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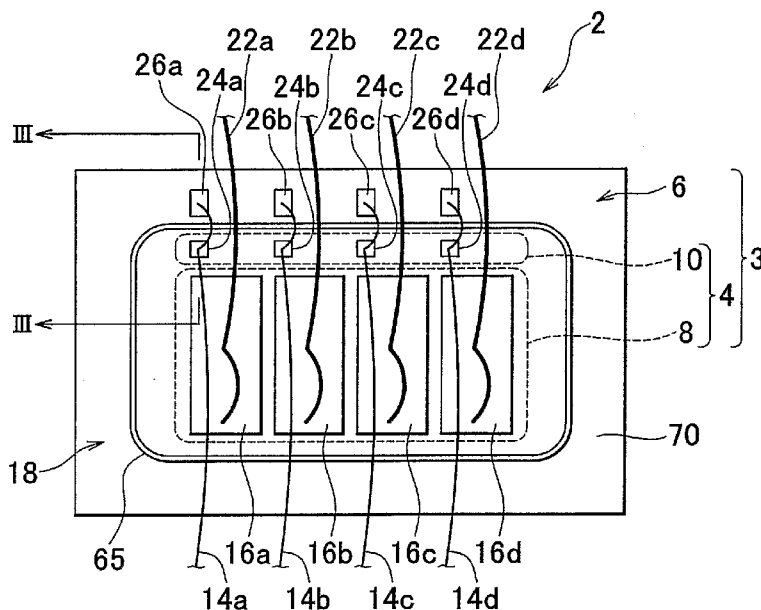
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FIG. 1



(57) Abstract: A semiconductor device (2) includes: a (65) that is disposed on a field limiting ring (FLR) semiconductor substrate so as to divide the semiconductor substrate into an inner region and an outer region; a first bonding pad (24a to 24d) that is disposed in the inner region and is connected to an external circuit by a wire (14a to 14d) whose one end is connected to the external circuit; and a second bonding pad (26a to 26d) that is disposed in the outer region and on which the other end of the wire is bonded.

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