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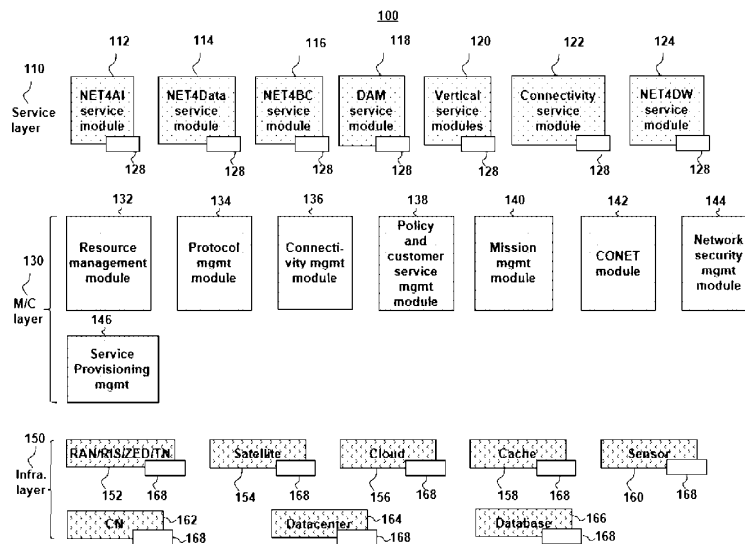


FIG. 1

(57) **Abstract:** A method, apparatus and system for providing a confederation network in a communication system. The confederation network involves multiple independent network modules, which may have competing or conflicting interests, operating together to provide a defined overall service. A system can include a confederation control function (CCF) configured to establish and manage a confederation; multiple agent functions each integrated into a different respective network module recording actions; and a surveillance control function (SCF) configured to deploy and communicate with the agent functions, and to perform surveillance.