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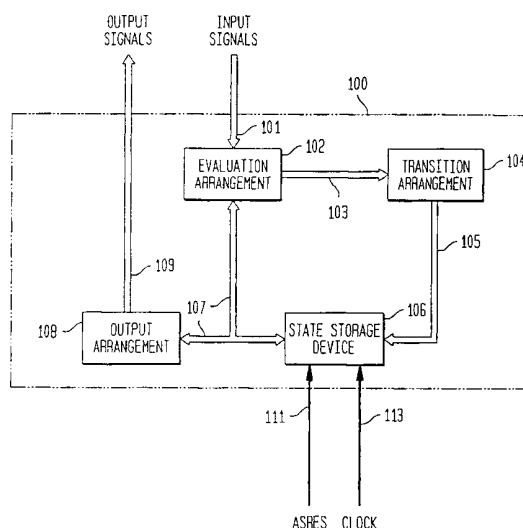
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(57) Abstract: In a flexible programmable controller (100) for controlling a generator system on a memory chip, the controller operates as a state machine in accordance with a state diagram including a plurality of X states. A state storage device (106) is responsive to input signals indicating a Reset state or a change in the state diagram from a current state to a next state for generating a Reset and an associated complementary Set signal or a revised plurality of X state output signals comprising a true State signal and a complementary true State signal for the next state of the plurality of X states. An output arrangement (108) is responsive to the Reset and complementary Set signals or the true State signal and the complementary true State signal in the revised plurality of X state output signals from the state storage device for generating separate predetermined ones of M output signals (OUT0-OUT4) associated with one of the Reset state or next state for controlling the generator system.

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