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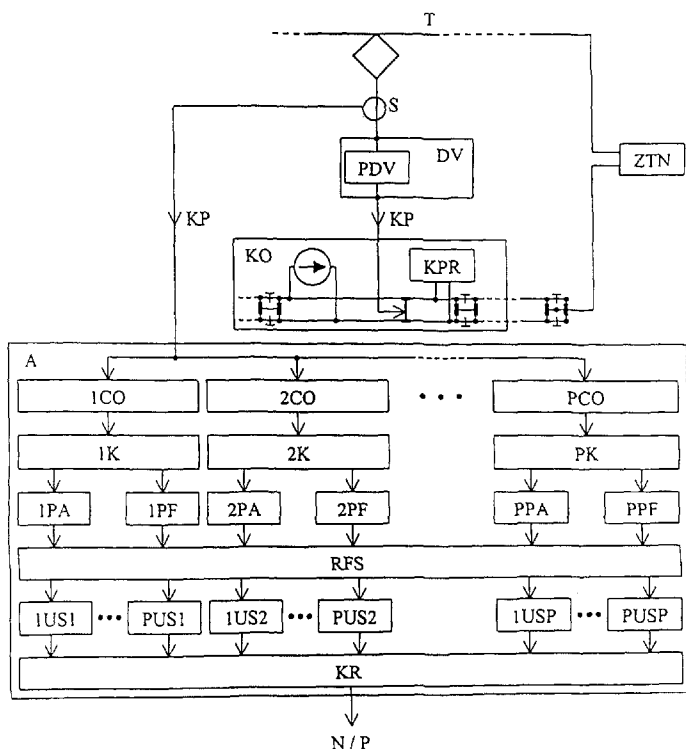
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(54) Title: METHOD OF THE PHASE-SENSITIVE EVALUATION OF THE CONDUCTIVE CURRENT OF THE TRACK CIRCUIT



(57) Abstract: The method of the phase-sensitive evaluation of the conductive current (KP) of the track circuit (KO) is performed in such a manner, that its course is investigated for the presence of the first frequency (1 K), the second frequency (2K) up to the last frequency (PK), and the respective time windows (1 CO, 2CO up to PCO) are assigned to those frequencies, by which the time segmentation of the conductive current (KP) is performed with the aim of stating the values of all primary-range, secondary-range up to the last-range partial amplitudes (1 PA, 2PA up to PPA) of actual values (OH) of the conductive current (KP), as well as the values of all respective primary-range, secondary-range up to the last-range partial phases (1 PF, 2PF- up to PPF) of the actual values (OH) of the conductive current (KP) so, that the values of all primary-range, secondary-range, up to the last-range effective components (US1 , US2 up to USP) are evaluated as above-limit values (N), if they have at one polarity, i.e. if they have the relevant phase (KRF), for a longer period than critical time (KC) is the above-limit value (NH), necessary for the excitation of the track receiver (KPR) in terms of the criterion (KR) of the endangering currents (OP). In analyzer (A) the conductive current (KP) can be analysed so, that the presence of the first frequency

(1 K), the second frequency (2K), up to the last frequency (PK) is investigated by means of the first adaptive filter (1AF) tuned for the first frequency (1 K), the second adaptive filter (2AF) tuned for the second frequency (2K), up to the last adaptive filter (PAF) tuned for the last frequency (PK).

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Method of the phase-sensitive evaluation of the conductive current of the track circuit

Field of Invention

5 The invention concerns the phase-sensitive evaluation of the conductive current of the track circuit, which is part of the railway signalling equipment. Conductive currents are generated in driving units of railway vehicles with asynchronous engines, which are supplied by track voltage of DC traction or AC traction. Conductive currents flow through a track circuit because, that
10 one rail or both rails are part of a back line, directed to the second pole of the source of the trolley voltage.

Background of Invention

 Conductive currents flowing through track circuits are currently evaluated
15 either in an analogue manner with the use of an analogue selective ammeter, which directly evaluates the effective value of the conductive currents in the area of track circuit frequencies, or also digitally with the use of harmonic analysis in the area of frequency of track circuit.

 The disadvantage of currently known evaluation methods of the
20 conductive current is the fact, that in most cases there is no correct evaluation of conductive currents, due to this fact the result of the evaluation is not often exact, and can even be misleading. In many cases it is not taken into consideration, that not all conductive currents of the stated intensity, which are in the frequency band of the respective track circuit, are the
25 endangering currents. Endangering currents are currents, whose time of duration, intensity, frequency and relevant phase may cause an excitation of the received phase-sensitive 2-phase track receiver.

Summary of Invention

30 The above mentioned disadvantages of the currently know evaluation method of conductive currents flowing through the track circuits of railway signalling equipment are removed or significantly restricted in the manner of

the phase sensitive evaluation of the conductive current of the track circuit, in accordance with this invention, whose nature lies in the fact, that the course of the conductive current investigated for the presence of the first frequency of the track circuit, which has assigned the first time window, in the analyser
5 is analysed in such a manner, that after the performing of the time segmentation by the first time window, the values of all primary-range partial amplitudes of the actual values of the conductive current are stated, as well as the values of all respective primary-range partial phases of the immediate values of the conductive current. The values of all primary-range effective
10 components, i.e. the first primary-range effective component, the second primary-range effective component, up to the last primary-range effective component of the endangering currents for the first frequency, are stated towards the reference phase network, i.e. towards the first reference phase, the second reference phase up to the last reference phase. The first primary-
15 range effective component or the second primary-range effective component or up to the last primary-range effective component of the endangering currents for the first frequency is evaluated as an above-limit value, if it has at one polarity, i.e. if the relevant phase is longer, than the critical time, an above-limit value, necessary for excitation of the track receiver in terms of the
20 criterion of the endangering currents. The course of the conductive current, investigated for the presence of the second frequency of the track circuit, which has assigned the second time window, is analysed in the analyser in such a manner, that after performing the time segmentation by the time window, the values of either all secondary-range partial amplitudes of actual
25 values of the conductive current are stated, as well as the values of all respective secondary-range partial amplitudes of the actual values of the conductive current. The values of all secondary-range effective components, i.e. the first secondary-range effective component, the second secondary-range effective component, up to the last secondary-range effective
30 component of the endangering currents for the second frequency, are stated towards the reference phase network, i.e. towards the first reference phase, the second reference phase and up to the last reference phase. The first

secondary-range effective component or the second secondary-range effective component or up to the last secondary-range effective component of endangering currents for the second frequency is evaluated as an above-limit value, if it has at one polarity, i.e. if it has the relevant phase, longer than the critical time an above-limit value, necessary for the excitation of the track receiver in terms of the criterion of endangering currents. The course of the conductive current is investigated for the presence of other frequencies of the track circuit up to the last frequency of the track circuit, which has assigned the last time window, and is analysed in the analyser so, that after performing the time segmentation by the last time window, the values of all the last-range partial amplitudes of the actual values of the conductive current are stated, as well as the values of all respective last-range partial phases of actual values of conductive current so, that the values of all last-range effective components, thus the first last-range effective component, the second last-range effective component, up to the last-range effective component of the endangering currents for the last frequency, are stated towards the reference phase network, i.e. towards the first reference phase, the second reference phase, up to the last reference phase. The first last-range effective component or the second last-range effective component or to up final last-range effective component of the endangering currents for the last frequency, is evaluated as an above-limit value, if it has at one polarity, i.e. as far as it has the relevant phase, longer than the critical time an above-limit values, necessary for the excitation of the track receiver in terms of the criterion of endangering currents. If any effective component, i.e. none of the primary-range effective components for the first frequency, none of the secondary-range effective components for the second frequency, up to none of the last-range effective components for the last frequency of the track circuit, do not exceed at one polarity, i.e. at the relevant phase, for a period longer than the critical time, the above limit value, necessary for the excitation of the track receiver according to the criterion of endangering current, then the endangering current is indicated by the analyser as an under-limit value.

It is also suitable, when the course of the conductive current investigated for the presence of the first frequency, the second frequency, up to the last frequency of the track circuit is analysed in the analyser so, that the presence of the first frequency, the second frequency, up to the last frequency is investigated by means of the first adaptive filter tuned to the first frequency, the second adaptive filter tuned for the second frequency, up to the last adaptive filter tuned for the last frequency. Using such achieved values of signals regarding the first frequency, the second frequency, up to the last frequency, the values are stated of all partial amplitudes, i.e. the primary-range partial amplitudes, secondary-range partial amplitudes, up to the last-secondary partial amplitudes of the actual values of the conductive current, as well as the values of all corresponding partial phases, i.e. the primary-range partial phase, the secondary-range partial phase, up to the last-range partial phase of the actual values of the conductive current.

The main advantage of the method of the phase-sensitive evaluation of the conductive current of the track circuit according to this invention, is based on the fact, that there is the correct evaluation of endangering currents, i.e. these currents from the above-set of conductive currents, which may cause an excitation of the track receiver of the track circuit. According to this invention, the endangering currents must have not only the frequency in the relevant frequency band of the track circuit and the above-limit value of the amplitude, but mainly they must have the relevant phase, related to the reference phase at least during the critical period. Due to this fact there is not to an incorrect evaluation of those conductive currents, which are not endangering.

Brief Description of the Drawings

The invention is explained by means of a generalized schematic drawing of the basic implementation according to Figure 1.

Figure 2 shows an exemplary implementation of the reference phase network.

Figure 3 shows an exemplary performance of the dependence of variable length of time windows on the individual frequencies.

Figure 4 shows an exemplary implementation of segmentation of the conductive current by the first time window.

5 Figure 5 shows an example of performance the criterion of endangering currents, with respect to the critical time and the above-limit value of the current.

Figure 6 shows an example of implementation the criterion of endangering currents, with respect to the relevant phase.

10 Figure 7 shows an exemplary implementation of the method of obtaining of frequencies of the track circuit by adaptive filters.

Figure 8 shows an example of execution of time overlapping in the time segmentation with the use of the first time window.

15 Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments

The method of phase-sensitive evaluation of the conductive current **KP** of the railway circuit **KO** is evident from the generalized schematic drawing of the basic execution, mentioned in Fig. 1, then from the example of implementation of the reference phase network **RFS** according to Fig. 2, as well as from the example of performance the dependence of time windows **CO** on individual frequencies according to Fig. 3, also from the example of implementation of the segmentation of conductive current **KP** by the first time window **1CO** according to Fig. 4, as well from the example of implementation of the criterion **KR** of the endangering currents **OP** with respect of the critical time **KC** and the above-limit value of the current according to Fig. 5 and from the example of the implementation of the criterion **KR** of endangering currents **OP** with respect to the relevant phase **KRF** according to Fig. 6.

The course of the conductive current **KP** investigated for the presence of the first frequency **1K** of the track circuit **KO**, which has assigned the first time window **1CO**, is analysed in analyser **A**, that after performing the time segmentation by the first time window **1CO**, the values of all primary-range partial amplitudes **1PA** of the actual values **OH** of the conductive current **KP**

are stated, as well as all respective primary-range partial phases 1PF of the actual values OH of the conductive current KP.

The values of all primary-range effective components US1, i.e. the first primary-range effective component 1US1, the second primary-range effective component 2US1, up to the last primary-range effective component PUS1 of the endangering currents OP for the first frequency 1K, are stated towards the reference phase network RFS, i.e. towards the first reference phase 1RF, the second reference phase 2RF, up to the last reference phase PRF. The first primary-range effective component 1US1 or the second primary-range effective component 2US1 or up to the last primary-range effective component PUS1 of the endangering currents OP for the first frequency 1K, is evaluated as above-limit, if it has at one polarity, i.e. if it has the relevant phase KRF, longer than the critical time KC and the above-limit value NH, necessary for excitation of the track receiver KPR in terms of criterion KR of the endangering currents OP.

The course of the conductive current KP investigated for the presence of the second frequency 2K of the track circuit KO, which has assigned the second time window 2CO, is analysed in analyser A so, that after performing the time segmentation by the second time window 2CO, the values of all secondary-range partial amplitudes 2PA of the actual values OH of the conductive current KP are stated, as well as all respective secondary-range partial phases 2PF of the actual values OH of the conductive current KP. Values of all secondary-range effective components US2, i.e. the first secondary-range effective component 1US2, the second secondary-range effective component 2US2, up to the last secondary-range effective component PUS2 of the endangering currents OP for the second frequency 2K, are stated towards the reference phase network RFS, i.e. towards the first reference phase 1RF, the second reference phase 2RF, up to the last reference phase PRF.

The first secondary-range effective component 1US2 or the second secondary-range effective component 2US2 or up to the last secondary-range effective component PUS2 of the endangering currents OP for the

second frequency 2K, is evaluated as above-limit value N, if it has at one polarity, i.e. if it has relevant phase KRF, longer than the critical time KC and the above-limit value NH of the current, necessary for excitation of the track receiver KPR in terms of the criterion KR of the endangering currents OP.

5 If a none effective component, i.e. none of the primary-range effective components US1 for the first frequency 1K, none of the secondary-range effective components US2 for the second frequency 2K up to none of the last-range effective components USP for the last frequency PK of the track circuit KO, do not exceed at one polarity, i.e. at the relevant phase KRF,
 10 during a period longer than is the critical time KC the above-limit value NH, necessary for excitation of the track receiver KPR according to the criterion KR of the endangering currents OP, the endangering current OP is indicated by analyser A as the under-limit value P.

The method of phase-sensitive evaluation of the conductive current of the
 15 track circuit according to the invention is evident from the example of the implementation of the evaluation of relevant frequencies by adaptive filters according to Fig. 7, where the invention is implemented so, that the course of the conductive current KP, investigated for the presence of the first frequency 1K, the second frequency 2K, up to the last frequency PK of the track circuit KO, is analysed in analyser A so, that the presence of the frequency K, i.e. the first frequency 1K, the second frequency 2K, up to the last frequency PK,
 20 is investigated according to the first adaptive filter 1AF tuned to the first frequency 1K, the second adaptive filter 2AF tuned to the second frequency 2K, up to the last adaptive filter PAF, tuned to the last frequency PK. Such
 25 achieved values of signals regarding the first frequency 1K, the second frequency 2K, up to the last frequency PK, are used for specification of values of all partial amplitudes, i.e. the primary-range partial amplitudes 1PA, secondary-range partial amplitudes 2PA up to the last-range partial amplitudes PPA of actual values OH of the conductive current KP, as well as
 30 values of all respective partial phases, i.e. the primary-range partial phase 1PF, secondary-range partial phase 2PF up to the last-range partial phase PPF of actual values OH of the conductive current KP.

It results from the schematic drawing of the basic variant mentioned in Fig. 1, that the conductive current KP is closed in the current circuit, which forms the source ZTN of trolley voltage, trolley T, drives PDV of the railway vehicle DV, further track circuit KO, from where it returns back to the source ZTN of trolley voltage. The course of the conductive current KP is scanned in this example of implementation by sensor S, which is localized on the railway vehicle DV so, that it is then analysed in analyser A.

It results from Fig. 2, that the reference phase network RFS is implemented in the mentioned example so, that the first reference phase 1RF has from the second reference phase 2RF and then next the equidistant phase angle of 30° .

It results from Fig. 3, that depending on time windows CO at frequency K the first time window 1CO, the second time window 2CO, up to the last time window PCO is assigned mostly with the variable value to the respective frequencies, i.e. to the first frequency 1K, the second frequency 2K, (n-1)-th frequency [n-1]K, n-th frequency nK, (n+1)-th frequency [n+1]K, to the last but one frequency [P-1]K and in the end to the last frequency PK.

In Fig. 4 there is an example of the implementation of the time segmentation of the conductive current KP by the first time window 1CO. It is displayed in the dependence of the conductive current KP on the time t.

It results from Fig. 5 in the mentioned example of the implementation of the criterion KR of endangering currents OP in terms of critical time KC and the above-limit value NH, corresponding to the effective value of the intensity of the current of the excitation of the track receiver KPR, the first under-critical time 1C is equal to the second under-critical time 2C, and these times can have the value, e.g. 100 ms.

Implementation of the criterion KR of endangering currents OP for the relevant phase KRF is evident from Fig. 6, when the field of the relevant phase KRF is displayed by the full line with the angle 180° , i.e. for one half-area of this arrangement, in other words, for one of the polarities of the possible phases.

Fig. 7 shows an example of the implementation of the alternative manner of gathering of frequency K, i.e. the first frequency 1K, the second frequency 2K, up to the last frequency PK, by means of the first adaptive filter 1AF, the second adaptive filter 2AF up to the last adaptive filter PAF.

5 Fig. 8 shows an alternative example of the implementation of the invention so, that in the time segmentation with the application of the first time window 1CO, the time overlap 1CP is used in high exposure parties of the analysed courses of the conductive current KP.

It is evident from the generalized schematic drawing of the basic variant
 10 of the implementation mentioned in Fig. 1, then from the example of the implementation of the reference phase network RFS according to Fig. 2, also from the example of the implementation of the segmentation of the conductive current KP by the first time window 1CO according to Fig. 4, from the example of the implementation of the criterion KR of endangering
 15 currents OP with respect to the critical time KC and to the above-limit value NH of the endangering current OP according to Fig. 5 and from the example of the implementation of the criterion KR of endangering currents OP with respect to the relevant phase KRF according to Fig. 6, that by the saturation of the conductive current KP by the reference phase network RFS they
 20 gather for each frequency, i.e. for the first frequency 1K, the second frequency 2K up to the last frequency PK, of the track circuit KO, the effective components, i.e. the primary-range effective components US1 for the first frequency 1K, the secondary-range effective component US2 for the second frequency 2K up to the last-range effective component USP for the
 25 last frequency PK, is reflected to this reference phase network RFS and it is possible to evaluate them separately.

To be able to indicate conductive current KP as endangering current OP, it must have during the critical time KC, the relevant phase KRF, i.e. each effective component must have only one polarity, and must also
 30 achieve the above-limit value NH, necessary for the excitation of the track receiver KPR.

The advantage of variable time windows CO during the segmentation of the course of the conductive current KP by the time window, e.g. by the first time window 1CO depending on the first frequency 1K, the second frequency 2K, up to the last frequency PK, is based on the fact, that there is to a significant selective evaluation of endangering currents OP, than individual time windows CO, i.e. the first time window 1CO, the second time window 2CO, up to the last time window PCO, would have a constant value.

It is evident from the example of the implementation of the evaluation of relevant frequencies by adaptive filters according to Fig. 7, that in analyser A the conductive currents KP are evaluated in such a manner, that the presence of the first frequency 1K, the second frequency 2K, up to the last frequency PK, is investigated by means of the first adaptive filter 1AF tuned to the first frequency 1K, the second adaptive filter 2AF tuned to the second frequency 2K, up to the last adaptive filter PAF tuned to the last frequency PK. This causes alternative realisation of the time segmentation by time windows CO, depending on the first frequency 1K, the second frequency 2K, up to the last frequency PK.

Industrial Applicability

As resulting from the mentioned description, the method of the phase sensitive evaluation of the conductive current KP of the track circuit KO according to the invention, can be used mainly during the analysis of conductive currents KP, generated by high-powered asynchronous railway units. This mainly concerns the case, when conductive currents KP, generated by railway units, could contain the endangering currents OP up to the above-limit value NH, which would cause a false and very dangerous excitation of the track receiver KPR of the respective track circuit KO.

List of reference symbols

KP	-	conductive current
KO	-	track circuit
1K	-	first frequency
2K	-	second frequency
PK	-	last frequency
K	-	frequency
1CO	-	first time window
2CO	-	second time window
PCO	-	last time window
CO	-	time window
A	-	Analyser
OH	-	actual values
1PF	-	Primary-range partial phase
2PF	-	Secondary-range partial phase
PPF	-	Last-range partial phase
US1	-	Primary-range effective components
US2	-	Secondary-range effective components
PUS	-	Last-range effective components
1US1	-	First primary-range effective component
2US1	-	second primary-range effective component
PUS1	-	last primary-range effective component
1US2	-	first secondary-range effective component
2US2	-	second secondary-range effective component
PUS2	-	last secondary-range effective component
USP	-	last-range effective component
1USP	-	first last-range effective component
2USP	-	second last-range effective component
PUSP	-	last last-range effective component

RFS - reference phase network

1RF - first reference phase

2RF - second reference phase

PRF - last reference phase

KRF - relevant phase

KC - critical time

1C first under critical time

2C second under critical time

NH - Above-limit value NH of endangering currents OP

KPR - track receiver

KR - Criterion

N Above-limit value

P Under-limit value

1PA - Primary-range partial amplitudes

2PA - Secondary-range partial amplitudes

PPA Last-range partial amplitudes

T - Trolley

ZTN Source ZTN of trolley voltage

DV railway vehicle

PDV drive PDV of railway vehicle

S sensor

1AF - first adaptive filter

2AF - second adaptive filter

PAF - last adaptive filter

1CP first time overlap

CLAIMS

1. The method of the phase-sensitive evaluation of the conductive
5 current of the track circuit is **characterized in that**
- a course of the conductive current (KP) investigated for the presence
of the first frequency (1K) of the track circuit (KO), which is assigned
the first time window (1CO), **is analyzed** in analyzer (A) so, that after
performing of the time segmentation by the first time window (1CO),
10 the values of all primary-range partial amplitudes (1PA) of the actual
values (OH) of the conductive current (KP) are stated, as well as the
values of all respective primary-range partial amplitudes (1PF) of the
actual values (OH) of the conductive current (KP), so that
 - the values of all primary-range effective components (US1), i.e. the
15 first primary-range effective component (1US1), the second primary-
range effective component (2US1), up to the last primary-range
effective component (PUS1) of the endangering currents (OP) for the
first frequency (1K), are stated towards the reference phase network
(RFS), i.e. towards the first reference phase (1RF), the second
20 reference phase (2RF), up to the last reference phase (PRF), where
 - the first primary-range effective component (1US1) or the second
primary-range effective component (2US1) or up to the last primary-
range effective component (PUS1) of the endangering currents (OP)
for the first frequency (1K), **is evaluated as above-limit value (N)**, if it
25 has at one polarity, so if it has the relevant phase (KRF), longer than
critical time for (KC) the above-limit value (NH), necessary for
excitation of the track receiver (KPR) in terms of the criterion (KR) of
the endangering currents (OP), so that
 - the course of the conductive current (KP) investigated for the
30 presence of the second frequency (2K) of the track circuit (KO), which
has assigned the second time window (2CO), **is analyzed in
analyser (A)** so, that after performing the time segmentation by the

time window (2CO), the values of all secondary-range partial amplitudes (2PA) of the actual values (OH) of the conductive current (KP) are stated, as well as the values of all respective secondary-range partial phases (2PF) of the actual values (OH) of the conductive current (KP), so that

- the values of all secondary-range effective components (US2), i.e. the first secondary-range effective component (1US2), the second secondary-range effective component (2US2), up to the last secondary-range effective component (PUS2) of the endangering currents (OP) for the second frequency (2K), are stated towards the reference phase network (RFS), i.e. towards the first reference phase (1RF), the second reference phase (2RF), up to the last reference phase (PRF), whereas
- the first secondary-range effective component (1US2) or the second secondary-range effective component (2US2) or up to the last secondary-range effective component (PUS2) of the endangering currents (OP) for the second frequency (2K), **is evaluated as the above-limit value (N)**, if it has at one polarity, i.e. if has the relevant phase (KRF), longer than the critical time (KC) the above-limit value (NH), necessary for excitation of the track receiver (KPR) in terms of the criterion (KR) of the endangering currents (OP), whereas
- the course of conductive current (KP) is investigated for the presence of other frequencies of the track circuit (KO) up to the last frequency (PK) of the track circuit (KO), which has assigned the last time window (PCO), and **is analysed** in analyser (A) so, that after performing the time segmentation by the last time window (PCO), the values of all last-range partial amplitudes (PPA) of actual values (OH) of the conductive current (KP) are stated, as well as the values of all respective last-range partial phases (PPF) of the actual values (OH) of the conductive current (KP), so that
- the values of all last-range effective components (USP), i.e. the first last-range effective component (1USP), the second last-range

effective component (2USP), up to the final last-range effective component (PUSP) of the endangering currents (OP) for the last frequency (PK), are stated towards the reference phase network (RFS), i.e. towards the first reference phase (1RF), the second reference phase (2RF), up to the last reference phase (PRF) and,

5 - the first last-range effective component (1USP) or the second last-range effective component (2USP) or up to the final last-range effective component (PUSP) of the endangering currents (OP) for the last frequency (PK), **is evaluated as above-limit value (N)**, if it has at

10 one polarity, i.e. if it has the relevant phase (KRF), longer than the critical time (KC) the above-limit value (NH), necessary for excitation of the track receiver (KPR) in terms of the criterion (KR) of endangering currents (OP), and

15 - **if none of the effective component**, i.e. none of the primary-range effective components (US1) for the first frequency (1K), none of the secondary-range effective components (US2) for the second frequency (2K) up to none of the last-range effective components (USP) for the last frequency (PK) of the track circuit (KO), **do not exceed** at one polarity, i.e. at the relevant phase (KRF), for a period

20 longer than the critical time (KC) for the above-limit value (NH), necessary for excitation of the track receiver (KPR) **according to the criterion (KR)** of the endangering currents (OP), **the endangering current (OP)** is indicated by analyzer (A) as an **under-limit value (P)**.

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2. The method of the time-sensitive evaluation of the conductive current of the track circuit according to claim 1, **characterized in that**

- the course of the conductive current (KP), investigated for the presence of the first frequency (1K), the second frequency (2K), up to

30 the last frequency (PK) of the track circuit (KO), **is analysed** in the analyzer(A) so, that the presence of the first frequency (1K), the second frequency (2K), up to the last frequency (PK) is investigated by

means of the first adaptive filter (1AF) tuned for the first frequency (1K), the second adaptive filter (2AF) tuned for the second frequency (2K), up to the last adaptive filter (PAF) tuned for the last frequency (PK), where

- 5 - using of such achieved values of signals regarding the first frequency (1K), the second frequency (2K), up to the last frequency (PK), then the values of all partial amplitudes are stated, i.e. the primary-range partial amplitudes (1PA), secondary-range partial amplitudes (2PA) up to the last-range partial amplitudes (PPA) of the actual values (OH) of
10 the conductive current (KP), as well as the values of all respective partial phases, i.e. the primary-range partial phase (1PF), the secondary-range partial phase (2PF) up to the last -range partial phase (PPF) of the actual values (OH) of the conductive current (KP).

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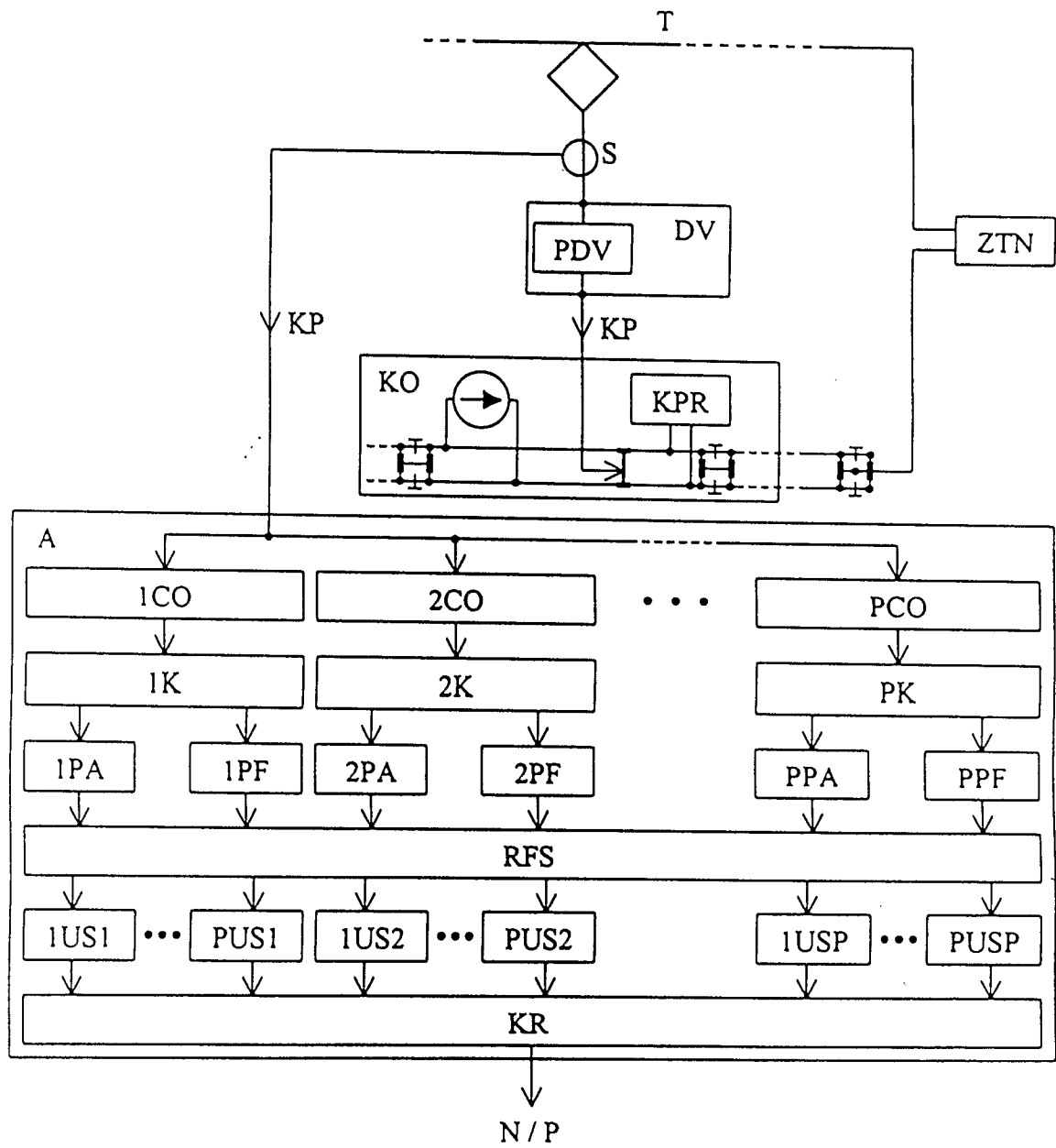


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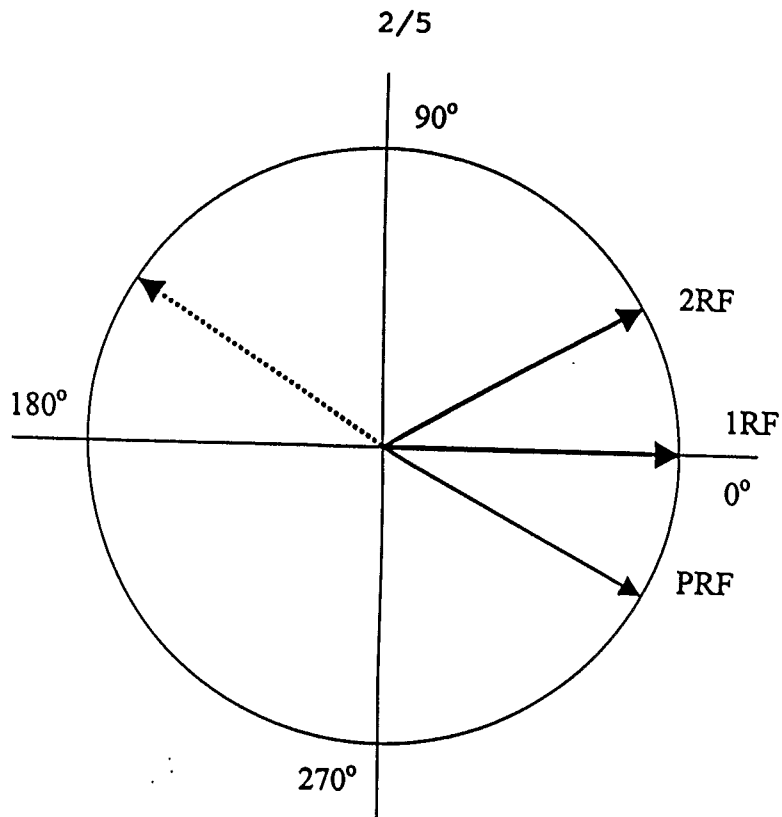


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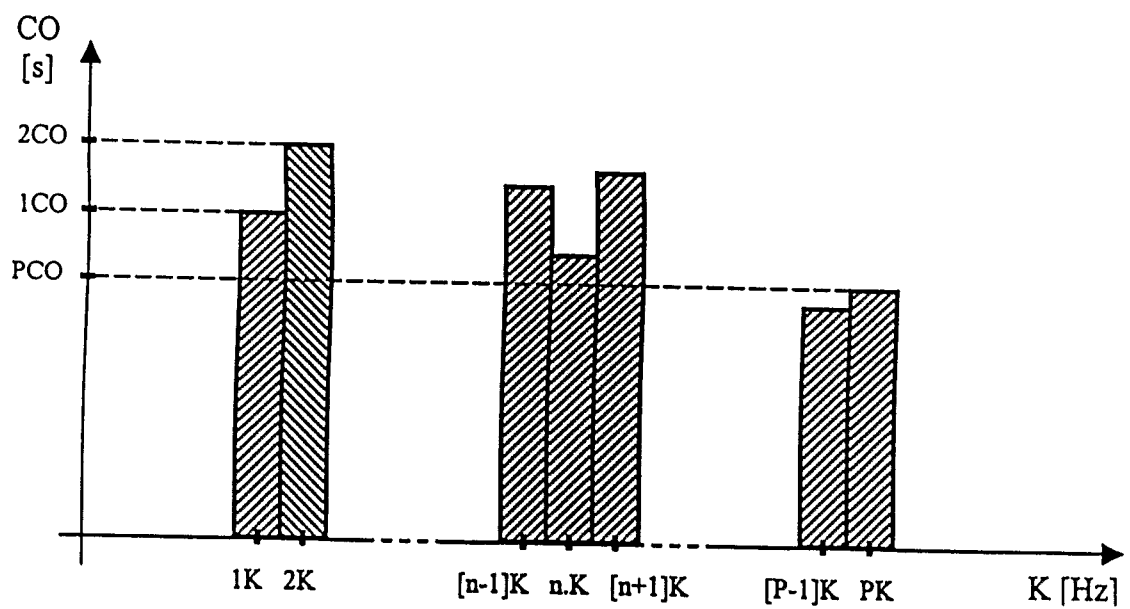


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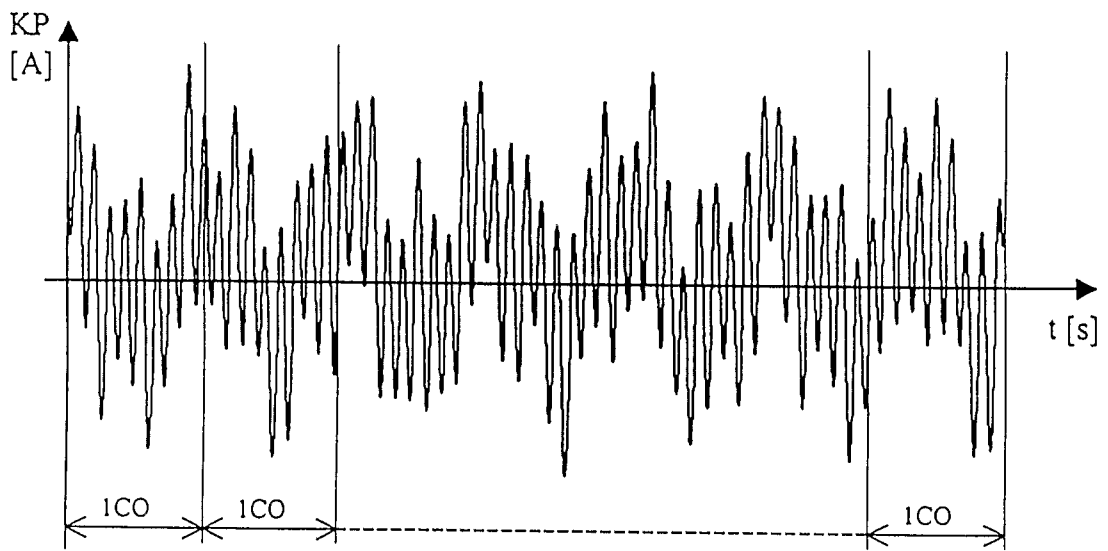


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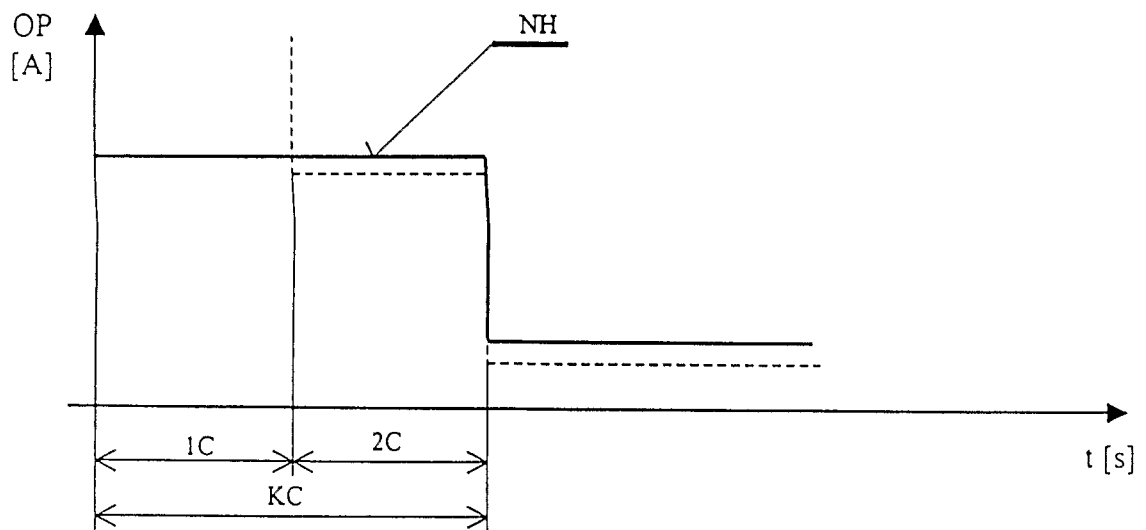


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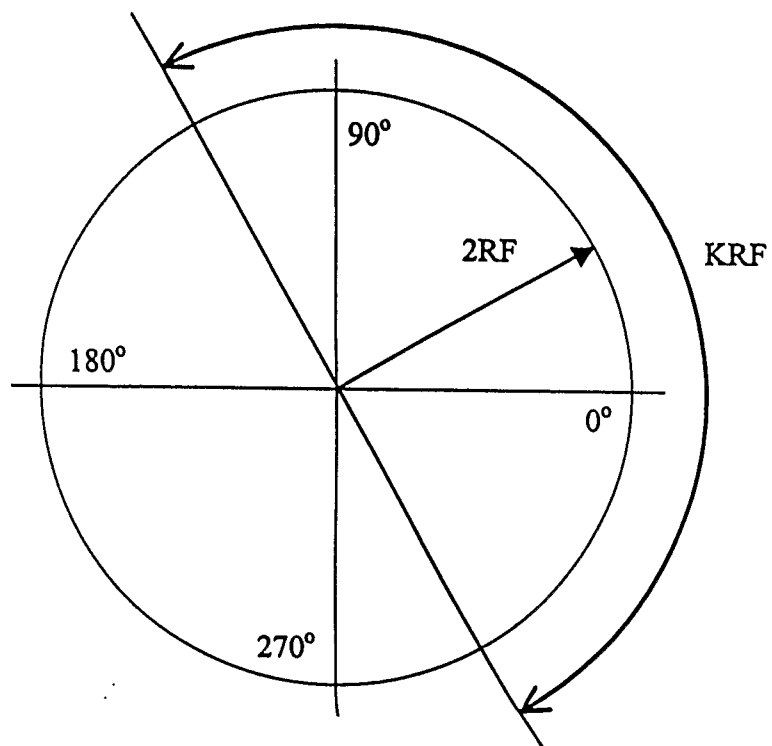


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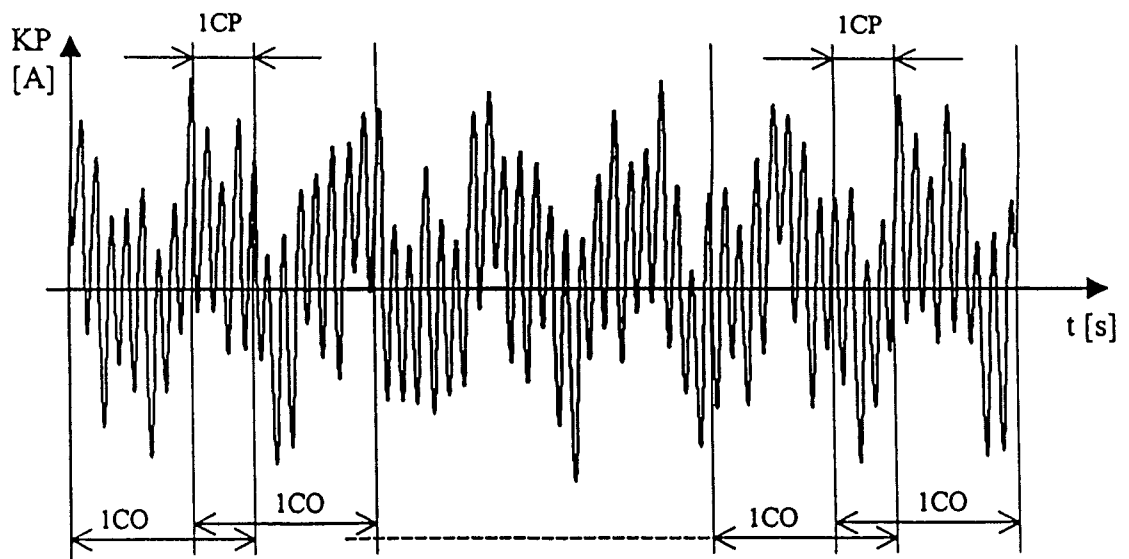


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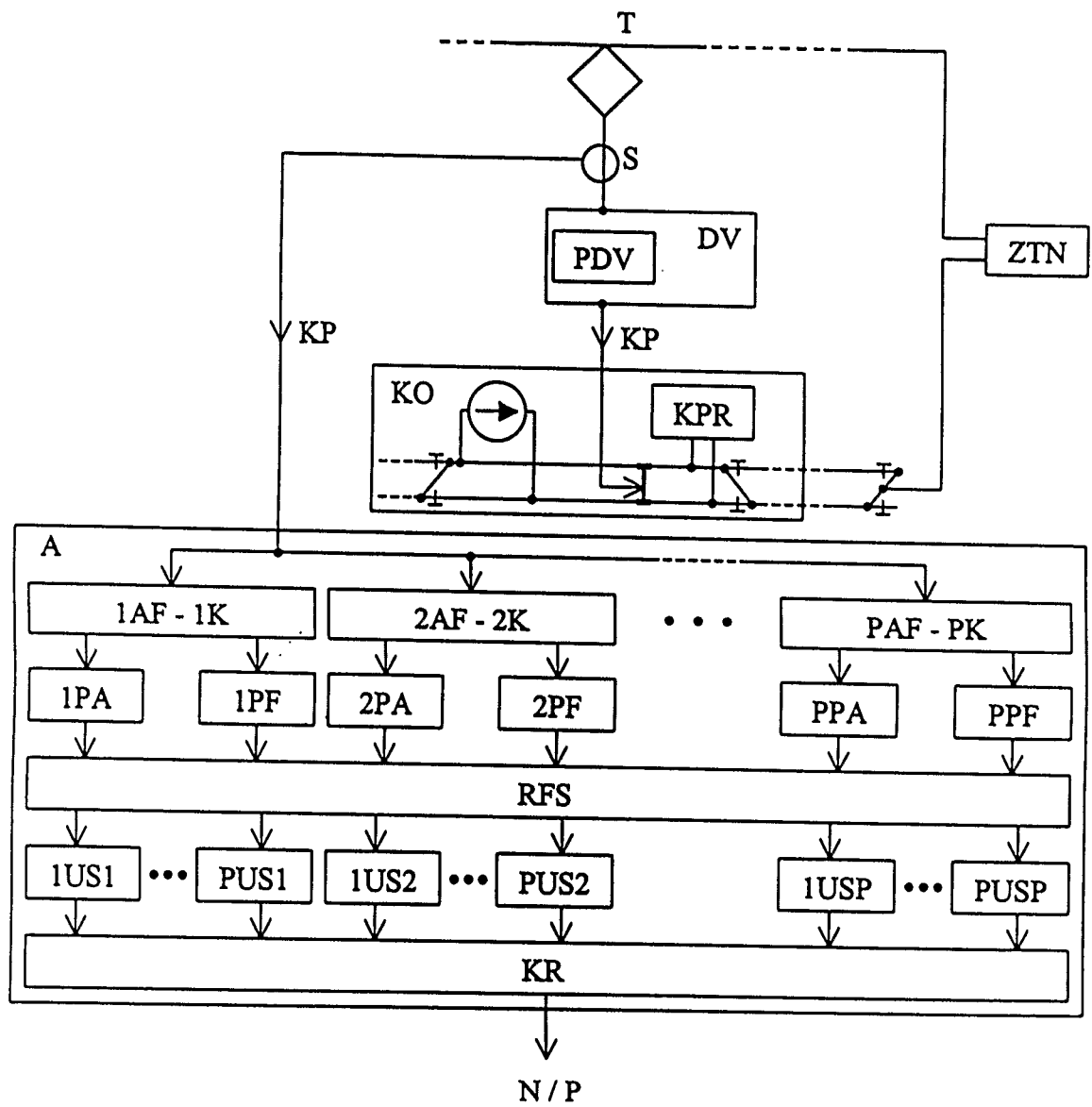


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