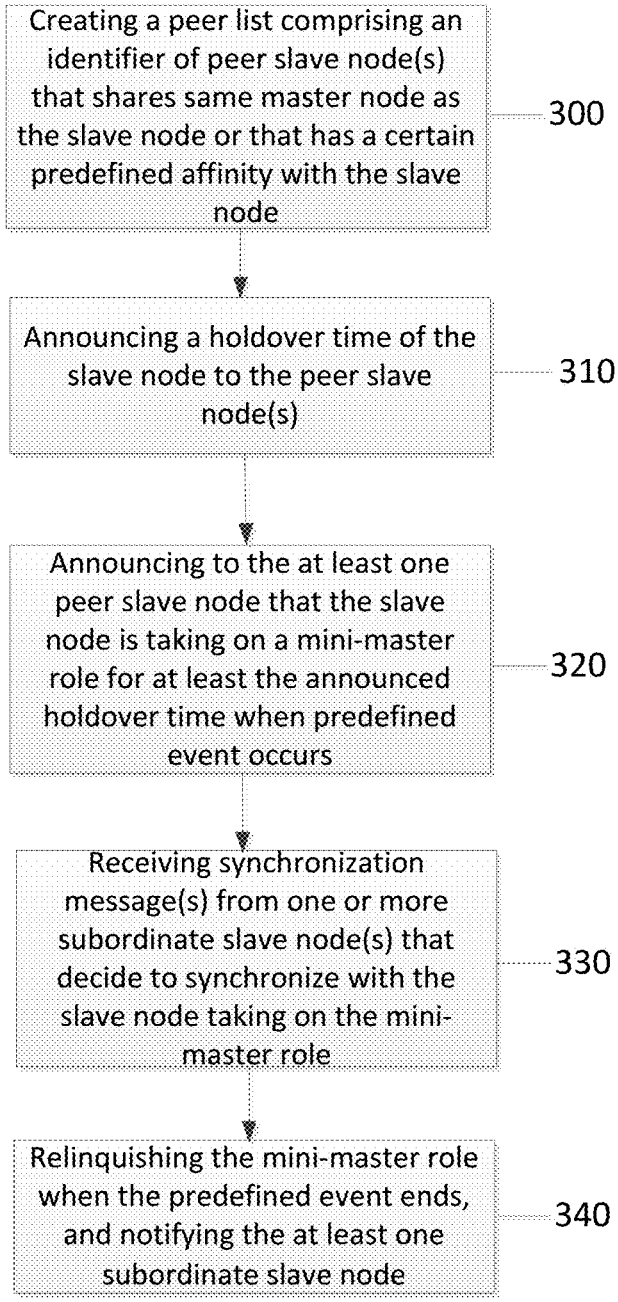
Creating a peer list comprising an identifier of peer slave node(s) that shares same master node as the slave node or that has a certain predefined affinity with the slave node
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Announcing a holdover time of the slave node to the peer slave node(s)
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Announcing to the at least one peer slave node that the slave node is taking on a mini-master role for at least the announced holdover time when predefined event occurs
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Receiving synchronization message(s) from one or more subordinate slave node(s) that decide to synchronize with the slave node taking on the mini-master role
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Relinquishing the mini-master role when the predefined event ends, and notifying the at least one subordinate slave node
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Fig. 3