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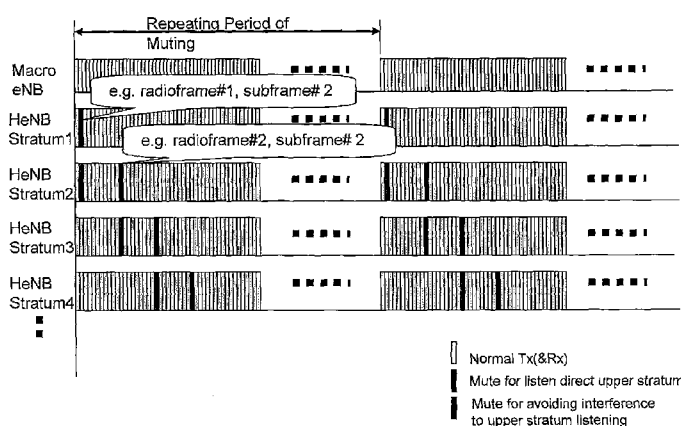


Fig. 3

(57) Abstract: It is provided an apparatus, comprising deciding means configured to decide whether or not a predefined condition is met; receiving means configured to receive a first signal at predefined places; inhibiting means configured to inhibit sending a second signal at a plurality of the predefined places, if the deciding means decides that the predefined condition is met; monitoring means configured to monitor, if the deciding means decides that the predefined condition is met, for at least two of the predefined places whether or not a first signal is received at the predefined places; defining means configured to define a first mute place based on the monitoring result of the monitoring means and a predefined rule, wherein the first mute place is one of the predefined places at which, according to the monitoring means, a first signal is received; wherein the inhibiting means is configured to inhibit sending the second signal at the first mute place.



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