circuit board. A first conductive trace may electrically connect the first on-cell indicator terminal to the first on-cell indicator terminal contact of the printed circuit board. A second conductive trace may electrically connect the second on-cell indicator terminal to the second on-cell indicator terminal contact of the printed circuit board. The at least one conductive trace; the first conductive trace; and the second conductive trace may be made from copper, aluminum, silver, gold, or other conductive metals. Other suitable materials include conductive foams, conductive fluids, conductive polymers, conductive glues, and conductive carbon, such as graphite.

The conductive trace may include an on-cell indicator interconnect at one end of the conductive trace. The conductive trace may include a printed circuit board interconnect at another

end of the conductive trace. The on-cell indicator interconnect and the printed circuit board interconnect may be made from copper, aluminum, silver, gold, or other conductive metals. Other suitable materials include conductive foams, conductive fluids, conductive polymers, conductive glues, and conductive carbon, such as graphite.

5 The first conductive trace may include a first on-cell indicator interconnect at one end of the first conductive trace. The first conductive trace may include a first printed circuit board interconnect at another end of the first conductive trace. The second conductive trace may include a second on-cell indicator interconnect at one end of the second conductive trace. The second conductive trace may include a second printed circuit board interconnect at another end of the
10 second conductive trace. The first on-cell indicator interconnect; the second on-cell indicator interconnect; the first printed circuit board interconnect; and the second printed circuit board interconnect may be made from copper, aluminum, silver, gold, or other conductive metals. Other suitable materials include conductive foams, conductive fluids, conductive polymers, conductive glues, and conductive carbon, such as graphite.

15 An insulator may be placed between the on-cell indicator, such as an antenna, and the conductive trace. The insulator may be placed between, for example, the antenna and the first and second conductive traces. The insulator a non-conductive sheet, a non-conductive tape, a non-conductive material, a non-conductive substrate, a non-conductive shrink wrap, a polymer, a dielectric, an adhesive, a glue, a passivated coating, an anodized coating, and the like. The insulator
20 may be printed, painted, sputtered, vapor deposited, or spray coated in between the on-cell indicator and the conductive trace.

 The integrated circuit (IC) may include a circuit of transistors, resistors, diodes, inductors, and/or capacitors constructed on a single substrate, such as a semiconductor wafer or chip, or a metal, polymer, or a printed circuit board that is based on organic and/or semiconductor material ink,
25 or ceramic substrate, in which the discreet components are interconnected to perform a given function. The IC may comprise a communications circuit and/or an analog-to-digital converter (ADC) electrically coupled together to perform a function, or any number of functions. The IC may be electrically connected to a system ground in order for the IC to perform its function(s). The IC may include other circuits to include, but not to be limited to, an indication circuit, a power circuit, a
30 RFID circuit or block, a NFC circuit or block, an input/output circuit or port, etc. The IC may

physically co-locate the communications circuit and ADC together side-by-side or physically integrate them together. The IC may also comprise an application specific integrated circuit (ASIC) that is specifically manufactured to encompass the performance of the function, or any number of functions, that are required. The function may be to determine a specified condition of the battery and relay that information to the reader in the form of function information. The function may also be to signally communicate a notification of the specific condition of the battery or the function may be to provide an indication of the specified condition of the battery which may include audible, visible, or pallesthesia indications. Pallesthesia is the ability to sense a vibration and a pallesthesia indication is a mechanical or electromechanical means to provide the sense of vibration. The IC may signally communicate the specific condition of the battery via a piezoelectric signal that could be audible or result in a change of surface roughness. The IC may be of any suitable shape. The IC may have a rectangular or square shape with a length, width, and height. The IC may be active, semi-active, battery-assisted passive, or may be passive. The IC may be in electrical connection with the first terminal and the second terminal of the battery through the wiring of the printed circuit board, the at least electrochemical cell contact, the first electrochemical cell contact, the second electrochemical cell contact, and, if included, the tab interconnect. The IC may be electrically coupled to the printed circuit board, for example, by a conductive adhesive, such as a silver epoxy, by an anisotropic conductive adhesive, by ultrasonic welding, by resistance welding, by laser welding, by soldering, by bonding, or by mechanical pressure. The IC may be directly printed on, or within, the printed circuit board. The IC may, for example, be positioned on the bottom surface of the printed circuit board. The IC may be, for example, positioned within the printed circuit board. The IC may be, for example, positioned on the top surface of the printed circuit board. The IC may be positioned on a second printed circuit board that is in electrical connection with a first printed circuit board, such as with a flexible-to-flexible printed circuit board or a flexible-to-rigid printed circuit board.

The battery including an on-cell indicator may also include a spacer. The spacer includes a top surface. The top surface of the spacer may include at least one spacer printed circuit board contact. The at least one spacer printed circuit board contact may be made from copper, aluminum, silver, gold, or other conductive metals. Other suitable materials include conductive foams, conductive fluids, conductive polymers, conductive glues, and conductive carbon, such as graphite.

The spacer includes a bottom surface. The bottom surface of the spacer may include at least one spacer electrochemical cell contact. The at least one spacer electrochemical cell contact may be made from copper, aluminum, silver, gold, or other conductive metals. Other suitable materials include conductive foams, conductive fluids, conductive polymers, conductive glues, and conductive carbon, such as graphite.

The top surface and the bottom surface of the spacer may be electrically connected. The spacer may be, for example, a conductive material, such as a solid ring, a conductive tab, a conductive foam, or a conductive tape. The at least one spacer printed circuit board contact and the at least one spacer electrochemical cell contact may be in electrical connection with one another. The first spacer printed circuit board contact and the first spacer electrochemical cell contact may be in electrical connection with one another. The second spacer printed circuit board contact and the second spacer electrochemical cell contact may be in electrical connection with one another.

The battery including an on-cell indicator may also include a magnetic diverter. The magnetic diverter may be any material with high magnetic permeability at a specified frequency and with low electrical conductivity. The magnetic diverter may be, for example, a thin, flexible, ferrite material adjacent between the metal housing of the battery and the on-cell indicator, such as the antenna. The magnetic diverter may be made from iron, nickel, cobalt, any alloys thereof, and any combination thereof. Other materials for the ferrite shield also include oxides which are not substantially electrically conductive. The magnetic diverter may be a film affixed to the surface of the housing or incorporated within a label that covers the housing. The magnetic diverter may be placed, painted, printed, or coated, for example, on the surface of the housing or on the on-cell indicator, *e.g.*, the antenna.

The battery including an on-cell indicator may also include at least one communication circuit. The at least one communication circuit may be any suitable communication circuitry such as radio-frequency identification (RFID) circuitry and near field communication (NFC) circuitry as included within, for example, ISO/IEC 14443 (proximity cards), 15693 (vicinity cards), 15961, 15962, 15963, and 18000 communication standards; Bluetooth circuitry as included within, for example, IEEE 802.15.1 communication standard; WiFi circuitry as included within, for example, IEEE 802.11 communication standard; Zigbee circuitry as included within, for example, IEEE communication standard; Bluetooth Low Energy circuitry as included within, for example, IEEE

802.15.4 communication standard; Long Range Wide Area Network (LoRaWAN) circuitry as included within, for example, the LoRa Alliance communication standard; Z-wave circuitry as included within, for example, International Telecommunications Union (ITU) G.9959 communication standard; any other suitable fixed wireless communication circuitry; and any combinations thereof. The communications circuit may utilize any suitable frequency bands such as low-frequency (from about 125 kHz to about 134.2 kHz and from about 140 kHz to about 148.5 kHz); high frequency (HF) (13.56 MHz); ultra-high frequency (UHF) (860 – 956 MHz); or microwave frequency (2.4 – 5.8 GHz). In addition, other communications circuitry may be used, such as audible or inaudible sound or visible light.

The battery including an on-cell indicator may also include a label. The label may be a laminated multi-layer film with a transparent or translucent layer bearing the label graphics and text. The label may be made from polyvinyl chloride (PVC), polyethylene terephthalate (PET), and other similar polymer materials. The label includes an inner surface and an outer surface. The at least one conductive trace; the first conductive trace; and the second conductive trace may be included on or within the label. The at least one on-cell indicator interconnect; the first on-cell indicator interconnect; and the second on-cell indicator interconnect may be included on or within the label. The at least one on-cell indicator, for example at least one antenna, may be on or within the label. The insulator may be placed in between the at least one antenna and the at least one conductive trace; the first conductive trace; and the second conductive trace that are included on or within the label.

A reader, or computing device, may be any device capable of communicating with the on-cell indicator of the battery. Specific examples of the reader include a smartphone, tablet, a personal computer (PC) with NFC adapter, a dedicated RFID indicator circuit reader, a dedicated NFC indicator circuit reader, a handheld computing device, or a wand antenna electrically coupled to a computing device. The reader may be used to send energy to the IC by transmitting an interrogation signal or may transmit a “wake-up” signal to the IC. The interrogation signal may be a RF pulse of a predetermined frequency used to energize the circuit in the IC and provide power to the IC to transmit its function information. The “wake-up” signal may be a RF pulse, but the IC may use power from another source to power the IC and to transmit its function information. The reader may include a display to visibly present the function information or an audible device capable of audibly

presenting the function information. The reader may also include algorithms to interpret and/or modify the function information before presenting the information to a user.

The IC of the indicator circuit may perform any number of a series of functions with respect to the battery. The IC may provide information regarding: power output of the battery; rate of discharge of the battery; when the battery is nearing the end of its useful life; geo-tracking of the battery; and state of charge of the battery. The IC may also provide: over-discharge protection; over-charge protection; remaining capacity determination; voltage determination; cycle life determination; and power management. Power management functions may include battery identification; battery state of health; battery protection; cell balancing; fuel gauging; charge control; voltage conversion; voltage rectification; current rectification; load regulation; powering the battery on/off; power setting adjustment; allow or prevent charging; allow or prevent discharging; battery by-pass; temperature monitoring; and charging rate adjustment. The IC may be used, for example, in an on-cell remote indication system to provide information about the battery to, for example, the user through a graphical user interface on the reader. The IC may also be configured with a unique identifier, such as an RFID indicator circuit equivalent, that indicates either a unique sequence of numbers/symbols or information such as, for example, manufacturing date, lot number, serial number, and other identifiable information. The IC may also include memory to store information, such as the manufacturing date, the lot number, the serial number, and the other identifiable information. The may have read/write capability to enable, for example, data logging.

The battery including an on-cell indicator, as is described above, may communicate to the user various characteristics of the battery, such as remaining capacity. The battery including an on-cell indicator communicates the battery characteristics to the user without manual interaction between the user and the battery and/or indicator. The battery including an on-cell indicator, as is described above, may also include advanced processing and communication capabilities external to the housing of the battery. This facilitates the added capability of on-cell indication without detrimentally impacting the volume internal to the housing that is available for components that, such as anode material and cathode material, contribute to the capacity of the battery. In addition, the on-cell indicator components, although external to the battery, do not detrimentally impact the external dimensions of the battery with respect to standard battery dimensions, such as the IEC standards. In addition, the on-cell indicator as described above easily connects to the battery and

facilitates an increase in the speed and repeatability of manufacture for the battery including an on-cell indicator.

Referring to FIG. 1, a battery including an on-cell indicator is shown. The battery including an on-cell indicator includes at least one electrochemical cell (110); at least one on-cell indicator (120); a printed circuit board (130); at least one conductive trace (150); and at least one integrated circuit (not shown). The at least one electrochemical cell (110) includes a first terminal (112) and a second terminal (114). The at least one on-cell indicator (120) includes at least one on-cell indicator terminal (122). The printed circuit board (130) includes a top surface (132). The top surface (132) of the printed circuit board (130) includes at least one on-cell indicator terminal contact (140). The at least one conductive trace (150) includes an on-cell indicator interconnect (153) and a printed circuit board interconnect (156). The at least one on-cell indicator (120) is an antenna. An insulator (190) is located between the at least one conductive trace (150) and the antenna. The on-cell indicator interconnect (153) is in electrical connection with the at least one on-cell indicator terminal (122). The printed circuit board interconnect (156) is in electrical connection with the at least one on-cell indicator terminal contact (140). The at least one integrated circuit (not shown) is in electrical connection with the printed circuit board (130).

Referring to FIG. 2, a battery including an on-cell indicator is shown. The battery including an on-cell indicator includes at least one electrochemical cell (210); at least one on-cell indicator (220); a printed circuit board (230); at least one conductive trace (250); and at least one integrated circuit (260). The at least one electrochemical cell (210) includes a first terminal (212) and a second terminal (214). The at least one on-cell indicator (220) includes at least one on-cell indicator terminal (222). The printed circuit board (230) includes a top surface (232), a bottom surface (234), and a side surface (236). The top surface (232) of the printed circuit board (230) includes at least one on-cell indicator terminal contact (240). The bottom surface (234) of the printed circuit board (230) includes at least one electrochemical cell contact (243). The at least one electrochemical cell contact (243) is in electrical connection with the first terminal (212) of the at least one electrochemical cell (210). The at least one conductive trace (250) includes an on-cell indicator interconnect (253) and a printed circuit board interconnect (256). The on-cell indicator interconnect (253) is in electrical connection with the at least one on-cell indicator terminal (222). The printed circuit board interconnect (256) is in electrical connection with the at least one on-cell indicator

terminal contact (240). The at least one integrated circuit (260) is in electrical connection with the printed circuit board (230).

Referring to FIG. 3, a battery including an on-cell indicator is shown. The battery including an on-cell indicator includes at least one electrochemical cell (310); at least one on-cell indicator
5 (320); a printed circuit board (330); at least one conductive trace (350); and at least one integrated circuit (360). The at least one electrochemical cell (310) includes a first terminal (312) and a second terminal (314). The at least one on-cell indicator (320) includes at least one on-cell indicator terminal (322). The printed circuit board (330) includes a top surface (332), a bottom surface (334), and a side surface (336). The top surface (332) of the printed circuit board (330) includes at least
10 one on-cell indicator terminal contact (340). The bottom surface (334) of the printed circuit board (330) includes a first electrochemical cell contact (344) and a second electrochemical cell contact (346). The first electrochemical cell contact (344) is in electrical connection with the first terminal (312) of the at least one electrochemical cell (310). The second electrochemical cell contact (346) is in electrical connection with the second terminal (314) of the at least one electrochemical cell (310).
15 The at least one conductive trace (350) includes an on-cell indicator interconnect (353) and a printed circuit board interconnect (356). The on-cell indicator interconnect (353) is in electrical connection with the at least one on-cell indicator terminal (322). The printed circuit board interconnect (356) is in electrical connection with the at least one on-cell indicator terminal contact (340). The at least one integrated circuit (360) is in electrical connection with the printed circuit board (330).

Referring to FIG. 4, a battery including an on-cell indicator is shown. The battery including an on-cell indicator includes at least one electrochemical cell (410); at least one on-cell indicator
20 (420); a printed circuit board (430); a first conductive trace (451); a second conductive trace (452); and at least one integrated circuit (460). The at least one electrochemical cell (410) includes a first terminal (412) and a second terminal (414). The at least one on-cell indicator (420) is an antenna.
25 The on-cell indicator (420), *e.g.*, the antenna, includes a first on-cell indicator terminal (423) and a second on-cell indicator terminal (424). The printed circuit board (430) includes a top surface (432), a bottom surface (434), and a side surface (436). The top surface (432) of the printed circuit board (430) includes a first on-cell indicator terminal contact (441) and a second on-cell terminal contact (442). The bottom surface (434) of the printed circuit board (430) includes at least one
30 electrochemical cell contact (443). The at least one electrochemical cell contact (443) is in electrical

connection with the first terminal (412) of the at least one electrochemical cell (410) through a tab interconnect (480). The first conductive trace (451) includes a first on-cell indicator interconnect (454) and a first printed circuit board interconnect (457). The first on-cell indicator interconnect (454) is in electrical connection with the first on-cell indicator terminal (423). The first printed circuit board interconnect (457) is in electrical connection with the first on-cell indicator terminal contact (441). The second conductive trace (452) includes a second on-cell indicator interconnect (455) and a second printed circuit board interconnect (458). The second on-cell indicator interconnect (455) is in electrical connection with the second on-cell indicator terminal (424). The second printed circuit board interconnect (458) is in electrical connection with the second on-cell indicator terminal contact (442). The at least one integrated circuit (460) is in electrical connection with the printed circuit board (430).

Referring to FIG. 5, a battery including an on-cell indicator is shown. The battery including an on-cell indicator includes at least one electrochemical cell (510); at least one on-cell indicator (520); a printed circuit board (530); a first conductive trace (551); a second conductive trace (552); and at least one integrated circuit (560). The at least one electrochemical cell (510) includes a first terminal (512) and a second terminal (514). The at least one on-cell indicator (520) is an antenna. The on-cell indicator (520), *e.g.*, the antenna, includes a first on-cell indicator terminal (523) and a second on-cell indicator terminal (524). The printed circuit board (530) includes a top surface (532), a bottom surface (534), and a side surface (536). The top surface (532) of the printed circuit board (530) includes a first on-cell indicator terminal contact (541) and a second on-cell terminal contact (542). The bottom surface (534) of the printed circuit board (530) includes a first electrochemical cell contact (544) and a second electrochemical cell contact (546). The first electrochemical cell contact (544) is in electrical connection with the first terminal (512) of the at least one electrochemical cell (510). The second electrochemical cell contact (546) is in electrical connection with the second terminal (514) of the at least one electrochemical cell (510). The first conductive trace (551) includes a first on-cell indicator interconnect (554) and a first printed circuit board interconnect (557). The first on-cell indicator interconnect (554) is in electrical connection with the first on-cell indicator terminal (523). The first printed circuit board interconnect (557) is in electrical connection with the first on-cell indicator terminal contact (541). The second conductive trace (552) includes a second on-cell indicator interconnect (555) and a second printed circuit board interconnect (558). The second on-cell indicator interconnect (555) is in electrical connection with

the second on-cell indicator terminal (524). The second printed circuit board interconnect (558) is in electrical connection with the second on-cell indicator terminal contact (542). The at least one integrated circuit (560) is in electrical connection with the printed circuit board (530).

Referring to FIG. 6, a battery including an on-cell indicator is shown. The battery including
5 an on-cell indicator includes at least one electrochemical cell (610); at least one on-cell indicator (620); a printed circuit board (630); a spacer (670); at least one conductive trace (650); and at least one integrated circuit (660). The at least one electrochemical cell (610) includes a first terminal (612) and a second terminal (614). The at least one on-cell indicator (620) includes at least one on-cell indicator terminal (622). The printed circuit board (630) includes a top surface (632), a bottom
10 surface (634), and a side surface (636). The top surface (632) of the printed circuit board (630) includes at least one on-cell indicator terminal contact (640). The bottom surface (634) of the printed circuit board (630) includes at least one electrochemical cell contact (643). The at least one electrochemical cell contact (643) is in electrical connection with the first terminal (612) of the at least one electrochemical cell (610) through a tab interconnect (680). The spacer (670) includes a
15 top surface (672), a bottom surface (674), and side surface (676). The spacer (670) is placed between the printed circuit board (630) and the electrochemical cell (610). The top surface (672) of the spacer (670) is in contact with the bottom surface (634) of the printed circuit board (630). The bottom surface (674) of the spacer (670) is in contact with the second terminal (614) of the electrochemical cell (610). The at least one conductive trace (650) includes an on-cell indicator
20 interconnect (653) and a printed circuit board interconnect (656). The on-cell indicator interconnect (653) is in electrical connection with the at least one on-cell indicator terminal (622). The printed circuit board interconnect (656) is in electrical connection with the at least one on-cell indicator terminal contact (640). The at least one integrated circuit (660) is in electrical connection with the printed circuit board (630).

Referring to FIG. 7, a battery including an on-cell indicator is shown. The battery including
25 an on-cell indicator includes at least one electrochemical cell (710); at least one on-cell indicator (720); a printed circuit board (730); a spacer (770); at least one conductive trace (750); and at least one integrated circuit (760). The at least one electrochemical cell (710) includes a first terminal (712) and a second terminal (714). The at least one on-cell indicator (720) includes at least one on-cell indicator terminal (722). The printed circuit board (730) includes a top surface (732), a bottom
30 surface (734), and a side surface (736). The top surface (732) of the printed circuit board (730) includes at least one on-cell indicator terminal contact (740). The bottom surface (734) of the printed circuit board (730) includes at least one electrochemical cell contact (743). The at least one electrochemical cell contact (743) is in electrical connection with the first terminal (712) of the at least one electrochemical cell (710) through a tab interconnect (780). The spacer (770) includes a top surface (772), a bottom surface (774), and side surface (776). The spacer (770) is placed between the printed circuit board (730) and the electrochemical cell (710). The top surface (772) of the spacer (770) is in contact with the bottom surface (734) of the printed circuit board (730). The bottom surface (774) of the spacer (770) is in contact with the second terminal (714) of the electrochemical cell (710). The at least one conductive trace (750) includes an on-cell indicator interconnect (753) and a printed circuit board interconnect (756). The on-cell indicator interconnect (753) is in electrical connection with the at least one on-cell indicator terminal (722). The printed circuit board interconnect (756) is in electrical connection with the at least one on-cell indicator terminal contact (740). The at least one integrated circuit (760) is in electrical connection with the printed circuit board (730).

surface (734), and a side surface (736). The top surface (732) of the printed circuit board (730) includes at least one on-cell indicator terminal contact (740). The bottom surface (734) of the printed circuit board (730) includes a first electrochemical cell contact (744) and a second electrochemical cell contact (745). The first electrochemical cell contact (744) is in electrical connection with the first terminal (712) of the at least one electrochemical cell (710). The spacer (770) includes a top surface (772), a bottom surface (774), and side surface (776). The spacer (770) is placed between the printed circuit board (730) and the electrochemical cell (710). The top surface (772) of the spacer (770) includes a spacer printed circuit board contact (779). The spacer printed circuit board contact (779) is in electrical connection with the second electrochemical cell contact (745) on the bottom surface (734) of the printed circuit board (730). The bottom surface (774) of the spacer (770) includes a spacer electrochemical cell contact (778). The spacer electrochemical cell contact (778) is in electrical connection with the second terminal (714) of the at least one electrochemical cell (710). The at least one conductive trace (750) includes an on-cell indicator interconnect (753) and a printed circuit board interconnect (756). The on-cell indicator interconnect (753) is in electrical connection with the at least one on-cell indicator terminal (722). The printed circuit board interconnect (756) is in electrical connection with the at least one on-cell indicator terminal contact (740). The at least one integrated circuit (760) is in electrical connection with the printed circuit board (730).

Referring to FIG. 8, a battery including an on-cell indicator is shown. The battery including an on-cell indicator includes at least one electrochemical cell (810); at least one on-cell indicator (820); a printed circuit board (830); a spacer (870); a first conductive trace (851); a second conductive trace (852); and at least one integrated circuit (860). The at least one electrochemical cell (810) includes a first terminal (812) and a second terminal (814). The at least one on-cell indicator (820) is an antenna. The on-cell indicator (820), *e.g.*, the antenna, includes a first on-cell indicator terminal (823) and a second on-cell indicator terminal (824). The printed circuit board (830) includes a top surface (832), a bottom surface (834), and a side surface (836). The top surface (832) of the printed circuit board (830) includes a first on-cell indicator terminal contact (841) and a second on-cell indicator contact (842). The bottom surface (834) of the printed circuit board (830) includes at least one electrochemical cell contact (843). The at least one electrochemical cell contact (843) is in electrical connection with the first terminal (812) of the at least one electrochemical cell (810). The spacer (870) includes a top surface (872), a bottom surface (874), and side surface (876).

The spacer (870) is placed between the printed circuit board (830) and the electrochemical cell (810). The top surface (872) of the spacer (870) is in contact with the bottom surface (834) of the printed circuit board (830). The bottom surface (874) of the spacer (870) is in contact with the second terminal (814) of the electrochemical cell (810). The first conductive trace (851) includes a first on-cell indicator interconnect (854) and a first printed circuit board interconnect (857). The first on-cell indicator interconnect (854) is in electrical connection with the first on-cell indicator terminal (823). The first printed circuit board interconnect (857) is in electrical connection with the first on-cell indicator terminal contact (841). The second conductive trace (852) includes a second on-cell indicator interconnect (855) and a second printed circuit board interconnect (858). The second on-cell indicator interconnect (855) is in electrical connection with the second on-cell indicator terminal (824). The second printed circuit board interconnect (858) is in electrical connection with the second on-cell indicator terminal contact (842). The at least one integrated circuit (860) is in electrical connection with the printed circuit board (830).

Referring to FIG. 9, a battery including an on-cell indicator is shown. The battery including an on-cell indicator includes at least one electrochemical cell (910); at least one on-cell indicator (920); a printed circuit board (930); a spacer (970); a first conductive trace (951); a second conductive trace (952); and at least one integrated circuit (960). The at least one electrochemical cell (910) includes a first terminal (912) and a second terminal (914). The at least one on-cell indicator (920) is an antenna. The on-cell indicator (920), *e.g.*, the antenna, includes a first on-cell indicator terminal (923) and a second on-cell indicator terminal (924). The printed circuit board (930) includes a top surface (932), a bottom surface (934), and a side surface (936). The top surface (932) of the printed circuit board (930) includes a first on-cell indicator terminal contact (941) and a second on-cell indicator terminal contact (942). The bottom surface (934) of the printed circuit board (930) includes a first electrochemical cell contact (944) and a second electrochemical cell contact (945). The first electrochemical cell contact is in electrical connection with the first terminal (912) of the at least one electrochemical cell (910). The spacer (970) includes a top surface (972), a bottom surface (974), and side surface (976). The spacer (970) is placed between the printed circuit board (930) and the electrochemical cell (910). The top surface (972) of the spacer (970) includes a spacer printed circuit board contact (979). The spacer printed circuit board contact (979) is in electrical connection with the second electrochemical cell contact (945) on the bottom surface (934) of the printed circuit board (930). The bottom surface (974) of the spacer (970) includes a spacer

electrochemical cell contact (978). The spacer electrochemical cell contact (978) is in electrical connection with the second terminal (914) of the at least one electrochemical cell (910). The first conductive trace (951) includes a first on-cell indicator interconnect (954) and a first printed circuit board interconnect (957). The first on-cell indicator interconnect (954) is in electrical connection
5 with the first on-cell indicator terminal (923). The first printed circuit board interconnect (957) is in electrical connection with the first on-cell indicator terminal contact (941). The second conductive trace (952) includes a second on-cell indicator interconnect (955) and a second printed circuit board interconnect (958). The second on-cell indicator interconnect (955) is in electrical connection with the second on-cell indicator terminal (924). The second printed circuit board interconnect (958) is in
10 electrical connection with the second on-cell indicator terminal contact (942). The at least one integrated circuit (960) is in electrical connection with the printed circuit board (930).

Referring to FIG. 10, a printed circuit board (1030) is shown. The printed circuit board (1030) includes a top surface (1032), a bottom surface (1034), and a side surface (1036). The top surface (1032) of the printed circuit board (1030) includes a first on-cell indicator terminal contact
15 (1041) and a second on-cell indicator terminal contact (1042). An integrated circuit (not shown) is in electrical contact with the printed circuit board (1030)

Referring to FIG. 11, another view of the printed circuit board (1130) of FIG. 10 is shown. The top surface (1132) of the printed circuit board (1130) includes the first on-cell indicator terminal contact (1141) and the second on-cell indicator terminal contact (1142). The bottom surface (1134)
20 of the printed circuit board (1130) includes the first electrochemical cell contact (1144), the second electrochemical cell contact (1146), and the integrated circuit (1160).

Referring to FIG. 12, another view of the printed circuit board (1230) of FIGS. 10 and 11 is shown. The top surface (1232) of the printed circuit board (1230) includes the first on-cell indicator terminal contact (1241) and the second on-cell indicator terminal contact (1242).

Referring to FIG. 13, another view of the printed circuit board (1330) of FIGS. 10, 11, and 12 is shown. The bottom surface (1334) of the printed circuit board (1330) includes the first electrochemical cell contact (1344), the second electrochemical cell contact (1345), and the
25 integrated circuit (1360).

Referring to FIG. 14, a spacer (1470) is shown. The spacer includes a top surface (1472), a bottom surface (1474), and a side surface (1476). The top surface (1472) of the spacer (1470) includes the at least one spacer printed circuit board contact (1479).

Referring to FIG. 15, another view of the spacer (1570) of FIG. 14 is shown. The top surface (1572) of the spacer (1570) includes the least one spacer printed circuit board contact (1579). The bottom surface (1574) of the spacer (1570) includes the at least one spacer electrochemical cell contact (1578).

Referring to FIG. 16, another view of the spacer (1670) of FIGS. 14 and 15 is shown. The top surface (1672) of the spacer (1670) includes the at least one spacer printed circuit board contact (1679).

Referring to FIG. 17, another view of the spacer (1770) of FIGS. 14, 15, and 16 is shown. The bottom surface (1774) of the spacer (1770) includes the at least one spacer electrochemical cell contact (1778).

Referring to FIG. 18, a label (1894) is shown. The label (1894) includes an inner surface (1896). The inner surface (1896) of the label (1894) may be in contact with, for example, the housing of a battery. The inner surface (1896) of the label (1894) includes a first conductive trace (1851) and a second conductive trace (1852). The first conductive trace (1851) includes a first printed circuit board interconnect (1857) and a first on-cell indicator interconnect (1854). The second conductive trace (1852) includes a second printed circuit board interconnect (1858) and a second on-cell indicator interconnect (1855).

Referring to FIG. 19, the label (1994) of FIG. 18 is shown including an insulator (1990). The insulator (1990) on the first conductive trace (1951) and the second conductive trace (1952)

Referring to FIG. 20, the label (2094) of FIGS. 18 and 19 is shown including an on-cell indicator (2020). The on-cell indicator (2020) is an antenna. The antenna (2020) includes at least one antenna trace. The antenna includes a first on-cell indicator terminal (2023) and a second on-cell indicator terminal (2024). The first on-cell indicator interconnect (2054) is in electrical connection with the first on-cell indicator terminal (2023). The second on-cell indicator interconnect (2055) is in electrical connection with the second on-cell indicator terminal (2024). The insulator (2090) is

located between the antenna trace and the first conductive trace (2051) and the second conductive trace (2052).

As used herein, the term “interconnect” refers to a structure associated with one element that is configured to provide a direct electrical connection between the element and another element, for example, the on-cell indicator interconnect. As used herein, the terms “electrical contact,” “electrical connection,” “electrical coupling,” and any permutations thereof should not be limited to direct, or immediate electrical connections only. That is, such terms should not be limited to those connections where one recited element directly contacts or touches another recited element. The term “direct electrical connection” and any permutation thereof, on the other hand, should be interpreted as requiring the above-mentioned direct, or immediate, contact between the two recited elements. For example, the phrase “direct electrical connection between an element A and an element B” means that there is no intermediate element C between the elements A and B (excluding, however, soldering alloy, electro-conductive glue, and the like materials that may be used to effectuate a secure direct electrical connection), while the phrase “electrical connection (or coupling) (or contact) between an element A and an element B” should mean that there may or may not be one or more intermediate electrically-conductive elements between the elements A and B.

The dimensions and values disclosed herein are not to be understood as being strictly limited to the exact numerical values recited. Instead, unless otherwise specified, each such dimension is intended to mean both the recited value and a functionally equivalent range surrounding that value. For example, a dimension disclosed as “40 mm” is intended to mean “about 40 mm.”

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While particular embodiments of the present invention have been illustrated and described, it would be obvious to those skilled in the art that various other changes and modifications can be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention. It is therefore intended to cover in the appended claims all such changes and modifications that are within the scope of this
5 invention.

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A battery including an on-cell indicator comprising:

at least one electrochemical cell, the at least one electrochemical cell including a first terminal and a second terminal;

at least one on-cell indicator; the at least one on-cell indicator comprising at least one on-cell indicator terminal;

a printed circuit board, the printed circuit board comprising at least one on-cell indicator terminal contact and at least one electrochemical cell contact;

the at least one electrochemical cell contact in electrical connection with the first terminal of the at least one electrochemical cell;

at least one conductive trace, the at least one conductive trace comprising an on-cell indicator interconnect and a printed circuit board interconnect;

the on-cell indicator interconnect in electrical connection with the at least one on-cell indicator terminal;

the printed circuit board interconnect in electrical connection with the at least one on-cell indicator terminal contact; and

at least one integrated circuit, the at least one integrated circuit in electrical connection with the printed circuit board.

2. The battery including an on-cell indicator of claim 1, the printed circuit board assembly comprising at least one spacer, the at least one spacer in electrical connection with the printed circuit board and the electrochemical cell.

3. The battery including an on-cell indicator of claim 1 comprising a first electrochemical cell contact and a second electrochemical cell contact; the first electrochemical cell contact and the second electrochemical cell contact on a bottom surface of the printed circuit board; the first electrochemical cell contact in electrical connection with the first terminal of the electrochemical cell; and the second electrochemical cell contact in electrical connection with the second terminal of the electrochemical cell.

4. The battery including an on-cell indicator of claim 1 comprising a first electrochemical cell contact and a second electrochemical cell contact; the first electrochemical cell contact on a bottom surface of the printed circuit board; the second electrochemical cell contact on the top surface of printed circuit board; the first electrochemical cell contact in electrical connection with the first
5 terminal of the electrochemical cell; and the second electrochemical cell contact in electrical connection with the second terminal of the electrochemical cell.

5. The battery including an on-cell indicator of claim 1 comprising a first electrochemical cell contact and a second electrochemical cell contact; the first electrochemical cell contact on a bottom
10 surface and a top surface of the printed circuit board; the second electrochemical cell contact on the bottom surface and the top surface of the printed circuit board; the first electrochemical cell contact in electrical connection with the first terminal of the electrochemical cell; and the second electrochemical cell contact in electrical connection with the second terminal of the electrochemical cell.

15 6. The battery including an on-cell indicator of claim 1 comprising a first electrochemical cell contact and a second electrochemical cell contact; the first electrochemical cell contact on a bottom surface and a top surface of the printed circuit board; the second electrochemical cell contact on the bottom surface of the printed circuit board; the first electrochemical cell contact in electrical
20 connection with the first terminal of the electrochemical cell; and the second electrochemical cell contact in electrical connection with the second terminal of the electrochemical cell.

25 7. The battery including an on-cell indicator of claim 1 comprising a first electrochemical cell contact and a second electrochemical cell contact; the first electrochemical cell contact on a bottom surface and a top surface of the printed circuit board; the second electrochemical cell contact on the top surface of the printed circuit board; the first electrochemical cell contact in electrical connection with the first terminal of the electrochemical cell; and the second electrochemical cell contact in electrical connection with the second terminal of the electrochemical cell.

30 8. The battery including an on-cell indicator of claim 1, wherein the integrated circuit is positioned on a bottom surface of the printed circuit board.

9. The battery including an on-cell indicator of claim 1, wherein the integrated circuit is positioned within the printed circuit board.

10. The battery including an on-cell indicator of claim 1, wherein the at least one on-cell indicator terminal contact is positioned on a bottom surface of the printed circuit board or a top surface of the printed circuit.

11. The battery including an on-cell indicator of claim 1, wherein at least one tab interconnect in electrical connection with the at least one electrochemical cell contact of the printed circuit board.

12. The battery including an on-cell indicator of claim 1, the on-cell indicator comprising an antenna.

13. The battery including an on-cell indicator of claim 1, the at least one conductive trace is positioned over at least the first terminal of the electrochemical cell wherein an insulator is between the at least one conductive trace and the first terminal of the electrochemical cell.

14. The battery including an on-cell indicator of claim 11, the on-cell indicator comprising an antenna; the at least one conductive trace is positioned over the antenna; and the insulator is between the at least one conductive trace and the antenna.

15. The battery including an on-cell indicator of claim 11, the insulator comprising a dielectric.

16. The battery including an on-cell indicator of claim 1 further comprising a communications circuit, the communications circuit comprising radio-frequency identification circuitry; near field communication circuitry; Bluetooth circuitry; Bluetooth Low Energy circuitry; Wi-Fi circuitry; Zigbee circuitry; LoRaWan circuitry; Z-wave circuitry; and any combination thereof.

17. The battery including an on-cell indicator of claim 1 further comprising a magnetic diverter.

18. The battery including an on-cell indicator of claim 1, the integrated circuit comprising a memory.

19. A remote battery indication system, the system comprising:

5 at least one reader; and

at least one battery including an on-cell indicator; the at least one battery including an on-cell indicator comprising:

at least one electrochemical cell, the at least one electrochemical cell including a first terminal and a second terminal;

10 at least one on-cell indicator; the at least one on-cell indicator comprising at least one on-cell indicator terminal;

a printed circuit board, the printed circuit board comprising at least one on-cell indicator terminal contact and at least one electrochemical cell contact;

15 the at least one electrochemical cell contact in electrical connection with the first terminal of the at least one electrochemical cell;

at least one conductive trace, the at least one conductive trace comprising an on-cell indicator interconnect and a printed circuit board interconnect;

the on-cell indicator interconnect in electrical connection with the at least one on-cell indicator terminal;

20 the printed circuit board interconnect in electrical connection with the at least one on-cell indicator terminal contact;

at least one integrated circuit, the at least one integrated circuit in electrical connection with the printed circuit board; and

a communication circuit.

25 20. The remote battery indication system of claim 19, the at least one battery including an on-cell indicator comprising a magnetic diverter and an insulator wherein the at least one on-cell indicator comprises an antenna; the at least one conductive trace is positioned over the antenna; and the insulator is between the at least one conductive trace and the antenna.

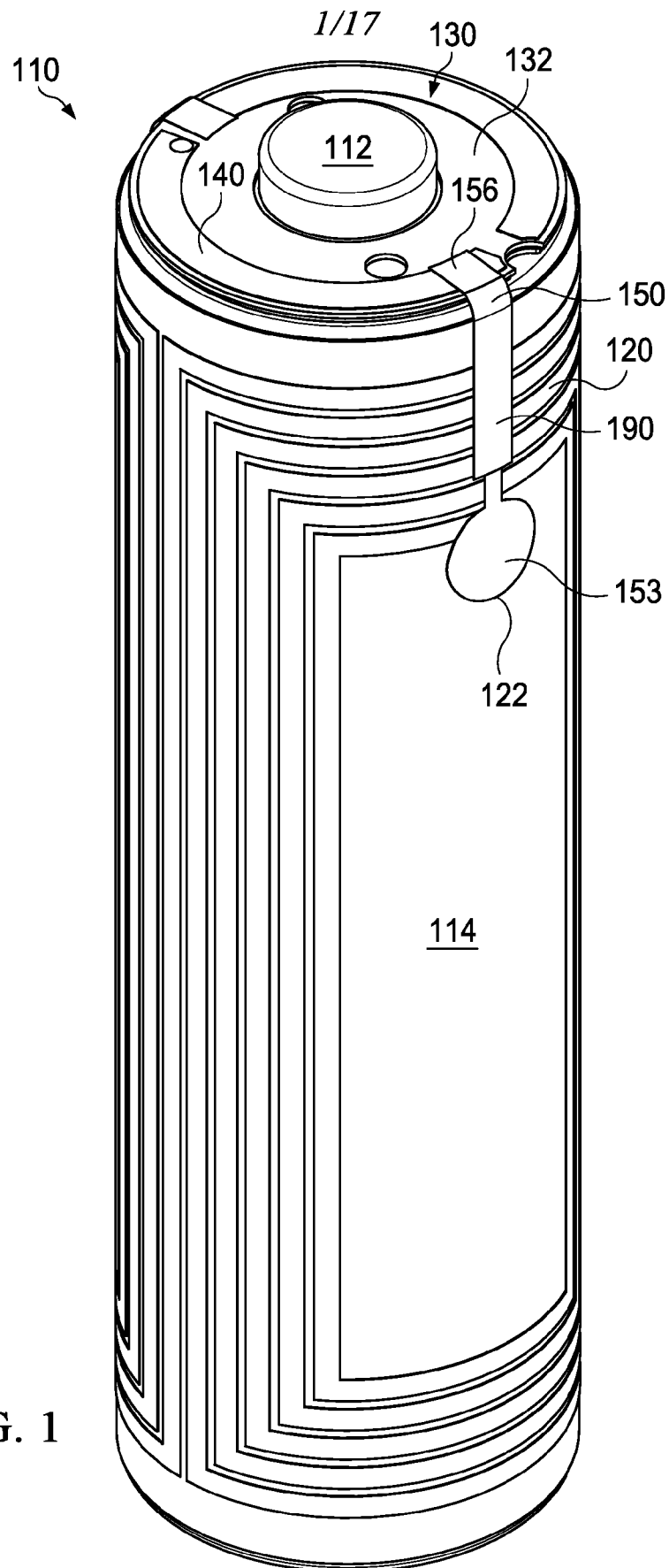


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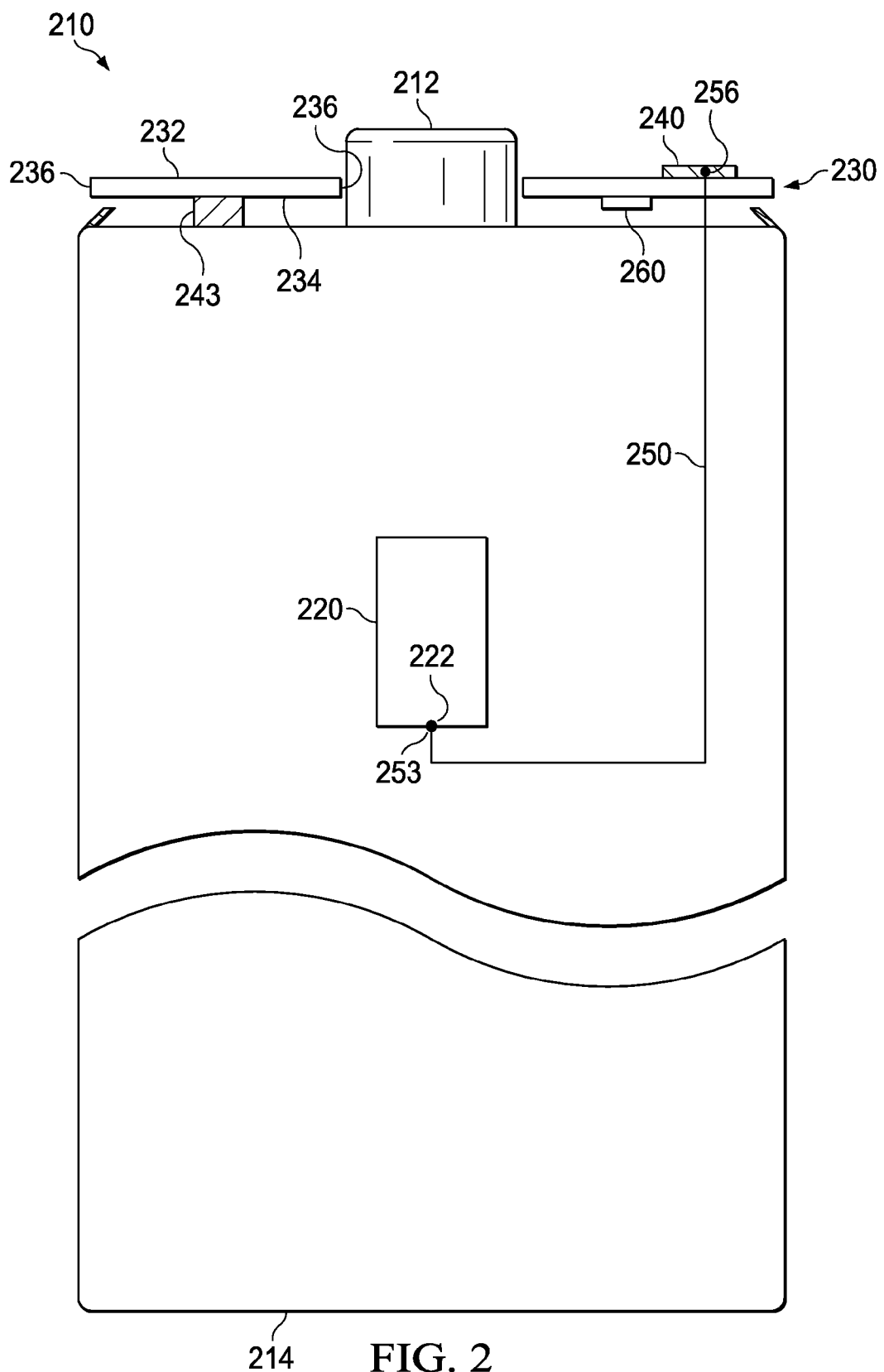


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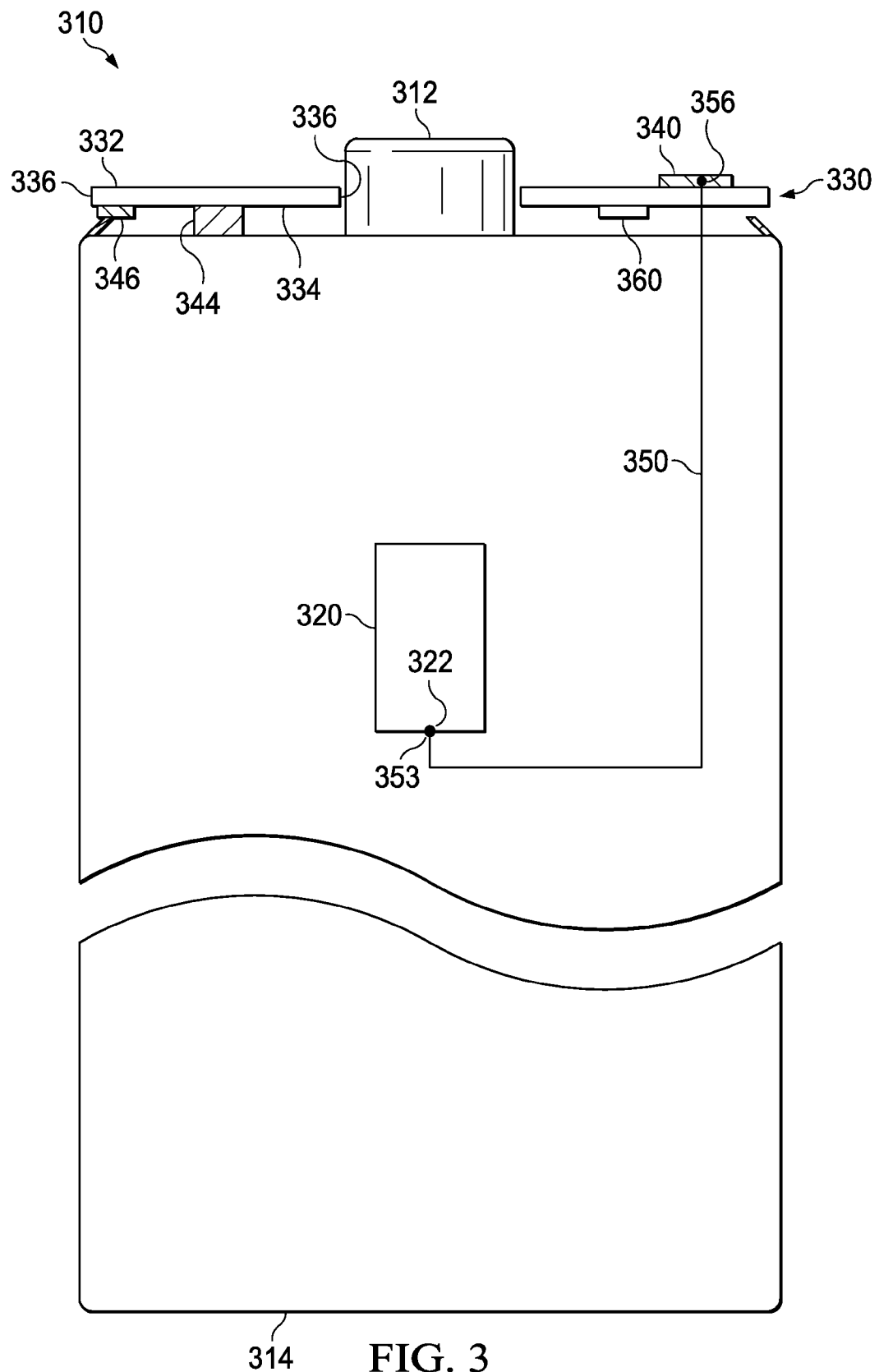


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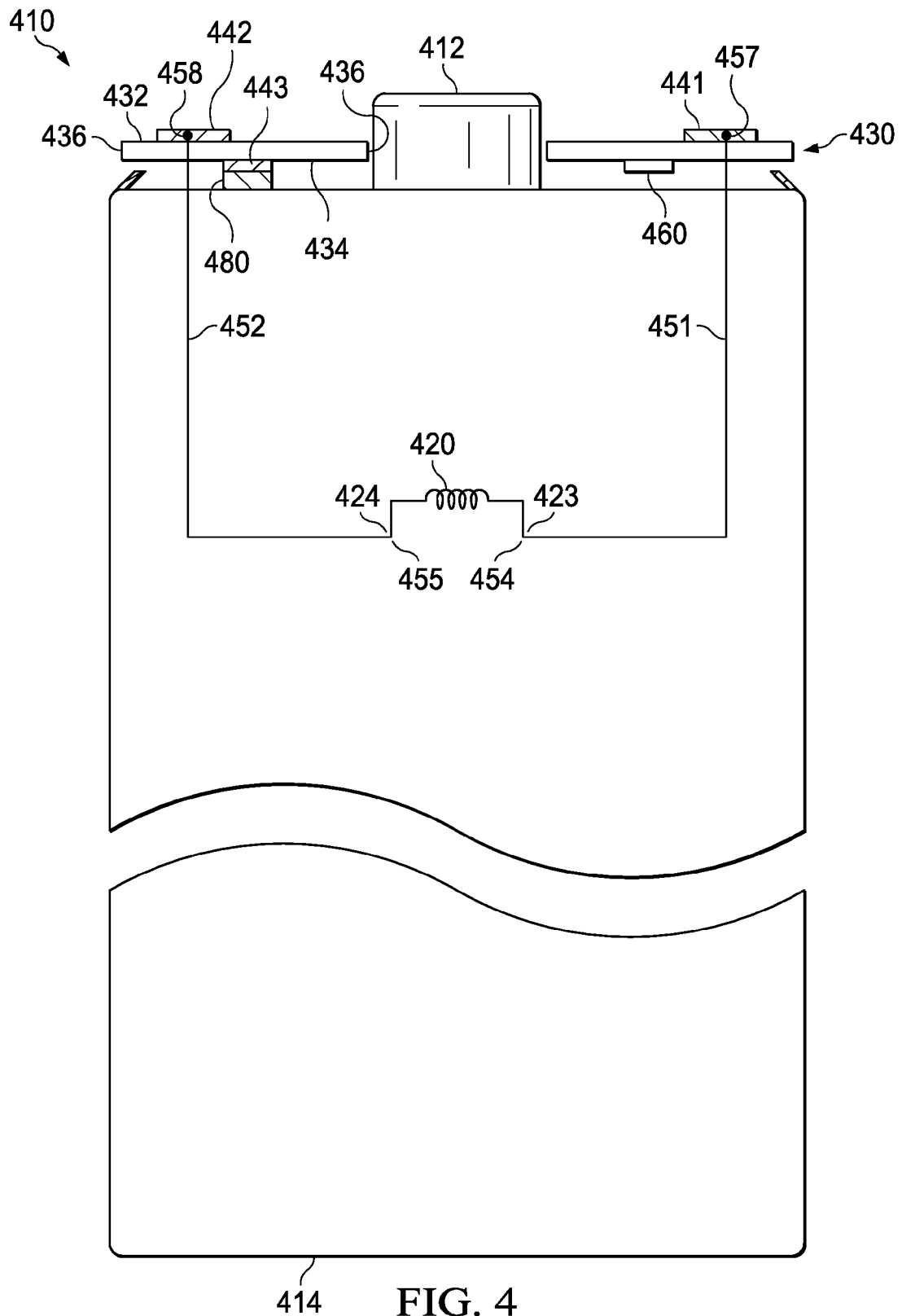
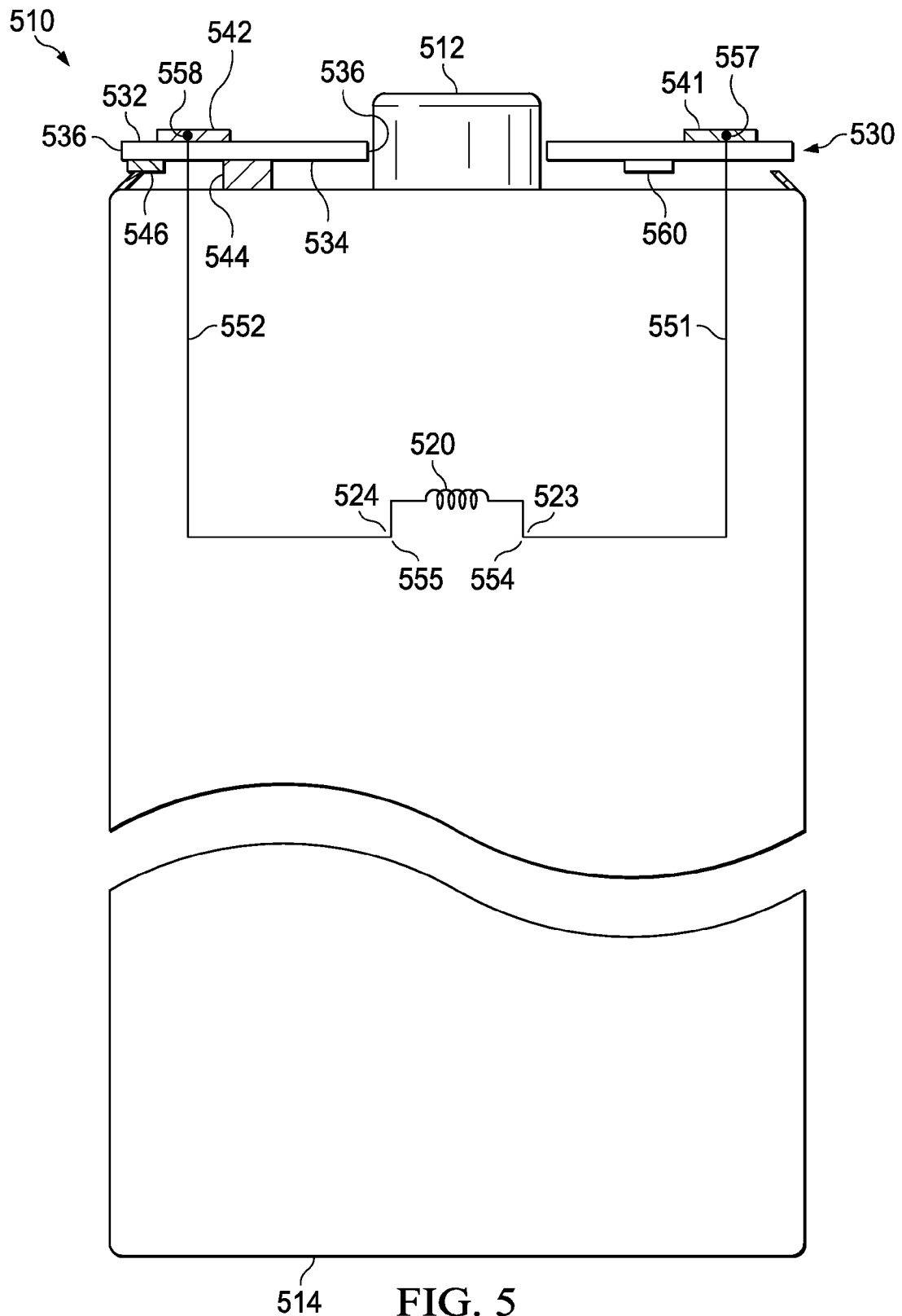


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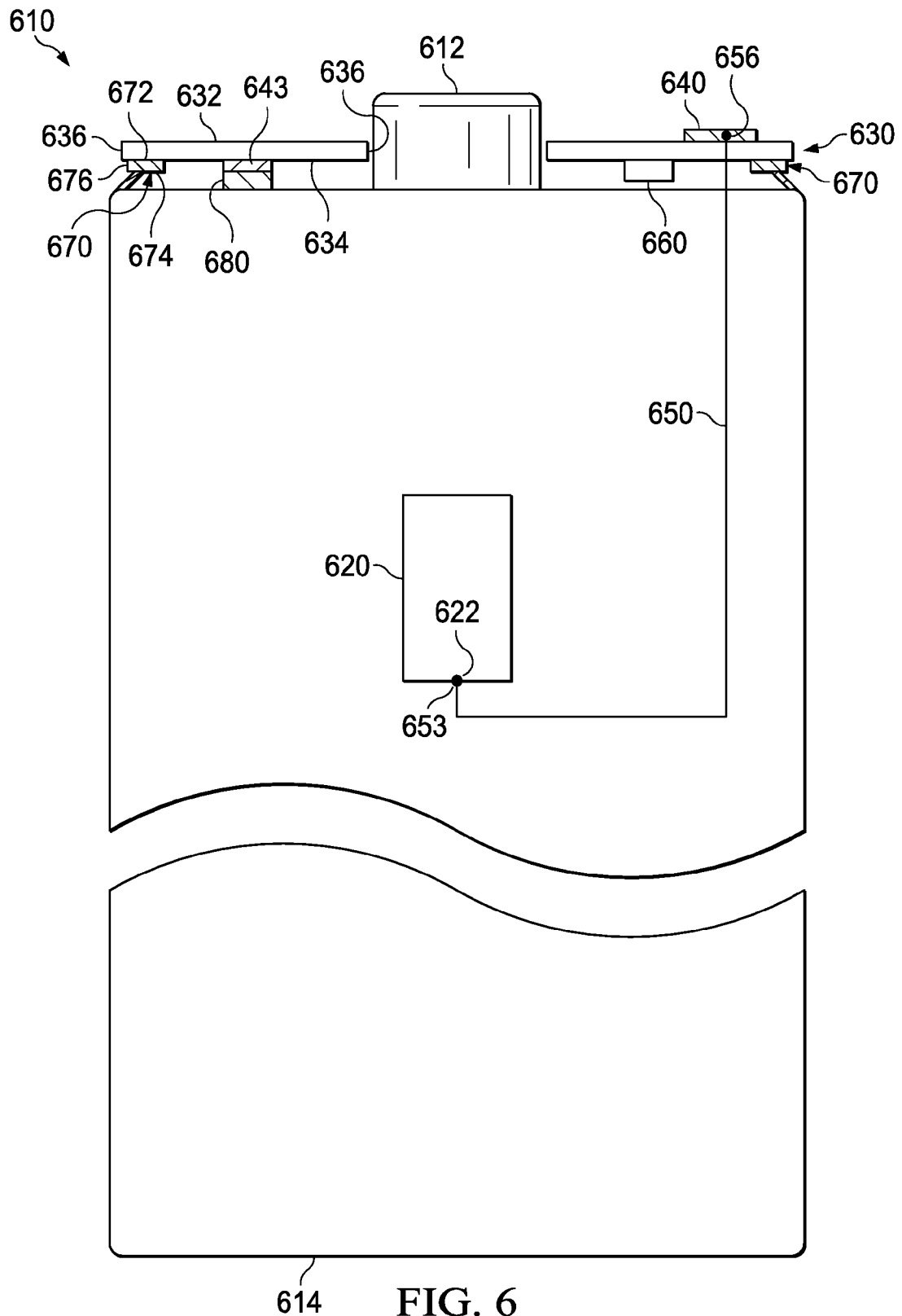


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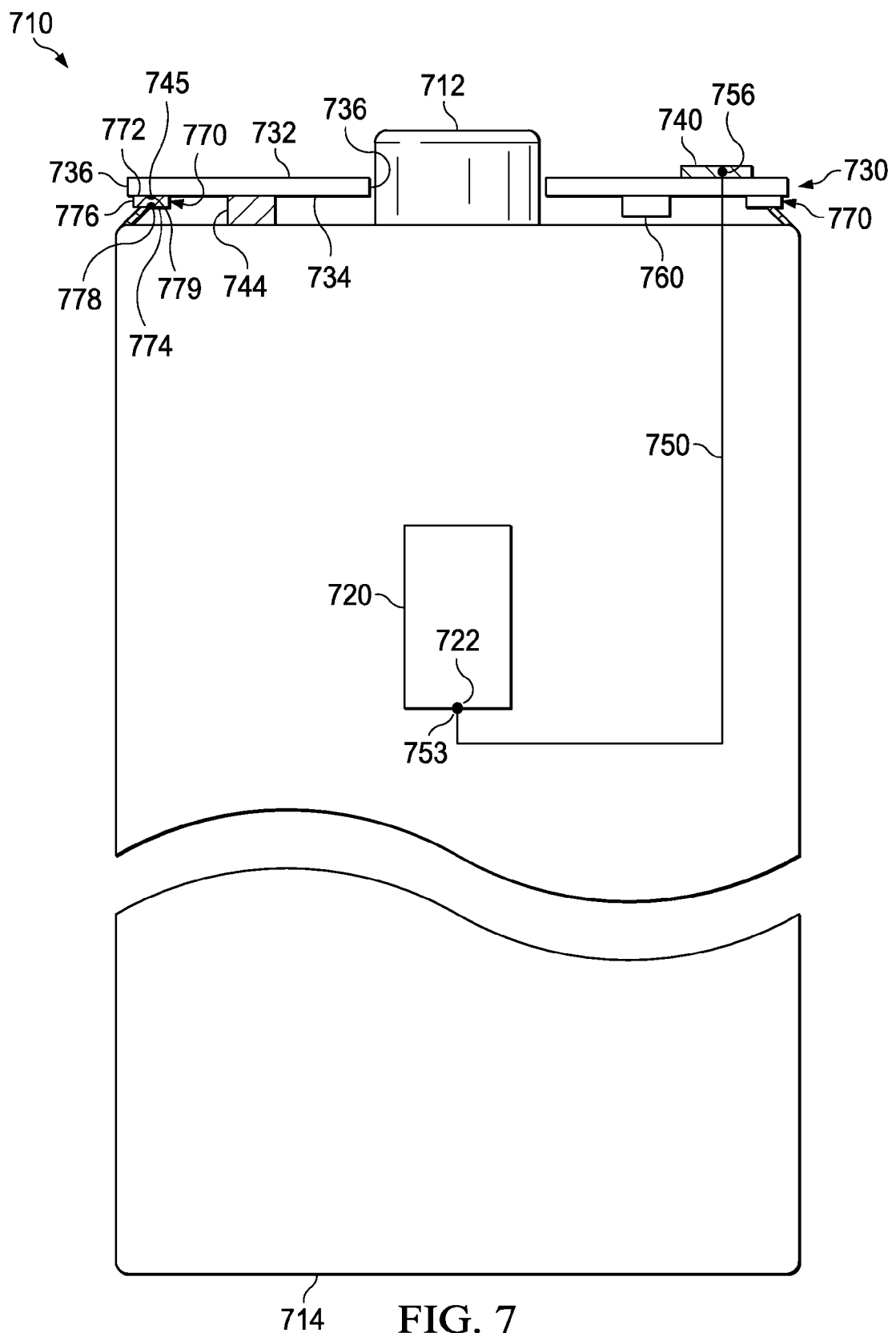


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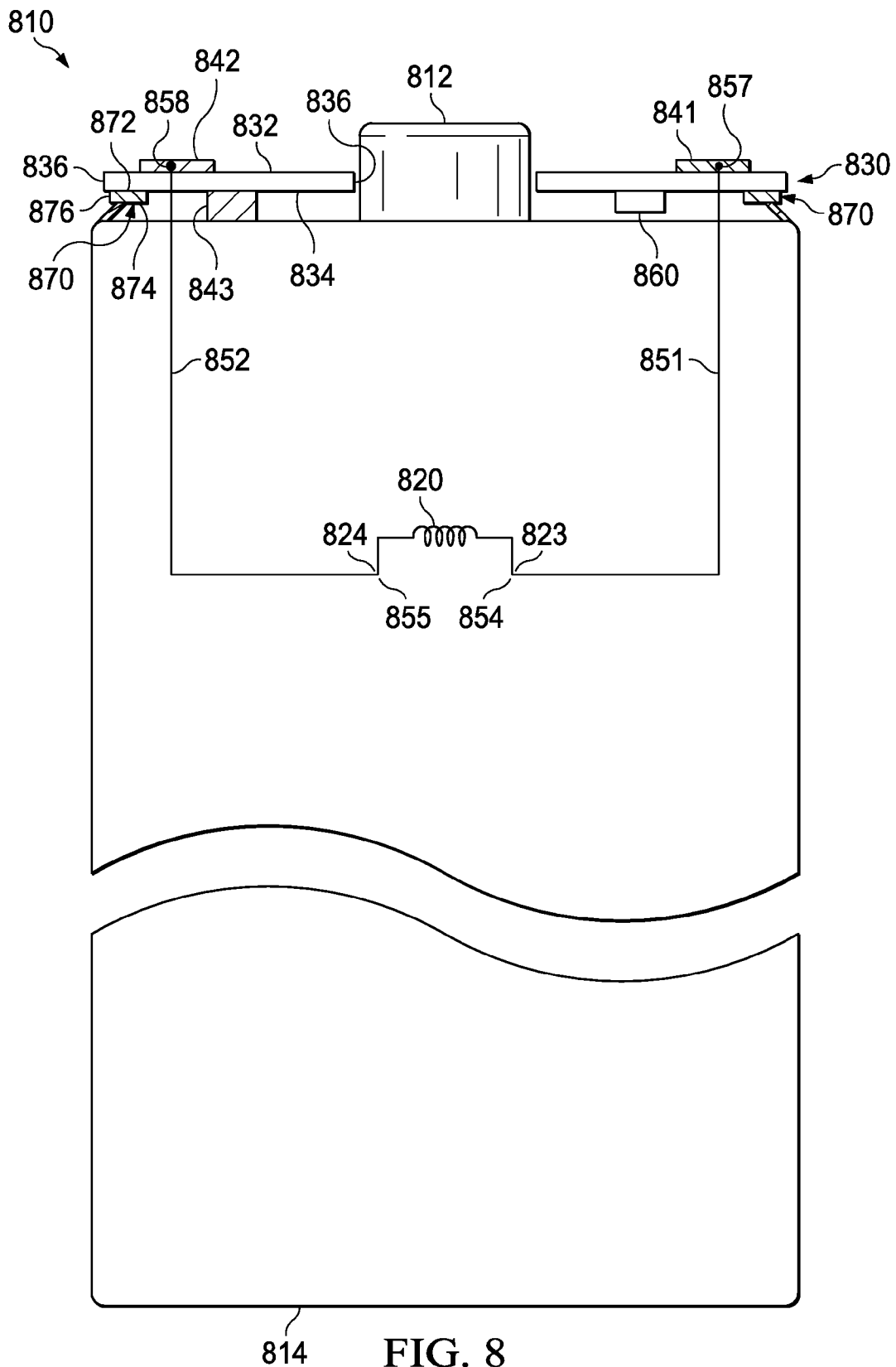


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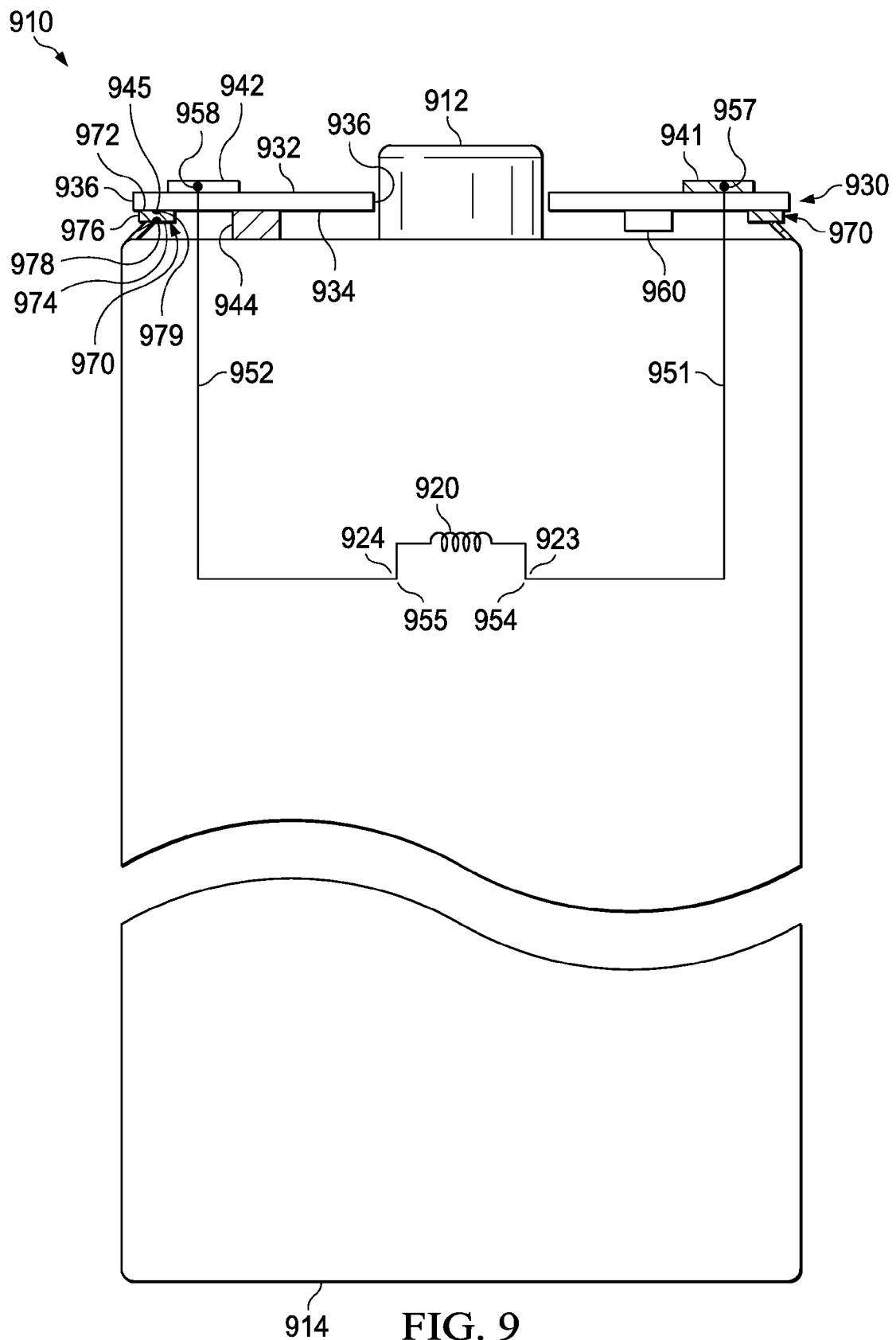
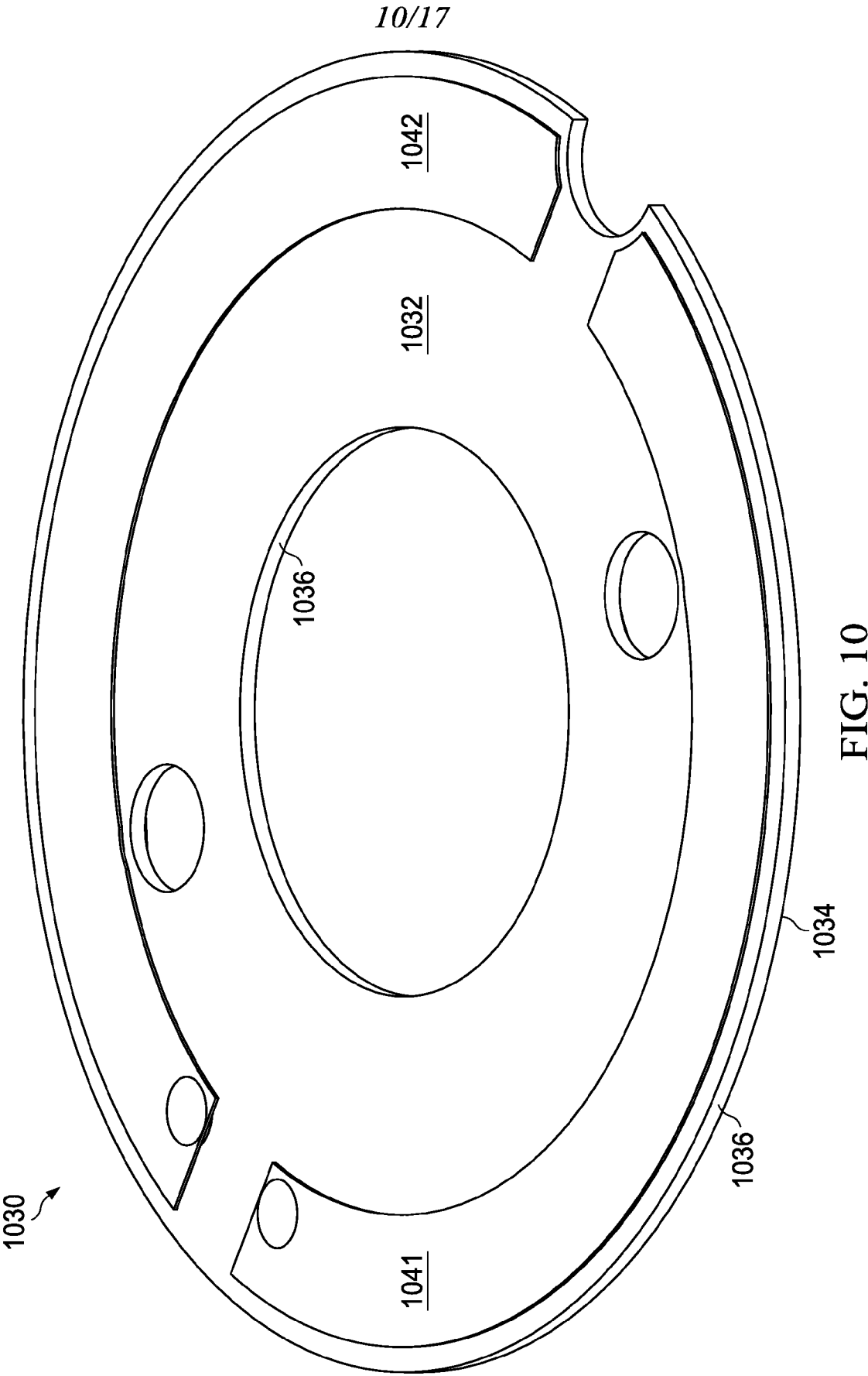
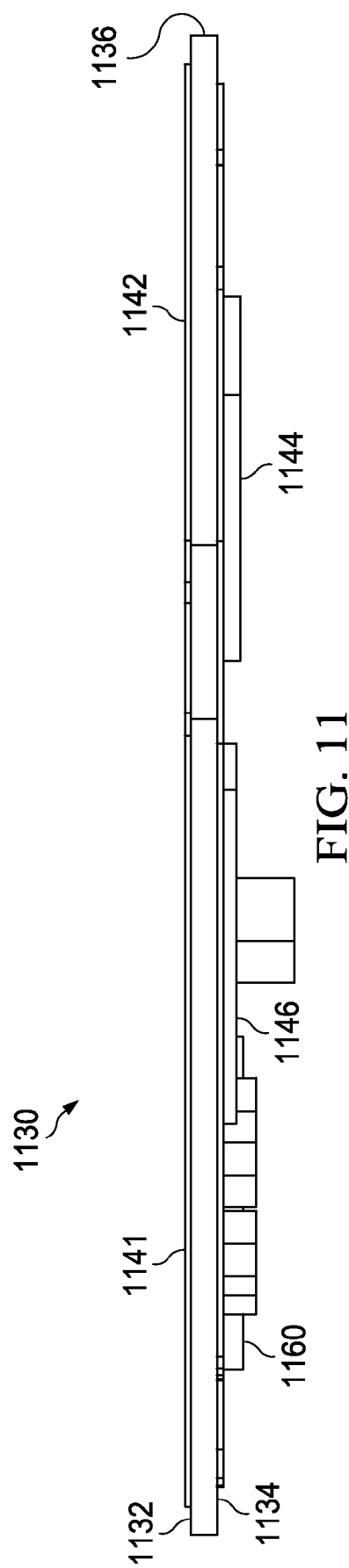
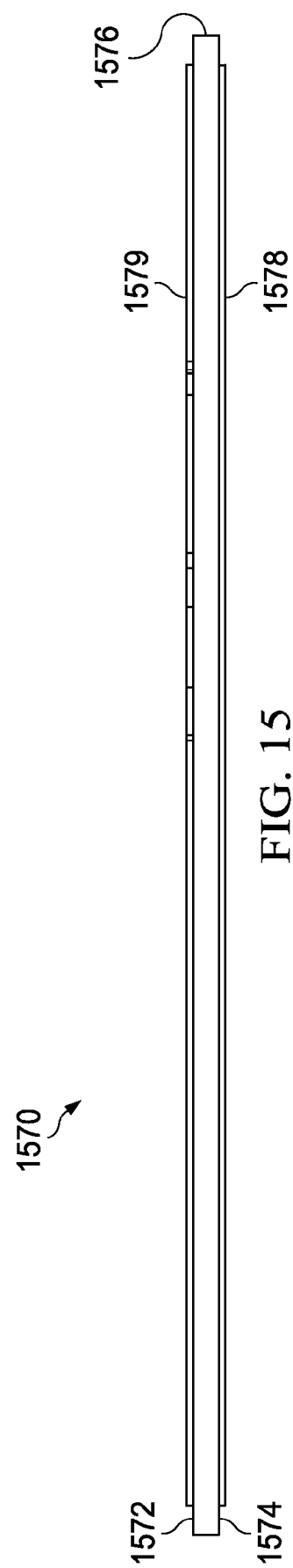


FIG. 9





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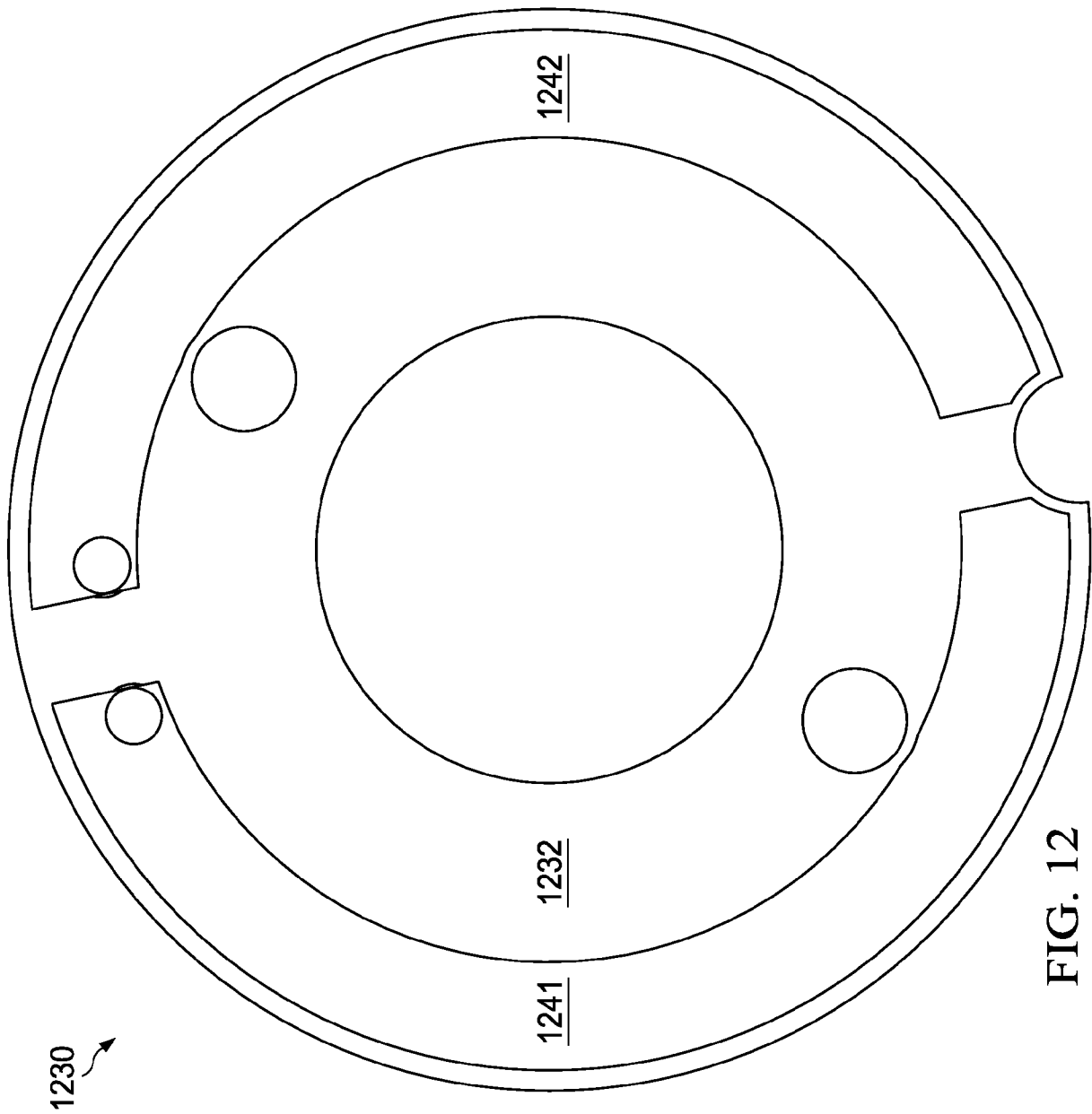


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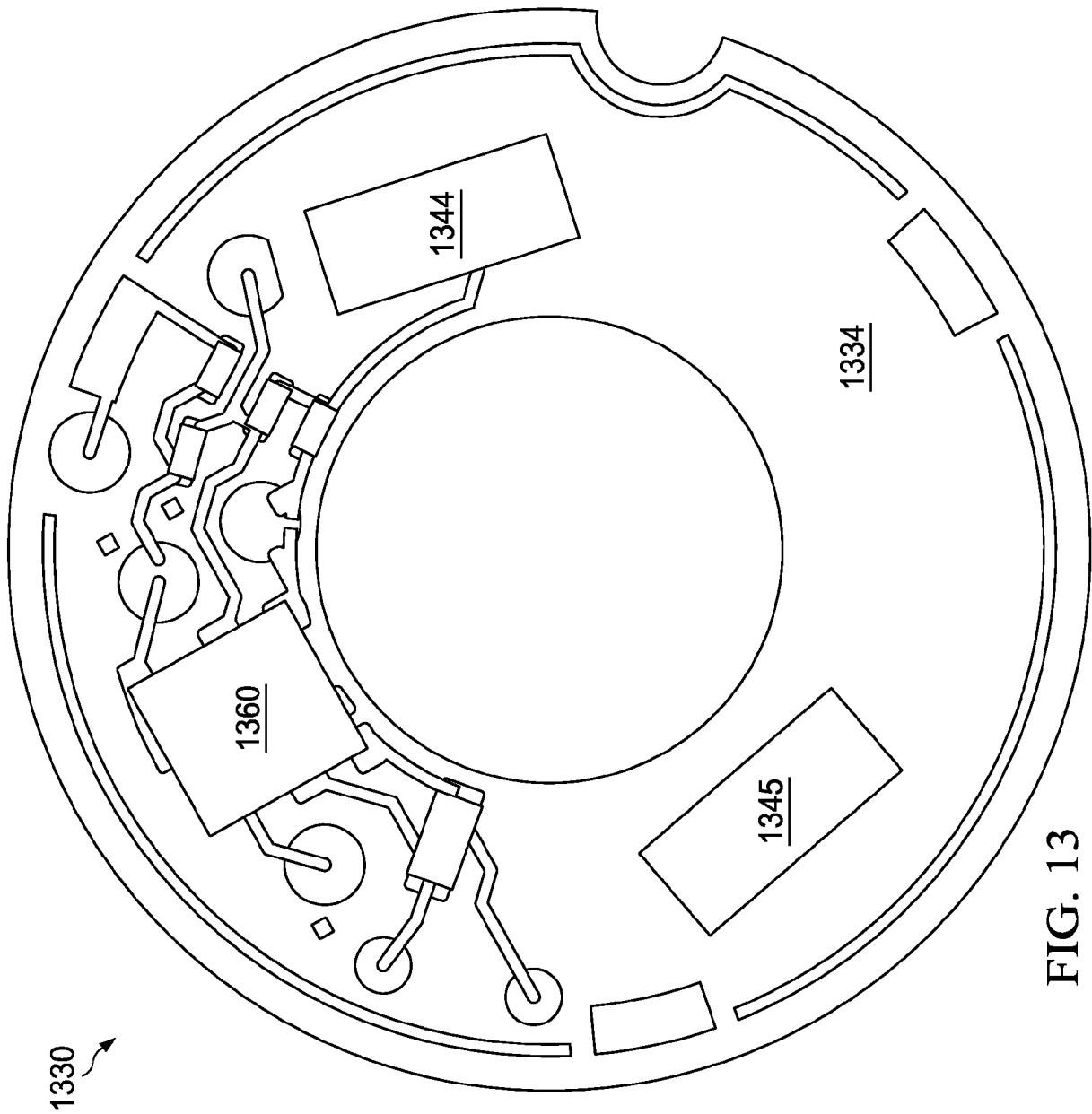


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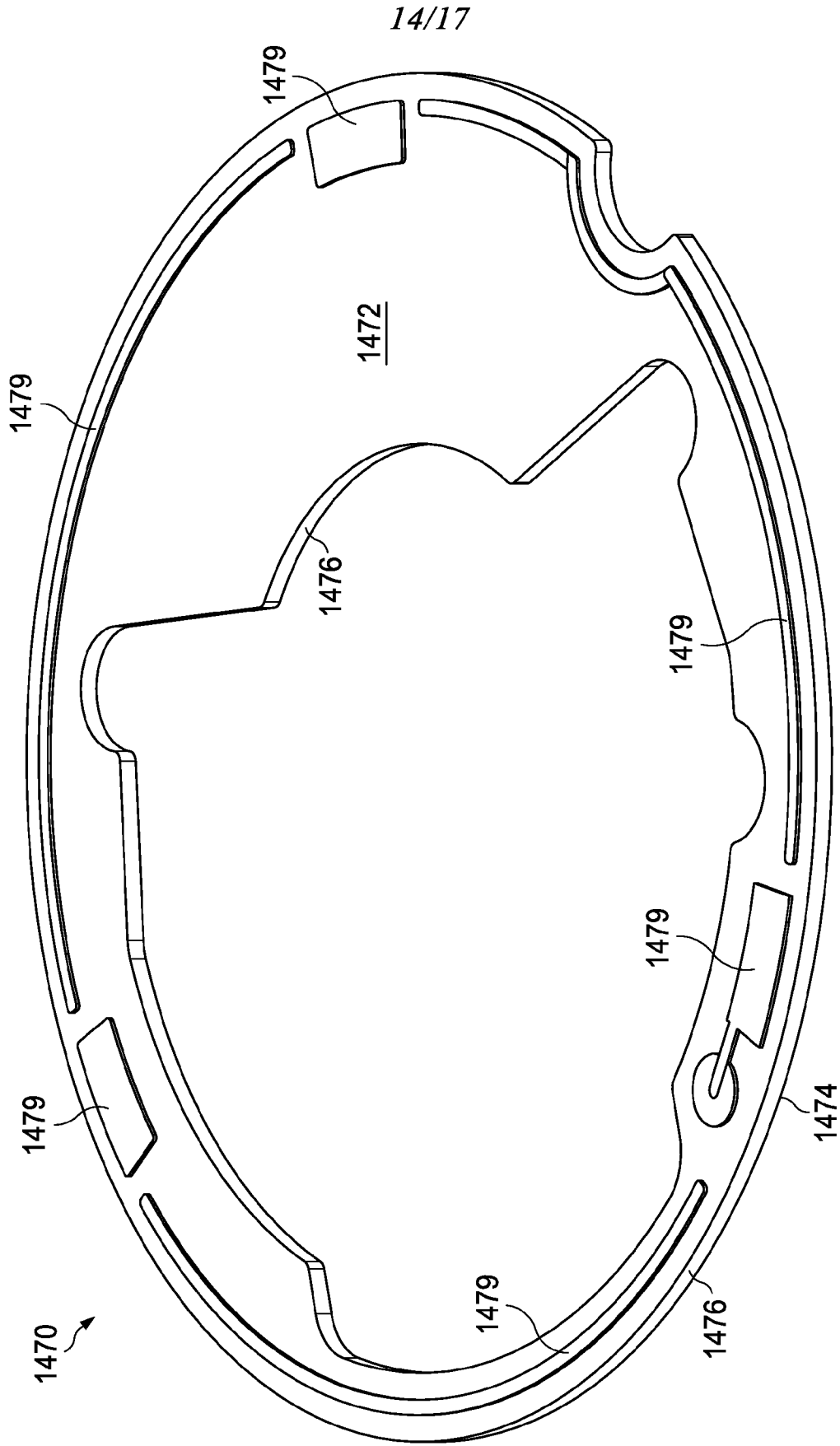


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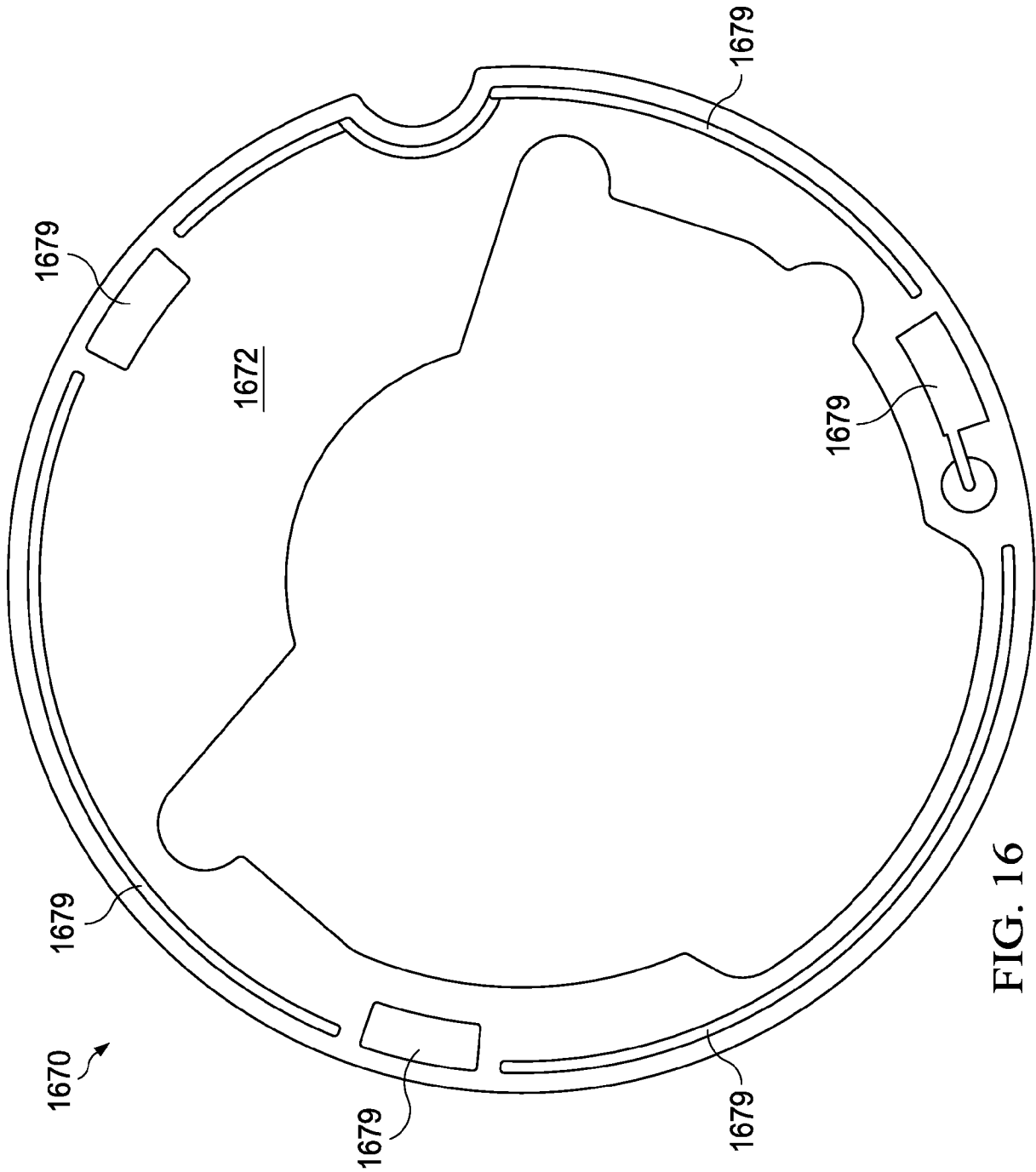


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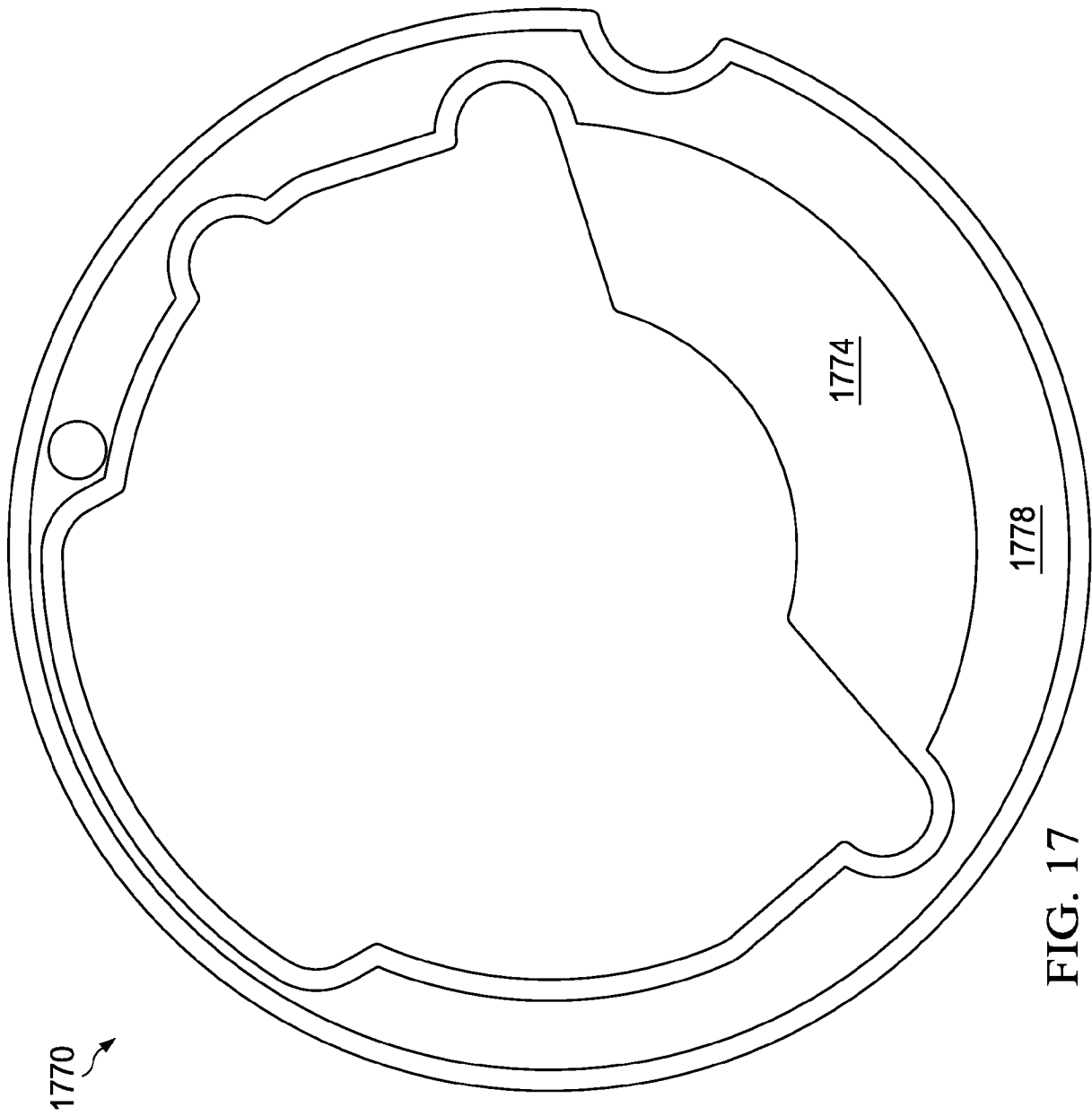


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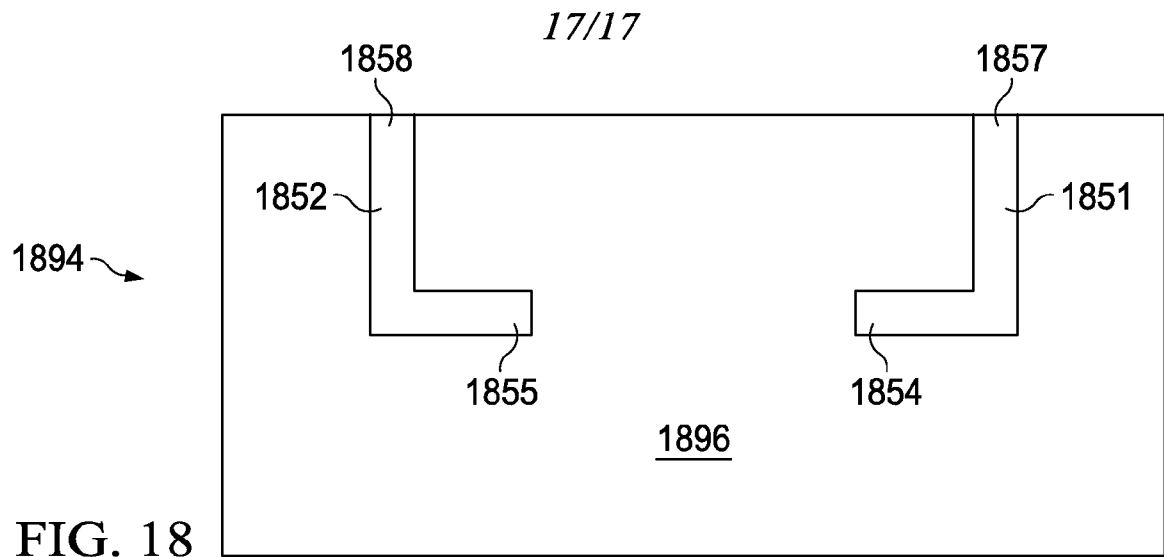


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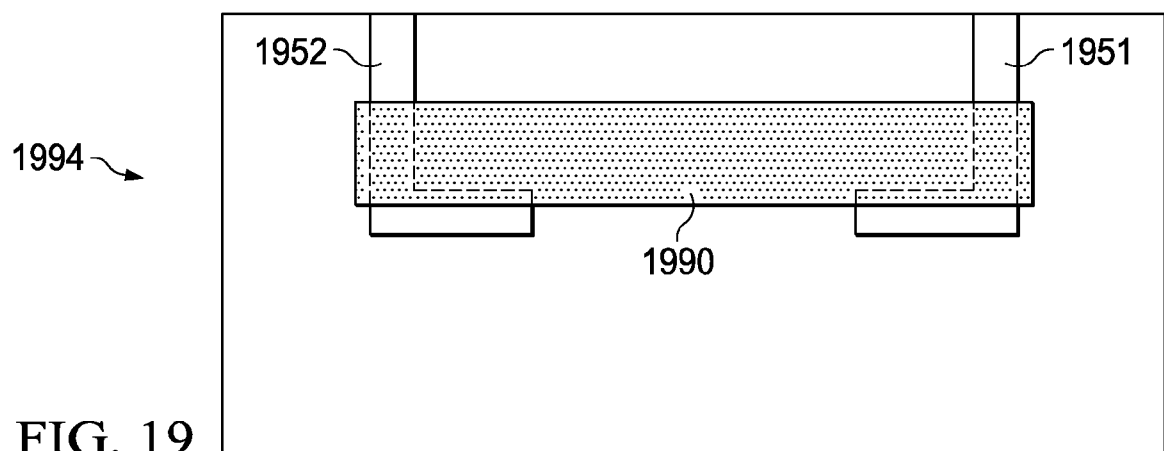


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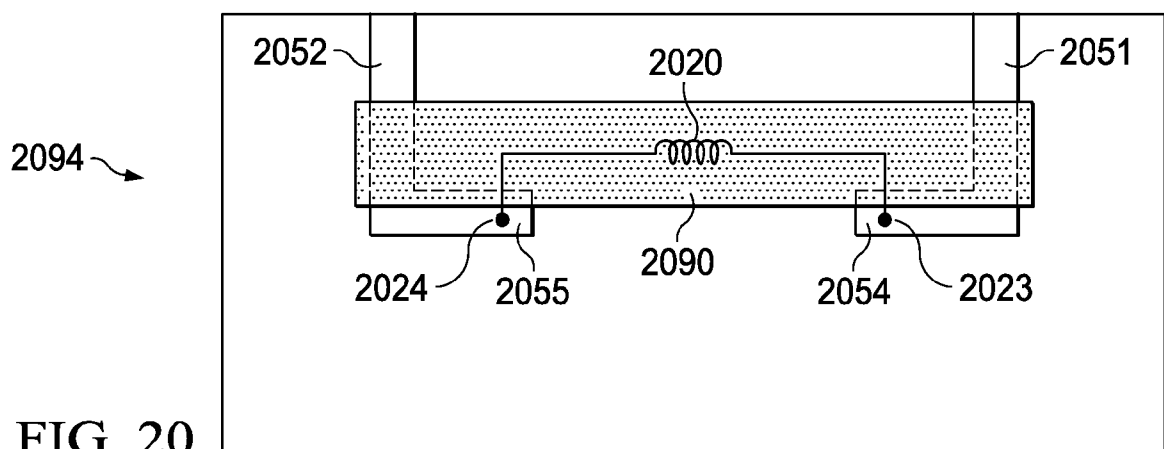


FIG. 20