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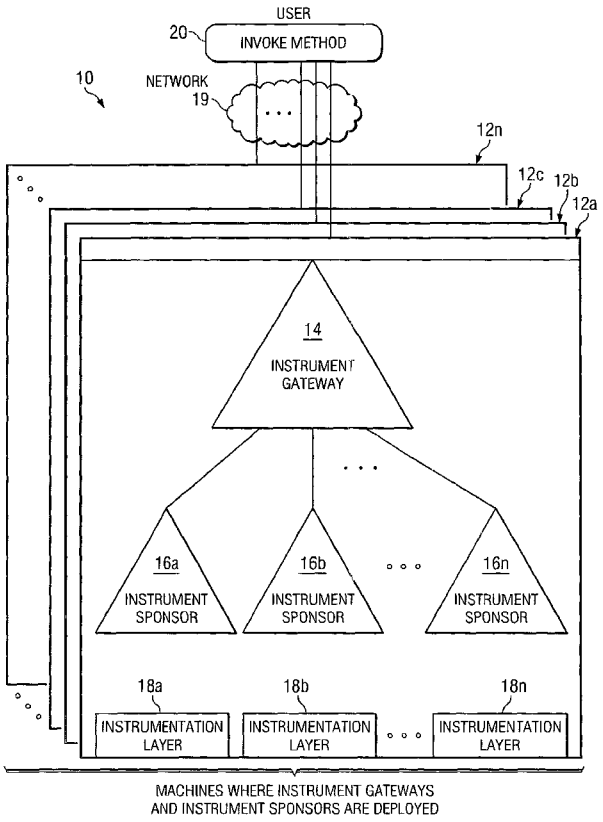
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(57) Abstract: A system and method for providing a consistent interface with different system products or software solutions includes one or more system units or machines wherein the different system products or software solutions (instruments) reside. A service request can be made to an instrument gateway associated with a particular system unit or machine that includes an instrument that can service the request. The instrument gateway selects an instrument sponsor associated with that particular instrument to invoke the requested service from that particular instrument.

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