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(54) **ACTIVE EDGE USER INTERFACE**

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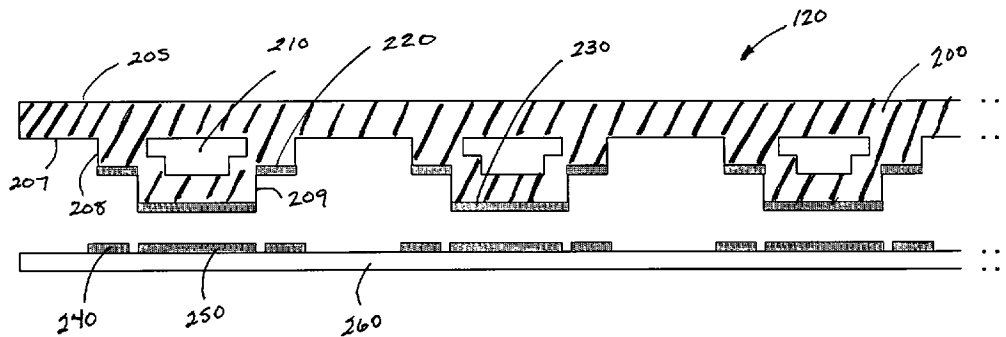
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

An active edge user interface includes dynamically configurable flexible touch areas positioned near the perimeter of a display to support interactive communication between a user and a user environment for flexible active touch areas surrounding a display. The interface allows for multiple levels of sensitivity, texture, key travel, and varying widths of active touch areas based on the user environment.

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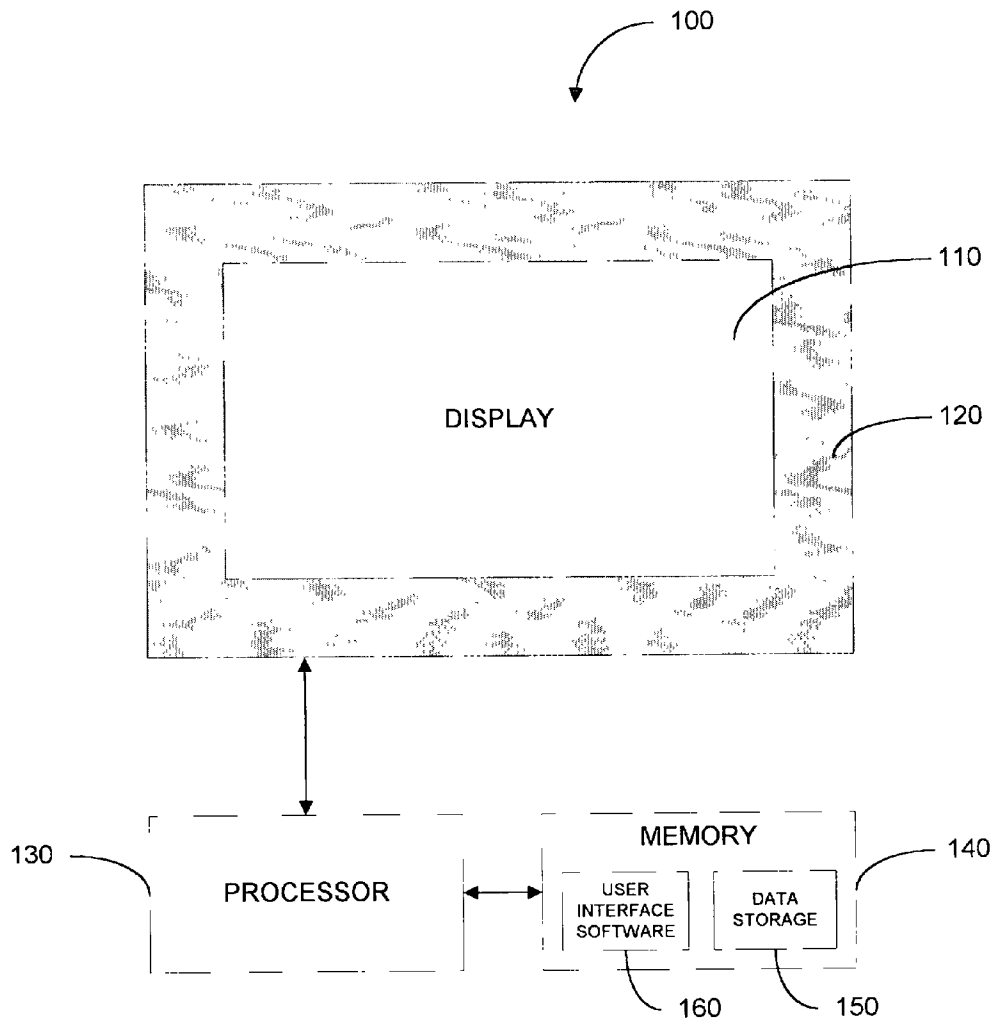


FIG. 1

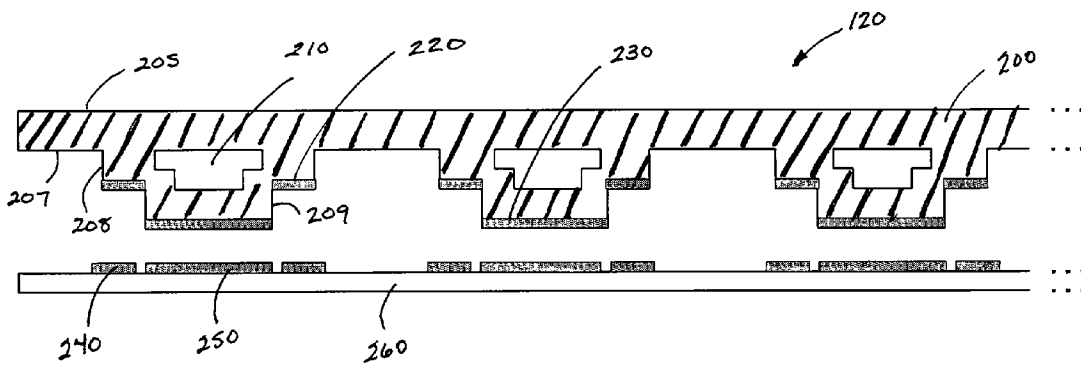


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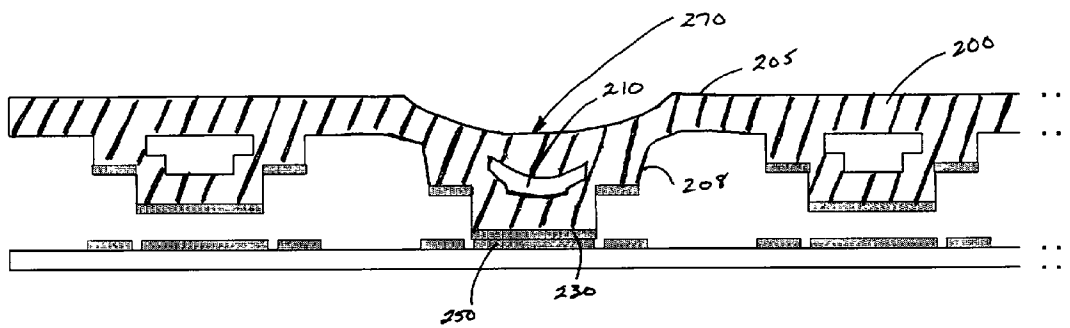


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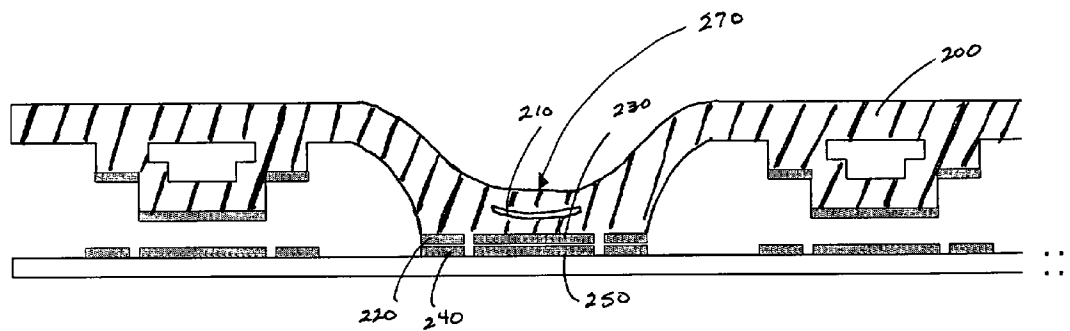


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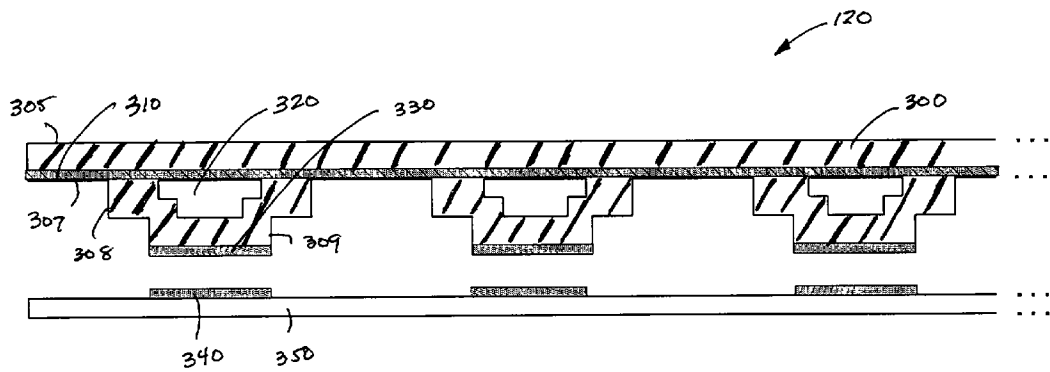


FIG. 3a

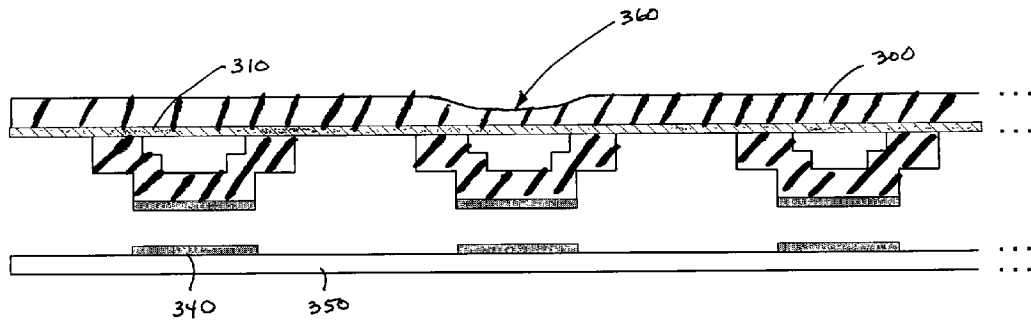


FIG. 3b

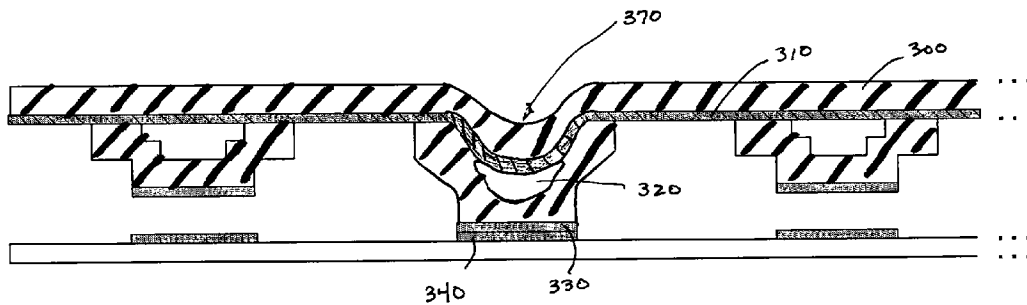


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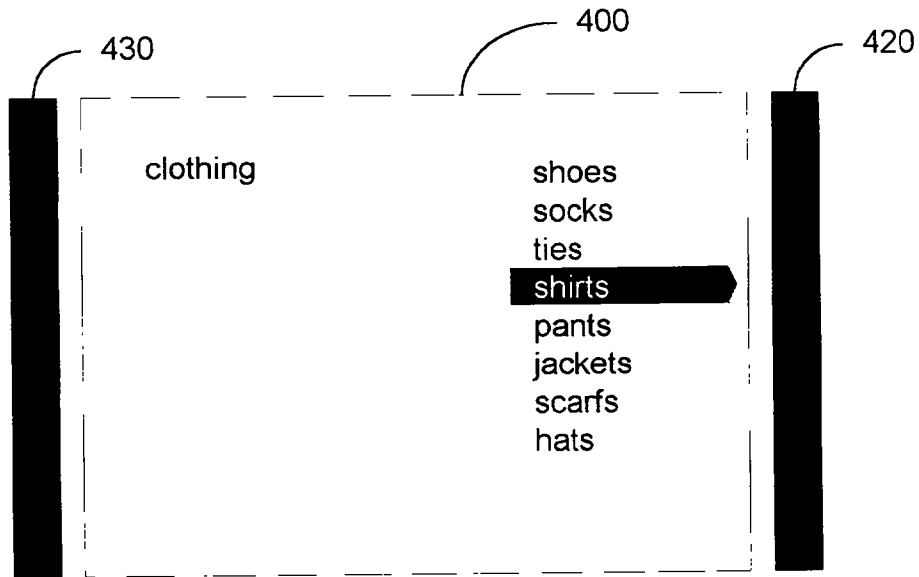


FIG. 4a

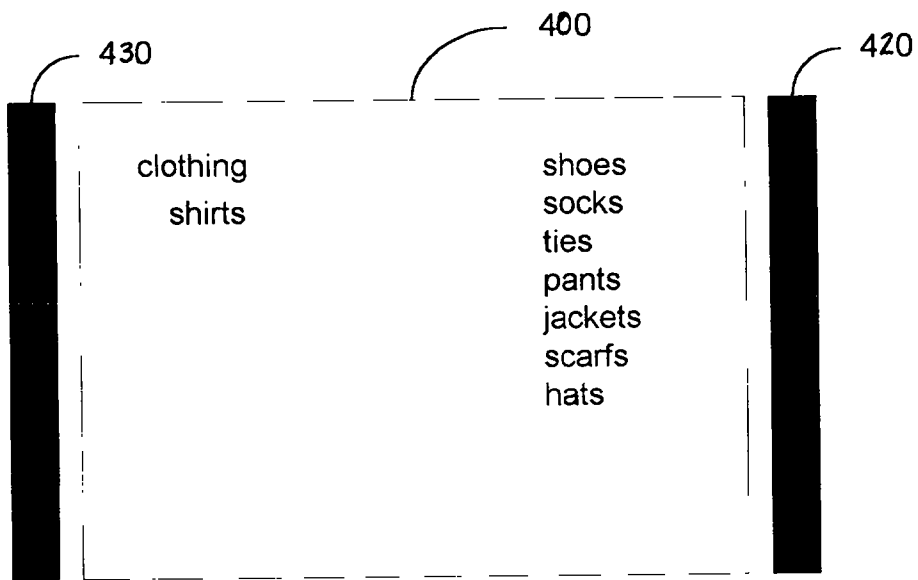


FIG. 4b

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