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### (54) RING OSCILLATOR DYNAMIC ADJUSTMENTS FOR AUTO CALIBRATION

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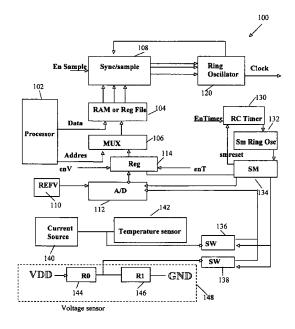
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#### ABSTRACT (57)

An apparatus compensates for voltage and temperature variations on an integrated circuit with: a voltage sensor having a digital voltage output; a temperature sensor having a digital temperature output; a register coupled to the voltage sensor and the temperature sensor, the register adapted to concatenate the digital voltage output and the temperature output into an address output; and a memory device having an address input coupled to the address output of the register, the memory device being adapted to store one or more corrective vectors.

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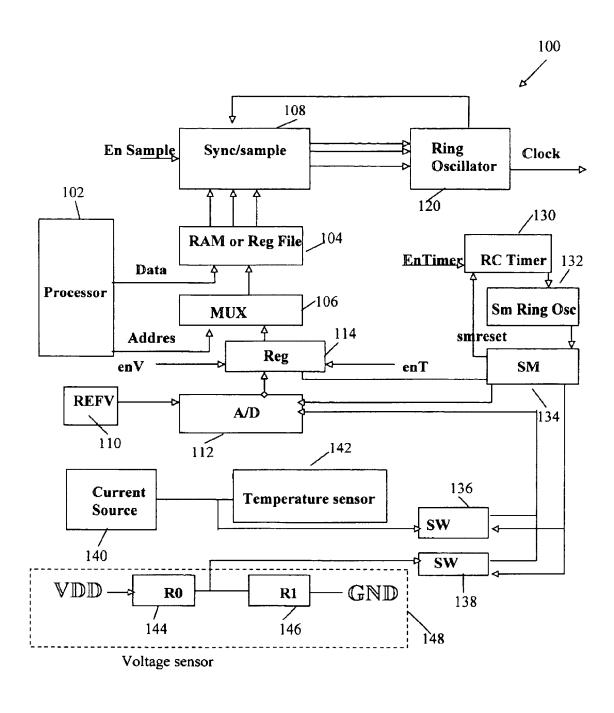


Fig. 1 - Combined V/T with 1 A/D

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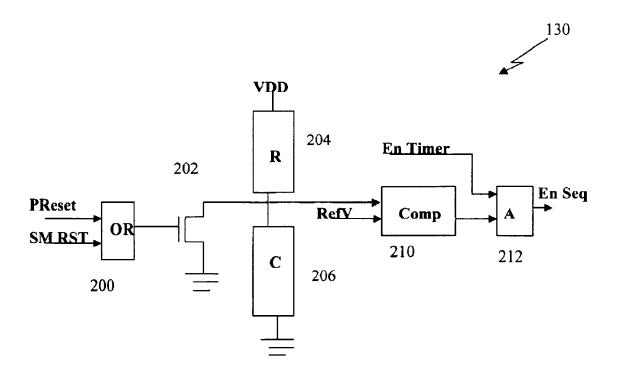


Fig 2 - RC Timer

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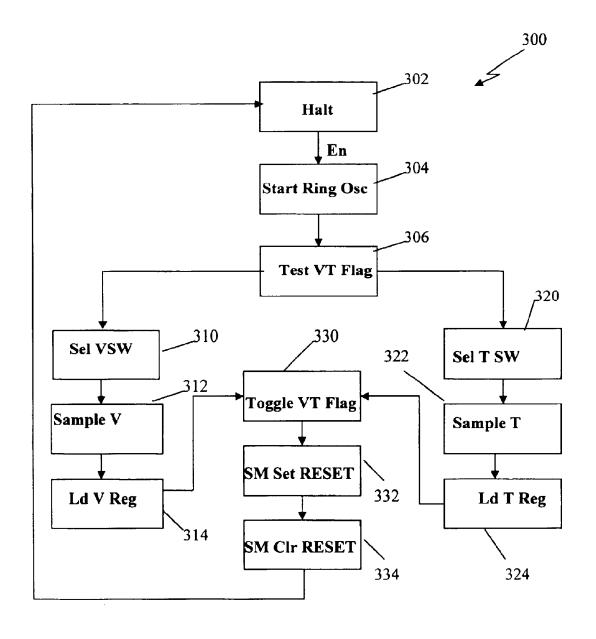


Fig 3 - SM Sequence

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