

## **DISAGGREGATED CELL SITE GATEWAYS - DECEMBER 2021**

## THE PHENOMENAL INSTALLED BASE IS UNDER ATTACK!





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THIS REPORT SOLELY FOCUSES ON CELL SITE GATEWAYS, THE BACKHAUL SECTION OF TELECOM TRANSPORT NETWORKS SOME SAY CELL SITE GATEWAY, OTHER SAY ROUTER; OUR RESEARCH INDICATES CSG HAVE ROUTING CAPABILITIES AND THE ROUTER BILL	FIT
These CSGs reside between the RAN and the aggregation router	
Calling a DCSG a white box is an unambiguous strong statement	
At some point, aggregation and core routers will be next	
Tiers 1 CSPs support and through TIP, drive the disaggregation journey	
The elimination of vendor lock in and the abundance of NOS software are the chief DCSG drivers	
In addition, for European CSPs, the need to find hardware alternatives to Chinese vendors was a secon driver	ndary
In this emerging DCSG ecosystem, NOS software suppliers are mushrooming	
But no worries, NOS suppliers keep the handful of hardware specialists busy	
Whatch out NOS suppliers, software too can be disaggregated	
So far, the Traditional telecom vendor establishment remains unfazed	
With its Silicon One and IOS XR7 launched in December 2019, Cisco has a lead	
Forget the hardware, software is king	
However, all agree that with 5G coming, the viability of the DCSG remains to be proven	
RAN architecture and topology and 5G use cases are the key factors for consideration	
Ericsson neither envisions routing functionality at the gNB nor at the cell site	
3GPP Rel. 16 features IAB, a new backhaul concept that eliminates the need for CSGs/CSRs	
Compared to 4G, 5G mmWave is a CSG/CSR game changer	
And at the end of the day, the more disaggregation, the more integration	
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## **Abstract**

This report explores the emergence of the Disaggregated Cell Site Gateways (DCSG) market. DCSG are white-box cell site gateways or routers based on an open and disaggregated architecture for existing 2G/3G/4G and future 5G network architectures. The report analyzes DCSG architectures and implementations, including its emerging ecosystem, and tracks white box hardware units and sales, and software sales, all broken down by regions including North America, Europe Middle East Africa, Asia Pacific, and Caribbean Latin America. It includes the total number of cell sites worldwide and a 5-year forecast. As this market is just emerging, it is too early to publish vendor market shares.