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#### (54) ACCURACY ENHANCEMENT OF A SENSOR DURING AN ANOMALOUS EVENT

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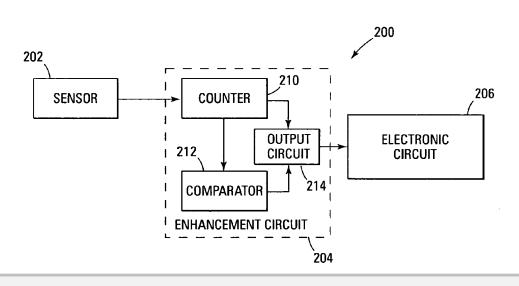
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#### (57) ABSTRACT

A method for enhancing the accuracy of a sensor is provided. The method includes determining a measure of the output of the sensor, determining whether the measure falls outside of an acceptable range for the output of the sensor, and, when the measure falls outside the acceptable range, modifying the measure of the output such that the measure falls within the acceptable range for the sensor.

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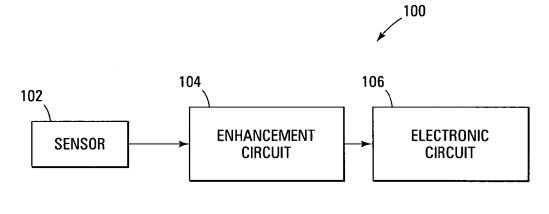
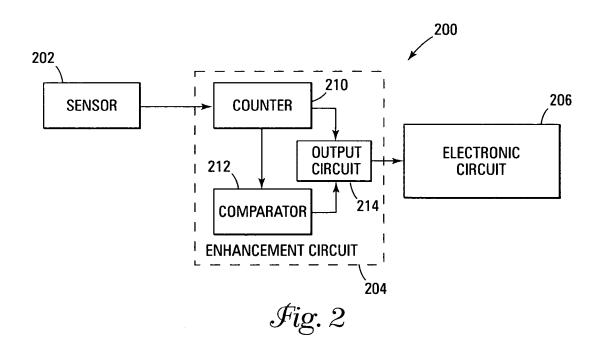


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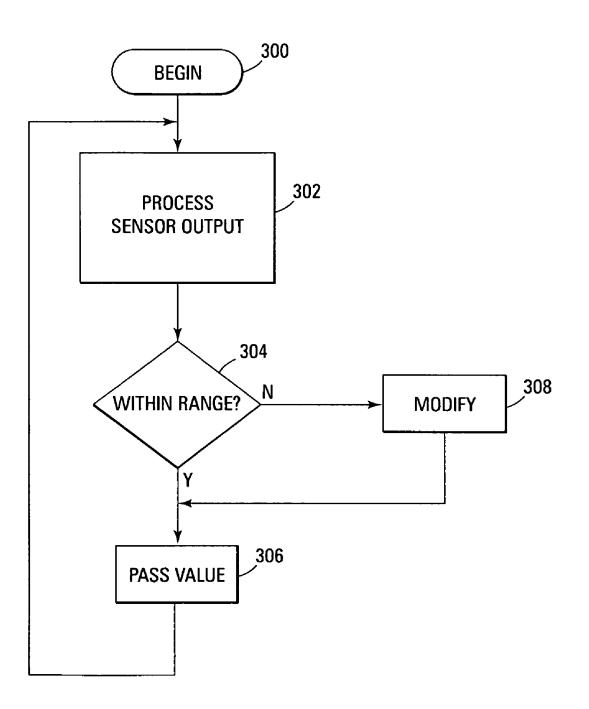
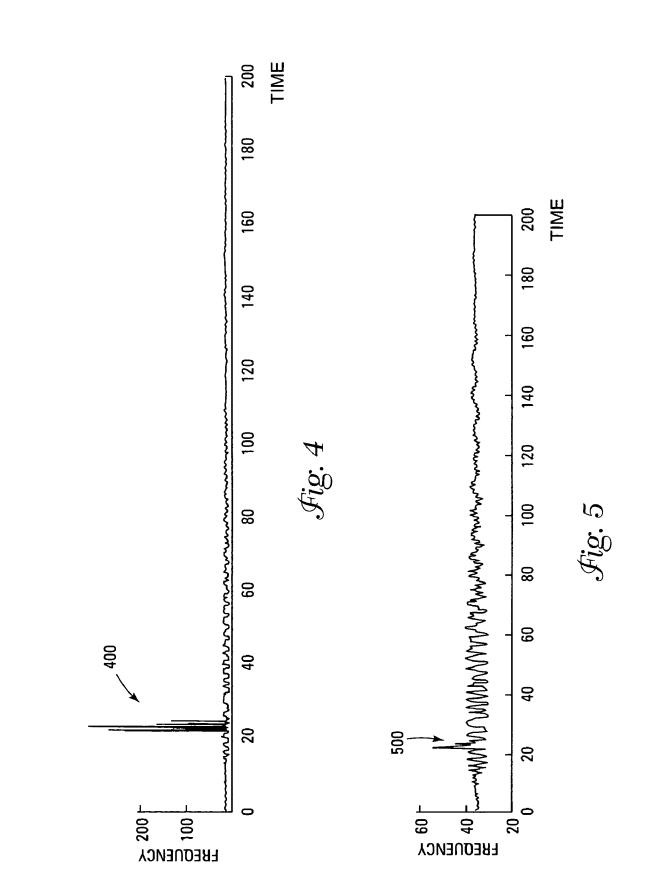


Fig. 3



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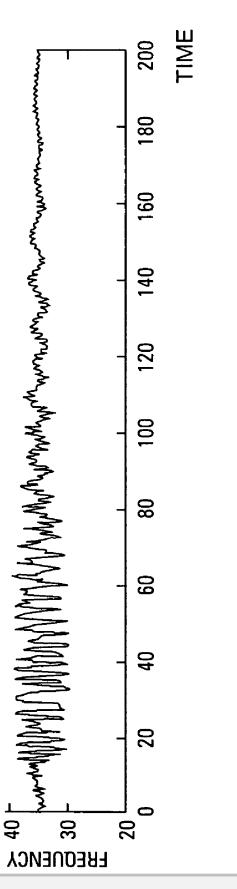


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