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DESCRIPTION

TECHNICAL FIELD

[0001] The described embodiments of the present disclosure relate to communication technology, and in particular to a method, apparatus and system for realizing a virtual subscriber identification module (SIM) card, and also to a mobile terminal.

BACKGROUND

[0002] The mobile terminal usually includes a SIM card tray or socket for the installation of a SIM card. The SIM card may be inserted in the SIM card tray, or the SIM card tray may have a cover for fixing the SIM card. For example, a multi-function electronic device may include a card socket for SIM card, and thus the electronic device has to define an installation hole for the card socket, which may influence the structural integrity of the electronic device. A gap may exist at the position of the card socket, which may cause the problem of water leakage and poor structural strength. Furthermore, due to fabrication error during actual production, the card socket for SIM card may have several problems such as metal burr, installation defects and color aberration. The SIM card installed on the SIM card socket or card tray sometimes may not be identified if the clips in the SIM card socket or card tray is in poor contact with the SIM card. CN101222712A provides a mobile terminal supporting a virtual SIM card and a user identity authentication method thereof. Programs and functions realized by the prior real SIM card are realized by a mobile terminal; account information is written into the mobile terminal through a mobile network by means of a password card as well as the local retrofit and the program updating to mobile network equipment; and an account is not activated by selling the real SIM card. CN101222712A realizes that the mobile terminal supporting a virtual SIM card can simply use local mobile networks to communicate by purchasing one password card in other countries or across provinces or municipalities, thereby reducing roaming fees, reducing the consumption of the SIM card, reducing the waste of the resource, and reducing customer complaints brought by the incompatibility of the mobile terminal and the SIM card. CN101222712A provides a convenient, flexible, safe mode of using mobile phones in different places. The mobile terminal supporting the virtual SIM card is advantageous to the realization of new functions of the mobile terminal and the decrease of the design cost, and ensures that the popularization of the new functions gets easier.

CN105554687A relates to a networking working method of intelligent equipment, a device and the intelligent equipment. The method comprises a step of receiving the virtual SIM card information sent by a mobile phone through a short-range wireless network, a step of storing the virtual SIM card information, and a step of connecting a cellular mobile network by using the stored virtual SIM card information. According to the technical scheme, in the condition that the intelligent equipment has no network infrastructure environment (such as outdoor) and is not provided with a real SIM card, the intelligent equipment still can connect the network at any

time and any place, thus the intelligent equipment can connect the cellular mobile network without the limit of an environment, the cellular mobile network is used to work, the arrangement of the real SIM card in the intelligent equipment and the arrangement of the hardware facility of installing the real SIM card are not needed, and the internal space and product cost of the intelligent equipment can be saved.

SUMMARY

[0003] The invention is defined by the independent claims.

[0004] The implementation of the present disclosure may improve the structural integrity, waterproofness of the mobile terminal, and enhance the SIM card connection.

[0005] In an aspect, a mobile terminal is provided. The mobile terminal includes: a main board; and a virtual subscriber identification module (SIM) card chip attached on the main board and electrically connected to the main board without usage of a card socket or a card tray; wherein, the virtual SIM card chip is an integrated circuit chip.

[0006] In another aspect, a system with the above mobile terminal is provided. The system further comprises: a card reader coupled with the mobile terminal; and an external SIM card inserted in the card reader and storing SIM card information, wherein the mobile terminal identifies the SIM card information stored in the external SIM card and copies the SIM card information to the virtual SIM card chip.

[0007] In another aspect, a method for realizing a virtual SIM card is provided. The method includes: controlling a card reader by a mobile terminal to read SIM card information of an external SIM card, wherein, the mobile terminal comprises a main board and a virtual SIM card chip attached on the main board and electrically connected to the main board without usage of a card socket or a card tray, and the virtual SIM card chip is an integrated circuit chip; copying the SIM card information to the virtual SIM card chip arranged inside the mobile terminal; reading the SIM card information from the virtual SIM card chip and proceeding initialization.

[0008] According to the present disclosure, a method, an apparatus and a system for realizing a virtual SIM card, and a mobile terminal may be provided. The implementation of the present disclosure may improve the structural integrity and waterproofness of the mobile terminal, and enhance the SIM card connection.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0009] The above and/or additional aspects and advantages of the present disclosure would be apparent and easily understood from the following description of embodiments in

conjunction with the accompanying drawings, wherein:

FIG. 1 illustrates a structural diagram of a virtual SIM card chip installed on a main board according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

FIG. 2 illustrates a schematic diagram of a system for realizing a virtual SIM card according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

FIG. 3 illustrates a schematic diagram of an apparatus for realizing a virtual SIM card according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

FIG. 4 illustrates a schematic diagram of multiple data storage modules of a virtual SIM card chip according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

Description of reference numbers

10	mobile terminal	20	card reader
12	main board	30	data cable
14	virtual SIM card chip	32	USB plug
140	pin	62	detection module
40	information identification module	64	first duplication module
50	initialization module	66	indication module
60	information duplication module	68	second duplication module

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0010] The following embodiments of the disclosure will be described in detail, examples of which are shown in the accompanying drawings, in which the same or similar reference numerals have been used throughout to denote the same or similar elements or elements serving the same or similar functions. The embodiments described below with reference to the accompanying drawings are exemplary only, meaning they are intended to be illustrative of rather than limiting the disclosure.

[0011] In the specification of the present disclosure, it is to be understood that terms such as "thickness", "upper", "lower", "front", "rear", "left", "right", "vertical", "horizontal", "top", "bottom", "inner", "outer" and "circumference" refer to the orientations and locational relations illustrated in the drawings, and for describing the present disclosure and for describing in a simple manner, and which are not intended to indicate or imply that the apparatus or the elements are disposed to locate at the specific directions or are structured and performed in the specific directions, which could not to be understood as limiting the present disclosure.

[0012] In addition, terms such as "first" and "second" are used herein for purposes of description and are not intended to indicate or imply relative importance or significance or to

imply the number of indicated technical features. Thus, the feature defined with "first" and "second" may include one or more of such a feature. In the description of the present disclosure, "a plurality of" means two or more than two, unless specified otherwise.

[0013] In the present disclosure, unless specified or limited otherwise, terms "mounted", "connected", "coupled", "fixed" and the like are used in a broad sense, and may include, for example, fixed connections, detachable connections, or integral connections; may also be mechanical or electrical connections; may also be direct connections or indirect connections via intervening structures; may also be inner communications of two elements, as can be understood by those skilled in the art depending on specific contexts.

[0014] For making the purpose, scheme and advantage of the present disclosure better understood, the present disclosure will be described in detail with reference to the accompanying figures and embodiments.

[0015] The present disclosure provides a mobile terminal. The mobile terminal includes a main board and a virtual subscriber identification module (SIM) card chip attached on the main board and electrically connected to the main board.

[0016] In one embodiment, the virtual SIM card chip includes a plurality of pins for data transmission. The main board comprises a plurality of pads corresponding to and connected with the plurality of pins.

[0017] In one embodiment, the pads include copper.

[0018] In one embodiment, solder paste may be pasted on the pads.

[0019] The present disclosure also provides a system for realizing a virtual SIM card. The system includes: a mobile terminal comprising a main board and a virtual SIM card chip, wherein the virtual SIM card chip is attached on the main board and electrically connected to the main board; a card reader coupled with the mobile terminal; and an external SIM card inserted in the card reader and storing SIM card information, wherein the mobile terminal identifies the SIM card information stored in the external SIM card and copies the SIM card information to the virtual SIM card chip.

[0020] In one embodiment, the virtual SIM card chip comprises a plurality of pins for data transmission; the main board comprises a plurality of pads corresponding to and connected with the plurality of pins.

[0021] In one embodiment, the pads include copper.

[0022] In one embodiment, solder paste may be pasted on the pads.

[0023] In one embodiment, the system further includes a data cable coupled between the card

reader and the mobile terminal.

[0024] In one embodiment, the mobile terminal communicates with the card reader with wireless network signals.

[0025] In one embodiment, the mobile terminal comprises a universal serial bus (USB) interface; the data cable includes a USB plug which is plugged in the USB interface so as to couple the card reader with the mobile terminal.

[0026] Referring to FIGs. 1 and 2, the mobile terminal 10 of the present disclosure may include a main board 12 and a virtual SIM card chip 14. The virtual SIM card chip 14 may be attached on and electrically connected to the main board 12. Since the virtual SIM card chip 14 is attached on and electrically connected to the main board 12, the SIM card function may be achieved without usage of card socket or card tray. Thus, the integrity of the mobile terminal 10 may be improved, problems such as water leakage due to the arrangement of card tray hole may be avoided, and the problem that the SIM card cannot be identified because of the poor connection of the clip in the card socket or the card tray may be avoided. Furthermore, the implementation of the present disclosure may reduce the arrangement area required on the board of the mobile terminal 10, thereby increasing productivity and quality of the mobile terminal 10.

[0027] It should be understood, the virtual SIM card chip 14 may be an integrated circuit chip in which SIM card information may be wrote and stored.

[0028] Referring to FIGs. 1 and 2, in some embodiments, the virtual SIM card chip 14 may include multiple pins 140 for data transmission. The main board 12 may include multiple pads (not shown) corresponding and connected to the pins 140. Thus, the virtual SIM card chip 14 may be electrically connected to the main board 12 by connecting the pins 140 of the virtual SIM card chip with the pads of the main board 12. In some embodiments, the pads may be reserved for the pins 14 of the virtual SIM card chip 14 during circuit design, and may be exposed on the main board 12. The pads may be made of cooper or other conductive material.

[0029] In this embodiment, solder paste may be pasted on the pads of the main board 12 for attaching the virtual SIM card chip 14 on the main board 12, and then an equipment with surface mount technology (SMT) may be utilized to connect the pins 140 of the virtual SIM card chip 14 with the pads, such that the virtual SIM card chip 14 may be electrically connected with the main board 12.

[0030] Referring to FIGs. 1 and 2, the present disclosure also provides a system for realizing a virtual SIM card. The system may include a mobile terminal 10, a card reader 20 connected to the mobile terminal 10 and an external SIM card.

[0031] The mobile terminal 10 may include a main board 12 and a virtual SIM card chip 14.

The virtual SIM card chip 14 may be attached on and electrically connected to the main board 12.

[0032] The card reader 20 may be coupled with the mobile terminal 10.

[0033] The external SIM card (not shown) may be plugged into the card reader 20, and it stores SIM card information. The mobile terminal 10 may be configured to identify the SIM card information of the external SIM card, and copy the SIM card information to the virtual SIM card chip 14.

[0034] Since the virtual SIM card chip 14 is attached on and electrically connected to the main board 12, the SIM card function may be achieved without usage of card socket or card tray. Thus, the integrity of the mobile terminal 10 may be improved, problems such as water leakage due to the arrangement of card tray hole may be avoided, and the problem that the SIM card cannot be identified because of the poor connection of the clip in the card socket or the card tray may be avoided. Furthermore, the implementation of the present disclosure may reduce the arrangement area required on the board of the mobile terminal 10, thereby increasing productivity and quality of the mobile terminal 10. Moreover, the card reader 20 may be coupled with the mobile terminal 10 such that the SIM card information of the external SIM card plugged in the card reader 20 may be copied to the virtual SIM card chip 14. Thus, the virtual SIM card chip 14 may achieve the same function as the external SIM card. Thus, one-to-one correspondence between data of the mobile terminal 10 and the external SIM card may be established. Therefore, communication function or standby function of the mobile terminal 10 may be achieved through the virtual SIM card chip.

[0035] In this embodiment, the SIM card information may include data of the network operator, integrated circuit card identity (ICCID), international mobile subscriber identification number (IMSI), key identifier (KI), short message service platform (SMSP), card number, card name, phone number corresponding to the SIM card and short messages.

[0036] When the SIM card information is copied to the virtual SIM card chip 14, the above-listed information may be all copied to the virtual SIM card chip 14.

[0037] Referring to FIGs. 1 and 2, the virtual SIM card chip 14 may further include multiple pins 140 for data transmission. The main board 12 may include multiple pads (not shown) corresponding and connected to the pins 140. Thus, the virtual SIM card chip 14 may be electrically connected to the main board 12 by connecting the pins 140 of the virtual SIM card chip with the pads of the main board 12. In some embodiments, the pads may be reserved for the pins 14 of the virtual SIM card chip 14 during circuit design, and may be exposed on the main board 12. The pads may be made of copper or other conductive material.

[0038] In this embodiment, solder paste may be pasted on the pads of the main board 12 for attaching the virtual SIM card chip 14 on the main board, and then an equipment with surface mount technology (SMT) may be utilized to connect the pins 140 of the virtual SIM card chip 14

with the pads, such that the virtual SIM card chip 14 may be electrically connected with the main board 12.

[0039] Referring to FIGs. 1 and 2, the system for realizing the virtual SIM card may further include a data cable 30 coupled between the card reader 20 and the mobile terminal 10. The data cable 30 may be utilized to connect the card reader 20 and the mobile terminal 10 such that the SIM card information may be copied to the virtual SIM card chip 14. By using the data cable 30, the transmission is not limited by network, and the SIM card information is not probably revealed. Thus, the connection is better secured, and is simple to set up.

[0040] In other embodiment, a wireless transmission method may alternatively be adopted between the card reader 20 and the mobile terminal 10 so as for copying the SIM card information of the external SIM card to the virtual SIM card chip 14. The wireless transmission method may correspond to Bluetooth, WiFi or Zigbee, which is not limited in the present disclosure.

[0041] Referring to FIGs. 1 and 2, the mobile terminal 10 may further include a universal serial bus (USB) interface (not shown). The data cable 30 may include a USB plug 32 which is plugged in the USB interface for coupling the card reader 20 and the mobile terminal 10. By connecting the USB plug 32 and the USB interface, the card reader 20 may be coupled with the mobile terminal 10, such that the SIM card information of the external SIM card may be copied to the virtual SIM card chip 14.

[0042] When the user uses the data cable 30 to copy the SIM card information, the external SIM card may be inserted in the card reader, and the USB plug 32 of the data cable 30 may be connected with the USB interface of the mobile terminal 10. Then, mobile terminal 10 may automatically identify signals from the USB interface and the card reader 20, and run the driving program 'SimMaster' so as to achieve the reading operation based on procedure.

[0043] After the above operation, the mobile terminal 10 may be rebooted. When the network operator information such as China Mobile, China Unicom, China Telecom or operators of other regions is displayed in the user interface, the SIM card information of the external SIM card may be found in the mobile terminal. In other words, the virtual SIM card chip may function as a functional block which inherits all information of the external SIM card.

[0044] The present disclosure provides a method for implementing a virtual SIM card. The method includes:

controlling a card reader by a mobile terminal to read SIM card information of an external SIM card;

copying the SIM card information to a virtual SIM card chip arranged inside the mobile terminal;

reading the SIM card information from the virtual SIM card chip and proceeding initialization.

[0045] In one embodiment, the step of reading the SIM card information from the virtual SIM card chip and proceeding initialization includes:

automatically identifying the copied SIM card information read from the virtual SIM card chip, running a driving program and generating guiding indication.

[0046] In one embodiment, the step of copying the SIM card information to a virtual SIM card chip arranged inside the mobile terminal comprises:

detecting whether there exists an idle data storage module among data storage modules of the virtual SIM card chip;

when it is detected that there exists the idle data storage module, copying the SIM card information to the idle data storage module of the virtual SIM card chip.

[0047] In one embodiment, the SIM card information includes data of the network operator, integrated circuit card identity (ICCID), international mobile subscriber identification number (IMSI), key identifier (KI), short message service platform (SMSP), card number, card name, phone number corresponding to the SIM card and short messages.

[0048] In one embodiment, the step of detecting whether there exists an idle data storage module among data storage modules of the virtual SIM card chip includes:

when it is detected that there does not exist the idle data storage module, outputting a describing information and an indicating information, wherein the describing information describes data information stored in each of the data storage modules of the virtual SIM card chip, and the indicating information indicates a user to select one of the data storage modules to store the SIM card information;

based on selection made by the user, emptying existing SIM card information in the selected data storage module; and

copying the SIM card information to the selected data storage module.

[0049] Referring to FIGs. 1 to 3, the method for realizing a virtual SIM card of the present disclosure may include the following operations.

[0050] The mobile terminal 10 may control the card reader 20 to acquire the SIM card information of an external SIM card, and to copy the SIM card information to a virtual SIM card chip 14 of the mobile terminal 10.

[0051] The mobile terminal 10 may read the SIM card information stored in the virtual SIM card chip 14, and proceed initialization.

[0052] According to the present disclosure, the mobile terminal 10 may control the card reader 20 to acquire the SIM card information of the external SIM card, and to copy the SIM card information to the virtual SIM card chip 14. Then the virtual SIM card chip 14 may read the copied SIM card information and proceed initialization after the mobile terminal is rebooted. Thus, the virtual SIM card chip 14 may inherit all the SIM card information of the external SIM card, such as the card number and the like.

[0053] In some embodiment, a data cable 30 may be coupled between the card reader 20 and the mobile terminal 10. For copying the SIM card information to the virtual SIM card chip 14, the data cable 30 may be utilized to connect the card reader 20 with the mobile terminal 10. By using the data cable 30, the transmission is not limited by network, and the SIM card information is not probably revealed. Thus, the connection is better secured, and is simple to set up.

[0054] Referring to FIGs. 1 and 2, in some embodiments, the operation of copying the SIM card information of the external SIM card to the virtual SIM card chip 14 of the mobile terminal may include:

detecting whether there exists an idle data storage module among data storage modules of the virtual SIM card chip 14; and

when it is detected that there exists the idle data storage module, copying the SIM card information to the idle data storage module of the virtual SIM card chip.

[0055] In this embodiment, the virtual SIM card chip 14 may be divided into multiple data storage modules, e.g., the data storage module 1, the data storage module 2...the data storage module N (N refers to a natural number greater than 0), as shown in FIG. 4. By detecting whether some of the data storage modules of the virtual SIM card chip 14 are in an idle state, and copying the SIM card information to the idle data storage module during the duplication process, SIM card information related to SIM cards of different network operators may be stored in one virtual SIM card chip 14, or SIM card information related to different SIM cards of one network operator may be stored in one virtual SIM card chip 14. Therefore, the virtual SIM card chip 14 may realize the so-called single-card-multi-standby function.

[0056] It should be understood, when the external SIM card is inserted in the card reader 20, the mobile terminal 10 may control the card reader to identify the SIM card information of the external SIM card, and to detect whether some of the data storage modules of the virtual SIM card chip 14 are in the idle state. If there exists at least one idle data storage module, the SIM card information may be copied to and stored in the idle data storage module.

[0057] In some embodiments, the step of detecting whether there exists an idle data storage module among the data storage modules of the virtual SIM card chip 14 may further include:

outputting a describing information and an indicating information when it is detected that there does not exist the idle data storage module, where the describing information describes data information stored in each of the data storage modules of the virtual SIM card chip, and the indicating information indicates the user to select one of the data storage modules to store the SIM card information; and

emptying existing SIM card information in the selected data storage module based on selection made by the user, and copying the SIM card information to the selected data storage module.

[0058] The user may select the data storage module for storing the SIM card information based on the indicating information so as to copy the SIM card information to the selected data storage module. Thus, the data storage modules may be reused, which may increase the usage ratio of the virtual SIM card.

[0059] The present disclosure provides an apparatus for realizing a virtual SIM card. The apparatus includes: an information identification module, configured to control a card reader to acquire SIM card information of an external SIM card; an information duplication module, configured to copy the SIM card information to a virtual SIM card chip arranged in a mobile terminal; and an initialization module, configured to reboot the mobile terminal, read the SIM card information from the virtual SIM card chip and proceed initialization.

[0060] In one embodiment, the initialization module is configured to automatically identify the copied SIM card information read from the virtual SIM card chip, run a driving program and generate guiding indication.

[0061] In one embodiment, the information duplication module includes: a detection module, configured to detect whether there exists an idle data storage module among data storage modules of the virtual SIM card chip; and a first duplication module, configured to copy the SIM card information to the virtual SIM card chip when it is detected that there exists the idle data storage module.

[0062] In one embodiment, the information duplication module further includes: an indication module, configured to output a describing information and an indicating information when it is detected that there does not exist the idle data storage module, wherein the describing information describes data information stored in each of the data storage modules of the virtual SIM card chip, and the indicating information indicates a user to select one of the data storage modules to store the SIM card information; and a second duplication module, configured to empty existing SIM card information in the selected data storage module based on selection made by the user, and copy the SIM card information to the selected data storage module.

[0063] Referring to FIGs. 2 and 3, the apparatus for realizing a virtual SIM card of the present disclosure may include an information identification module 40, an information duplication module 60 and an initialization module 50.

[0064] The information identification module 40 may be utilized to control the card reader 20 to acquire SIM card information of the external SIM card.

[0065] The information duplication module 60 may be utilized to copy the SIM card information to the virtual SIM card chip 14 of the mobile terminal 10.

[0066] The initialization module 50 may be utilized to reboot the mobile terminal 10, read the copied SIM card information from the virtual SIM card chip 14 and proceed initialization.

[0067] According to the present disclosure, the information identification module 40 may be utilized to control the card reader to acquire SIM card information of the external SIM card. The information duplication module 60 may be utilized to copy the SIM card information to the virtual SIM card chip 14. The initialization module 50 may be utilized to read the copied SIM card information from the virtual SIM card chip 14 and proceed initialization after the mobile terminal 10 is rebooted. Therefore, the virtual SIM card chip 14 may inherit all the SIM card information of the external SIM card such as card number.

[0068] In some embodiments, a data cable 30 may be electrically connected between the card reader 20 and the mobile terminal 10. For copying the SIM card information to the virtual SIM card chip 14, the data cable 30 may be utilized to connect the card reader 20 with the mobile terminal. By using the data cable 30, the transmission is not limited by network, and the SIM card information is not probably revealed. Thus, the connection is better secured, and is simple to set up.

[0069] Referring to FIGs. 2 and 3, the information duplication module 60 may further include a detection module 62 and a first duplication module 64.

[0070] The detection module 62 may be utilized to detect whether there exists an idle data storage module among data storage modules of the virtual SIM card chip 14.

[0071] The first duplication module 64 may be utilized to copy the SIM card information to the idle data storage module of the virtual SIM card chip 14 when the detection module 62 detects that there exists the idle data storage module.

[0072] In this embodiment, the virtual SIM card chip 14 may be divided into multiple data storage modules. The detection module 62 may be utilized to detect whether there exists an idle data storage module among data storage modules of the virtual SIM card chip 14. When it is detected that there exist the idle data storage module, the first duplication module 64 may be utilized to copy the SIM card information to the idle data storage module. By using the first duplication module 64 to copy the SIM card information to the idle data storage module, SIM

card information related to SIM cards of different network operators may be stored in one virtual SIM card chip 14, or SIM card information related to different SIM cards of one network operator may be stored in one virtual SIM card chip 14. Therefore, the virtual SIM card chip 14 may realize the so-called single-card-multi-standby function.

[0073] It should be understood that, when the external SIM card is inserted in the card reader 20, the mobile terminal 10 may control the card reader to identify the SIM card information of the external SIM card. The detection module 62 may be utilized to detect whether there exist an idle data storage module among data storage modules of the virtual SIM card chip 14. When it is detected that there exists the idle data storage module, the first duplication module 64 may be utilized to copy the SIM card information to the idle data storage module.

[0074] Referring to FIGs. 2 and 3, the information duplication module 60 may further include an indication module 66 and a second duplication module 68.

[0075] The indication module 66 may be utilized to output a describing information and an indicating information when the detection module 62 detects that there does not exist the idle data storage module. The describing information describes data information stored in each of the data storage modules, and the indicating information indicates the user to select one of the data storage modules to store the SIM card information.

[0076] The second duplication module 68 may be utilized to empty existing SIM card information in the selected data storage module based on selection made by the user, and copy the SIM card information to the selected data storage module.

[0077] The user may select the data storage module for storing the SIM card information based on indicating information provided by the indication module 66. Then the second duplication module 68 may be utilized to copy the SIM card information to the selected data storage module. Thus, the data storage modules may be reused, and the usage ratio of the virtual SIM card may be increased.

[0078] The foregoing is merely some embodiments of the present disclosure, and is not intended to limit the scope of the present disclosure. The variation or modification made to any of the embodiments of the present disclosure by those of ordinary skill in the art should also be considered within the scope of the present disclosure.

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Patentkrav

1. En mobilterminal (10), der omfatter et hovedkort (12) og er **kendetegnet ved**
desuden at omfatte en virtuel SIM-kortchip (abonnementsidentifikationsmodul)
5 (14), der er fastgjort på hovedkortet (12) og er elektrisk forbundet med
hovedkortet (12) uden brug af en kortsokkel eller en kortbakke; hvori den virtuelle
SIM-kortchip er konfigureret til at lagre SIM-kortoplysninger, der er kopieret fra
et eksternt SIM-kort, der er placeret uden for mobilterminalen, så mobilterminalen
opnår kommunikations- og standbyfunktioner gennem den virtuelle SIM-kortchip;
10 hvori den virtuelle SIM-kortchip (14) er en chip med integreret kredsløb.
2. Mobilterminalen (10) i krav 1, hvori den virtuelle SIM-kortchip (14) omfatter en
pluralitet af stifter (140) til datatransmission; hovedkortet (12) omfatter en
pluralitet af plader, der svarer til og er forbundet med pluraliteten af stifter (140).
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3. Mobilterminalen (10) i krav 2, hvori pluraliteten af plader er fremstillet af kobber.
4. Mobilterminalen (10) i krav 2, hvori loddepasta er arrangeret på pluraliteten af
plader.
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5. Mobilterminalen (10) i krav 4, hvori den virtuelle SIM-kortchip (14) omfatter en
pluralitet af datalagringsmoduler, der er i stand til at lagre SIM-kortoplysninger
fra forskellige eksterne SIM-kort.
- 25 6. Et system med mobilterminalen (10) i ethvert af kravene 1-5, som desuden
omfatter:
en kortlæser (20), der er koblet med mobilterminalen og er placeret uden for
mobilterminalen (10); og
et eksternt SIM-kort, der er indsat i kortlæseren (20) og opbevaring af SIM-
30 kortoplysninger, hvori mobilterminalen (10) er konfigureret til at

identificere SIM-kortoplysningerne, der er lagret på det eksterne SIM-kort og til at kopiere SIM-kortoplysningerne til den virtuelle SIM-kortchip (14).

- 5 7. Systemet i krav 6, som yderligere omfatter: et datakabel (30), der er indkoblet mellem kortlæseren (20) og mobilterminalen (10).
8. Systemet i krav 6, hvori mobilterminalen (10) er konfigureret til at kommunikere med kortlæseren (20) med trådløse netværkssignaler.
- 10 9. Systemet i krav 7, hvori mobilterminalen (10) omfatter en USB-grænseflade (universal serial bus); datakablet (30) omfatter et USB-stik (32), der er sluttet til USB-grænsefladen til kobling af kortlæseren (20) med mobilterminalen (10).
- 15 10. En fremgangsmåde til gennemførelse af et virtuelt SIM-kort (abonnementsidentifikationsmodul), **kendetegnet ved** at omfatte:
 - kontrol af en kortlæser (20) via en mobilterminal (10) til at læse SIM-kortoplysningerne på et eksternt SIM-kort, hvori kortlæseren og det eksterne SIM-kort er placeret uden for mobilterminalen;
 - hvor mobilterminalen (10) omfatter et hovedkort (12) og en virtuel SIM-kortchip (14), der er fastgjort til hovedkortet (12) og elektrisk forbundet med hovedkortet (12) uden brug af en kortsokkel eller en kortbakke, og den virtuelle SIM-kortchip (14) er en chip med integreret kredsløb;
 - 20 kopiering af SIM-kortoplysningerne til den virtuelle SIM-kortchip (14), der er arrangeret inden i mobilterminalen (10);
 - 25 læsning af SIM-kortoplysningerne fra den virtuelle SIM-kortchip (14) og efterfølgende initialisering.
11. Fremgangsmåden i krav 10, hvori læsning af SIM-kortoplysningerne fra den virtuelle SIM-kortchip (14) og efterfølgende initialisering omfatter:
 - 30 automatisk identifikation af de kopierede SIM-kortoplysninger, der er læst fra den virtuelle SIM-kortchip (14);

kørsel af et afviklingsprogram; og
generering af vejledende indikation.

12. Fremgangsmåden i krav 10, hvori kopiering af SIM-kortoplysningerne fra den virtuelle SIM-kortchip (14), der er arrangeret inden i mobilterminalen (10), omfatter:
- detektion af, om der findes et uvirksomt datalagringsmodul blandt datalagringsmoduler på den virtuelle SIM-kortchip (14);
- når der detekteres, at det uvirksomme datalagringsmodul findes, kopiering af SIM-kortoplysningerne til det uvirksomme datalagringsmodul på den virtuelle SIM-kortchip (14).
13. Fremgangsmåden i krav 10, hvori SIM-kortoplysningerne omfatter data om en netværksudbyder, integreret kredsløbskort-identitet (ICCID), internationalt mobilabonnentidentifikationsnummer (IMSI), nøgleidentifikator (KI), short message service-platform (SMSP), kortnummer, kortnavn, telefonnummer, der svarer til SIM-kortet og tekstmeddelelser.
14. Fremgangsmåden i krav 12, hvori detektionen af, om der findes et uvirksomt datalagringsmodul blandt datalagringsmoduler på den virtuelle SIM-kortchip (14), omfatter:
- når der detekteres, at der ikke findes noget uvirksomt datalagringsmodul, udlæsning af en beskrivende information og en indikerende information, hvori den beskrivende information beskriver dataoplysninger, der er gemt i hvert af datalagringsmodulerne i den virtuelle SIM-kortchip (14), og den angivende information instruerer en bruger i at vælge ét af datalagringsmodulerne for at lagre SIM-kortoplysningerne;
- på grundlag af valg, der er foretaget af brugeren, tømning af eksisterende SIM-kortoplysninger i det valgte datalagringsmodul; og
- kopiering af SIM-kortoplysningerne til det valgte datalagringsmodul.

DRAWINGS

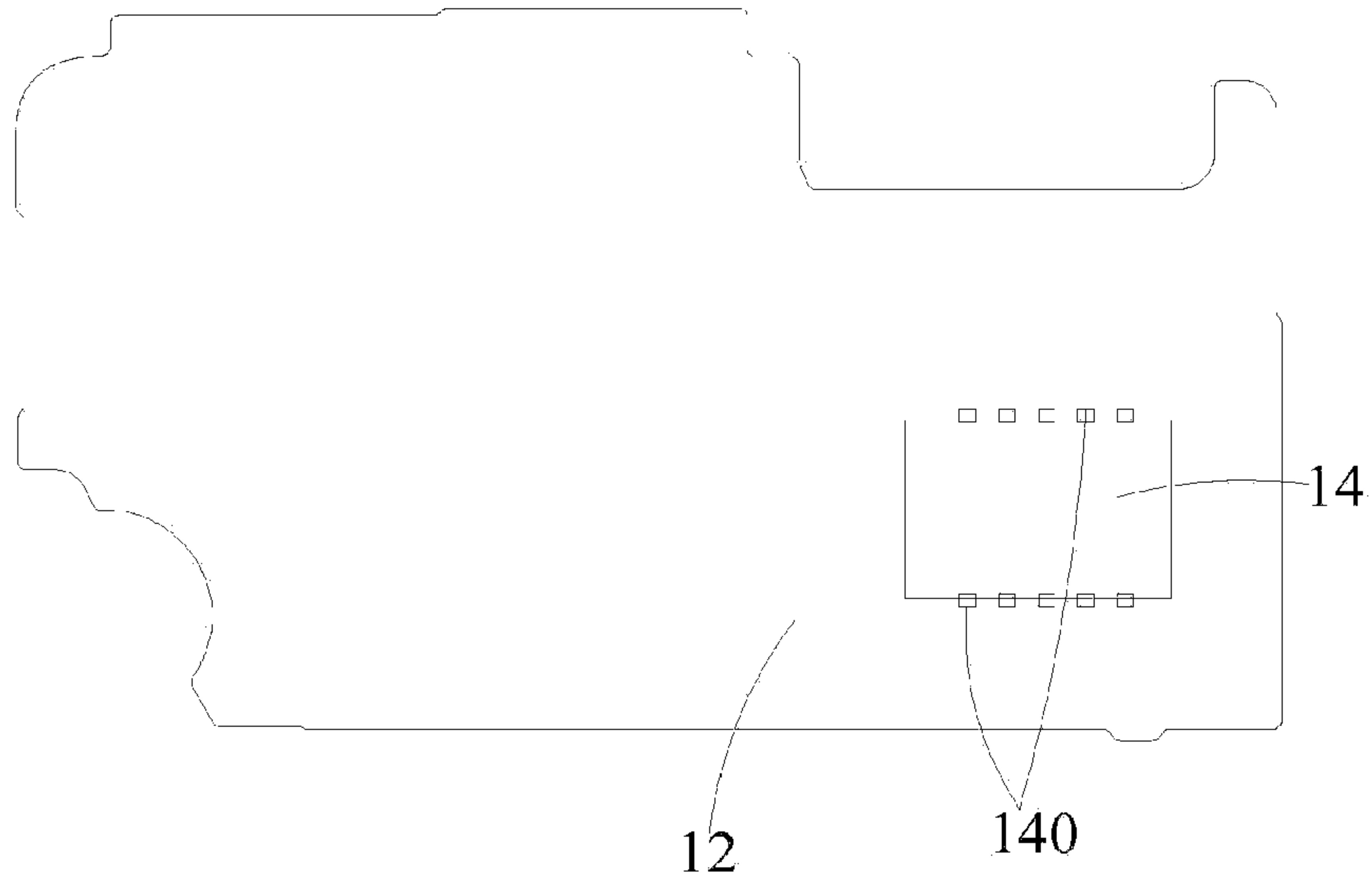


FIG. 1

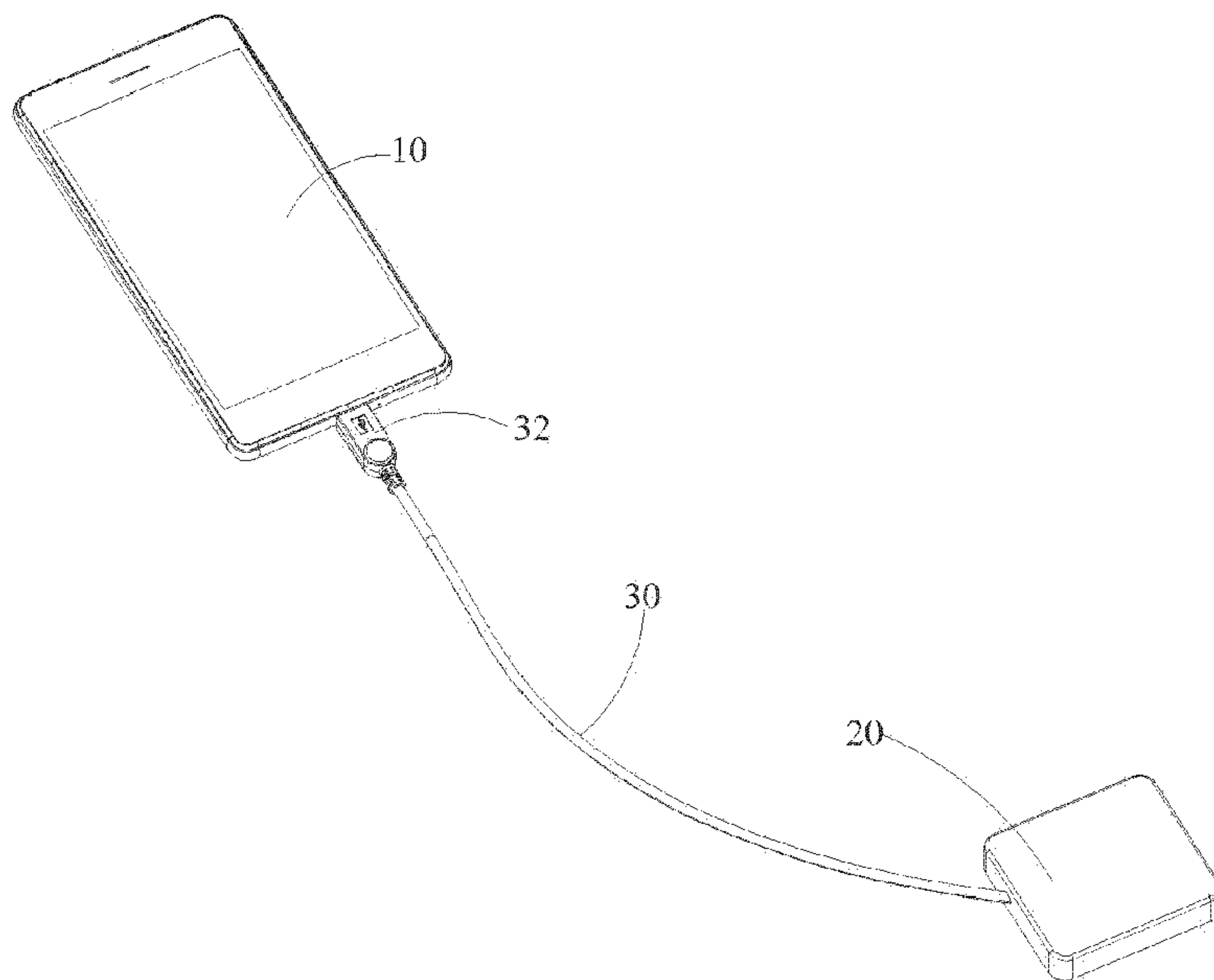


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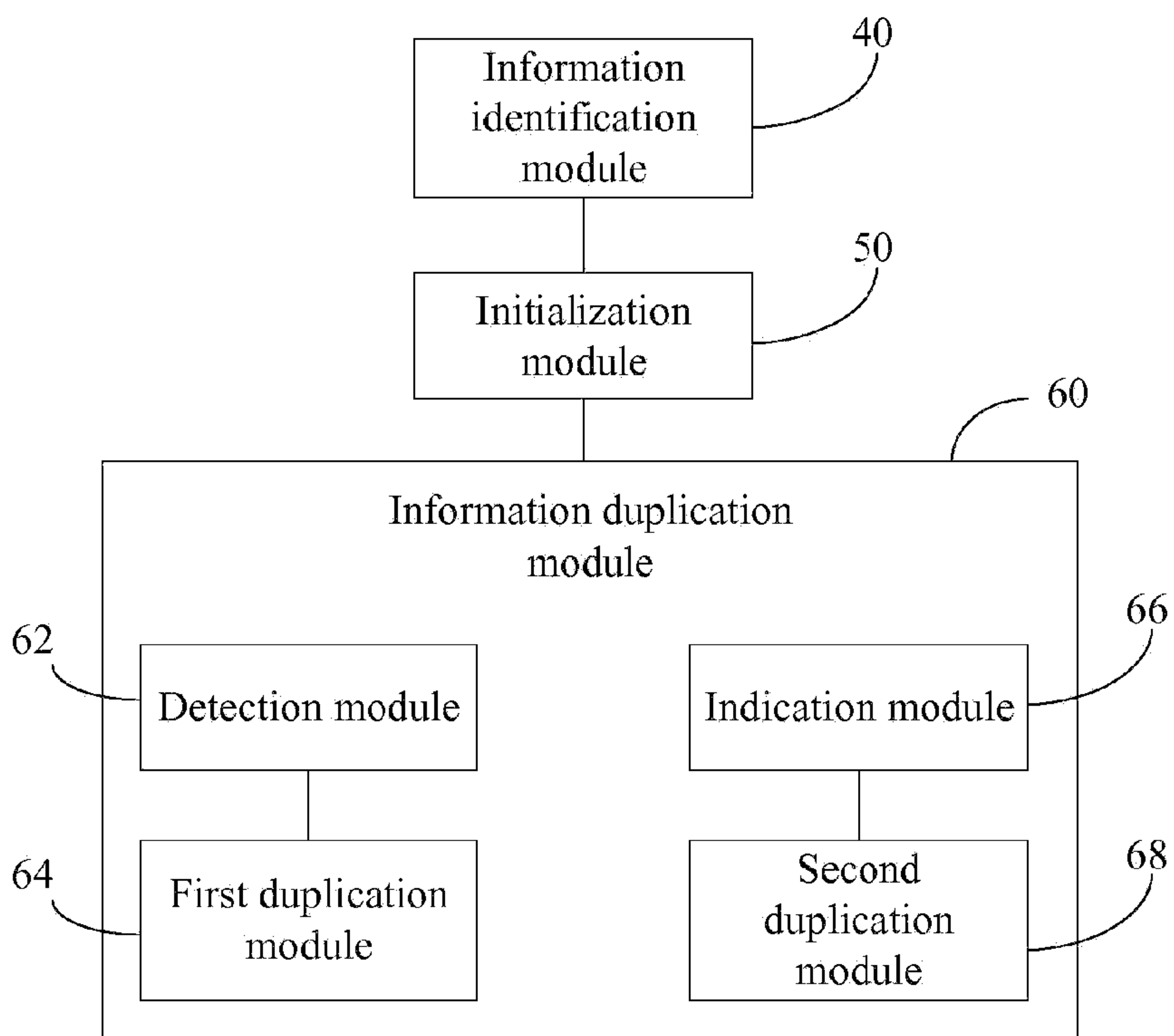


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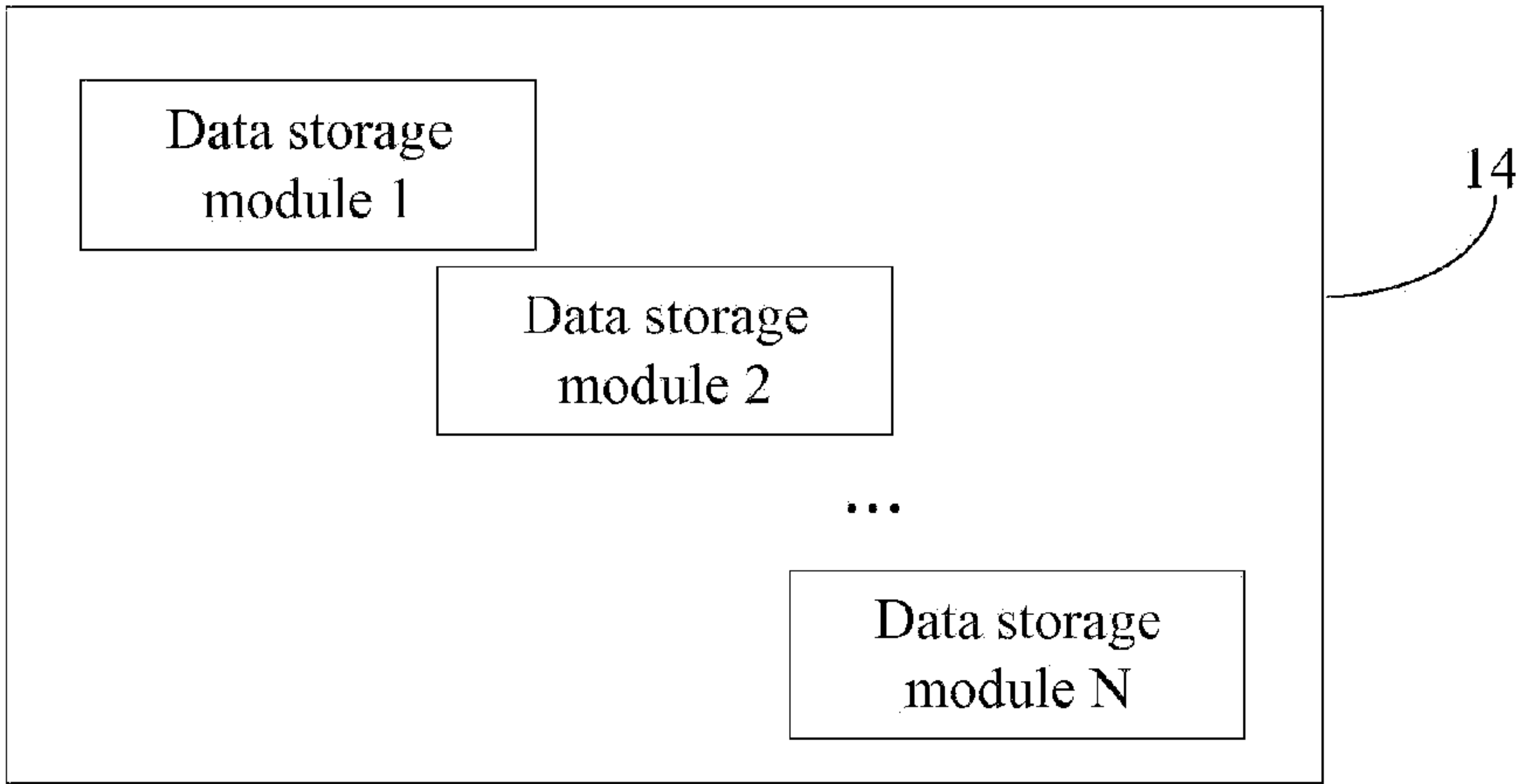


FIG. 4