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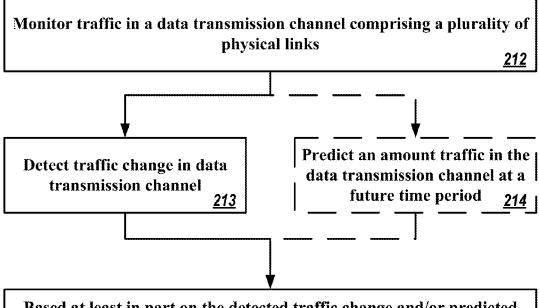
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ABSTRACT (57)

Embodiments of the present disclosure provide energy efficient data transmission operations which may be configured to selectively energize some of a plurality of links within a given data transmission channel based at least in part on a detected amount of traffic or a predicted amount of traffic while ensuring that data is delivered in an orderly and energy-efficient manner.

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Based at least in part on the detected traffic change and/or predicted amount of traffic and using a hash algorithm, determine whether or not to energize or de-energize at least one physical link in the data transmission channel <u> 216</u>

Based at least in part on the determination, and using at least one of an energize algorithm and de-energize algorithm, redirect a traffic flow between the plurality of physical links to ensure a consistent ordering of data