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### Systems and methods for correcting downstream power excursions during upstream loading operations in optical networks

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#### Abstract

Disclosed herein are methods and systems for correcting power excursions. One exemplary network element may be provided with a processor; a first line port; a flexible ROADM module including a wavelength selective switch, a multiplexer, and one or more control block; a second line port; and a memory storing an orchestrator application and processor-executable instructions. Responsive to receiving a first signal indicative of an impending network state change, the processor-executable instructions cause the processor to pause all power adjustments by the control block on the flexible ROADM module and save at least one power set point value for each active passband from a first optical signal multiplexed into a second optical signal; and responsive to receiving a second signal indicative of the network state change, adjust an optical power of each active passband from the first optical signal multiplexed into the second optical signal using the power set point values.

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Background/Summary

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION (1) This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 63/329,225, filed Apr. 8, 2022, the entire content of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PRIOR ART

(1) Optical networking is a communication means that utilizes signals encoded in light to transmit information, e.g., data, as an optical signal in various types of telecommunications networks. Optical networking may be used in relatively short-range networking applications such as in a local area network (LAN) or in long-range networking applications spanning countries, continents, and oceans. Generally, optical networks utilize optical amplifiers, a light source such as lasers or LEDs, and wavelength division multiplexing to enable high-bandwidth communication.

(2) Optical networks are a critical component of the global Internet backbone. This infrastructure acts as the underlay, providing the plumbing (e.g., access, metro, and long-haul networks) for all other communications to take place. In a traditional 7-layer Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) model, Optical networks constitute the Layer 1 functions, providing digital transmission of bit streams transparently across varying distances over a chosen physical media (in this case, fiber optic). Optical networks also encompass an entire class of devices (which are referred to as Layer 0), which purely deal with optical photonic transmission and wavelength division multiplexing (WDM). This includes amplification, (re-)generation, and optical add/drop multiplexing (OADM).

The most widely adopted Layer 1/Layer 0 transport networking technologies today, referred to as Optical Transport Networks (OTN), are based on ITU-T standards. Both of these classes of networks are connection-oriented and circuit-switched in nature.

(3) Dense Wavelength Division Multiplexing (DWDM) is an optical transmission technology that uses a single fiber optic line to simultaneously transport multiple optical services of different wavelengths. The different wavelengths are conventionally separated into several frequency bands, each frequency band being used as an independent channel to transport optical services of particular wavelengths. The Conventional Band (C-band) typically includes signals with wavelengths ranging from 1530 nm to 1565 nm, is the frequency band in which optical services experience the lowest amount of loss, and is the band most commonly used in DWDM. The Long-wavelength Band (L-band), which typically includes signals with wavelengths ranging from 1565 nm to 1625 nm, is the frequency band in which optical services experience the second lowest amount of loss, and is the frequency band often used when the C-band is insufficient to meet bandwidth requirements. Optical line systems that use both the C-band and the L-band are referred to as C+L or C/L optical line systems

(4) C+L optical line systems may be susceptible to experiencing optical power transients during loading operations due to Stimulated Raman Scattering (SRS) effect across the different frequency bands. This can lead to traffic drop on pre-existing services in one frequency band if there is a significant loading change in the other frequency band. Existing data signals may suffer traffic loss if the power transient is large enough and the optical signal does not have sufficient design margin to overcome the impairments. Keeping the power transients below allowable levels is essential to having a deployable system since the residual power transients will propagate to downstream segments via the egress Express traffic.

(5) Commercial optical transmission systems use automatic gain control (AGC) software to properly configure each active element in the network to a set point that gives the desired performance. When the network state changes, for example by a controlled action (e.g., adding and/or removing wavelengths), or an uncontrolled action (e.g., a change in fiber span loss, unexpected equipment failure, etc.), the AGC software needs to run to re-optimize all the operating set points. Running an AGC cycle can take multiple minutes to converge on a single network segment, depending on the implementation and control architecture. In network segments with Express traffic, that is, where optical wavelengths are optically routed from one network segment to another, a change in the local network segment may require AGC cycles to be run in downstream segments that contain dependent traffic. Further AGC cycles also need to be run on downstream segments with dependent traffic to an upstream event

(6) If multiple operations are required to be run sequentially on a network segment, the downstream segments with dependent traffic may also need to run AGC cycles after each operation in the sequence to prevent power excursions from accumulating in the downstream nodes. This has significant timing implications for system performance since each AGC cycle can take multiple minutes to run on a single segment, and running on depending downstream segments will block further actions on the segment of interest.

#### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

(7) In C+L-band networks, services in a particular band (i.e., the C-band or the L-band) should be carefully loaded to minimize the effects of optical power changes on pre-existing services in the other band. This is due to the SRS effect. In C-band networks, services in a particular part of the spectrum may be loaded independently and without consideration for pre-existing services in another part of the spectrum. However, Optical power control functionality for C+L Band requires orchestration and network-wide coordination to avoid transients and SRS tilt implications. In order to accomplish this, a Service and Power Control Orchestrator (SPCO) is used.

(8) In one implementation, the problems of mitigating or limiting transients and the SRS effect when loading services in a C+L band optical network is solved by orchestration and network-wide

coordination of optical power control functionality as addressed by a network element as disclosed herein. The network element may comprise a processor; a first line port optically coupled to a first optical fiber link carrying a first optical signal having a first plurality of passbands; a flexible ROADM module including a wavelength selective switch in optical communication with the first line port, a multiplexer, and one or more control block, and being operable to selectively multiplex the first optical signal into a second optical signal having a second plurality of passbands, the one or more control block operable to control the wavelength selective switch and the multiplexer; a second line port optically coupled to a second optical fiber link and operable to carry the second optical signal having the second plurality of passbands, the second line port in optical communication with the wavelength selective switch; and a memory comprising a non-transitory processor-readable medium storing an orchestrator application having one or more service component, and storing processor-executable instructions that when executed by the processor cause the processor to: responsive to receiving a first signal indicative of an impending network state change, pause all power adjustments by the control block on the flexible ROADM module and save at least one power set point value for each active passband from the first optical signal multiplexed into the second optical signal, the network state change being responsive to service activation or service deactivation affecting the first optical signal; responsive to receiving a second signal indicative of the network state change, adjust an optical power of each active passband from the first optical signal multiplexed into the second optical signal using the power set point values.

(9) The exemplary network element, wherein the one or more service component is an orchestration control protocol, and wherein the orchestration control protocol, in communication with the orchestration application, determines the at least one power set point value for each active passband from the first optical signal multiplexed into the second optical signal and saves the at least one power set point value for each active passband in the memory.

(10) The exemplary network element, wherein adjusting the optical power of each active passband from the first optical signal multiplexed into the second optical signal using the power set point values is defined further as providing instructions to the wavelength selective switch to cause the wavelength selective switch to selectively attenuate wavelengths of light within at least one active passband.

(11) The exemplary network element, wherein adjusting the optical power of each active passband from the first optical signal multiplexed into the second optical signal using the power set point values is defined further as providing instructions to the wavelength selective switch to cause the wavelength selective switch to selectively amplify wavelengths of light within at least one active passband.

(12) The exemplary network element, wherein adjusting the optical power of each active passband from the first optical signal multiplexed into the second optical signal using the power set point values is defined further as adjusting the power level of each passband independently of other passbands.

(13) The exemplary network element, wherein adjusting the optical power of each active passband from the first optical signal multiplexed into the second optical signal using the power set point values is defined further as dynamically adjusting the power level of passbands based on real-time network conditions.

(14) The exemplary network element, wherein the degree further comprises an optical power monitor configured to measure the power level of individual passbands and provide feedback to the processor for adjusting the power levels.

(15) The exemplary network element, wherein after the optical power of each active passband from the first optical signal multiplexed into the second optical signal using the power set point values, the processor executable instructions cause the processor to determine if a delta power threshold value relative to the power set point values for each active passband from the first optical signal multiplexed into the second optical signal has been exceeded; and if the delta power threshold

value relative to the power set point values for each active passband from the first optical signal multiplexed into the second optical signal has not been exceeded, the processor executable instructions cause the processor to generate and transmit a third signal via the first line port, the third signal indicating the optical power adjustment of each active passband from the first optical signal multiplexed into the second optical signal was successful; or if the delta power threshold value relative to the power set point values for each active passband from the first optical signal multiplexed into the second optical signal has been exceeded, the processor executable instructions cause the processor to generate and transmit a fourth signal via the first line port, the fourth signal indicating the optical power adjustment of each active passband from the first optical signal multiplexed into the second optical signal was not successful.

(16) In one aspect of the present disclosure, a network element is provided, comprising: a first flexible ROADM module comprising: a first system port; a second system port; a first line port optically coupled to a first optical fiber link carrying a first optical signal having a first group of passbands; a first processor; and a first memory comprising a non-transitory processor-readable medium storing a first orchestrator application having one or more first service component, and storing first processor-executable instructions; a second flexible ROADM module comprising: a third system port; a fourth system port; a second line port optically coupled to the first line port of the first flexible ROADM module; a second processor; and a second memory comprising a non-transitory processor-readable medium storing a second orchestrator application having one or more second service component, and storing second processor-executable instructions; a third flexible ROADM module comprising: a fifth system port; a sixth system port; a third line port optically coupled to the first line port of the first flexible ROADM module; a third processor; and a third memory comprising a non-transitory processor-readable medium storing a third orchestrator application having one or more third service component, and storing third processor executable instructions; wherein the second processor-executable instructions, when executed by the second processor, cause the second processor to: responsive to receiving a first signal indicative of an impending network state change, pause all power adjustments by a second control block on the second flexible ROADM module and save at least one first power set point value for each active passband from the first group of passbands from the first flexible ROADM module, the network state change being responsive to service activation or service deactivation affecting the first optical signal; and responsive to receiving a second signal indicative of the network state change, adjust an optical power of each active passband from the first optical signal using the first power set point values; and wherein the third processor-executable instructions, when executed by the third processor cause the third processor to: responsive to receiving the first signal indicative of the impending network state change, pause all power adjustments by a third control block on the third flexible ROADM module and save at least one second power set point value for each active passband from the first group of passbands from the first flexible ROADM module, the network state change being responsive to service activation or service deactivation affecting the first optical signal; and responsive to receiving the second signal indicative of the network state change, adjust an optical power of each active passband from the first optical signal using the second power set point values.

(17) The exemplary network element, wherein the one or more first service component is a first orchestration control protocol, the one or more second service component is a second orchestration control protocol, and the one or more third orchestration protocol is a third orchestration control protocol; and wherein the second orchestration control protocol, in communication with the second orchestration application, determines the at least one first power set point value for each active passband from the first group of passbands from the first flexible ROADM module and saves the at least one first power set point value for each active passband in the second memory; and wherein the third orchestration control protocol, in communication with the third orchestration application, determines the at least one second power set point value for each active passband from the first

group of passbands from the first flexible ROADM module and saves the at least one second power set point value for each active passband in the third memory.

(18) In one aspect of the present disclosure, an optical transport network is disclosed, comprising: a first network element comprising a first processor, a first wavelength selective switch having a first line port and a first system port, and a first memory comprising a non-transitory processor-readable medium storing a first orchestrator application having at least one first service component, and first processor-executable instructions; a second network element comprising a second processor, a second wavelength selective switch having a second line port and a second system port and exposing a control block, and a second memory comprising a non-transitory processor-readable medium storing a second orchestrator application having at least one second service component, and second processor-executable instructions; and an optical fiber link optically coupled to the first line port and the second line port, the optical fiber link operable to carry an optical signal having the optical service in a plurality of passbands; wherein the first processor executable instructions, when executed by the first processor, cause the first processor to generate a first signal and transmit the first signal via the first line port to the second network element, the first signal indicative of an impending state change on the first network element; responsive to receiving the first signal, the second processor executable instructions cause the second processor to pause all power adjustments by the control block and save at least one power set point value for each active passband in the optical signal; responsive to saving at least one power set point for each active passband in the optical signal, the second processor executable instructions cause the second processor to generate a second signal and transmit the second signal to the first network element via the second line port, the second signal indicating that the second network element is prepared for the state change; responsive to receiving the second signal, the first processor executable instructions cause the first network element to perform the state change; responsive to completing the state change, the first processor executable instructions cause the first processor to generate a third signal and transmit the third signal to the second network element via the first line port, the third signal indicating that the state change is complete; responsive to receiving the third signal, the second processor executable instructions cause the second processor to adjust an optical power of each active passband in the optical signal using the power set point values.

(19) Implementations of the above techniques include methods, apparatus, systems, networks, and computer program products. One such computer program product is suitably embodied in a non-transitory machine-readable medium that stores instructions executable by one or more processors. The instructions are configured to cause the one or more processors to perform the above-described actions.

(20) The details of one or more implementations of the subject matter of this specification are set forth in the accompanying drawings and the description below. Other aspects, features, and advantages will become apparent from the description, the drawings, and the claims.

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## Description

### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

(1) The accompanying drawings, which are incorporated in and constitute a part of this specification, illustrate one or more implementations described herein and, together with the description, explain these implementations. The drawings are not intended to be drawn to scale, and certain features and certain views of the figures may be shown exaggerated, to scale, or in schematic in the interest of clarity and conciseness. Not every component may be labeled in every drawing. Like reference numerals in the figures may represent and refer to the same or similar element or function. In the drawings:

(2) FIG. 1 is a block diagram of an exemplary implementation of an optical transport network

constructed in accordance with the present disclosure.

(3) FIG. 2 is a diagram of an exemplary implementation of a computer system shown in FIG. 1 and constructed in accordance with the present disclosure.

(4) FIG. 3A is a block diagram of an exemplary implementation of a network element being a reconfigurable optical add/drop multiplexer constructed in accordance with the present disclosure.

(5) FIG. 3B is a diagram of an exemplary implementation of a light source of FIG. 3A constructed in accordance with the present disclosure.

(6) FIG. 3C is a block diagram of an exemplary implementation of a light sink constructed in accordance with the present disclosure.

(7) FIG. 3D is a diagram of an exemplary implementation of a flexible ROADM module (FRM) constructed in accordance with the present disclosure.

(8) FIG. 4 is a software architecture diagram of an exemplary implementation of a Service and Power Control Orchestrator constructed in accordance with the present disclosure.

(9) FIG. 5 is a diagram of an exemplary implementation of an adjacency graph of a second network element of FIG. 1 constructed in accordance with the present disclosure.

(10) FIG. 6A is a functional diagram of an exemplary implementation of a logical ROADM model constructed in accordance with the present disclosure.

(11) FIG. 6B is a block diagram of another exemplary implementation of a physical topology of a ROADM constructed in accordance with the present disclosure.

(12) FIG. 7 is a functional model of an exemplary implementation of an optical services and power controls sub-system constructed in accordance with the present disclosure.

(13) FIG. 8 is a block diagram of an exemplary implementation of an orchestrator implemented on a ROADM with multiple degrees and constructed in accordance with the present disclosure.

(14) FIG. 9 is a block diagram of an exemplary implementation of an orchestrator network constructed in accordance with the present disclosure.

(15) FIG. 10 is a flow chart of an exemplary loading sequence of one implementation of an optical transport network constructed in accordance with the present disclosure.

(16) FIGS. 11A-11E illustrate an exemplary method for correcting downstream power excursions in one implementation of an optical transport network having a distributed control architecture in accordance with the present disclosure.

(17) FIGS. 12A-12E illustrate an exemplary method for correcting downstream power excursions in one implementation of an optical transport network having a centralized control architecture in accordance with the present disclosure.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION

(18) The following detailed description of exemplary embodiments refers to the accompanying drawings. The same reference numbers in different drawings may identify the same or similar elements.

(19) Before explaining at least one embodiment of the disclosure in detail, it is to be understood that the disclosure is not limited in its application to the details of construction, experiments, exemplary data, and/or the arrangement of the components set forth in the following description or illustrated in the drawings unless otherwise noted.

(20) The disclosure is capable of other embodiments or of being practiced or carried out in various ways. Also, it is to be understood that the phraseology and terminology employed herein are for purposes of description and should not be regarded as limiting.

(21) As used herein, the terms “comprises,” “comprising,” “includes,” “including,” “has,” “having” or any other variation thereof, are intended to cover a non-exclusive inclusion. For example, a process, method, article, or apparatus that comprises a list of elements is not necessarily limited to only those elements but may include other elements not expressly listed or inherent to such process, method, article, or apparatus.

(22) Further, unless expressly stated to the contrary, “or” refers to an inclusive or and not to an

exclusive or. For example, a condition A or B is satisfied by any one of the following: A is true (or present) and B is false (or not present), A is false (or not present) and B is true (or present), and both A and B are true (or present).

(23) In addition, use of the “a” or “an” are employed to describe elements and components of the embodiments herein. This is done merely for convenience and to give a general sense of the inventive concept. This description should be read to include one or more and the singular also includes the plural unless it is obvious that it is meant otherwise. Further, use of the term “plurality” is meant to convey “more than one” unless expressly stated to the contrary.

(24) As used herein, qualifiers like “about,” “approximately,” and combinations and variations thereof, are intended to include not only the exact amount or value that they qualify, but also some slight deviations therefrom, which may be due to manufacturing tolerances, measurement error, wear and tear, stresses exerted on various parts, and combinations thereof, for example.

(25) The use of the term “at least one” or “one or more” will be understood to include one as well as any quantity more than one. In addition, the use of the phrase “at least one of X, Y, and Z” will be understood to include X alone, Y alone, and Z alone, as well as any combination of X, Y, and Z.

(26) The use of ordinal number terminology (i.e., “first”, “second”, “third”, “fourth”, etc.) is solely for the purpose of differentiating between two or more items and, unless explicitly stated otherwise, is not meant to imply any sequence or order or importance to one item over another or any order of addition.

(27) As used herein, any reference to “one embodiment,” “an embodiment,” “some embodiments,” “one implementation,” “some implementations,” “an implementation,” “one example,” “for example,” or “an example” means that a particular element, feature, structure, or characteristic described in connection with the embodiment/implementation/example is included in at least one embodiment/implementation/example and may be used in conjunction with other embodiments/implementations/examples. The appearance of the phrase “in some embodiments” or “one example” or “in some implementations” in various places in the specification does not necessarily all refer to the same embodiment/implementation/example, for example.

(28) Circuitry, as used herein, may be analog and/or digital components referred to herein as “blocks”, or one or more suitably programmed processors (e.g., microprocessors) and associated hardware and software, or hardwired logic. Also, “components” or “blocks” may perform one or more functions. The term “component” or “block” may include hardware, such as a processor (e.g., a microprocessor), a combination of hardware and software, and/or the like. Software may include one or more processor-executable instructions that when executed by one or more components cause the component to perform a specified function. It should be understood that the algorithms described herein may be stored on one or more non-transitory memory. Exemplary non-transitory memory may include random access memory, read-only memory, flash memory, and/or the like. Such non-transitory memory may be electrically based, optically based, and/or the like.

(29) Software may include one or more processor-readable instruction that when executed by one or more component, e.g., a processor, causes the component to perform a specified function. It should be understood that the algorithms described herein may be stored on one or more non-transitory processor-readable medium, which is also referred to herein as a non-transitory memory. Exemplary non-transitory processor-readable mediums may include random-access memory (RAM), a read-only memory (ROM), a flash memory, and/or a non-volatile memory such as, for example, a CD-ROM, a hard drive, a solid-state drive, a flash drive, a memory card, a DVD-ROM, a Blu-ray Disk, a disk, and an optical drive, combinations thereof, and/or the like. Such non-transitory processor-readable media may be electrically based, optically based, magnetically based, and/or the like. Further, the messages described herein may be generated by the components and result in various physical transformations.

(30) As used herein, the terms “network-based,” “cloud-based,” and any variations thereof, are intended to include the provision of configurable computational resources on demand via



interfacing with a computer and/or computer network, with software and/or data at least partially located on a computer and/or computer network.

(31) The generation of laser beams for use as optical data channel signals is explained, for example, in U.S. Pat. No. 8,155,531, entitled “Tunable Photonic Integrated Circuits”, issued Apr. 10, 2012, and U.S. Pat. No. 8,639,118, entitled “Wavelength division multiplexed optical communication system having variable channel spacings and different modulation formats,” issued Jan. 28, 2014, which are hereby fully incorporated in their entirety herein by reference.

(32) As used herein, an “optical communication path” and/or an “optical route” may correspond to an optical path and/or an optical light path. For example, an optical communication path may specify a path along which light is carried between two or more network entities along a fiber optic link, e.g., an optical fiber.

(33) The optical network has one or more band. A band is a complete optical spectrum carried on the optical fiber. Depending on the optical fiber used and the supported spectrum which can be carried over long distances with the current technology, relevant examples of the bands are: C-Band/L-Band/Extended-C-Band. As used herein, the C-Band is a band of light having a wavelength between about 1530 nm and about 1565 nm. The L-Band is a band of light having a wavelength between about 1565 nm and about 1625 nm. Because the wavelength of the C-Band is smaller than the wavelength of the L-Band, the wavelength of the C-Band may be described as a short, or a shorter, wavelength relative to the L-Band. Similarly, because the wavelength of the L-Band is larger than the wavelength of the C-Band, the wavelength of the L-Band may be described as a long, or a longer, wavelength relative to the C-Band.

(34) As used herein, a spectral slice (a “slice”) may represent a spectrum of a particular size in a frequency band (e.g., 12.5 gigahertz (“GHz”), 6.25 GHz, 3.125 GHz, etc.). For example, a 4.8 terahertz (“THz”) frequency band may include 384 spectral slices, where each spectral slice may represent 12.5 GHz of the 4.8 THz spectrum. A slice may be the resolution at which the power levels can be measured by the optical power monitoring device. The power level being measured by the optical power monitoring device represents the total optical power carried by the portion of the band represented by that slice.

(35) Spectral loading, or channel loading, is the addition of one or more channel to a specific spectrum of light described by the light's wavelength in an optical signal. When all channels within a specific spectrum are being utilized, the specific spectrum is described as fully loaded. A grouping of two or more channel may be called a channel group. Spectral loading may also be described as the addition of one or more channel group to a specific spectrum of light described by the light's wavelength to be supplied onto the optical fiber as the optical signal.

(36) A WSS (Wavelength Selective Switch) is a component used in optical communications networks to route (switch) optical signals between optical fibers on a per-slice basis. Generally, power level controls can also be done by the WSS by specifying an attenuation level on a passband filter. A wavelength Selective Switch is a programmable device having source and destination fiber ports where the source and destination fiber ports and associated attenuation can be specified for a particular passband with a minimum bandwidth.

(37) A reconfigurable optical add-drop multiplexer (ROADM) node is an all-optical subsystem that enables remote configuration of wavelengths at any ROADM node. A ROADM is software-provisionable so that a network operator can choose whether a wavelength is added, dropped, or passed through the ROADM node. The technologies used within the ROADM node include wavelength blocking, planar lightwave circuit (PLC), and wavelength selective switching—though the WSS has become the dominant technology. A ROADM system is a metro/regional WDM or long-haul DWDM system that includes a ROADM node. ROADMs are often talked about in terms of degrees of switching, ranging from a minimum of two degrees to as many as eight degrees, and occasionally more than eight degrees. A “degree” is another term for a switching direction and is generally associated with a transmission fiber pair. A two-degree ROADM node switches in two

directions, typically called East and West. A four-degree ROADM node switches in four directions, typically called North, South, East, and West. In a WSS-based ROADM network, each degree requires an additional WSS switching element. So, as the directions switched at a ROADM node increase, the ROADM node's cost increases.

(38) An exemplary optical transport network consists of two distinct domains: Layer 0 (“optical domain” or “optical layer”) and Layer 1 (“digital domain”) data planes. Layer 0 is responsible for fixed or reconfigurable optical add/drop multiplexing (R/OADM) and optical amplification (EDFA or Raman) of optical channels and optical channel groups (OCG), typically within the 1530 nm-1565 nm range, known as C-Band. ROADM functions are facilitated via usage of a combination of colorless, directionless, and contentionless (CDC) optical devices, which may include wavelength selective switches (WSS) and/or Multicast switches (MCS). Layer 0 may include the frequency grid (for example, as defined by ITU G.694.1), ROADMs, FOADMs, Amps, Muxes, Line-system and Fiber transmission, and GMPLS Control Plane (with Optical Extensions). Layer 1 functions encompass transporting client signals (e.g., Ethernet, SONET/SDH) in a manner that preserves bit transparency, timing transparency, and delay-transparency. The predominant technology for digital layer data transport in use today is Optical Transport Networks (OTN) (for example, as defined by ITU G.709). Layer 1 may transport “client layer” traffic. Layer 1 may be a digital layer including multiplexing and grooming. The optical layer may further be divided into either an OTS layer or an OCH layer. The OTS layer refers to the optical transport section of the optical layer, whereas the OCH layer refers to one or more optical channels which are co-routed, e.g., together as multiple channels.

(39) As used herein, a transmission line segment (which may be referred to as an optical link or an optical multiplex section) is the portion of a transmission line from a first node (e.g., a first ROADM) transmitting a transmission signal to a second node (e.g., a second ROADM) receiving the transmission signal. The transmission line segment may include one or more optical in-line amplifier situated between the first node and the second node. In some implementations, an optical multiplex section (OMS) has the same scope as the transmission line segment (TLS). In some implementations, the OMS may be a subset of a TLS. In some implementations, OMS-C(C-Band) and OMS-L (L-Band) are combined together in an optical link or TLS. In some implementations, TLS may be used synonymously with Optical Link. An Optical Link may be composed of OMSs including OMS-C and OMS-L.

(40) Referring now to the drawings, and in particular to FIG. 1, shown therein is a diagram of an exemplary implementation of an optical transport network **10** constructed in accordance with the present disclosure. The optical transport network **10** is depicted as having a plurality of network elements **14a-n**, including a first network element **14a**, a second network element **14b**, a third network element **14c**, and a fourth network element **14d**. Though four network elements **14** are shown for the purposes of illustration, it will be understood that the plurality of network elements **14a-n** may comprise more or fewer network elements **14**. Data transmitted within the optical transport network **10** may be transmitted along optical paths formed by a first transmission line segment **22a**, a second transmission line segment **22b**, and a third transmission line segment **22c**. For instance, data transmitted from the first network element **14a** to the second network element **14b** may travel along the optical path formed from the first transmission line segment **22a**. The optical transport network **10** may be provided with one or more optical in-line amplifiers (ILA) disposed in the transmission line segments **22a**, **22b**, and **22c** such as a first ILA **16a**, a second ILA **16b**, and a third ILA **16c** disposed in the transmission line segments **22a**, **22b**, and **22c**, respectively.

(41) In one embodiment, a user may interact with a computer system **30**, e.g., via a user device, that may be used to communicate with one or more of the network elements **14a-n** (hereinafter “network element **14**”) via a communication network **34**. Each element of the computer system **30** may be partially or completely network-based or cloud-based, and may or may not be located in a

single physical location.

(42) In some implementations, the computer system **30** (described below in reference to FIG. 2 in more detail) may comprise a processor and a memory having a data store that may store data such as network element version information, firmware version information, sensor data, system data, metrics, logs, tracing, and the like in a raw format as well as transformed data that may be used for tasks such as reporting, visualization, analytics, signal routing, power loading operations and/or coordination, etc. The data store may include structured data from relational databases, semi-structured data, unstructured data, time-series data, and binary data. The data store may be a data base, a remote accessible storage, or a distributed filesystem. In some embodiments, the data store may be a component of an enterprise network.

(43) In some implementations, the computer system **30** is connected to one or more network element **14** via the communication network **34**. In this way, the computer system **30** may communicate with each of the one or more network element **14**, and may, via the communication network **34** transmit or receive data from each of the one or more network element **14**. In other embodiments, the computer system **30** may be integrated into each network element **14** and/or may communicate with one or more pluggable card within the network element **14**. In some embodiments, the computer system **30** may be a remote network element.

(44) The communication network **34** may permit bi-directional communication of information and/or data between the computer system **30** and/or the network elements **14** of the optical transport network **10**. The communication network **34** may interface with the computer system **30** and/or the network elements **14** in a variety of ways. For example, in some embodiments, the communication network **34** may interface by optical and/or electronic interfaces, and/or may use a plurality of network topographies and/or protocols including, but not limited to, Ethernet, TCP/IP, circuit switched path, combinations thereof, and/or the like. The communication network **34** may utilize a variety of network protocols to permit bi-directional interface and/or communication of data and/or information between the computer system **30** and/or the network elements **14**.

(45) The communication network **34** may be almost any type of network. For example, in some embodiments, the communication network **34** may be a version of an Internet network (e.g., exist in a TCP/IP-based network). In one embodiment, the communication network **34** is the Internet. It should be noted, however, that the communication network **34** may be almost any type of network and may be implemented as the World Wide Web (or Internet), a local area network (LAN), a wide area network (WAN), a metropolitan network, a wireless network, a cellular network, a Bluetooth network, a Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM) network, a code division multiple access (CDMA) network, a 3G network, a 4G network, an LTE network, a 5G network, a satellite network, a radio network, an optical network, a cable network, a public switched telephone network, an Ethernet network, combinations thereof, and/or the like.

(46) If the communication network **34** is the Internet, a primary user interface of the computer system **30** may be delivered through a series of web pages or private internal web pages of a company or corporation, which may be written in hypertext markup language, JavaScript, or the like, and accessible by the user. It should be noted that the primary user interface of the computer system **30** may be another type of interface including, but not limited to, a Windows-based application, a tablet-based application, a mobile web interface, a VR-based application, an application running on a mobile device, and/or the like. In one embodiment, the communication network **34** may be connected to one or more of the user devices, computer system **30**, and the network elements **14a-n**.

(47) The optical transport network **10** may be, for example, made up of interconnected individual nodes (that is, the network elements **14**). The optical transport network **10** may include any type of network that uses light as a transmission medium. For example, the optical transport network **10** may include a fiber-optic based network, an optical transport network, a light-emitting diode network, a laser diode network, an infrared network, a wireless optical network, a wireless

network, combinations thereof, and/or other types of optical networks.

(48) The number of devices and/or networks illustrated in FIG. 1 is provided for explanatory purposes. In practice, there may be additional devices and/or networks, fewer devices and/or networks, different devices and/or networks, or differently arranged devices and/or networks than are shown in FIG. 1. Furthermore, two or more of the devices illustrated in FIG. 1 may be implemented within a single device, or a single device illustrated in FIG. 1 may be implemented as multiple, distributed devices. Additionally, or alternatively, one or more of the devices of the optical transport network 10 may perform one or more functions described as being performed by another one or more of the devices of the optical transport network 10. Devices of the computer system 30 may interconnect via wired connections, wireless connections, or a combination thereof. For example, in one embodiment, the user device and the computer system 30 may be integrated into the same device, that is, the user device may perform functions and/or processes described as being performed by the computer system 30, described below in more detail.

(49) Referring now to FIG. 2, shown therein is a diagram of an exemplary embodiment of the computer system 30 constructed in accordance with the present disclosure. In some embodiments, the computer system 30 may include, but is not limited to, implementations as a personal computer, a cellular telephone, a smart phone, a network-capable television set, a tablet, a laptop computer, a desktop computer, a network-capable handheld device, a server, a digital video recorder, a wearable network-capable device, a virtual reality/augmented reality device, and/or the like.

(50) In some embodiments, the computer system 30 may include one or more input devices 38 (hereinafter “input device 38”), one or more output devices 42 (hereinafter “output device 42”), one or more processors 46 (hereinafter “processor 46”), one or more communication devices 50 (hereinafter “communication device 50”) capable of interfacing with the communication network 34, one or more non-transitory processor-readable medium (hereinafter “computer system memory 54”) storing processor-executable code and/or software application(s) 58, for example including, a web browser capable of accessing a website and/or communicating information and/or data over a wireless or wired network (e.g., the communication network 34), and/or the like, and a database 62. The input device 38, the output device 42, the processor 46, the communication device 50, and the computer system memory 54 may be connected via a path 66 such as a data bus that permits communication among the components of the computer system 30.

(51) In some implementations, the processor 46 may comprise one or more processor 46 working together, or independently, to read and/or execute processor executable code and/or data, such as stored in the computer system memory 54. The processor 46 may be capable of creating, manipulating, retrieving, altering, and/or storing data structures into the computer system memory 54. Each element of the computer system 30 may be partially or completely network-based or cloud-based, and may or may not be located in a single physical location.

(52) Exemplary implementations of the processor 46 may include, but are not limited to, a digital signal processor (DSP), a central processing unit (CPU), a field programmable gate array (FPGA), a microprocessor, a multi-core processor, an application specific integrated circuit (ASIC), combinations, thereof, and/or the like, for example. The processor 46 may be capable of communicating with the computer system memory 54 via the path 66 (e.g., data bus). The processor 46 may be capable of communicating with the input device 38 and/or the output device 42.

(53) The processor 46 may be further capable of interfacing and/or communicating with the network elements 14 via the communication network 34 using the communication device 50. For example, the processor 46 may be capable of communicating via the communication network 34 by exchanging signals (e.g., analog, digital, optical, and/or the like) via one or more ports (e.g., physical or virtual ports) using a network protocol to provide information to the one or more network element 14.

(54) The computer system memory 54 may store a software application 58 that, when executed by

the processor **46**, causes the computer system **30** to perform an action such as communicate with, or control, one or more component of the computer system **30**, the optical transport network **10** (e.g., the one or more network element **14a-n**), and/or the communication network **34**. The software application **58** may be a Service and Power Control Orchestrator **200** (hereinafter, SPCO **200**) or one or more service component of the SPCO **200**, such as orchestrator **202** as described below in more detail.

(55) In some implementations, the computer system memory **54** may be located in the same physical location as the computer system **30**, and/or one or more computer system memory **54** may be located remotely from the computer system **30**. For example, the computer system memory **54** may be located remotely from the computer system **30** and communicate with the processor **46** via the communication network **34**. Additionally, when more than one computer system memory **54** is used, a first computer system memory may be located in the same physical location as the processor **46**, and additional computer system memory may be located in a location physically remote from the processor **46**. Additionally, the computer system memory **54** may be implemented as a “cloud” non-transitory processor-readable storage memory (i.e., one or more of the computer system memory **54** may be partially or completely based on or accessed using the communication network **34**).

(56) In one implementation, the database **62** may be a time-series database, a relational database or a non-relational database. Examples of such databases comprise, DB2®, Microsoft® Access, Microsoft® SQL Server, Oracle®, MySQL, PostgreSQL, MongoDB, Apache Cassandra, InfluxDB, Prometheus, Redis, Elasticsearch, TimescaleDB, and/or the like. It should be understood that these examples have been provided for the purposes of illustration only and should not be construed as limiting the presently disclosed inventive concepts. The database **62** can be centralized or distributed across multiple systems.

(57) The input device **38** may be capable of receiving information input from the user, another computer, and/or the processor **46**, and transmitting such information to other components of the computer system **30** and/or the communication network **34**. The input device **38** may include, but is not limited to, implementation as a keyboard, a touchscreen, a mouse, a trackball, a microphone, a camera, a fingerprint reader, an infrared port, a slide-out keyboard, a flip-out keyboard, a cell phone, a PDA, a remote control, a fax machine, a wearable communication device, a network interface, combinations thereof, and/or the like, for example.

(58) The output device **42** may be capable of outputting information in a form perceivable by the user, another computer system, and/or the processor **46**. For example, implementations of the output device **42** may include, but are not limited to, a computer monitor, a screen, a touchscreen, a speaker, a website, a television set, a smart phone, a PDA, a cell phone, a fax machine, a printer, a laptop computer, a haptic feedback generator, a network interface, combinations thereof, and the like, for example. It is to be understood that in some exemplary embodiments, the input device **38** and the output device **42** may be implemented as a single device, such as, for example, a touchscreen of a computer, a tablet, or a smartphone. It is to be further understood that as used herein the term “user” is not limited to a human being, and may comprise a computer, a server, a website, a processor, a network interface, a user terminal, a virtual computer, combinations thereof, and/or the like, for example.

(59) Referring now to FIG. **3A**, shown therein is a block diagram of an exemplary implementation of the network element **14** constructed in accordance with the present disclosure. In general, the network element **14** transmits and receives data traffic and control signals. Nonexclusive examples of alternative implementations of the network element **14** include optical line terminals (OLTs), optical cross connects (OXCs), optical line amplifiers, optical add/drop multiplexer (OADMs) and/or reconfigurable optical add/drop multiplexers (ROADMs), interconnected by way of optical fiber links. OLTs may be used at either end of a connection or optical fiber link. OADM/ROADMs may be used to add, terminate and/or reroute wavelengths or fractions of wavelengths. Optical

nodes are further described in U.S. Pat. No. 7,995,921 titled “Banded Semiconductor Optical Amplifiers and Waveblockers”, U.S. Pat. No. 7,394,953 titled “Configurable Integrated Optical Combiners and Decominers”, and U.S. Pat. No. 8,223,803 (Application Publication Number 20090245289), titled “Programmable Time Division Multiplexed Switching,” the entire contents of each of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. For the purposes of illustration, SPCO **200** will be described as deployed on a ROADM. Therefore, as used herein, the network element **14** is implemented as a ROADM unless specifically stated otherwise.

(60) For the purposes of illustration, and not limitation, the second network element **14b** will be described as an exemplary network element **14**. It should be understood, however, that each network element **14** may be comprised of the same elements. In FIG. 3A, the second network element **14b** is illustrated as being a ROADM having three degrees that interconnect the first transmission line segment **22a**, the second transmission line segment **22b**, and the third transmission line segment **22c**. Each of the first transmission line segment **22a**, the second transmission line segment **22b**, and the third transmission line segment **22c** may include optical fiber pairs, wherein each fiber of the pair carries optical signal groups propagating in opposite directions. As seen in FIG. 3A, for example, the first transmission line segment **22a** includes a first optical fiber **22a-1**, which carries optical signals toward the second network element **14b** and a second optical fiber **22a-2** that carries optical signals out from the second network element **14b**. Similarly, the second transmission line segment **22b** may include a first optical fiber **22b-1** and a second optical fiber **22b-2** carrying optical signal groups to and from the second network element **14b**, respectively. Further, the third transmission line segment **22c** may include first optical fiber **22c-1** and second optical fiber **22c-2** also carrying optical signals to and from the second network element **14b**, respectively. Additional nodes, not shown in FIG. 3A, may be provided that supply optical signal groups to and receive optical signal groups from the second network element **14b**. Such nodes may also have a ROADM having the same or similar structure as that of the second network element **14b**.

(61) As further shown in FIG. 3A, a light sink **100** (described below in more detail and shown in FIG. 3B) and a light source **104** (described below in more detail and shown in FIG. 3C) may be provided in communication with the second network element **14b** to drop and add optical signal groups, respectively.

(62) As shown in FIG. 3A, the second network element **14b** may include a plurality of wavelength selective switches (WSSs **108**), such as a first wavelength selective switch **108a**, a second wavelength selective switch **108b**, a third wavelength selective switch **108c**, a fourth wavelength selective switch **108d**, a fifth wavelength selective switch **108e**, and a sixth wavelength selective switch **108f**. Wavelength selective switches are components that can dynamically route, block, and/or attenuate received optical signal groups input from and output to transmission line segments **22a-n**. In addition to transmitting/receiving optical signal groups from network elements **14**, optical signal groups may also be input from or output to the light source **104** and light sink **100**, respectively.

(63) In one embodiment, the WSSs **108** for a particular degree, along with associated FRM memory **188** and FRM processor **186** (shown in FIG. 3D), may be collectively referred to as a flexible ROADM module, or FRM **110**. For example, as shown in FIG. 3A, a first WSS **108a** and a second WSS **108b** may be part of a first FRM **110a**, a third WSS **108c** and a fourth WSS **108d** may be part of a second FRM **110b**, and a fifth WSS **108e** and a sixth WSS **108f** may be part of a third FRM **110c**.

(64) In one embodiment, each WSS **108a-f** may include a reconfigurable optical filter (not shown) operable to allow a passband (e.g., particular bandwidth of the spectrum of the optical signal) to pass through or be directly routed as herein described.

(65) As further shown in FIG. 3A, each WSS **108a-f** may be configured to receive optical signal groups (e.g., optical passbands) and may be operable to selectively switch, or direct, such optical

signal groups to other WSSs for output from the second network element **14b**. For example, the first WSS **108a** may receive optical signal groups on the first optical fiber **22a-1** and supply certain optical signal groups to the sixth WSS **108f**, while other optical signal groups are supplied to a fourth WSS **108d**. Optical signal groups supplied to the sixth WSS **108f** may be output to a downstream network element **14**, such as the third network element **14c** (FIG. 1) on the second optical fiber **22b-2**, while optical signal groups supplied to the fourth WSS **108d** may be output to the fourth network element **14d** on second optical fiber **22c-2**. Optical signal groups input to the second network element **14b** on the first optical fiber **22b-1** may be supplied by the fifth WSS **108e** to either the second WSS **108b** and on to the first network element **14a** via the second optical fiber **22a-2** or the fourth WSS **108d** and on to the fourth network element **14d** via the second optical fiber **22c-2**. Moreover, the third WSS **108c** may selectively direct optical signal groups (e.g., selectively switch optical passband groups) input to the second network element **14b** from the first optical fiber **22c-1** to either the second WSS **108b** and onto the first network element **14a** via the second optical fiber **22a-2** or to the sixth WSS **108f** and onto the second network element **14b** via the second optical fiber **22b-2**.

(66) The first WSS **108a**, third WSS **108c**, and fifth WSS **108e** may also selectively or controllably supply optical signal groups to the light sink **100**. Optical signal groups output from the light source **104** may be selectively supplied to one or more of the second WSS **108b**, fourth WSS **108d**, and sixth WSS **108f**, for output on to the second optical fiber **22a-2**, second optical fiber **22b-2**, and second optical fiber **22c-2**, respectively.

(67) In one implementation, the second network element **14b** may further comprise a node processor **90** and a non-transitory computer readable medium referred to herein as node memory **94**. The node processor **90** may include, but is not limited to, a digital signal processor (DSP), a central processing unit (CPU), a field programmable gate array (FPGA), a microprocessor, a multi-core processor, an application specific integrated circuit (ASIC), combinations, thereof, and/or the like, for example. The node processor **90** is in communication with the node memory **94** and may be operable to read and/or write to the node memory **94**. The node processor **90** is illustrated in communication with the first FRM **110a**, the second FRM **110b**, and the third FRM **110c**, however, it should be noted that in some implementations, the node processor **90** may be in communication with each WSS **108**. The node processor **90** may be further capable of interfacing and/or communicating with other network elements **14** (e.g., the first network element **14a**, the third network element **14c**, and the fourth network element **14d**) via the communication network **34** and/or an optical control channel (e.g., sometimes referred to herein as an optical supervisory channel or an “OSC”). For example, the node processor **90** may be capable of communicating via the communication network **34** by exchanging signals (e.g., analog, digital, optical, and/or the like) via one or more ports (e.g., physical or virtual ports) using a network protocol to provide information to the one or more network element **14**.

(68) In one implementation, the node memory **94** of the network element **14**, such as of the second network element **14b**, may store a software application **96**, such as an orchestrator application (e.g., the SPCO **200** or one or more service component of the SPCO **200** such as orchestrator **202**, described below in more detail) that, when executed by the node processor **90**, causes the node processor **90** to perform an action, for example, communicate with or control one or more component of the network element **14** such as control one or more of the WSS **108** or the FRM **110**.

(69) In one implementation, the node memory **94** may store one or more of the datastore **98**. The datastore **98** may include, for example, structured data from relational databases, semi-structured data, unstructured data, time-series data, binary data, and the like and/or some combination thereof. The datastore **98** may be a data base, a remote accessible storage, or a distributed filesystem. In some embodiments, the datastore **98** may be a component of an enterprise network.

(70) Referring now to FIG. 3B, shown therein is a diagram of an exemplary implementation of the

light source **104** of FIG. 3A constructed in accordance with the present disclosure. The light source **104** may comprise one or more transmitter processor circuit **120**, one or more laser **124**, one or more modulator **128**, one or more semiconductor optical amplifier **132**, and/or other components (not shown).

(71) The transmitter processor circuit **120** may have a Transmitter Forward Error Correction (FEC) circuitry **136**, a Symbol Map circuitry **140**, a transmitter perturbative pre-compensation circuitry **144**, one or more transmitter digital signal processor (DSP) **148**, and one or more digital-to-analogue converters (DAC) **152**. The transmitter processor circuit **120** may be located in any one or more components of the light source **104**, or separate from the components, and/or in any location(s) among the components. The transmitter processor circuit **120** may be in the form of one or more Application Specific Integrated Circuit (ASIC), which may contain one or more module and/or custom module.

(72) Processed electrical outputs from the transmitter processor circuit **120** may be supplied to the modulator **128** for encoding data into optical signals generated and supplied to the modulator **128** from the laser **124**. The semiconductor optical amplifier **132** receives, amplifies, and transmits the optical signal including encoded data in the spectrum. Processed electrical outputs from the transmitter processor circuit **120** may be supplied to other circuitry in the transmitter processor circuit **120**, for example, clock and data modification circuitry. The laser **124**, modulator **128**, and/or semiconductor optical amplifier **132** may be coupled with a tuning element (e.g., a heater) (not shown) that can be used to tune the wavelength of an optical signal channel output by the laser **124**, modulator **128**, or semiconductor optical amplifier **132**. In some implementations, a single one of the laser **124** may be shared by multiple light source **104**.

(73) Other possible components in the light source **104** may include filters, circuit blocks, memory, such as non-transitory memory storing processor executable instructions, additional modulators, splitters, couplers, multiplexers, etc., as is well known in the art. The components may be combined, used, or not used, in multiple combinations or orders. Optical transmitters are further described in U.S. Patent Publication No. 2012/0082453, the content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety herein.

(74) Referring now to FIG. 3C, shown therein is a block diagram of an exemplary implementation of the light sink **100** constructed in accordance with the present disclosure. The light sink **100** may comprise one or more local oscillator **174**, a polarization and phase diversity hybrid circuit **175** receiving the one or more channel from the optical signal and the input from the local oscillator **174**, one or more balanced photodiode (BPD) **176** that produces electrical signals representative of the one or more channel on the spectrum, and one or more receiver processor circuit **177**. Other possible components in the light sink **100** may include filters, circuit blocks, memory, such as non-transitory processor-readable memory storing processor-executable instructions, additional modulators, splitters, couplers, multiplexers, etc., as is well known in the art. The components may be combined, used, or not used, in multiple combinations or orders. The light sink **100** may be implemented in other ways, as is well known in the art. Exemplary implementations of the light sink **100** are further described in U.S. patent application Ser. No. 12/052,541, titled "Coherent Optical Receiver", the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

(75) The one or more receiver processor circuit **177**, may comprise one or more analog-to-digital converter (ADC) **178** receiving electrical signals from the one or more balanced photodiodes **176**, one or more receiver digital signal processor (hereinafter, receiver DSP **179**), receiver perturbative post-compensation circuitry **180**, and receiver forward error correction circuitry (hereinafter, receiver FEC circuitry **181**). The receiver FEC circuitry **181** may apply corrections to the data, as is known in the art. The one or more receiver processor circuit **177** and/or the one or more receiver DSP **179** may be located on one or more component of the light sink **100** or separately from the components, and/or in any location(s) among the components. The receiver processor circuit **177** may be in the form of an Application Specific Integrated Circuit (ASIC), which may contain one or



more module and/or custom module. In one embodiment, the receiver DSP **179** may include, or be in communication with, one or more processor **182** and one or more memory **183** storing processor readable instructions, such as software, or may be in communication with the node processor **90** and the node memory **94**.

(76) The one or more receiver DSP **179** may receive and process the electrical signals with multi-input-multiple-output (MIMO) circuitry, as described, for example, in U.S. Pat. No. 8,014,686, titled “Polarization demultiplexing optical receiver using polarization oversampling and electronic polarization tracking”, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference herein. Processed electrical outputs from receiver DSP **179** may be supplied to other circuitry in the receiver processor circuit **177**, such as the receiver perturbative post-compensation circuitry **180** and the receiver FEC circuitry **181**.

(77) Various components of the light sink **100** may be provided or integrated, in one example, on a common substrate. Further integration is achieved by incorporating various optical demultiplexer designs that are relatively compact and conserve space on the surface of the substrate.

(78) In use, the one or more channel of the spectrum may be subjected to optical nonlinear effects between the light source **104** and the light sink **100** such that the spectrum received does not accurately convey carried data in the form that the spectrum was transmitted. The impact of optical nonlinear effects can be partially mitigated by applying perturbative distortion algorithms using one or more of the transmitter perturbative pre-compensation circuitry **171** and the receiver perturbative post-compensation circuitry **180**. The amount of perturbation may be calculated using coefficients in algorithms and known or recovered transmitted data. The coefficients may be calculated, in accordance with U.S. Pat. No. 9,154,258 entitled “Subsea Optical Communication System Dual Polarization Idler”, herein incorporated by reference in its entirety, by use of analysis of one or more incoming channel at the light sink **100**.

(79) Referring now to FIG. 3D, shown therein is a diagram of an exemplary implementation of an FRM **110** constructed in accordance with the present disclosure. For the purposes of illustration, and not by way of limitation, the first FRM **110a** will be described herein. The first FRM **110a** generally comprises an FRM processor **186** in communication with an FRM memory **188**, the first WSS **108a**, and the second WSS **108b**. The FRM memory **188** may store one or more FRM application **189**. For instance, in some embodiments, one instance of an FRM application **189** may be an orchestrator application (e.g., the SPCO **200** or one or more service component of the SPCO **200** such as orchestrator **202**, described below in more detail) that, when executed by the FRM processor **186**, causes the FRM processor **186** to perform an action, for example, communicate with or control one or more component of the FRM **110** such as control one or more of the WSS **108a** and/or WSS **108b**.

(80) The first WSS **108a** is shown in optical communication with a first line port **192a** and may be operable to receive an optical signal from an optical fiber such as the first optical fiber **22a-1**. The first WSS **108a** may further be in optical communication with two or more system ports **194** (shown in FIG. 3D as a first system port **194a**, a second system port **194b**, and a third system port **194c**) to selectively output one or more passband to one or more of WSS **108d**, WSS **108f**, and the light sink **100** through one or more of the system ports **194**.

(81) The second WSS **108b** is shown in optical communication with a second line port **192b** and may be operable to output an optical signal to an optical fiber such as the optical fibers **22a-b**. The second WSS **108b** may further be in optical communication with two or more system ports **194** (shown in FIG. 3D as fourth system port **194d**, fifth system port **194e**, and sixth system port **194f**) to selectively receive input from one or more of WSS **108c**, WSS **108e**, and the light source **104** and output one or more passband to the second line port **192b**.

(82) In one embodiment, the first WSS **108a** may be a DEMUX WSS and the second WSS **108b** may be a MUX WSS. The number of components illustrated in FIG. 3D is provided for explanatory purposed. In practice, there may be additional components, such as one or more EDFA,

fewer components, different components, and/or differently arranged components than shown in FIG. 3D.

(83) In one implementation, each of the system ports **194a-n** may be provided with a port type (e.g., an express port or an add/drop port). For example, the first system port **194a** may be optically coupled to the fourth WSS **108d**, and the second system port **194b** may be optically coupled to the sixth WSS **108f**, and each of the first system port **194a** and the second system port **194b** may have a port type of express port that optically route wavelengths from one transmission line segment to another (e.g., from the first transmission line segment **22a** to the third transmission line segment **22c** by optically routing wavelengths from the first WSS **108a** through the first system port **194a** to the fourth WSS **108d** which routes the wavelengths on to the third transmission line segment **22c**). In the illustrated implementation, the third system port **194c** is optically coupled to the light sink **100** and may have a port type of add/drop port and may be considered a drop port. Similarly, the fourth system port **194d**, optically coupled to the third WSS **108c**, and the fifth system port **194e**, optically coupled to the fifth WSS **108e**, may have a port type of express port and may be considered express ports, while the sixth system port **194f**, optically coupled to the light source **104**, may have a port type of add/drop port and may be considered an add port.

(84) In one implementation, the first FRM **110a** is a C-Band FRM, that is, the components of the first FRM **110a** operate on the C-Band of the optical spectrum. In other implementations, the first FRM **110a** may be an L-Band FRM, that is, the components of the first FRM **110a** operate on the L-Band of the optical spectrum. In yet another implementation, the first FRM **110a** may be a C+L-Band FRM having components that operate on the C-Band and the L-Band. The number of devices illustrated in FIG. 3D is provided for explanatory purposes. In practice, there may be additional devices, fewer devices, different devices, or differently arranged devices than are shown in FIG. 3D. Furthermore, two or more of the devices illustrated in FIG. 3D may be implemented within a single device, or a single device illustrated in FIG. 3D may be implemented as multiple, distributed devices. For example, the C+L-Band FRM may comprise an L-Band FRM optically coupled to a C-Band FRM.

(85) In one implementation, the FRM memory **188** may be constructed in accordance with the computer system memory **54** and/or the node memory **94** as described above in more detail. The FRM memory **188** may comprise a non-transitory processor-readable medium storing processor-executable instructions such as the FRM application **189**. The FRM application **189** includes instructions that, when executed by the FRM processor **186**, cause the FRM processor **186** to control the first WSS **108a** and/or the second WSS **108b**.

(86) In a first aspect, an incoming optical signal having multiple optical channels enters the first line port **192a** via the first optical fiber **22a-1** and is directed to the first WSS **108a**. The incoming optical signal is split into one or more segments by the first WSS **108a**, each segment having one or more optical channel. The one or more segments of the incoming optical signal are then directed to one or more system port **194a-c**, for example, the first WSS **108a** may direct one or more segment to one or more of the fourth WSS **108d** via the first system port **194a**, the sixth WSS **108f** via the second system port **194b**, and/or the light sink **100** via the third system port **194c**.

(87) In a second aspect, a first incoming optical signal enters the fourth system port **194d**, a second incoming optical signal enters the fifth system port **194e**, and a third incoming optical signal enters the sixth system port **194f** and each incoming optical signal is directed to the second WSS **108b**. The second WSS **108b**, as directed by the FRM processor **186**, may combine the first incoming optical signal, the second incoming optical signal, and the third incoming optical signal into a combined optical signal that is sent on the second optical fiber **22a-2** via the second line port **192b**. For example, the second WSS **108b** may receive the first incoming optical signal from the third WSS **108c** via the fourth system port **194d**, the second incoming optical signal from the fifth WSS **108e** via the fifth system port **194e**, and the third incoming optical signal from the light source **104** via the sixth system port **194f**.

(88) While each of the above aspects and the illustration of the first WSS **108a** and the second WSS **108b** in FIG. 3D show the first WSS **108a** and the second WSS **108b** with only three of the system ports **194**, a person having ordinary skill in the art would recognize that the first WSS **108a** and the second WSS **108b** may have as few as two system ports **194** and as many system ports **194** as the WSS **108** is operable to selectively output or combine. In some embodiments, each WSS **108** may have any number of system ports **194** in a range from 2 to 16 system ports **194**.

(89) Referring now to FIG. 4, shown therein is a software architecture diagram of an exemplary implementation of a Service and Power Control Orchestrator **200** (hereinafter, SPCO **200**) constructed in accordance with the present disclosure. As previously described, the SPCO **200** and/or one or more service component of the SPCO **200** may be, or be part of, the software application **58** stored on the computer system memory **54** of the computer system **30** (FIG. 2); and/or the SPCO **200** and/or one or more service component of the SPCO **200** may be, or be part of, the software application **96** stored on the node memory **94** of the network element(s) **14** (FIG. 3A); and/or the SPCO **200** and/or one or more service component of the SPCO **200** may be, or be part of, the FRM application **189** stored on the FRM memory **188** of the FRM(s) **110** (FIG. 3D).

(90) Generally, the SPCO **200** comprises, or interfaces with, one or more service components such as an orchestrator **202**, an optical topology and switching abstraction component **204** (hereinafter, OTSA **204**), an orchestration control protocol **208** (hereinafter, OCP **208**), a power control sequencer **212** (hereinafter, PCS **212**), a loading manager **216**, a connection cache **220**, and a connection manager **224**. While the aforementioned service components are shown in FIG. 4, the SPCO **200** may interface with additional service components not shown. Generally, the SPCO **200** is a software component operable to sequence the optical power control functions such that an optical service is turned-up (activated) or turned-down (deactivated) while managing a number of transients being introduced on the optical signal of a C+L band network domain. In other words, the SPCO **200** may generate one or more service loading sequence. The service loading sequence may be the sequence that the optical service is activated or deactivated. In one embodiment, the SPCO **200** determines when a specific optical power control loop function (e.g., a ROADM MUX control loop) should be executed and in what sequence (e.g., as a workflow).

(91) In one implementation, when a state change (e.g., a controlled action (e.g., adding and/or removing wavelengths), or an uncontrolled action (e.g., change in fiber span loss, unexpected equipment failure)) on a transmission line segment such as the first transmission line segment **22a** occurs, an SPCO **200** on a network element such as the SPCO **200a** on the first network element **14a** may be configured to send a signal to each downstream network element that carries express traffic originating from the first network element **14a** (e.g., the second network element **14b**), the signal configured to cause the SPCO **200b** of the second network element **14b** to determine and store a power set point value for each active passband for the express traffic during a normal gain control cycle. These power set point values may be referred to as a last known-good operating condition or a last valid control information for each respective passband. After the state change is successfully run on the first transmission line segment **22a**, the SPCO **200a** of the first network element **14a** sends a second signal to the downstream network element **14b** configured to cause the SPCO **200b** to re-adjust all dependent passbands using the stored power set point values. The re-adjustment corrects for any power excursions propagating downstream from the segment-under-change's (i.e., the first transmission line segment **22a**) egress, and returns the downstream segment(s) (i.e., the second transmission line segment **22b**) to the last known good operating point. In some implementations, the above sequence may be referred to as a ForceAdjust sequence or ForceAdjust method.

(92) When the state change includes a service loading sequence or multiple operations that are required to be run sequentially (e.g., when optical line system control software is performing loading management and decomposing a larger set of operation requests into multiple smaller subsets), the SPCO **200** may be configured to run the ForceAdjust sequence described above after

each step in the sequence or between each operation to correct for any power excursions propagating downstream from the segment-under-change's egress, and returns the downstream segments to the last known good operating point. If the ForceAdjust sequence is successful, then a full AGC cycle does not need to be run on the downstream segments thus solving a significant problem that currently exists in the art.

(93) It should be noted that certain functions described herein as being performed by the SPCO **200** may be performed by one or more of the service components performing the functions described herein. For instance, the orchestrator **202** and/or the OCP **208** may be used to determine and store the power set point value for each active passband for the express traffic. The orchestrator **202** and/or the PCS **212** may be used to re-adjust all dependent passbands using the stored power set point values. The orchestrator **202** and/or the PCS **212** may be used to determine sequencing of local power control functions and link level optical power control functions. These examples are provided for illustration purposes only and should not be considered limiting.

(94) In one implementation, the SPCO **200** is responsible for sequencing of local power control functions and link level optical power control functions on a particular one of the network element **14** into a power control operation sequence (PCO sequence) such that power control operations are executed in a correct sequence. Generally, sequencing of local power control functions and link level optical power control functions may be delegated to one or more service component, such as the PCS **212**.

(95) In one implementation, the SPCO **200** is responsible for network-wide service activation and deactivation, band activation and deactivation, and segment activation and deactivation such that the risk of transients and/or SRS tilt in the optical signal is mitigated. Generally, network-wide activation and deactivation, band activation and deactivation, and segment activation and deactivation functions may be delegated to one or more service component, such as the PCS **212** or the OCP **208**.

(96) In one implementation, the SPCO **200** is responsible for passband fault handling including signaling of passband level fault indications to dependent downstream segments such that corresponding DEMUX SPCO and MUX SPCO deactivate affected passbands, e.g., passbands experiencing one or more passband fault.

(97) In one implementation, the SPCO **200** is responsible for automation of controlled operations functions such as Card Locks and Cold Resets. Card locks and cold resets should only be carried out after deactivation of services configured on that particular network element or component such that other services sharing a particular one of the optical fiber link **22** with the deactivated service(s) do not experience transients.

(98) In one implementation, the SPCO **200** is responsible for automation of fault recovery functions such that, on recovery of the fault, services impacted by the fault are re-activated without causing transients on any part of the optical transport network **10**.

(99) In one implementation, the orchestrator **202** is implemented as software. The orchestrator **202** coordinates with each of the service components of the SPCO **200**. The orchestrator **202**, by coordinating with each service component, achieves optical service turn-up/turn-down through orchestration of power control functions. In one implementation, the orchestrator **202** tracks passband level finite state machines (FSMs) to pick an appropriate workflow to be executed. As used herein, the workflow is a set of one or more tasks executed by the SPCO **200** to load one or more optical service, e.g., to perform one or more loading operation such as activation or deactivation of optical services. Additionally, passband level FSMs may include passband level states such as up or down status (e.g., is the passband activated or deactivated), shutdown status, active status and fault status and/or the like. In one implementation, the orchestrator **202** is operable to interface between one or more requestor (entity requesting an optical service activation and/or deactivation) and actual optical service activation and/or deactivation on a C+L band network domain.

(100) In one implementation, the orchestrator **202** serves as a central point with respect to all decisions within the SPCO **200**. For example, the orchestrator **202** may determine when to issue a loading request to a control block or a PCO request (i.e., a power control operation request) to a downstream ROADM, or to signal a passband's loading state in the OCP **208**. In one implementation, the orchestrator **202** may delegate orchestration functionality to one or more service component as described below. For example, optimizing passband batches may be delegated to the loading manager **216** and PCO requests, service loading request, and/or passband loading requests may be delegated to the PCS **212**. Additionally, in some implementations, the orchestrator **202** may delegate inter-node communications to the OCP **208**, topology related configuration details are provided by the OTSA **204**, and connection related details are provided by the connection manager **224**.

(101) In one implementation, the OTSA **204** may be an optical topology and switching abstraction model. The OTSA **204** may be a logical ROADM model or a logical FRM model, for example. The OTSA **204** may serve as a central repository of logical ROADM model.

(102) In one implementation, the OTSA **204** may be implemented in software and provide an application programming interface (API) operable to receive a request for the logical ROADM model and provide at least a portion of the logical ROADM model to the requestor.

(103) In one implementation, the OTSA **204** may be implemented in software and provide a subscription service operable to receive a subscription request from a particular service component, and, when the logical ROADM model is updated, the OTSA **204** may notify the particular service component of the change.

(104) In one implementation, the OCP **208** may be implemented in software and manages network level coordination of power control functions. Generally, the OCP **208** may perform one or more of the following: neighbor adjacency management; handle requests from the orchestrator **202** for service activation or service deactivation on one or more local one of the WSS **108**; handle a neighbor's request for service activation or service deactivation on one or more local one of the WSS **108**; handle passband state notifications; periodically refresh passband activation states; synchronize local and neighbor node restarts; and aid in recovery of neighbor node after a communication failure/restart.

(105) In one implementation, the OCP **208** may be implemented as described in the U.S. Patent Application No. 63/305,758 entitled "Orchestration Control Protocol", filed on Feb. 2, 2022, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated herein in their entirety.

(106) In one implementation, the PCS **212** may be implemented in software and is operable to sequence optical power control operations. When the orchestrator **202** requests that the PCS **212** perform a power control operation request (PCO request), the PCS **212** generates an ordered list of power control operations to be carried out. In some embodiments, the PCS **212** further executes the ordered list of power control operations. In one embodiment, the PCS **212** utilizes one or more platform-specific component Power Control Agent (PCA) to execute the ordered list of power control operations. In one embodiment, the PCS **212** may further consolidate and report the state of each control block **404** (described below). In one implementation, the PCS **212** may interface with one or more WSS MUX Control (MCL) power control block, WSS DEMUX Control (DMCL) power control block; and/or link level optical power control block. In one implementation, a PCA may be a C-Band PCA or an L-Band PCA. The C-Band PCA may provide a composite view of a MUX control block **404a** (FIG. 9), a DEMUX control block **404b** (FIG. 9), and a link level optical power control block while the L-Band PCA may provide a composite view of just the MUX control block **404a** and the DEMUX control block **404b**. In one implementation, each PCA may abstract power control modules and provide a generic interface operable to receive one or more communication from the SPCO **200**.

(107) In one implementation, the PCS **212** fetches and stores control block information for one or more control block **404** from the OTSA **204**. The PCS **212** may determine which PCO should be

executed on which control block **404** based on the PCO request from the orchestrator **202**. In one implementation, the PCS **212** may generate a dependency graph for each PCO request by decomposing the PCO request into one or more PCO. The dependency graph may represent a dependency relationship among the PCOs in the PCO request and therefore may determine a sequencing or execution order of the PCOs in the PCO request.

(108) In one implementation, the PCA may be a software component hosted on each line card (e.g., FRM **110**) and act as an interface between the PCS **212** and the one or more control blocks **404**. The PCS **212** may communicate with each PCA via a unique namespace identifying that PCA. In one implementation, the PCS **212** utilizes a dedicated thread pool to delegate the execution of PCOs to appropriate PCAs. Because the orchestrator **202** of the SPCO **200** communicates with the PCA via the PCS **212**, the orchestrator **202** and the SPCO **200** may be considered location independent, that is, the SPCO **200** and the orchestrator **202** may be deployed at one or more of the line card level (i.e., on an FRM **110**) or on a controller card in a network element **14** (e.g., on the node memory **94** accessible by the node processor **90**).

(109) In one implementation, the PCA may provide an aggregated view of one or more control block **404** and provides access to the control blocks **404** to perform power control operations (PCOs) and to retrieve a control status (as described below). In one implementation, asynchronous updates from control blocks **404** may be channeled via the PCA, through the PCS **212** to the orchestrator **202**. The PCA may aggregate one or more control status into one report and transmit that report to the orchestrator **202** as herein described.

(110) In one implementation, the loading manager **216** may be implemented in software and may be operable to manage loading operations (such as service activation and/or service deactivation) on a degree-based loading policy. In some implementations, the degree-based loading policy may be predefined, however, in other embodiments, the degree-based loading policy may be user provisioned.

(111) In one implementation, the loading manager **216** may be implemented as described in the U.S. patent application Ser. No. 18/146,684 entitled “Grouping of Optical Passbands for Loading in an Optical Transmission Spectrum Using an Affinity Identifier”, filed on Dec. 27, 2022 or in the U.S. patent application Ser. No. 18/146,654 entitled “User Configurable Spectral Loading in an Optical Line System using Policies and Parameters”, filed on Dec. 27, 2022, the entire contents of both of which are hereby incorporated herein in their entirety.

(112) In one implementation, the orchestrator **202** may send one or more request to the loading manager **216** to cause the loading manager **216** to apply the loading policy on one or more passband to be activated and/or deactivated on a particular degree. The loading manager **216** may further generate one or more batch of passbands to be activated and/or deactivated. In one implementation, the one or more batch is an ordered sub-set of the one or more passband to be activated and/or deactivated on the particular degree.

(113) In one implementation, the connection cache **220** may be implemented in software and may be operable to provide a cache API. The cache API may be operable to receive a request querying connection information and in response to the query, provide one or more information of the connection information. The connection information may be a single source of “truth” for service components. The connection cache **220** may store the activation state of the passbands and, thus, associated connections. The cache API may be queried from one or more perspective, such as, for example, a service perspective, a passband perspective, and/or a carrier perspective.

(114) In one implementation, the connection manager **224** may be implemented in software and is operable to manage provisioning of one or more optical service within the SPCO **200**. In some embodiments, the connection manager **224** manages provisioning of all optical services within the SPCO **200**. In one implementation, each optical service may be either a manual optical connection or a signaled optical circuit through the Generalized Multiprotocol Label Switching (GMPLS) layer.

(115) In one implementation, the connection manager **224** may send one or more signal to the connection cache **220** operable to update connection information stored in and/or by the connection cache **220**. In one implementation, the connection manager **224** may send one or more signal to the orchestrator **202** indicative of one or more connection operation being (or to be) carried out. When the orchestrator **202** receives the signal, the orchestrator **202** may load passband information pertaining to the one or more connection operation and operate on the passband information, e.g., transmit the passband information to one or more service component such as the loading manager **216**. In one implementation, the connection manager **224** may consolidate one or more state, such as an Activation State, at the connection level.

(116) In one implementation, the SPCO **200** and one or more service component of the SPCO **200** may be implemented as software and stored on a non-transitory processor-readable medium, such as one or more of the computer system memory **54**, the node memory **94**, and/or the FRM memory **188**. The software may be one or more of the software application **58** of the computer system **30**, the software application **96** of the network element(s) **14**, and/or the FRM application **189**. In one embodiment, the SPCO **200** may be implemented on a shelf controller or node controller such as on the computer system memory **54** and executed by the processor **46** of the computer system **30**, may be implemented on the network element **14** (e.g., a ROADM) such as on the node memory **94** and executed by the node processor **90**, and/or implemented on an FRM **110** such as on the FRM memory **188** and executed by the FRM processor **186**.

(117) In one implementation, when the SPCO **200** is implemented on the FRM **110**, e.g., the third FRM **110c**, for example, the service components of the SPCO **200** may have one or more defined interactions. For example, the connection manager **224** and the OTSA **204** may interact with an SPCO agent of a management layer (described below in reference to FIG. 7); the OTSA **204** may interact with a neighbor detection protocol executing on the base card; the OCP **208** may interact with a neighbor message handler; and the PCS **212** may interact with the power control agent on either the base or an expansion card (as described below in more detail).

(118) In one implementation, the neighbor discovery protocol, which performs neighbor associate, may be constructed as described in the U.S. patent application Ser. No. 18/152,440 entitled "Systems and Methods for Network Element Neighbor Discovery", filed on Jan. 10, 2022, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated herein in their entirety. In one implementation, the neighbor message handler is a platform-specific software component operable to exchange messages with adjacent ROADMs (as described below in reference to FIG. 7).

(119) In one implementation, when the SPCO **200** is deployed on all degrees of a ROADM, e.g., all FRM **110** of a network element **14**, the SPCO **200** forms adjacency with neighboring SPCO **200** instances, e.g., a deployed instance of the SPCO **200** on other degrees of a same one of the network element **14** and/or with one or more SPCO **200** deployed on a neighboring network element **14**. Referring now to FIG. 5, shown therein is a diagram of an exemplary embodiment of an adjacency graph **250** of the second network element **14b** constructed in accordance with the present disclosure.

(120) As shown in FIG. 5, the second network element **14b** is optically coupled to the first network element **14a** via the first transmission line segment **22a**. The first network element **14a** is provided with a first SPCO **200a** deployed on the first FRM **110a**. The second network element **14b** is provided with a second SPCO **200b** deployed on the second FRM **110b**, a third SPCO **200c** deployed on the third FRM **110c**, and a fourth SPCO **200d** deployed on the fourth FRM **110d**. Further shown in FIG. 5 is the first in-line amplifier **16a** optically disposed in the first transmission line segment **22a** intermediate the first network element **14a** and the second network element **14b**. The first in-line amplifier **16a** may be, for example, one or more of an in-line optical amplifier, a variable optical attenuator (VOA), an erbium-doped fiber amplifier (EDFA), and/or the like.

(121) In one implementation, the second SPCO **200b**, deployed on the second FRM **110b** forms a neighbor association with neighboring SPCO **200** instances. As shown in FIG. 5, the second SPCO

**200b** forms a first neighbor association **254a** with the third SPCO **200c** deployed on the third FRM **110c** and a second neighbor association **254b** with the fourth SPCO **200d** deployed on the fourth FRM **110d**. Each of the first neighbor association **254a** and the second neighbor association **254b** may be considered an intra-node neighbor association because each of the associated FRM **110** (e.g., the third FRM **110c** and the fourth FRM **110d**) are components of the same node as the second FRM **110b**, i.e., the second network element **14b**. The second SPCO **200b** may further form a third neighbor association **254c** with the first SPCO **200a** deployed on the first FRM **110a** of the first network element **14a**. The third neighbor association **254c** may be considered an inter-node (or inter-degree) neighbor association because the associated FRM **110** (e.g., the first FRM **110a**) is a component of a different node from the second FRM **110b**, i.e., the first FRM **110a** is on the first network element **14a** while the second FRM **110b** is on the second network element **14b**. It should be noted that while the third neighbor association **254c** is shown between the second SPCO **200b** on the second FRM **110b** and the first SPCO **200a** on the first FRM **110a**, the third neighbor association **254c** may be between the second SPCO **200b** on the second FRM **110b** and an SPCO **200** deployed on a downstream ROADM from the second FRM **110b**, such as on the node memory **94** of the first network element **14a** and/or on the or the computer system memory **54** associated with the computer system **30**.

(122) As described above, the SPCO **200** and one or more service component of the SPCO **200** may be implemented as software and deployed at any level of the optical transport network **10**, e.g., deployed on a chassis or site level in the computer system memory **54**, deployed at the node level in the node memory **94**, and/or deployed at the FRM or line card level in the FRM memory **188**. In order for the SPCO **200** to operate and function at each level without requiring the SPCO **200** to be recompiled for each specific level, functions at each level are abstracted to maintain consistent behavior of the SPCO **200**. In this way, the SPCO **200** and all service components of the SPCO **200** use a generic optical topology and switching abstraction to carry out functions, thereby enabling the SPCO **200** to be reusable across different levels and platforms. Because a physical realization of the abstract topology is necessary, i.e., services are actually activated and/or deactivated, mapping between components of the abstract topology and the physical counterparts is established as well.

(123) In this way, communication between distributed deployments of the SPCO **200a-d** across multiple network elements **14** in the optical transport network **10** and within each network element **14** across each degree achieves network level orchestration. By deploying the SPCO **200** on each network element **14**, dedicated orchestration hardware external to the network element **14** is not needed and may be omitted. Additionally, if a particular SPCO **200** were to fail, orchestration functionality may be maintained by adjacent SPCO **200** instances. In some implementations, within a degree level deployment (e.g., the SPCO **200** being deployed on a particular FRM **110**), orchestration functions and associated optical power control blocks are co-located on the same FRM processor **186** thereby providing faster and more reliable local interactions (e.g., interactions between the SPCO **200** and one or more component of the FRM **110**). Moreover, fault monitoring, detection, handling, and recovery processes can be sped up as these processes are localized.

(124) Referring now to FIG. 6A, shown therein is a functional diagram of an exemplary implementation of a logical ROADM model **300** constructed in accordance with the present disclosure. The logical ROADM model **300** shown in FIG. 6A is a logical representation of an 'n'-degree ROADM described below in more detail in FIG. 6B and is described as a three-degree ROADM for brevity and simplicity. As shown, the logical ROADM model **300** generally comprises one or more logical FRM model **304a-n** (illustrated as a first logical FRM model **304a**, a second logical FRM model **304b**, and a third logical FRM model **304c**). Each logical FRM model **304** generally comprises a logical line port **308** logically linked to one or more logical system port via a connectivity matrix **316**.

(125) As shown in FIG. 6A, the first logical FRM model **304a** comprises a first logical line port



**308a** logically coupled via logical connections **314a-1** through **314a-x** (e.g., add/drop connection) to a plurality of system ports **312a-1** through **312a-x** via a first connectivity matrix **316a**; the second logical FRM model **304b** comprises a second logical line port **308b** logically coupled to a plurality of system ports **312b-1** through **312b-x** via a second connectivity matrix **316b**; and the third logical FRM model **304c** comprises a third logical line port **308c** logically coupled to a plurality of system ports **312c-1** through **312c-x** via a third connectivity matrix **316c**.

(126) The logical ROADM model **300** represents an Optical Switching Framework (OSF) in which switching is defined between a pair of interfaces, such as a line port and one or more system port. As discussed above, each ROADM consists of one or more degrees/FRMs and each degree/FRM consists of a group of optical interfaces, such as a line port and one or more system port. A connectivity between each optical interface (e.g., the logical line ports **308** and the logical system ports **312**) is defined in the connectivity matrix **316**.

(127) In one implementation, as discussed above, each system port **194** has a port type of either add/drop port or express port. When a particular system port **194** has a port type of add/drop port, the particular system port **194** interfaces directly with client signals. The client signals may be either connected directly to the line port or multiplexed in one or more stages into an optical signal supplied to the line port. The optical interface model of the logical system ports **312** of the particular system port **194** subsumes the multiplexing hierarchy associated with the client signals entering the ROADM.

(128) In one implementation, when a particular system port **194** has a port type of express port, the particular system port **194** provides direct express connectivity from one ROADM instance to another, typically co-located within the same site and may be connected via a patch cable when within the same chassis or may be connected via one or more waveguide when within the same node. The optical interface model of the logical system port **312** having an express port port type (not shown) of the particular system port **194** subsumes the direct express connectivity. As shown in FIG. 6A, logical system ports **312** having an express port type are not modeled for inter-degree/inter-node connectivity but are instead shown as a cross-connection **320** (discussed below).

(129) In one implementation, the line port **192** provides for optical communication with a component external to the ROADM such as for optical communication with a ROADM instance located at a different site, e.g., a downstream network element **14**. The logical line port **308** is an optical interface model for the line port **192**.

(130) In one implementation, each connectivity matrix **315** described connectivity between pairs of optical interfaces, such as the logical line port **308** and one or more logical system port **312**. A cross-connection **320** from a first optical interface to a second optical interface may be completed if the cross-connection **320** is defined in the connectivity matrix **316**. The cross-connection **320** may define connectivity both between add/drop ports and line ports, and between express ports and line ports **192** when the logical ROADM model **300** includes more than one logical line port **308**. For example, as shown in FIG. 6B, a first cross-connection **320a**, defined in the first connectivity matrix **316a** and the second connectivity matrix **316b** as an express connection, is shown between the first logical line port **308a** and the second logical line port **308b** and a second cross-connection **320b**, defined in the first connectivity matrix **316a** as an express connection, is shown between the logical system port **312a-1** and the first logical line port **308a**.

(131) In one implementation, each cross-connection **320** is unidirectional while the optical connection is bidirectional because a first state of the FRM **110** operating in a first degree is independent of a second state of the FRM **110** operating in a second degree. In this implementation, with the logical ROADM model **300** modeling each cross-connection **320** in a first direction (e.g., from an upstream node to a downstream node), a second logical ROADM model may be created for a second direction opposite the first direction (e.g., from the downstream node to the upstream node).

(132) In one implementation, each optical interface supports one of C-Band, L-Band, or C+L-

Band.

(133) In some implementations, only line ports **192** (and thus logical line ports **308**) support C+L-Band while system ports **194** (and thus logical system ports **312**) support either C-Band or L-Band, but not C+L-Band. In this implementation, separate entries in the connectivity matrix **316** may be defined for C-Band connectivity (i.e., from a C-Band FRM **354**, described below) and L-Band connectivity (i.e., from an L-Band FRM **358**, described below). For example, a first connectivity entry may be defined in the first connectivity matrix **316a** for connectivity of the first logical system port **312a-1** supporting the C-Band, while a second connectivity entry may be defined in the first connectivity matrix **316a** for connectivity of the third logical system port **312a-3** supporting the L-Band. In this way, each logical FRM model **304** of the logical ROADM model **300** is a consolidation of functions of the C-Band FRM **354** and the L-Band FRM **358**. In one implementation, the C-Band FRM **354** is an FRM-20X-C and the L-Band FRM **358** is an FRM-20X-L.

(134) Referring now to FIG. **6B**, shown therein is a block diagram of an exemplary embodiment of a physical topology of a ROADM **350** constructed in accordance with the present disclosure. Generally, the ROADM **350** includes a C-Band FRM **354** and an L-Band FRM **358** for each degree. As shown in exemplary FIG. **6B**, the ROADM **350** includes a first L-Band FRM **358a** coupled to a first C-Band FRM **354a**, and a second L-Band FRM **358b** coupled to a second C-Band FRM **354b**, and a third L-Band FRM **358c** coupled to a third C-Band FRM **354c**. The ROADM **350** of FIG. **6B** is shown as a three-degree ROADM, however, the ROADM **350** may have more than three degrees or fewer than three degrees.

(135) In one implementation, the first L-Band FRM **358a** generally comprises a plurality of system ports **194a-n** selectably optically coupled to the line port **192**. The line port **192** of the first L-Band FRM **358a** is optically coupled to an expansion port **362** of the first C-Band FRM **354a**. The first C-Band FRM **354a** generally comprises a plurality of system ports **194a-n** selectably optically coupled to a C-Band connection termination point (e.g., a C-Band CTP **366**) and the expansion port **362** is optically coupled to an L-Band CTP **370**. The C-Band CTP **366** and the L-Band CTP **370** are optically combined and coupled to the line port **192** of the first C-Band FRM **354a**. The line port **192** of the first C-Band FRM **354a** may be coupled to an optical fiber link **22** such as the first transmission line segment **22a**, for example. As used here, a connection termination point (or CTP) is a logical connection termination point.

(136) In one implementation, as shown in FIG. **6B**, an express connection **374** is formed connecting at least one system port **194** of each L-Band FRM **358** to each other L-Band FRM **358**. For example, as shown, a first express connection **374a** optically links the first system port **194a** of the second L-Band FRM **358b** and the first system port **194a** of the third L-Band FRM **358c**, a second express connection **374b** optically links the first system port **194a** of the first L-Band FRM **358a** and the second system port **194b** of the third L-Band FRM **358c**, and a third express connection **374c** optically links the second system port **194b** of the first L-Band FRM **358a** and the second system port **194b** of the second L-Band FRM **358b**.

(137) In one implementation, as shown in FIG. **6B**, an express connection **374** is formed connecting at least one system port **194** of each C-Band FRM **354** to each other C-Band FRM **354**. For example, as shown, a fourth express connection **374d** optically links the first system port **194a** of the second C-Band FRM **354b** and the second system port **194b** of the third C-Band FRM **354c**, a fifth express connection **374e** optically links the first system port **194a** of the first C-Band FRM **354a** and the first system port **194a** of the third C-Band FRM **354c**, and a sixth express connection **374f** optically links the second system port **194b** of the first C-Band FRM **354a** and the second system port **194b** of the second C-Band FRM **354b**.

(138) In one implementation, the second L-Band FRM **358b** and the second C-Band FRM **354b** are generally constructed and coupled similar to the first L-Band FRM **358a** and the first C-Band FRM **354a** as described above. Similarly, the third L-Band FRM **358c** and the third C-Band FRM **354c**

are generally constructed and coupled similar to the first L-Band FRM **358a** and the first C-Band FRM **354a** as described above.

(139) Referring back to FIG. **6A**, in combination with FIG. **6B**, in one implementation, each connectivity matrix **316** may be applied to a ROADM **350** to abstract physical ports of the ROADM **350** into logical ports of the logical ROADM model **300**. For example, the first connectivity matrix **316a** may abstract the line port **192** of the first C-Band FRM **354a**, the line port **192** of the third C-Band FRM **354c**, the first system port **194a** of the first L-Band FRM **358a**, the second system port **194b** of the third L-Band FRM **358c**, the first system port **194a** of the first C-Band FRM **354a**, and the first system port **194a** of the third C-Band FRM **354c** into the second cross-connection **320b**. Additionally, the first connectivity matrix **316a** may abstract the line port **192** of the first C-Band FRM **354a**, the line port **192** of the second C-Band FRM **354b**, the second system port **194b** of the first L-Band FRM **358a**, the second system port **194b** of the second L-Band FRM **358b**, the second system port **194b** of the first C-Band FRM **354a**, and the second system port **194b** of the second C-Band FRM **354b** into the first cross-connection **320a**.

(140) Similarly, the second connectivity matrix **316b** may abstract the line port **192** of the second C-Band FRM **354b**, the line port **192** of the third C-Band FRM **354c**, the first system port **194a** of the second L-Band FRM **358b**, the first system port **194a** of the third L-Band FRM **358c**, the first system port **194a** of the second C-Band FRM **354b**, and the second system port **194b** of the third C-Band FRM **354c** into the third cross-connection **320c**. Additionally, the second connectivity matrix **316b** may abstract the line port **192** of the second C-Band FRM **354b**, the line port **192** of the first C-Band FRM **354a**, the second system port **194b** of the second L-Band FRM **358b**, the second system port **194b** of the first L-Band FRM **358a**, the second system port **194b** of the second C-Band FRM **354b**, and the second system port **194b** of the first C-Band FRM **354a** into the first cross-connection **320a**.

(141) Further, the third connectivity matrix **316c** may abstract the line port **192** of the third C-Band FRM **354c**, the line port **192** of the first C-Band FRM **354a**, the first system port **194a** of the first L-Band FRM **358a**, the second system port **194b** of the third L-Band FRM **358c**, the first system port **194a** of the first C-Band FRM **354a**, and the first system port **194a** of the third C-Band FRM **354c** into the second cross-connection **320b**. Additionally, the third connectivity matrix **316c** may abstract the line port **192** of the second C-Band FRM **354b**, the line port **192** of the third C-Band FRM **354c**, the first system port **194a** of the second L-Band FRM **358b**, the first system port **194a** of the third L-Band FRM **358c**, the first system port **194a** of the second C-Band FRM **354b**, and the second system port **194b** of the third C-Band FRM **354c** into the third cross-connection **320c**.

(142) Referring now to FIG. **7**, shown therein is a functional model of an exemplary implementation of an optical services and power controls sub-system **400** (hereinafter sub-system **400**), constructed in accordance with the present disclosure. In some implementations, as shown in FIG. **7**, the sub-system **400** is an implementation of the software application **58** of the computer system **30**, the software application **96** of the network element(s) **14**, and/or the FRM application **189** described above and operable to perform an action such as communicate with or control one or more component of the computer system **30**, the optical transport network **10** (e.g., one or more of the network elements **14**) and/or the communication network **34**.

(143) In one implementation, the sub-system **400** may be implemented on a ROADM and comprises the SPCO **200**, a power control agent **402** (hereinafter, PCA **402**) and one or more control block **404**. The one or more control block **404** may be operable to control one or more component of the network element **14** via an optical power control-related configuration of the optical transport network **10** (i.e., by adjusting one or more attenuation level and/or one or more gain associated with the network element **14**) such that a target optical power level in the optical fiber link **22** is maintained within a tolerance level of optimal levels at all times. Maintaining such a target optical power level may have the effect of guaranteeing that receiving equipment (i.e., the light sink **100** of a receiving network element **14**) receives a higher-quality signal with a good

Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR) and minimal distortion. In one implementation, each of the one or more control block **404** may be associated with one or more component of the ROADM. For example, referring to FIG. **6B**, one or more first control block **404** may be associated with the C-Band FRM **354** and one or more second control block **404** may be associated with the L-Band FRM **358**. In one implementation, the SPCO **200** deployed on the C-Band FRM **354** can control the L-Band FRM **358** coupled thereto.

(144) In some implementations, the SPCO **200** is operable to control one or more optical power control-related configuration of the network element **14** and/or the control block **404** thereof, via the PCA **402**. In one implementation, exemplary components of the network element **14** controlled by one or more control block **404** includes a WSS, an EDFA, an optical channel monitor, a variable optical attenuator, a Raman pump, and other optical devices, for example. In one implementation, the control blocks **404** may be specific to the component of the network element **14** the SPCO **200** is deployed to, and, in some implementations, may be product dependent. For example, optical functions and topology for the network element components are usually modelled as a second level expansion of the logical ROADM model **300** (described below). The optical components are primarily used to carry out optical power control functions on the associated equipment. Additionally, because power control functions are delegated to existing local controls (e.g., input power controls (INPC), MCL and DMCL) and link level optical power controls, the SPCO **200** and/or the orchestrator **202** are not required to model fine grained optical topology; however, the SPCO **200** and/or orchestrator **202** do need to know what optical control blocks are supported in on the platform in which the SPCO **200** is deployed.

(145) Each control block **404** may comprise at least one of a MUX control block **404a** operable to control one or more optical power control-related configuration of a MUX WSS, a DEMUX control block **404b** operable to control one or more optical power control-related configuration of a DEMUX WSS, and a link control block **404c** operable to control one or more link level optical power such as optical power control-related configuration of one or more optical amplifier (OA) and/or variable optical attenuator (VOA) and/or in the optical fiber link **22**.

(146) In one implementation, the MUX control block **404a** may adjust one or more passband configuration and/or one or more attenuation of the “MUX” WSSs. Such adjustments may be made by the MUX control block **404a** on a per-passband basis. In one implementation, the DEMUX control block **404b** may adjust one or more passband configuration and/or one or more attenuation of the “DEMUX” WSSs. Such adjustments may be made by the DEMUX control block **404b** on a per-passband basis and/or on a per slice basis. In some implementations, the functions of the MUX control block **404a** and the DEMUX control block **404b** may be performed by a single control block **404**.

(147) In one implementation, the link control block **404c** may adjust one or more configuration, one or more attenuation, and/or one or more gain for one or more in-line optical component **260** (such as the optical amplifier (OA) and/or variable optical attenuator (VOA) in the optical fiber link **22**). Such adjustments may be made on a per-band basis (i.e., the C-band, the L-band, or C/L-band).

(148) In one implementation, each control block **404** exposes one or more functionalities, including common functionalities, such as ‘sync control block’ and ‘get status of control block’. Other functionalities may be exposed based on the type of the control block. For example, the MUX control block **404a** and the DEMUX control block **404b** may expose functionalities including ‘activate passband request’, ‘deactivate passband request’, ‘block passband request’, ‘enable adjustment request’, ‘disable adjustment request’, and/or the like. The link control block **404c** may expose ‘adjust gain request’, ‘enable gain adjust request’, ‘disable gain adjust request’, ‘activate band request’, ‘deactivate band request’, and/or the like. In one implementation, the PCA **402** operates as a standardized (or abstracted) interface for exposing the above functionalities of individual control blocks **404** to the SPCO **200**. For example, the PCS **212** may also send update

from the PCA (via a notification channel) regarding one or more of a control block state such as a 'state update', 'passband state update', 'band info update', 'link control update', and/or the like. (149) In some implementations, the SPCO **200** is operable to control one or more optical power control-related configuration of the control blocks **404** via the PCA **402**. For example, the SPCO **200** may send one or more PCO request and/or loading request to the PCA **402**. Additionally, the SPCO **200** may receive one or more PCO response, loading response, passband state, and/or control block state from the PCA **402**. In the case that the SPCO **200** sends a loading request to the PCA **402** (e.g., to activate and/or deactivate a group of passbands), the PCA **402** translates abstracted commands of the loading request to hardware commands for the control blocks **404**. The control block **404** may then act on the loading request, perform activation and/or deactivation for a group of passbands, and sends the loading response to the PCA **402**, which receives the loading response and converts the loading response to a logical abstraction accessible by the orchestrator **202** and/or SPCO **200**, e.g., in conjunction with the OTSA **204**. In some implementations, the control block **404** may also send one or more state update for the passbands in the group of passbands, a state of the control block **404** pertaining to power control loop functionality, and/or other supplementary information such as state of one of the one or more bands and/or an optical link state.

(150) In one implementation, the SPCO **200** may be operable to receive and/or send an inter-node communication **408**, e.g., to upstream and/or to downstream ROADMS and/or network elements **14**. For example, the SPCO **200** may receive a first inter-node communication **408a** from an upstream direction, may receive a second inter-node communication **408b** from a downstream direction, may send a third inter-node communication **408c** in the upstream direction, and may send a fourth inter-node communication **408d** in the downstream direction. Such orchestration may have the effect of minimizing the impact the SRS tilt effect has on pre-existing optical services in the optical transport network **10**. For example, the SPCO **200** may be operable to receive and/or send the inter-node communication **408** to one or more of an upstream orchestrator application (e.g., an SPCO **200** operating on an upstream network element) or a downstream orchestrator application operating on a downstream network element.

(151) In one implementation, each of the inter-node communications **408** may be one or more of a PCO request **412a**, a passband loading state, a PCO response **412b**, a passband loading status, and/or a health status update.

(152) In some implementations, the PCA **402** may transmit PCO requests **412a** to the control block(s) **404** and may receive PCO responses **412b** and/or health status updates from the control block(s) **404**. In one implementation, each PCO request **412a** originates from an upstream ROADM (e.g., via the first inter-node communication **408a**). When the orchestrator **202** of the SPCO **200** receives the PCO request **412a** from the first inter-node communication **408a**, the SPCO **200** issues the PCO request **412a** to the PCA **402** which, in turn, transmits the PCO request **412a** to a particular control block **404**. The particular control block **404** may act on the PCO request **412a** and transmit the PCO response **412b** back towards the orchestrator **202**. The SPCO **200** may then send a consolidated PCO response back to the upstream ROADM, e.g., via the third inter-node communication **408c**. The PCO request **412a** may be one or more of a disable adjust request, Mux WSS control adjustment request, adjust link control request, and/or an enable adjustment request.

(153) In one implementation, the PCO request **412a** is a disable adjust request issued by an orchestrator deployed on the upstream ROADM to the SPCO **200** to disable automatic WSS and link level optical power controls. The disable adjust request further suspends local loading on all mux degrees. When the SPCO **200** receives the disable adjust request and transmits the disable adjust request to the MUX control block **404a** on all dependent mux degrees, the MUX control block **404a** stores a reference power level.

(154) In one implementation, the PCO request **412a** is a Mux WSS controls adjust request issued by an orchestrator on the upstream ROADM to the SPCO **200** to adjust cause the mux WSS to

meet a reference power level in a MUX control block **404a** for all dependent express services on all dependent mux degrees.

(155) In one implementation, the PCO request **412a** is an adjust link control request issued by an orchestrator on the upstream ROADM to the SPCO **200** to adjust link amplifier controls in a link control block **404c** to meet an optical power target on all dependent mux degrees.

(156) In one implementation, the PCO request **412a** is an enable adjust request issued by an orchestrator on the upstream ROADM to the SPCO **200** to enable autonomous WSS and link level optical power controls (e.g., suspend optical power adjustments, enable optical power adjustments, etc.) in the MUX control block **404a** and the link control block **404c** running on all dependent mux modules. Further, it enables loading on all dependent mux degrees.

(157) In one implementation, the PCO request **412a** may originate from the orchestrator on the upstream ROADM where passband loading is performed and sent to the SPCO **200** through the OCP **208**. The OCP **208**, in turn, ensures that the PCO request **412a** is sent to the orchestrator **202**, which, in turn, sends the PCO request **412a** to the control block **404** via the PCA **402**. In one implementation, once, the SPCO **200** sends the consolidated PCO response the upstream ROADM, the OCP **208** again ensures that the PCO response **412b** is transmitted to the orchestrator on the upstream ROADM.

(158) In one implementation, each control block **404** may send and/or receive controls data **416**. For example, the control block **404** may receive upstream controls data **416a** from an upstream network element **14** and may transmit downstream controls data **416b** to a downstream network element **14**. The controls data **416** may include one or more data indicative of one or more of an optical power value, an SNR value, a carrier density, an amplified spontaneous emission (ASE) value, and/or the like.

(159) In one implementation, the SPCO **200** may receive service control requests and/or configuration information **420a** from a northbound layer and may transmit service status information **420b** to the northbound layer. In some implementations, the northbound layer may be a management layer, for example.

(160) Referring now to FIG. **8**, shown therein is a block diagram of an exemplary implementation of the SPCO **200** implemented on a ROADM and constructed in accordance with the present disclosure. The SPCO **200** comprises a first orchestrator **202a** constructed in accordance with the orchestrator **202** as detailed above and refers to the orchestrator **202** when stored as the software application **96** of the network element **14** and/or the FRM application **189** in the node memory **94** or the FRM memory **188**, and executed by the node processor **90** or the FRM processor **186**, respectively. As shown, the first orchestrator **202a** is implemented on a ROADM and is composed of and orchestrates activities of one or more degree orchestrator **440a-n** (shown as first, second, third, and fourth degree orchestrators **440a** through **440d**), while each degree orchestrator **440a-d** operates independently of each other degree orchestrator **440a-n**.

(161) In one implementation, each degree orchestrator **440a-n** is constructed in accordance with the orchestrator **202** with the exception that the degree orchestrator **440a-n** is in communication with the OTSA **204** to receive the logical FRM model **304** as an FRM abstraction type while the first orchestrator **202a** is in communication with the OTSA **204** to receive the logical ROADM model **300** and the logical FRM model **304** for each degree of a ROADM as a ROADM abstraction type. In one implementation, when the first orchestrator **202a** is running on an FRM **110**, the first orchestrator **202a** would include only one degree orchestrator **440**. The OTSA **204** reports an abstraction type (e.g., FRM/degree abstraction associated with the logical FRM model or a ROADM abstraction associated with the logical ROADM model) with degree provisioning to the first orchestrator **202a**.

(162) In one implementation, each degree orchestrator **440** comprises a MUX orchestrator **444** and a DEMUX orchestrator **448**. In one implementation, the MUX orchestrator **444** orchestrates activities of outgoing optical signals, such as ingress to the optical fiber link **22** including any line

amplifier controls (e.g., implemented in link level optical power control in link control blocks **404c**) and multiplexer WSS controls, such as in MUX control blocks **404a**. Conversely, the DEMUX orchestrator **448** orchestrates activities of incoming optical signals, such as ingress to the FRM **110** from the optical fiber link **22** and including any receiver line amplifier controls (e.g., implemented in link level optical power control in link control blocks **404c**) and demultiplexer WSS controls such as in DEMUX control blocks **404b**.

(163) In one implementation, each of the MUX orchestrator **444** and the DEMUX orchestrator **448** maintain a passband state, e.g., a passband level FSM, with respect to orchestration based at least in part on a passband state in MUX control blocks **404a** and DEMUX control blocks **404b**. In one implementation, and based on the passband state, each of the MUX orchestrator **444** and the DEMUX orchestrator **448** make loading related decisions and/or delegate loading related decisions to one or more other service component of the SPCO **200**.

(164) Referring now to FIG. **9**, shown therein is a control diagram of an exemplary implementation of an orchestrator network **500** constructed in accordance with the present disclosure. The orchestrator network **500** deployed within a ROADM **502**. The ROADM **502** generally comprises a DEMUX WSS **504** optically coupled to a first MUX WSS **506a**, a second MUX WSS **506b**, and a third MUX WSS **506c**. The DEMUX WSS **504** comprises a first SPCO **508a** having the DEMUX orchestrator **448** in communication with the PCA **402**. The PCA **402** in the DEMUX WSS **504** is in communication with the DEMUX control block **404b** and the link control block **404c** in the DEMUX WSS **504**. The first MUX WSS **506a** comprises a second SPCO **508b** having the MUX orchestrator **444** in communication with the PCA **402**. The PCA **402** in the first MUX WSS **506a** is in communication with the MUX control block **404a** and the link control block **404c** in the first MUX WSS **506a**. The second MUX WSS **506b** comprises a third SPCO **508c** having the MUX orchestrator **444** in communication with the PCA **402**. The PCA **402** in the second MUX WSS **506b** is in communication with the MUX control block **404a** and the link control block **404c** in the second MUX WSS **506b**. And, the third MUX WSS **506c** comprises a fourth SPCO **508d** having the MUX orchestrator **444** in communication with the PCA **402**. The PCA **402** in the third MUX WSS **506c** is in communication with the MUX control block **404a** and the link control block **404c** in the third MUX WSS **506c**.

(165) The first SPCO **508a**, the second SPCO **508b**, the third SPCO **508c**, and the fourth SPCO **508d** may each be constructed in accordance with the SPCO **200** as described above in more detail. Each of the SPCOs **508** may be deployed at an FRM **110** for each degree of the ROADM, that is, for each degree of the ROADM **502**, the SPCO **508** may be deployed to the FRM **110** associated with that degree, e.g., the SPCO **508** may be stored in the FRM memory **188** as the FRM software application **189** and executed by the FRM processor **186**.

(166) In one implementation, as shown in FIG. **9**, the ROADM **502** is an express ROADM such as the second network element **14b** illustrated above with the exception that the ROADM **502** is a four-degree ROADM. Further, the DEMUX WSS **504** may be constructed in accordance with the first WSS **108a** of the second network element **14b**, the first MUX WSS **506a** may be constructed in accordance with the fourth WSS **108d** of the second network element **14b**, and the second MUX WSS **506b** may be constructed in accordance with the sixth WSS **108f** of the second network element **14b**. Additionally, the third MUX WSS **506c** may be constructed in accordance with any of the second WSS **108b**, the fourth WSS **108d**, and the sixth WSS **108f** with the exception that the third MUX WSS **506c** is associated with a different degree than that of any of the second WSS **108b**, the fourth WSS **108d**, and the sixth WSS **108f**.

(167) In one implementation, within the DEMUX WSS **504**, the DEMUX orchestrator **448**, which is part of the first SPCO **508a**, works as an overlay over the receive direction (e.g., the demux direction) of the optical controls, that is, the first SPCO **508a** works as an overlay over the receive line amplifier controls (e.g., in the link control block **404c** in the DEMUX WSS **504**) and the DEMUX control block **404b**. And, within each MUX WSS **506**, the MUX orchestrator **444**, which

is part of the SPCO **508** in each MUX WSS **506**, works as an overlay over the transmit direction (e.g., the mux direction) of the optical controls, that is, the SPCO **508** in each MUX WSS **506**, works as an overlay over the transmit line amplifier controls (e.g., link control block **404c**) and the MUX control block **404a**.

(168) Referring now to FIG. **10**, shown therein is an exemplary loading sequence of an exemplary implementation of an optical transport network **600**. The optical transport network **600** is similar to the optical transport network **10** described above. Therefore, in the interest of brevity, only the differences will be described in detail herein.

(169) The optical transport network **600** may be provided with the first network element **14a**, the first ILA **16a**, the second network element **14b**, the second ILA **16b**, the third network element **14c**, the third ILA **16c**, and the fourth network element **14d**. The first transmission line segment **22a** of the optical transport network **600** connects the first network element **14a** to the second network element **14b**, the second transmission line segment **22b** connects the second network element **14b** to the third network element **14c**, and the third transmission line segment **22c** connects the third network element **14c** to the fourth network element **14d**.

(170) At step **620**, the optical transport network **600** is operating in a normal gain control cycle with optical set points optimized and optical signals in the C Band wavelengths and L Band wavelengths, for instance, travelling between the first network element **14a**, the second network element **14b**, the third network element **14c**, and the fourth network element **14d** as represented by solid arrows.

(171) In step **630**, in preparation for carrying out or responding to a network state change, the SPCO **200a** of the first network element **14a** sends a first signal **632**, a second signal **634**, and a third signal **636** to network elements **14b**, **14c**, and **14d**, respectively, downstream from the first network element **14a**. The first, second, and third signals **632**, **634**, and **636** causing the downstream network elements **14b**, **14c**, and **14d** to determine and store a power set point value for each active passband for all degrees carrying express traffic sourced from the first network element **14a**.

(172) In step **640**, the SPCO **200a** on the first network element **14a** carries out or responds to the network state change which may be, for example, a controlled action (e.g., adding and/or removing wavelengths), or an uncontrolled action (e.g., change in fiber span loss, unexpected equipment failure).

(173) In step **650**, the SPCO **200a** on the first network element **14a** performs an AGC cycle to re-optimize the operating set points of the first transmission line segment **22a**.

(174) In step **660**, the SPCO **200a** on the first network element **14a** sends a fourth signal **662** to the SPCO **200b** on the second network element **14b**, a fifth signal **664** to the SPCO **200c** on the third network element **14c**, and a sixth signal **668** to the SPCO **200d** on the fourth network element **14d**, the fourth signal **662**, fifth signal **664**, and the sixth signal **668** configured to cause the second network element **14b**, the third network element **14c**, and the fourth network element **14d** to perform a power adjustment (which may be referred to as a “ForceAdjust”) on each active passband originating from the first transmission line segment **22a**.

(175) It should be noted that any degree of the second network element **14b**, the third network element **14c**, and the fourth network element **14d** that does not have any express traffic originating from the first transmission line segment **22a** will not perform the power adjustment.

(176) In step **680**, SPCO **200b** on the second network element **14b**, SPCO **200c** on the third network element **14c**, and SPCO **200d** on the fourth network element **14d** perform the power adjustment on each active passband originating from the first transmission line segment **22a**. The power adjustment may be performed by a MUX control loop, for instance, to adjust the power of all active passbands using the stored power set point values from step **630**.

(177) Once the power adjustment is completed, in step **690** the SPCO **200b** on the second network element **14b** sends a seventh signal **692**, the SPCO **200c** on the third network element **14c** sends an



eight signal **694**, and the SPCO **200d** on the fourth network element **14d** sends a ninth signal **696** to the SPCO **200a** on the first network element **14a**, the seventh, eighth, and ninth signals **692**, **694**, and **696** indicating that the power adjustments have been completed successfully.

(178) Once the SPCO **200a** on the first network element **14a** receives the seventh, eighth, and ninth signals **692**, **694**, and **696** indicating that the power adjustments have been completed successfully, the SPCO **200a** on the first network element **14a** may proceed with any next steps in the procedure under execution. For instance, if the procedure under execution requires multiple operations that must be run sequentially, the SPCO **200a** may be programmed to begin a next operation in the sequence after receiving confirmation that the power adjustments were completed successfully. If the next operation in the sequence requires power adjustments that may affect downstream nodes (e.g., the second network element **14b**, the third network element **14c**, and the fourth network element **14d**), the SPCO **200a** may be programmed to begin the loading sequence again at step **630** to prevent power excursions from accumulating in the downstream nodes without the need to run AGC cycles on the downstream nodes after each operation in the sequence.

(179) When controlled operations are executed on a local transmission line segment (e.g., transmission line segment **22a**), residual power excursions will propagate to downstream segments via egress express traffic from the first network element **14a**, for instance. These power excursions may be due to a number of causes, including, but not limited to: adding wavelengths, removing wavelengths, amplifier gain shape changes, spectral hole burning, missed power control loops targets, open-loop power control errors, and uncompensated spectral tilt. Because the residual power excursions propagate via express traffic, a multi-degree network element may have degrees with traffic that is unaffected by the controlled operations. As a result, power adjustments may not be necessary on all degrees of every multi-degree network element in an optical network.

(180) As explained above, in one implementation of the presently disclosed concepts, an SPCO may be deployed on all degrees of a ROADM, e.g., all FRM **110** of a network element **14** may be provided with an SPCO. In such implementations, the SPCO **200** forms adjacency with neighboring SPCO **200** instances, e.g., a deployed instance of the SPCO **200** on other degrees of a same one of the network element **14** and/or with one or more SPCO **200** deployed on a neighboring network element **14**. This adjacency may be used to determine optical traffic patterns including whether or not an FRM **110** has express traffic from a given transmission line segment. Or, in other words, whether or not the adjacent FRM **110** would be affected by controlled operations executed on the given transmission line segment.

(181) It should be noted that the network **600** of FIG. **10**. is illustrated a linearized network topology (i.e., each network element **14** has two degrees). However, the network may be provided with multi-degree network elements **14** as described above with respect to FIG. **3A**, for instance having more than two degrees.

(182) It should also be noted that in some implementations, in step **630**, only the first signal **632** may be sent to the second network element **14b**. In other words, in some implementations, it is optional to send the second signal **634** to the third network element **14c** and the third signal **636** to the fourth network element **14d**. In such an implementation, it may only be necessary to run the power adjustment (step **660**) on each active passband originating from the first transmission line segment **22a** on the second network element **14b** but not on the third network element **14c** or the fourth network element **14d**.

(183) Referring now to FIGS. **11A-11E**, shown therein is an exemplary loading sequence of an exemplary implementation of an optical transport network **700**. The optical transport network **700** is similar to the optical transport network **10** described above. Therefore, in the interest of brevity, only the differences will be described in detail herein.

(184) The optical transport network **700** may be provided with the first network element **14a**, the first ILA **16a**, and the second network element **14b**. The first transmission line segment **22a** of the optical transport network **700** connects a first FRM **110a** of the first network element **14a** to a

second FRM **110b** of the second network element **14b**. The optical transport network **700** is further illustrated with a second transmission line segment **22b** that carries optical signals from the third FRM **110c** of the second network element **14b**, a third transmission line segment **22c** that carries optical signals from the fourth FRM **110d** of the second network element **14b**, and a fourth transmission line segment **22d** that carries optical signals from the fifth FRM **110e** of the second network element **14b**. Active services that originate on the first network element **14a** are represented by solid arrows and active services that originate from other degrees or a local ADD (e.g., light source **104**) are illustrated as a dash-dot-dot line to differentiate origination of the active services in FIG. **11**. An exemplary passband power level graph **702** is provided to further illustrate the disclosed concepts.

(185) The first network element **14a** is shown with a node level SPCO **200a** while each FRM **110b-110e** of the second network element **14b** is shown having an SPCO **200b-200e** deployed therein. It should be noted, however, that this exemplary setup is shown for the purposes of illustration only and other implementations of the first network element **14a**, for instance, may be provided having a SPCO **200** deployed within each degree.

(186) The first network element **14a** may store information such as an adjacency graph (as described above with regard to FIG. **5**) with information about downstream network elements such as the second network element **14b**. The adjacency graph may include information regarding a number of degrees of the downstream network element(s) as well as traffic information such as which degrees of the downstream network element carry express traffic and would be affected by controlled operations executed on a local transmission line segment such as transmission line segment **22a**. The adjacency graph may be accessible by the SPCO **200a** of the first network element **14a** for use as will be described herein. Direct adjacency dependency relationships may be built from service provisioning information and/or the OCP protocol **208** of the SPCO **200a**. The OCP protocol **208** uses nearest neighbor communication, so demux FRMs know which MUX FRMs they are expressing traffic to. To build dependencies beyond a single hop (i.e., an adjacent neighbor), a dependency matrix for each service crossing through a segment of interest (e.g., **22a**) and all the dependent network paths that the egress traffic takes in the network **700** (e.g., **22b**, **22c**, **22d**, **22e**, etc.) may be built. For instance, a network graph database that stores nodes and relationships may be used. One such network graph database is Neo4j®.

(187) In step **710**, in preparation for executing a loading operation, the SPCO **200a** of the first network element **14a** accesses network information such as the adjacency graph and determines which degrees of the downstream network element (the second network element **14b**) carry express traffic and would be affected by loading operations on the first transmission line segment **22a** (in the illustrated example, the third FRM **110c** and the fourth FRM **110d** would be affected while the fifth FRM **110e** does not carry any express traffic) and sends a request (which may be in the form of a first signal **712** and a second signal **714**, for instance) to all adjacent degrees (third FRM **110c** and fourth FRM **110d**) with express traffic sourced from the first transmission line segment **22a** to determine and store power set point values for each active passband during a normal gain control cycle. For the purposes of illustration, three power set points (first set point **716**, second setpoint **718**, and third setpoint **720**) are shown as dotted lines overlaying the passband power level graph **702**.

(188) In step **730**, the SPCO **200a** executes the loading operation on the first transmission line segment **22a** which causes express traffic from the second FRM **110b** to undergo a residual power change due to loading operation upstream. This change is represented by changed lines representing the passbands going from the third FRM **110c** and the fourth FRM **110d** as well as an updated passband power level graph **702a** with the three power set points (first set point **716**, second setpoint **718**, and third setpoint **720**) overlaying new passband power levels.

(189) In step **740**, the SPCO **200a** sends a first signal **712** to the fourth SPCO **200d** on the fourth FRM **110d** and a second signal **714** to the third SPCO **200c** on the third FRM **110c**, the first signal

**712** and the second signal **714** configured to cause the fourth SPCO **200d** and the third SPCO **200c** to perform a power adjustment operation on each of the fourth FRM **110d** and the third FRM **110c** to correct for the power excursions propagating downstream from the first transmission segments **22a** egress, and returns the downstream transmission line segments **22b** and **22c** to the last known good operating point.

(190) In step **760**, the third SPCO **200c** performs the power adjustment operation on the third FRM **110c** and the fourth SPCO **200d** performs the power adjustment operation on the fourth FRM **110d** to adjust a power of all passbands originating from the first transmission line segment **22a** via express to target powers using the first set point **716**, second setpoint **718**, and third setpoint **720** save in step **730**. For instance, the third SPCO **200c** and the fourth SPCO **200d** may trigger a ROADM MUX control loop (i.e., a control loop responsible for adjusting the passband power levels within a MUX WSS such as a fourth WSS **108d** of the third FRM **110c** and a sixth WSS **108f** of the fourth FRM **110d**) in each of the third FRM **110c** and the fourth FRM **110d** to adjust the power of the passbands.

(191) In step **780**, the third SPCO **200c** is configured to send a first signal **782** and the fourth SPCO **200d** is configured to send a second signal **782** to the first SPCO **200a** of the first network element **14a** configured to notify the first SPCO **200a** that the power adjustment operations were completed successfully. Successful completion of the power adjustment operations means that is it not necessary to run a full AGC cycle on the downstream transmission line segment (e.g., the second transmission line segment **22b** and/or the third transmission line segment **22c**) because the power excursion originating from the first transmission line segment **22a** egress is corrected at an ingress of the second transmission line segment **22b** and the third transmission line segment **22c**.

(192) If the passband-level power adjustments are not successful, then a full AGC cycle is required for the transmission line segment that failed. Possible reasons that the power adjustment operations might fail include, but are not limited to: WSS dynamic range is exhausted and saved power setpoint or target (e.g., the first set point **716**, the second setpoint **718**, and/or the third setpoint **720**) cannot be met; a passband power measured after the power adjustment operations is too far from the saved power target (i.e., a delta power threshold has been exceeded); equipment failure or lack of access (e.g., OPM cannot be read, WSS does not adjust); and communications timeout.

(193) Referring now to FIGS. **12A-12E**, shown therein is an exemplary loading sequence of an exemplary implementation of an optical transport network **800**. The optical transport network **800** is similar to the optical transport network **10** and the optical transport network **700** described above. Therefore, in the interest of brevity, only the differences will be described in detail herein.

(194) The optical transport network **800** may be provided with the first network element **14a**, the first ILA **16a**, the second network element **14b**, and the computer system **30** which acts as a centralized control point that is connected to all of the network elements of the optical transport network **800**. As describe above, the computer system **30** may be cloud-based. The first transmission line segment **22a** of the optical transport network **700** connects the first FRM **110a** of the first network element **14a** to the second FRM **110b** of the second network element **14b**. The optical transport network **800** is further illustrated with the second transmission line segment **22b** that carries optical signals from the third FRM **110c** of the second network element **14b**, the third transmission line segment **22c** that carries optical signals from the fourth FRM **110d** of the second network element **14b**, and the fourth transmission line segment **22d** that carries optical signals from the fifth FRM **110e** of the second network element **14b**. Active services or passbands that originate on the first network element **14a** are represented by solid arrows and active services that originate from other degrees or a local ADD (e.g., light source **104**) are illustrated as a dash-dot-dot line to differentiate the origination of the active services in FIGS. **12A-12E**. An exemplary passband power level graph **802** is provided to further illustrate the disclosed concepts.

(195) Each FRM **110a-110e** is shown having an SPCO **200a-200e** deployed therein. It should be noted, however, that this exemplary setup is shown for the purposes of illustration only and other

implementations of the first network element **14a** and the second network element, for instance, may be provided having a single SPCO **200** that connects with and controls power loading operations for multiple degrees in the first network element **14a** and the second network element as described herein.

(196) The computer system **30** and/or each of the first network element **14a** and the second network element **14b** may store information such as an adjacency graph (as described above with regard to FIG. 5) with information about network elements that are part of the optical network **800** such as the first network element **14a** and the second network element **14b**. The adjacency graph may include information regarding a number of degrees of the downstream network element(s) as well as traffic information such as which degrees of the downstream network element carry express traffic and would be affected by state changes on a local transmission line segment such as transmission line segment **22a**. The adjacency graph may be accessible by the SPCO **200** of the computer system **30** for use as will be described herein.

(197) In step **810**, in preparation for executing a loading operation, which may be a controlled loading operation, on the first transmission line segment **22a**, the SPCO **200a** of the first network element **14a** sends a request (which may be in the form of a first signal **812**) to save current passband power on adjacent dependent degrees to an SPCO **200** of the computer system **30**. The computer system **30** may be programmed to process the request and determine all adjacent degrees with express traffic sourced from the first transmission line segment **22a**. In the illustrated example, the third FRM **110c** and the fourth FRM **110d** are shown as carrying express traffic from the first transmission line segment **22a** while the fifth FRM **110e** does not carry express traffic from the first transmission line segment **22a**. As a result, in step **820** the SPCO **200** of the computer system **30** may be programmed to send a request to save current passband powers to the third FRM **110c** and the fourth FRM **110d** but not the fifth FRM **110e**. The request to save the current passband powers may be sent in the form of a data signal such as a first data signal **822** sent to the third FRM **110c** and a second data signal **824** sent to the fourth FRM **110d**.

(198) Upon receiving the request to save current passband powers, the SPCO **200c** of the third FRM **110c** and the fourth SPCO **200d** of the fourth FRM **110d** may be programmed to determine and save the current passband powers which may be expressed as power set points such as a first power set point **826**, a second power set point **828**, and a third power set point **830** which are shown as dotted lines overlayed on the passband power level graph **802** for purposes of illustration only.

(199) In step **840**, the computer system **30** sends a signal to the SPCO **200a** indicating that the SPCO **200a** may begin the loading operation. In step **850**, the SPCO **200a** executes the loading operation on the first transmission line segment **22a** which causes express traffic from the second FRM **110b** to undergo a residual power change due to the loading operation. This change is represented by changed lines representing the passbands going from the third FRM **110c** and the fourth FRM **110d** as well as an updated passband power level graph **802a** with the three power set points (first set point **826**, second setpoint **828**, and third setpoint **830**) overlaying new passband power levels.

(200) In step **860**, the SPCO **200a** sends a signal **862** to the computer system **30** indicating that the loading operation (or at least one part of a sequence) is complete.

(201) In step **870**, the computer system **30** sends a first signal **872** to the third SPCO **200c** on the third FRM **110c** and a second signal **874** to the fourth SPCO **200d** on the fourth FRM **110d**, the first signal **872** and the second signal **874** configured to cause the third SPCO **200c** and the fourth SPCO **200d** to perform a power adjustment operation on each of the fourth FRM **110d** and the third FRM **110c** to correct for the power excursions propagating downstream from the first transmission segments **22a** egress, and return the downstream transmission line segments **22b** and **22c** to the last known good operating point.

(202) In step **880**, the third SPCO **200c** performs the power adjustment operation on the third FRM

**110c** and the fourth SPCO **200d** performs the power adjustment operation on the fourth FRM **110d** to adjust a power of all passbands originating from the first transmission line segment **22a** via express to target powers using the first set point **826**, second setpoint **828**, and third setpoint **830** saved in step **820**. For instance, the third SPCO **200c** and the fourth SPCO **200d** may trigger a ROADM MUX control loop in each of the third FRM **110c** and the fourth FRM **110d** to adjust the power of the passbands.

(203) In step **890**, the third SPCO **200c** sends a first signal **892** and the fourth SPCO **200d** sends a second signal **894** to the computer system **30** configured to notify the computer system **30** that the power adjustment procedures are complete and were successful. Successful completion of the power adjustment operations means that it is not necessary to run a full AGC cycle on the downstream transmission line segment (e.g., the second transmission line segment **22b** and/or the third transmission line segment **22c**) because the power excursion originating from the first transmission line segment **22a** egress is corrected at an ingress of the second transmission line segment **22b** and the third transmission line segment **22c**.

(204) If the power adjustment procedures are not successful, then a full AGC cycle is required for each transmission line segment that failed.

(205) In step **900**, the computer system **30** sends a signal **902** to the first SPCO **200a** indicating that the SPCO **200a** may proceed with next steps of the loading procedure, if any.

(206) From the above description, it is clear that the inventive concept(s) disclosed herein are well adapted to carry out the objects and to attain the advantages mentioned herein, as well as those inherent in the inventive concept(s) disclosed herein. While the implementations of the inventive concept(s) disclosed herein have been described for purposes of this disclosure, it will be understood that numerous changes may be made and readily suggested to those skilled in the art which are accomplished within the scope and spirit of the inventive concept(s) disclosed herein.

## Claims

1. A network element, comprising: a processor; a first line port optically coupled to a first optical fiber link carrying a first optical signal having a first plurality of passbands; a flexible ROADM module including a wavelength selective switch in optical communication with the first line port, a multiplexer, and one or more control block, and being operable to selectively multiplex the first optical signal into a second optical signal having a second plurality of passbands, the one or more control block operable to control the wavelength selective switch and the multiplexer; a second line port optically coupled to a second optical fiber link and operable to carry the second optical signal having the second plurality of passbands, the second line port in optical communication with the wavelength selective switch; and a memory comprising a non-transitory processor-readable medium storing an orchestrator application having one or more service component, and storing processor-executable instructions that when executed by the processor cause the processor to: responsive to receiving a first signal indicative of an impending network state change, pause all power adjustments by the control block on the flexible ROADM module and save at least one power set point value for each active passband from the first optical signal multiplexed into the second optical signal, the network state change being responsive to service activation or service deactivation affecting the first optical signal; responsive to receiving a second signal indicative of the network state change, adjust an optical power of each active passband from the first optical signal multiplexed into the second optical signal using the power set point values.
2. The network element of claim 1, wherein the one or more service component is an orchestration control protocol, and wherein the orchestration control protocol, in communication with the orchestration application, determines the at least one power set point value for each active passband from the first optical signal multiplexed into the second optical signal and saves the at least one power set point value for each active passband in the memory.

3. The network element of claim 1, wherein adjusting the optical power of each active passband from the first optical signal multiplexed into the second optical signal using the power set point values is defined further as providing instructions to the wavelength selective switch to cause the wavelength selective switch to selectively attenuate wavelengths of light within at least one active passband.

4. The network element of claim 1, wherein adjusting the optical power of each active passband from the first optical signal multiplexed into the second optical signal using the power set point values is defined further as providing instructions to the wavelength selective switch to cause the wavelength selective switch to selectively amplify wavelengths of light within at least one active passband.

5. The network element of claim 1, wherein adjusting the optical power of each active passband from the first optical signal multiplexed into the second optical signal using the power set point values is defined further as adjusting the power level of each passband independently of other passbands.

6. The network element of claim 1, wherein adjusting the optical power of each active passband from the first optical signal multiplexed into the second optical signal using the power set point values is defined further as dynamically adjusting the power level of passbands based on real-time network conditions.

7. The network element of claim 1, wherein the degree further comprises an optical power monitor configured to measure the power level of individual passbands and provide feedback to the processor for adjusting the power levels.

8. The network element of claim 1, wherein after the optical power of each active passband from the first optical signal multiplexed into the second optical signal is adjusted using the power set point values, the processor executable instructions cause the processor to determine if a delta power threshold value relative to the power set point values for each active passband from the first optical signal multiplexed into the second optical signal has been exceeded; and if the delta power threshold value relative to the power set point values for each active passband from the first optical signal multiplexed into the second optical signal has not been exceeded, the processor executable instructions cause the processor to generate and transmit a third signal via the first line port, the third signal indicating the optical power adjustment of each active passband from the first optical signal multiplexed into the second optical signal was successful; or if the delta power threshold value relative to the power set point values for each active passband from the first optical signal multiplexed into the second optical signal has been exceeded, the processor executable instructions cause the processor to generate and transmit a fourth signal via the first line port, the fourth signal indicating the optical power adjustment of each active passband from the first optical signal multiplexed into the second optical signal was not successful.

9. A network element, comprising: a first flexible ROADM module comprising: a first system port; a second system port; a first line port optically coupled to a first optical fiber link carrying a first optical signal having a first group of passbands; a first processor; and a first memory comprising a non-transitory processor-readable medium storing a first orchestrator application having one or more first service component, and storing first processor-executable instructions; a second flexible ROADM module comprising: a third system port; a fourth system port; a second line port optically coupled to the first line port of the first flexible ROADM module; a second processor; and a second memory comprising a non-transitory processor-readable medium storing a second orchestrator application having one or more second service component, and storing second processor-executable instructions; a third flexible ROADM module comprising: a fifth system port; a sixth system port; a third line port optically coupled to the first line port of the first flexible ROADM module; a third processor; and a third memory comprising a non-transitory processor-readable medium storing a third orchestrator application having one or more third service component, and storing third processor executable instructions; wherein the second processor-executable

instructions, when executed by the second processor, cause the second processor to: responsive to receiving a first signal indicative of an impending network state change, pause all power adjustments by a second control block on the second flexible ROADM module and save at least one first power set point value for each active passband from the first group of passbands from the first flexible ROADM module, the network state change being responsive to service activation or service deactivation affecting the first optical signal; and responsive to receiving a second signal indicative of the network state change, adjust an optical power of each active passband from the first optical signal using the first power set point values; and wherein the third processor-executable instructions, when executed by the third processor cause the third processor to: responsive to receiving the first signal indicative of the impending network state change, pause all power adjustments by a third control block on the third flexible ROADM module and save at least one second power set point value for each active passband from the first group of passbands from the first flexible ROADM module, the network state change being responsive to service activation or service deactivation affecting the first optical signal; and responsive to receiving the second signal indicative of the network state change, adjust an optical power of each active passband from the first optical signal using the second power set point values.

10. The network element of claim 9, wherein the one or more first service component is a first orchestration control protocol, the one or more second service component is a second orchestration control protocol, and the one or more third orchestration protocol is a third orchestration control protocol; and wherein the second orchestration control protocol, in communication with the second orchestration application, determines the at least one first power set point value for each active passband from the first group of passbands from the first flexible ROADM module and saves the at least one first power set point value for each active passband in the second memory; and wherein the third orchestration control protocol, in communication with the third orchestration application, determines the at least one second power set point value for each active passband from the first group of passbands from the first flexible ROADM module and saves the at least one second power set point value for each active passband in the third memory.

11. The network element of claim 9, wherein adjusting the optical power of each active passband from the first optical signal using the first power set point values and the second power set point values is defined further as adjusting the power level of each passband independently of other passbands.

12. The network element of claim 9, wherein adjusting the optical power of each active passband from the first optical signal using the first power set point values and the second power set point values is defined further as dynamically adjusting the power level of passbands based on real-time network conditions.

13. The network element of claim 9, wherein the second flexible ROADM module further comprises a second optical power monitor configured to measure the power level of individual passbands and provide feedback to the second processor for adjusting the optical powers; and wherein the third flexible ROADM module further comprises a third optical power monitor configured to measure the power level of individual passbands and provide feedback to the third processor for adjusting the optical powers.

14. An optical transport network, comprising: a first network element comprising a first processor, a first wavelength selective switch having a first line port and a first system port, and a first memory comprising a non-transitory processor-readable medium storing a first orchestrator application having at least one first service component, and first processor-executable instructions; a second network element comprising a second processor, a second wavelength selective switch having a second line port and a second system port and exposing a control block, and a second memory comprising a non-transitory processor-readable medium storing a second orchestrator application having at least one second service component, and second processor-executable instructions; and an optical fiber link optically coupled to the first line port and the second line

port, the optical fiber link operable to carry an optical signal having the optical service in a plurality of passbands; wherein the first processor executable instructions, when executed by the first processor, cause the first processor to generate a first signal and transmit the first signal via the first line port to the second network element, the first signal indicative of an impending state change on the first network element; responsive to receiving the first signal, the second processor executable instructions cause the second processor to pause all power adjustments by the control block and save at least one power set point value for each active passband in the optical signal; responsive to saving at least one power set point for each active passband in the optical signal, the second processor executable instructions cause the second processor to generate a second signal and transmit the second signal to the first network element via the second line port, the second signal indicating that the second network element is prepared for the state change; responsive to receiving the second signal, the first processor executable instructions cause the first network element to perform the state change; responsive to completing the state change, the first processor executable instructions cause the first processor to generate a third signal and transmit the third signal to the second network element via the first line port, the third signal indicating that the state change is complete; responsive to receiving the third signal, the second processor executable instructions cause the second processor to adjust an optical power of each active passband in the optical signal using the power set point values.

15. The optical network of claim 14, wherein after the optical power of each active passband in the optical signal is adjusted using the power set point values, the second processor executable instructions cause the second processor to determine if a delta power threshold value relative to the power set point values for each active passband in the optical signal has been exceeded; and if the delta power threshold value relative to the power set point values for each active passband in the optical signal has not been exceeded, the second processor executable instructions cause the second processor to generate a fourth signal and transmit the fourth signal to the first network element via the second line port, the fourth signal indicating the optical power adjustment of each active passband in the optical signal was successful; or if the delta power threshold value relative to the power set point values for one or more of the active passbands in the optical signal has been exceeded, the second processor executable instructions cause the second processor to generate a fifth signal and transmit the fifth signal to the first network element via the second line port, the fifth signal indicating the optical power adjustment of each active passband in the optical signal was not successful.

16. The optical network of claim 15, wherein the state change is a multi-step state change and responsive to receiving the fourth signal, the first processor executable instructions cause the first network element to perform a second step in the state change.

17. The optical network of claim 14, wherein the one or more second service component is a second orchestration control protocol, and wherein the second orchestration control protocol, in communication with the second orchestration application, determines the at least one power set point value for each active passband in the optical signal and saves the at least one power set point value for each active passband in the second memory.

18. The optical network of claim 17, wherein adjusting the optical power of each active passband in the optical signal using the power set point values is defined further as providing instructions to the second wavelength selective switch to cause the second wavelength selective switch to selectively attenuate wavelengths of light within at least one active passband in the optical signal.

19. The optical network of claim 17, wherein adjusting the optical power of each active passband in the optical signal using the power set point values is defined further as providing instructions to the second wavelength selective switch to cause the second wavelength selective switch to selectively amplify wavelengths of light within at least one active passband in the optical signal.

20. The optical network of claim 14, wherein adjusting the optical power of each active passband in



the optical signal using the power set point values is defined further as adjusting the power level of each active passband independently of other passbands.

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