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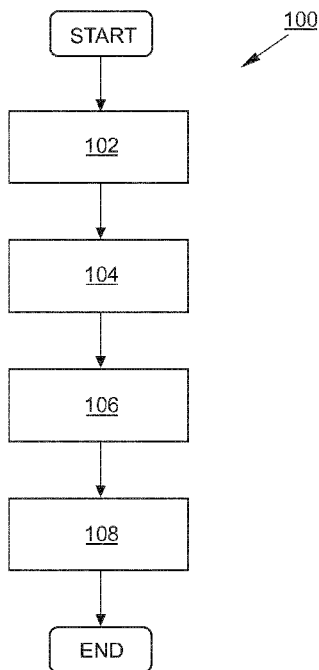


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: Embodiments relate to a concept for initiating a charging process of an electric vehicle according to predefined charging preferences. Thereby an association between the electric vehicle and a user profile comprising the predefined charging preferences is established, wherein the user profile is stored in a memory within a distributed processing network. A charging request message related to the electric vehicle is provided to a remote charging request message processor of the distributed processing network, the charging request message indicating a charging need of the electric vehicle. The charging request message is processed using the user's predefined charging preferences stored in the user profile to obtain user specific result data, the user specific result data comprising information on one or more charging stations corresponding to the predefined charging preferences. From the remote charging request message processor, a result message related to the electric vehicle is provided in response to the charging request message, the result message comprising the obtained user specific result data for initiating the charging process.

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