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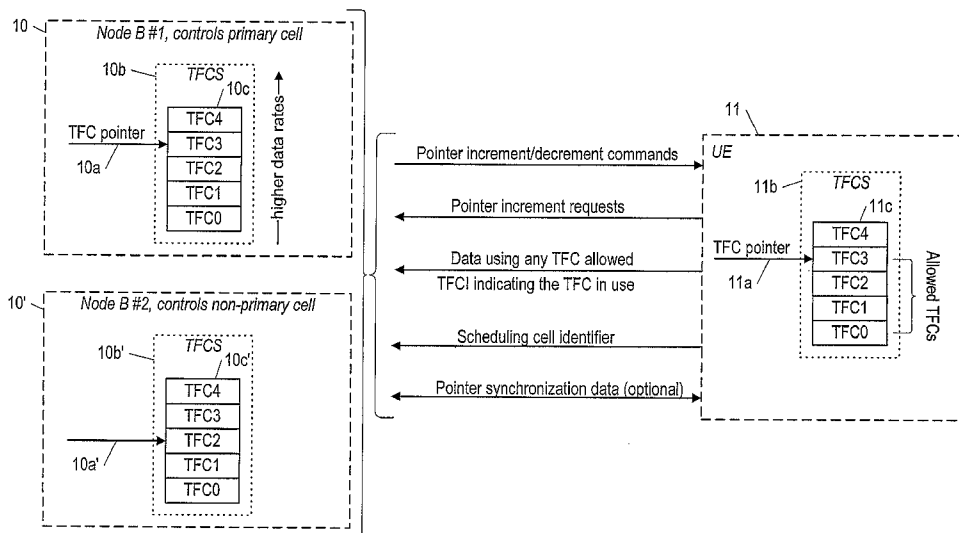
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(57) Abstract: A method (20) and corresponding equipment for enabling Node B based control during soft handover of the maximum allowed uplink data rate used by a UE device (11), based on the UE device (11) identifying a scheduling cell in an uplink, and the Node Bs (10 10') receiving the uplink each determining whether it is in control of the scheduling cell and providing commands to affect the maximum allowed uplink data rate only if it is in control. In case of differential scheduling and a change in the scheduling cell to a new scheduling cell under the control of a different one of the Node Bs (10 10'), a synchronization process is carried out so as to set to a same value a pointer (10a') used by the new scheduler Node B (10') to indicate the maximum allowed uplink data rate and a corresponding pointer (11a) used by the UE device (11).

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