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#### (54) BIAS CURRENT WITH HYBRID TEMPERATURE PROFILE

(57) Aspects of the present disclosure include a scalable proportional to absolute temperature (PTAT) hybrid circuit, comprising a bias mirror circuit configured to provide a zero temperature coefficient (ZTC) current, a PTAT control circuit configured to generate, based on the ZTC current, a PTAT current with a slope having a nonzero value, alter the PTAT current by at least scaling the

PTAT current or changing the slope of the PTAT current to generate an altered PTAT current, and provide the altered PTAT current, a hybrid circuit configured to receive the ZTC current and the altered PTAT current, and output a larger current of the ZTC current and the altered PTAT current as a hybrid current.

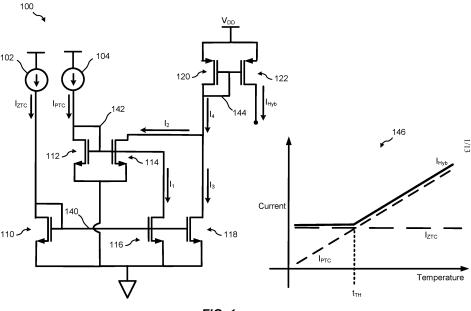


FIG. 1



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Reason for the limitation of the search:

Multiple independent claims in the same category have been identified in the original application (apparatus claims 1 and 12). These claims do not fall within any of the exceptions laid down in Rule 43(2) EPC, as these claims relate to the same type of circuit (a scalable PTAT hybrid circuit), and therefore not to a plurality of interrelated products (as these circuits are not intended to interact with one another), they do not relate to different uses of a product or apparatus (no uses have been claimed) and they do not constitute alternative solutions to a particular problem, as they relate to the same solution to said problem, defined in functional terms (claim 1) and in structural terms (claim 12).

An invitation pursuant to Rule 62a(1) EPC has therefore been sent to the applicant on 15 January 2025.

The applicant has replied on 11 March 2025 that they wish claim 1 to be treated; therefore among the apparatus claims only independent claim 1 and its dependent claims have been searched and will be addressed in the present communication.

Claims 12 to 14 should be deleted by the applicant and any amendment may not result in claims which relate to subject-matter not searched in accordance with Rule?62a EPC.

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