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### [54] ARRANGEMENT FOR CONTROLLING A TRANSMITTING/RECEIVING DEVICE OF **BASE STATIONS AND/OR MOBILE UNITS,** IN PARTICULAR OF A CORDLESS **TELEPHONE SYSTEM**

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#### ABSTRACT

[57]

To be able to operate base stations (FT) and mobile units (PT) of a cordless telephone system with the lowest possible use of energy, a processor (M-CT) of the base station (FT) and of the mobile unit (PT) contains a controlling program (CP) which is designed in such a way that the transmitting device (RE-T) of a transmitting unit (FT, PT) is activated essentially only at transmission times (SZ) and the receiving device (RE-R) of a receiving unit (PT, FT) is activated essentially only at reception times (EZ).

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#### ARRANGEMENT FOR CONTROLLING A TRANSMITTING/RECEIVING DEVICE OF BASE STATIONS AND/OR MOBILE UNITS, IN PARTICULAR OF A CORDLESS TELEPHONE SYSTEM

#### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The invention relates to an arrangement for controlling a transmitting/receiving device of base stations and/or mobile 10 units in particular of a cordless telephone system.

Cordless telephone systems, for example systems based on the TDMA principle (Time Division Multiple Access) (for example DECT cordless system, CT2 cordless system etc.) and systems based on the CDMA principle (Code 15 Divisoin Multiple Access), may be designed in such a way that voice to be transmitted is compressed on the transmission side, is transmitted by the transmitting device of the transmitting unit (base station, mobile unit) within a radio link, is received by the receiving device of the receiving unit 20 (mobile unit, base station) and is expandeed (burst technique).

Great Britain reference GB-A-2 249 922 (corresponding to U.S. Pat. No. 5,260,944) discloses, for example, a mobile TDMA radio telecommunication system which has the char- 25 acteristics mentioned above.

#### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The object on which the invention is based consists in  $_{30}$  operating base stations and/or mobile units, in particular of a cordless telephone system, with the lowest possible use of energy.

The present invention is an arrangement for controlling a transmitting/ receiving device of base stations and/or mobile 35 units, in particular of a cordless telephone system, comprising: each of the base stations and the mobile units having a processor, to which a controlling program is assigned and voice to be transmitted being compressed on a transmission side, transmitted by a transmitting device of a first trans- 40 mitting/receiving device within a radio link and received by a receiving device of a second transmitting/receiving device and expanded; the controlling program effecting actuation of the transmitting device of the transmitting unit substantially only during fixed, predetermined transmission times within 45 a transmission time frame and effecting actuation of the receiving device of the receiving unit substantially only during fixed, predetermined reception times within the transmission time frame; modules for monitoring that determines the transmission time frame, the modules being excepted 50 from the time-related activation.

In the case of base stations and/or mobile units, in particular a cordless telephone system, in order to reduce the use of energy required for the operation of the base station and/or of the mobile unit with the exception of the modules 55 necessary for frame-clock monitoring (e.g. in a transmitting/ receiving device of the base station and/or of the mobile unit)—in particular whenever the devices are supplied stationarily, for example via a battery, the transmitting/receiving device is switched on with a certain time lead with 60 respect to the transmission/reception burst (FIG. 4) occurring at periodic time intervals in the transmission technique (for example TDMA or CDMA methods). The lead time may in this case comprise a first part-lead time and a second part-lead time the first part-lead time being understood as 65

switching-on instant to the beginning of the transmission/ reception burst and the second part-lead time being understood as meaning the time which ensures that the transmitting/receiving device is activated during the transmission/ reception burst. In order that the transmitting/receiving device is also switched on over the entire duration of the transmission/reception burst, the transmitting/receiving device is switched off with the end of the transmission/ reception burst. In this case, as with the switching on of the transmitting/receiving device—in analogy with the second part-lead time provided there—it is also possible to provide a corresponding part-lag time for the switching off of the transmitting/receiving device, in order to ensure that the transmitting/receiving device is also switched on during the entire duration of the transmission/reception burst.

Advantageous further developments of the invention are specified in the subclaims.

In further embodiments of the present invention, the transmitting/receiving device contains on the one hand a plurality of subdevices (central functions), such as for example switching devices, an amplifier and an interface, and on the other hand a transmitter and receiver, which are switched on and off simultaneously in one embodiment and at different times in another embodiment.

### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The features of the present invention which are believed to be novel, are set forth with particularity in the appended claims. The invention, together with further objects and advantages, may best be understood by reference to the following description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in the several Figures of which like reference numerals identify like elements, and in which:

FIG. 1 shows an arrangement for controlling a transmitting/receiving device in a base station or a mobile unit of a cordless telephone system,

FIG. 2 shows the basic construction of the transmitting/ receiving device according to FIG. 1,

FIG. **3** shows a TDMA time frame in a cordless telephone system in accordance with the DECT standard,

FIG. 4 shows the time relationship between transmission and reception burst and the activation of the transmitting/ receiving device according to FIGS. 1 and 2.

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

FIG. 1 shows the basic circuitry of a base station FT or of a mobile unit PT of a cordless telephone system. Both the base station FT and the mobile unit PT contain a radio element RE - in the following also referred to as transmitting/receiving device RE-T, RE-R —, a controlling element CE and peripheral elements PE, which are combined in the "peripheral elements" functional block. In the following description, it is assumed that for the cordless telephone system the DECT standard (Digital European Cordless Telecommunication) is implemented. However, the invention is not restricted to this. For instance, the invention can also be readily used for comparable standards, such as for example the CT2 or GSM standard.

may in this case comprise a first part-lead time and a second While base station FT and mobile unit PT do not differ part-lead time the first part-lead time being understood as 65 with respect to the controlling element CE and the radio

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