

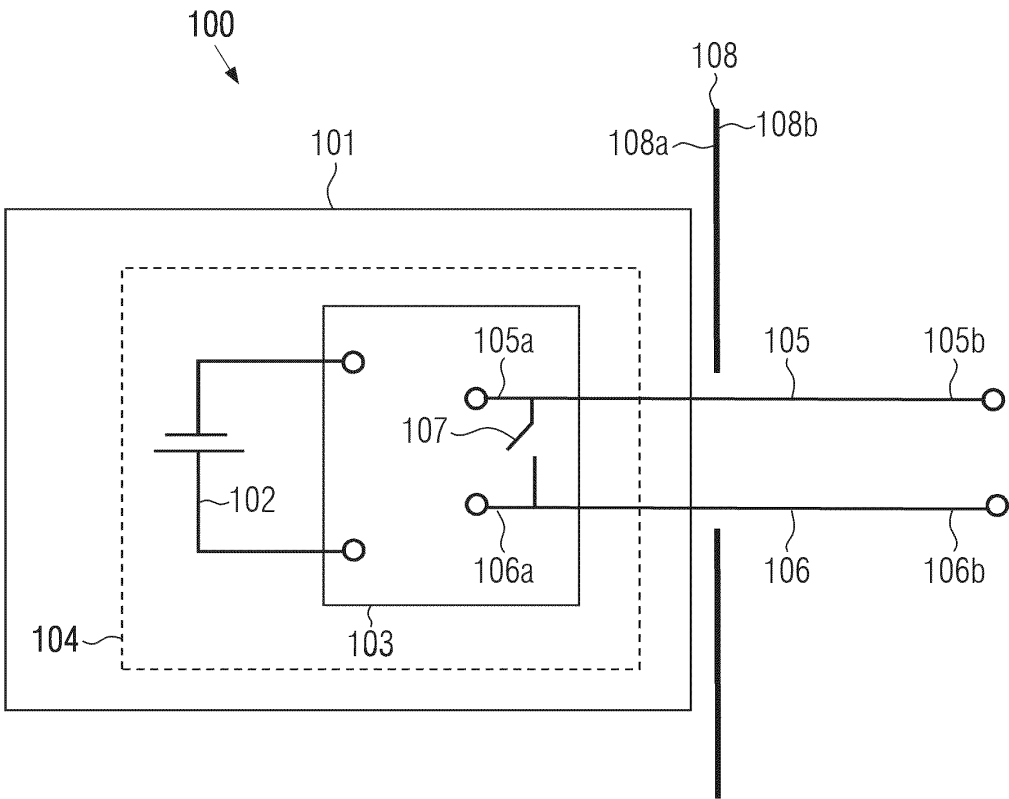


FIG. 1

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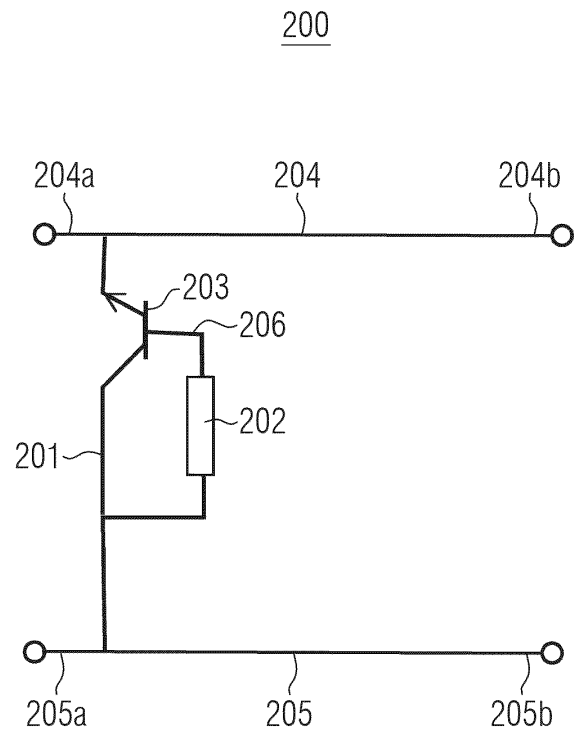


FIG. 2

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Applying, by a/the sensor circuit powered by a/the power source, a voltage to the electrodes of the analyte sensor.

Short-circuiting, by a/the protection unit that is electrically coupled to a portion of the electrodes located inside a/the enclosure of the analyte sensor, the electrical connection between the electrodes, when a voltage signal applied to the electrodes from a/the sensor circuit of the analyte sensor exceeds a predetermined voltage threshold.

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FIG. 3