

# The Outlook for Open and Disaggregated Packet and Optical Networks

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## Today's Agenda

10 Min Introduction and Project Highlights

• Sterling Perrin, Senior Principal Analyst, Heavy Reading

10 Min Operator Keynote: Transport Strategy: Transport and IP Disaggregation

Rafael Canto Palancar, Transport & IP Network Manager, Telefonica

10 Min Operator Keynote: Towards Open and Disaggregated Transport Networks

Lloyd Mphahlele, General Manager, Group Technology MTN

45 Min Moderated Panel Discussion

- Tim Doiron, Senior Director, Solution Marketing, Infinera
- Hugh Kelly, Vice President, Marketing, Volta
- **Diego Mari Moretón**, Connectivity Technologies & Ecosystems Manager, Facebook
- Shaji Nathan, Chief Product Officer, IP Infusion

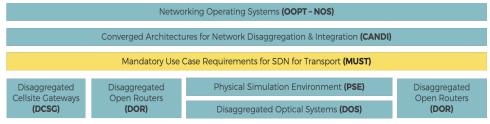
15 Min Audience Q&A



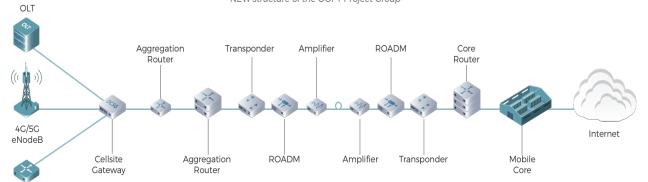


## **About the Market Leader Project**

#### **Open Optical and Packet Transport Group Structure**



NEW structure of the OOPT Project Group



- Focus: open and disaggregated transport networks roughly mapping to TIP OOPT scope of work
- Global operator survey conducted December 2020
  - 82 respondents
- 90-minute symposium webinar
- Survey results white paper: to be published soon
- Two analyst blogs

Source: TIP







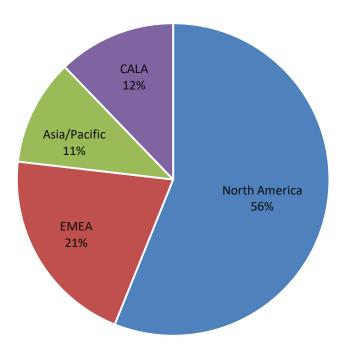




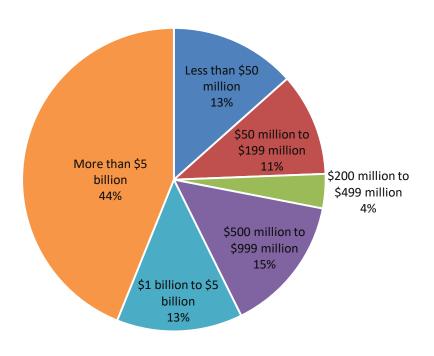


## **Survey Demographics**

**By Region** 



#### By Revenue



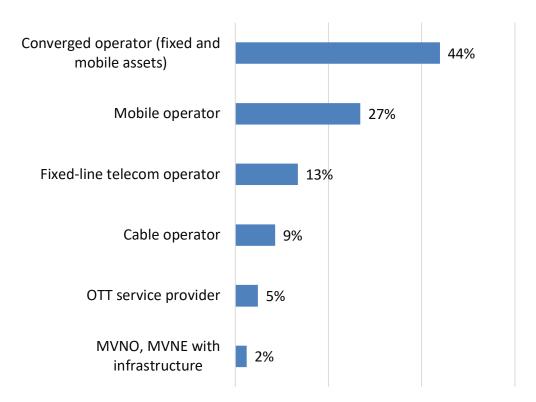
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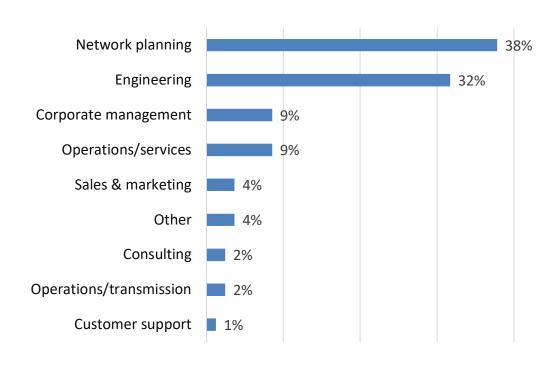


## Survey Demographics (continued)

#### **By Operator Type**



#### **By Job Function**



100% involved in network planning and/or purchasing

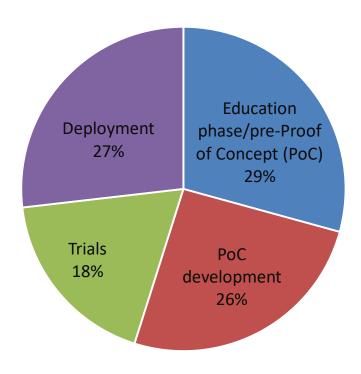
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## Disaggregated Networks Deployments Phase

Q3. Which statement best describes your organization's current phase of deploying disaggregated networking solutions?



- Not surprisingly, operators are fairly early in the process:
  - 55% currently in early stages of pre-PoC and PoC
  - 45% in more advanced stages of trial and deployment
- North American phases far more advanced vs. ROW
- Survey self-selection suggests respondents skew more aggressive than greater population of operators

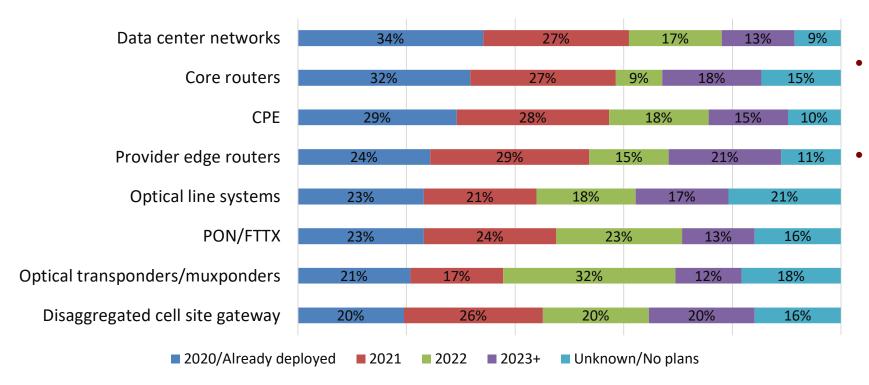
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## **Operator Deployment Timelines**

What is your organization's expected timeline for deployment disaggregation in the following segments?



- Plans most aggressive for data center networks, core routers, CPE
- North American timelines far more advanced vs.
  ROW countries
- Interest in DCSG is high, but deployment timeline lags other segments

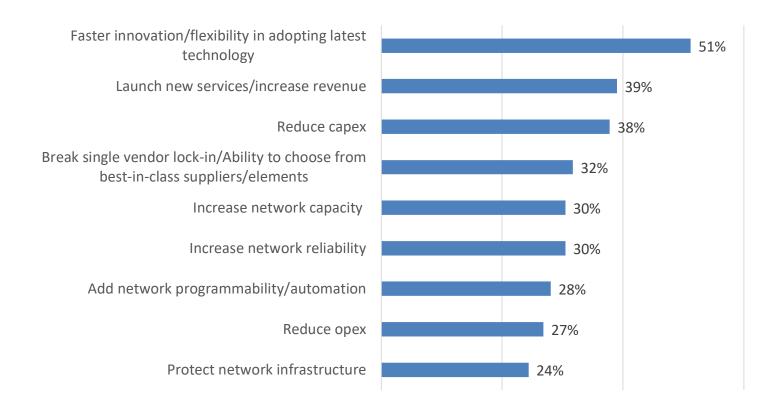
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## What Is Driving Disaggregation?

What are the top factors motivating your organization to adopt disaggregated networking solutions?



- Innovation and flexibility top driving factors
- New services/revenue and lowering capex form second tier of important drivers

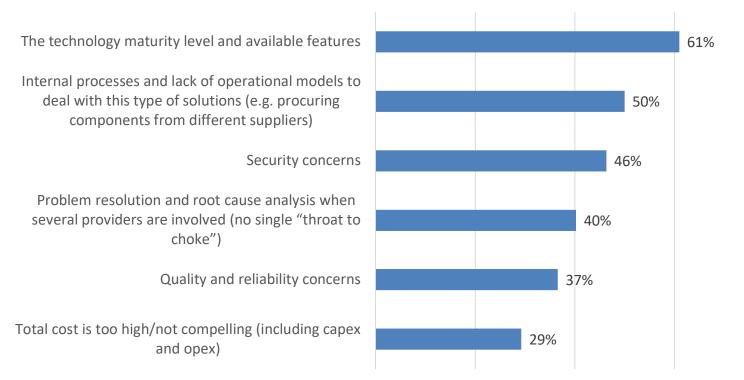
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## What Challenges Stand in the Way?

What are the biggest challenges to adopting/deploying open disaggregated networking technologies in your organization?



- Dual challenges consistently rise to the top:
  - Technology maturity and feature parity with traditional elements
  - Operational challenges of dealing with disaggregated networks
- Encouragingly, costs are not standing in the way

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# Transport Strategy IP & Optical Disaggregation

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## Telefónica Transport Network Strategy

2019: **Transformation of IP and optical networks** completed with a multiservice multilayer flattened network approach, providing support for 5G & FTTH







**SDN Control Plane** 

**SDN** brings intelligence to IP and Optical network. Traffic Engineering is simplified. Basic for automation, disaggregation and slicing



First trials and deployments of both IP and optical disaggregation

**Open Transport** 



## **Open Transport**

## Software Defined Networking

Disaggregation



## Why are we deploying SDN?



Simplify OSS Integration



Network Intelligence



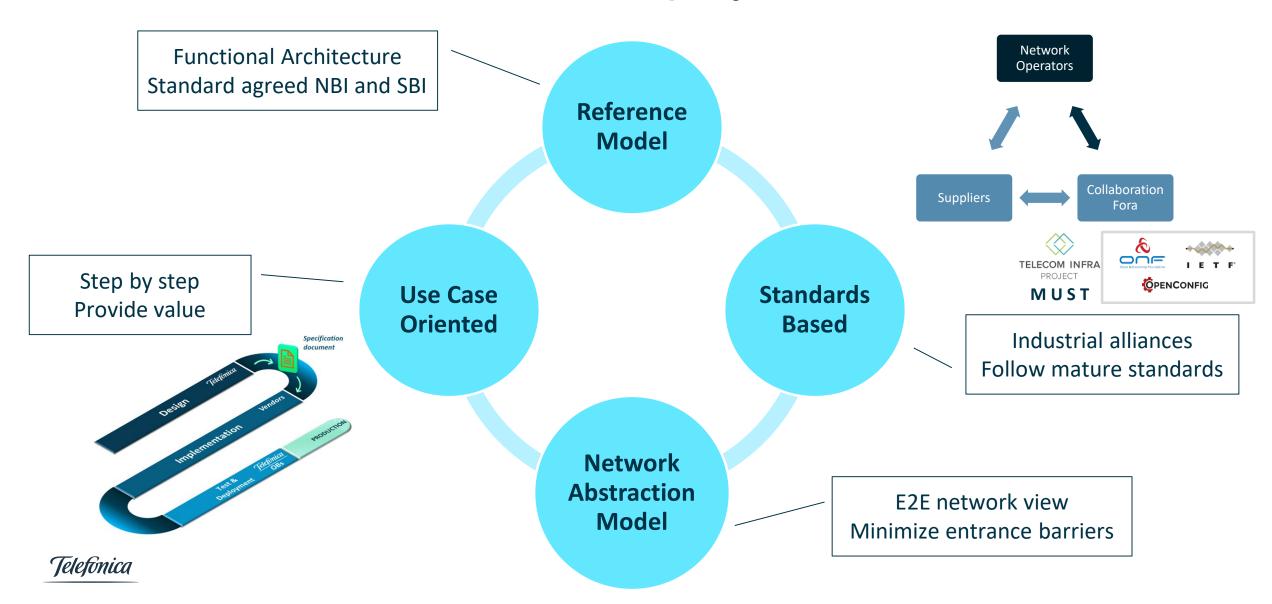
**OPEN Transport** 

**5G** Network Slicing

- Consolidate OSS integration with a single northbound interface per technology.
- Decouple technology evolution in OSS and Network.
- Enable traffic engineering and automatic service provisioning.
- Facilitate migrations and operational processes.
- SDN enables adopting new suppliers as the device have the same interface.
- Generation of free demand in RFQs.
- Control mechanisms to allocate the required network resources per slice and assure performance and quality.



## How can we achieve SDN deployment?



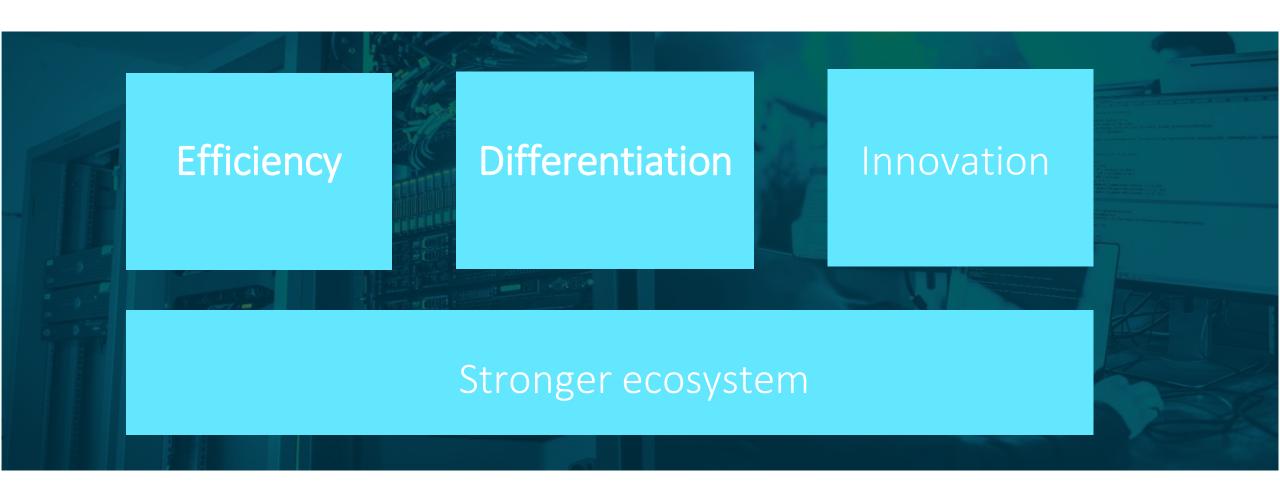
## **Open Transport**

Software Defined Networking

Disaggregation



## Why moving to disaggregated solutions?

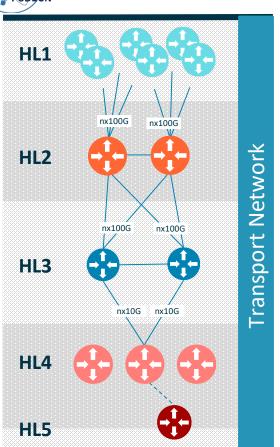




## Open Fusion: Disaggregating transport networks







#### Telefonica

#### **IP NETWORK**

Merchant-silicon vs ASICS. Ex. Cisco over Broadcom

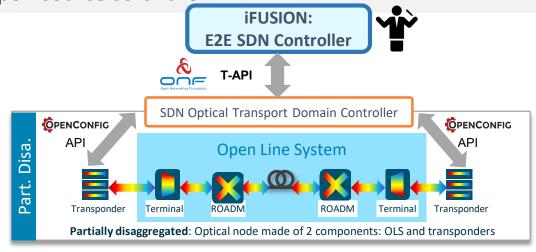
- Core backbone (Intenational Network)
- Cache aggregation (Latam)
- Service platforms...

Open White-box
Network OS
Bare-Metal

Mature industrial solutions may cover **Cell Site Router** (HL5) demand. First commercial deployments. High volume

#### PARTIAL OPTICAL DISAGGREGATION

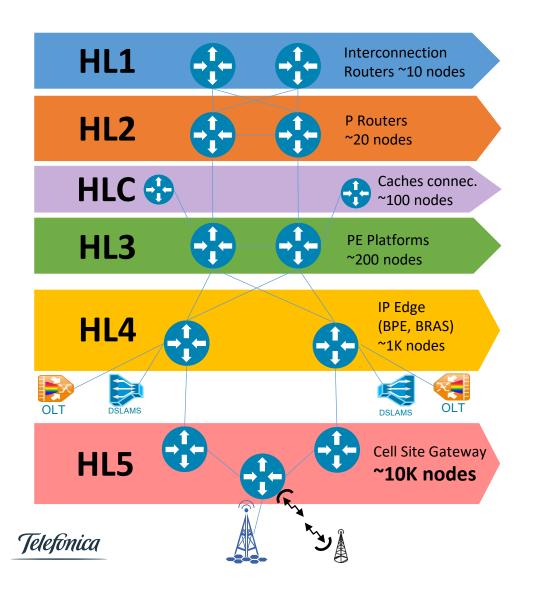
Within **TIP** and **ONF**, Telefonica is collaborating in operator-led initiatives to create **open disaggregated optical equipment**, open and common standards, and open-source software

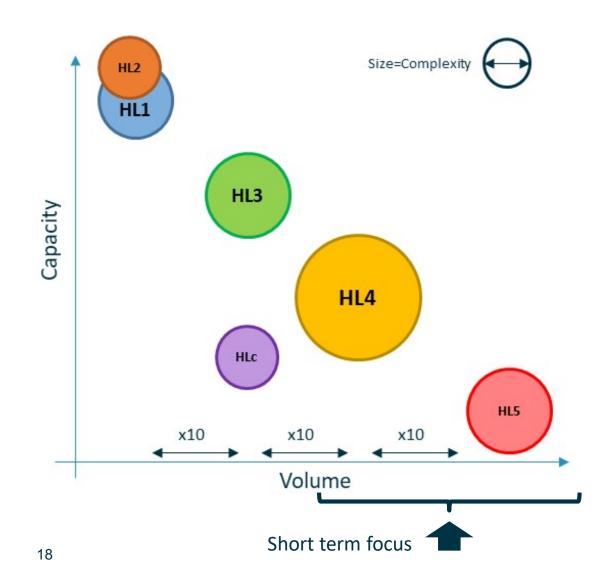


Focus on Partial optical disaggregation (transponder-OLS), currently applied in our procurement processes, and covers certain share of the demand. This option leverages on SDN capabilities for scale

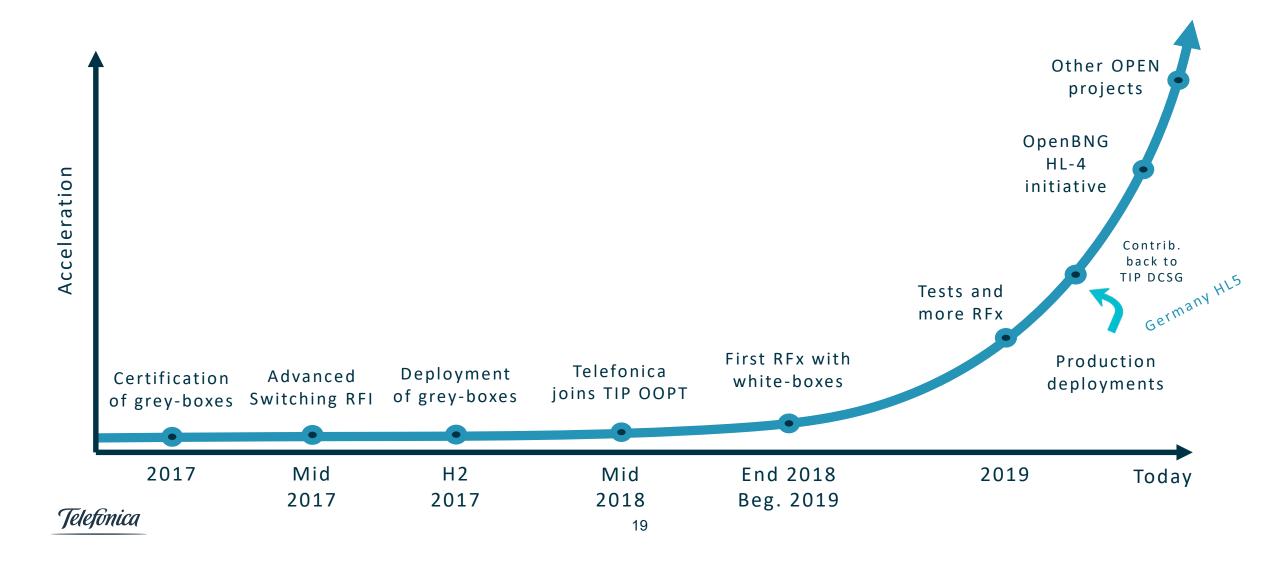
## Open FUSION is transforming Telefonica's IP networks

## Complexity and Volume considerations





## Our journey to disaggregation



## Telefónica collaboration in disaggregated initiatives

Leveraging when possible shared work with other Operators to build momentum

# Disaggregated Cell Site Router



- Launch Oct 2018. Telefonica,
   Vodafone and TIM Brasil led the spec definition.
- Production. Telefonica deployed DCSG in 2020 in Ecuador, Peru and Germany.

### **Open BNG**



- Coordinated Open Community started by BT, DT, Telefonica, and Vodafone
- High Level Specs released Oct
   2020 in TIP

#### Cassini



#### Phoenix



- Launch 2017. Project launched within TIP.
- Field trial. Telefonica tested Cassini in 2019 in Peru.
- Launch March 2020.
   Telefonica, Telia, NTT,
   MTN, DT and Vodafone led the spec definition.
- ready validation will start in Q1 2021.



**IP** 

**Optical** 

## Wrap Up



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- Telefónica already using disaggregation both in optical and IP
  - IP Disaggregation initial focus in low hierarchy routers (HL 5 DCSG) to be extended to HL4 – OpenBNG in 2022
  - Optical (partial) Disaggregation through the use third party transponders (e.g. Phoenix). More complex disaggregation models under evaluation
- SDN as key enabler of transport automation and disaggregation
  - Use case progressive approach is demonstrating to be the right approach. MUST initiative in TIP extends this methodology to the Industry
- Collaborative, agreed, common requirements will be key to build attractive and healthy ecosystems around open disaggregated networks in the long term



## Telefonica

## Towards Open and Disaggregated Transport Networks



Lloyd Mphahlele, General Manager, Group Technology, MTN





## Open Disaggregated Technology At MTN

#### **LEARNINGS**

- Multivendor RAN interoperability
- 5G RAN ready
- Remove Vender lock-in
- Interoperability with other leading IP Core
   Providers
- Roadmap to Network Automation

#### **BENEFITS**

- Increased technology options to meet MTN network of the future needs
- Meets MTN network agility needs as a connectivity provider in the region
- Align to MTN strategic objectives

#### **CHALLENGES**

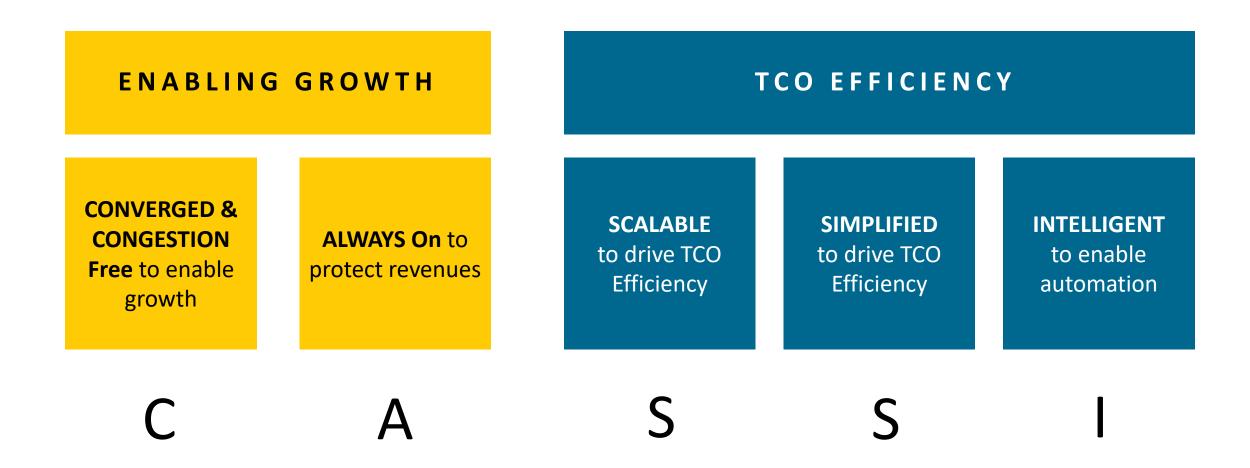
 Operator management systems readiness for open API's



"First African operator to demonstrate 5G RAN vendor interoperability on open, disaggregated technology (DCSG)"



## The Transport CASSI Framework to Drive Value



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#### THE CASSI FRAMEWORK

C Converged & Congestion Free

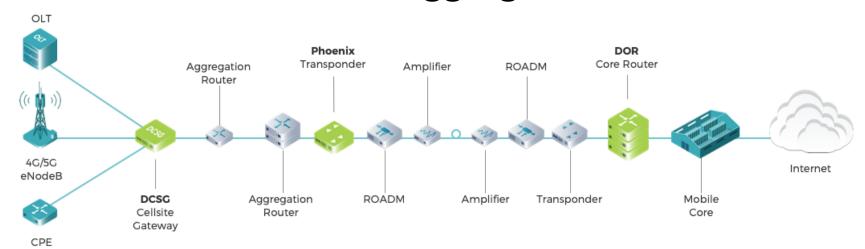
Always On

- S Scalable
- S Simplified
- Intelligent

#### **VALUE ALIGNMENT**

- Open IP-Optical convergence to increase MTN network capacity
- Open API's seamlessly stitch and converge transport network domains
- Convergence of web scale technology to meet increase in service needs
- · High-capacity capability enabling network agility
- Always on provides strong resilience and high network availability
- Innovation to realize true open network automation
- Evolving legacy transport domains into software define and controlled architectures
- Realizing scale through best of breed technology vendor ecosystem, increased competition, driving lower cost
- Operator led design of purpose fit transport network solutions
- Open and disaggregated network architectures to ease integration and lower network OpEx cost
- Future proof network investments
- Software defined automation, reducing services lead times
- Visualization & forecast with SDN

## MTN Collaboration in Disaggregated Initiatives





## Disaggregated Cell Site Gateways (DCSG)

Open and disaggregated vendor neutral cell site gateway with high capacity chipsets to future proof capital investment and standard based API to ease network integration and optimize operational expenditure

#### **Phoenix**

An open neutral LO/L1 transponder that MTN can deploy on top/together with their existing line systems to increase the capacity of their optical networks. It is based on disaggregated components (HW and SW) with 200/400G line interfaces

## Disaggregated Open Routers (DOR)

To build open and disaggregated core routers that MTN can deploy in their current IP/MPLS networks to future proof 5G investments

#### **Wireless Backhaul**

A wireless backhaul transport solution, adopting the principles of an open and disaggregated architecture to optimize network efficiencies, speed up service deployment and ease integration

TODAY	Lab Trial Complete	<b>Operator Specification Released</b>	Requirements published	Prototyping
NEXT	Scale Field trial (Q1 2021)	Prototyping (Q1 2021)	RFI/Prototyping (Q1 2021)	Lab trial (Q2 2021)

#### What's Next

- Open and disaggregation Cell site gateway deployment at scale
- 5G acceleration with open and disaggregation technologies
- Finalize MUST use cases for adoption
- Expand and incubate ecosystem for DOR and Phoenix
- Roadmap to Network Automation



## **Panelists**



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**Hugh Kelly**Vice President, Marketing, Volta



**Diego Mari Moretón**Connectivity Technologies & Ecosystems Manager, Facebook



**Shaji Nathan**Chief Product Officer, IP Infusion

## **Motivations**

- How specifically will open and disaggregated networks:
  - Drive faster innovation?
  - Deliver new revenue streams for operators?
- Examples?



## **Inhibitors**

- Survey shows dual challenges stand in the way of progress on disaggregation:
  - Technology maturity and feature parity with traditional elements
  - Operator ability to operationalize disparate vendors and technologies
- How does the industry address these two challenges?
- Examples?



## **Disaggregated Networking: Customer Deployments**

#### **CSR Customer in Taiwan**



#### **Disaggregated Solution**

- Nation-wide operator with close to 2M subscribers for 3G/4G and 5G
- Close to 3000 network devices in upgrade/expansion plan

- OcNOS software, Ufispace S9500-30XS (QAX), support services for access and aggregation
- MPLS, L2,L3VPN, 1588v2, SyncE



#### **CSR Customer in Brazil**



#### **Disaggregated Solution**

- Subsidiary of Direct TV
- Connecting 11x different sites with more than 40 nodes in deployment

- OcNOS software, Dell Qumran 4248-FBL
- Metro ring for fixed and mobile wireless
- MPLS FRR, VPWS, CFM, Y.1731



#### Packet Optical Customer in Chile **mund**



#### **Disaggregated Solution**

- Multi-city ISP (internet, voice, IPTV)
- Close to 50 Cassini systems, plus another 50 AS5912-54x (Qumran MX)

- OcNOS software, Cassini OOPT Edgecore
- Cassini for spine and inter-connect
- VXLAN, Multicast





## **Industry Collaboration and Ecosystems**

- What is the role of TIP in building open and disaggregated networks?
- What other groups are most significant for packet and optical networks?

## Value of TIP: A Service Provider Perspective

Q: What do you see as the most important help/benefits that TIP can bring to service providers interested in open and disaggregated networks?

"accelerate the development and deployment of open, disaggregated, solutions"

"Interoperability and flexibility in the context of a multivendor, open ecosystem"

"A new approach to building and deploying telecom network infrastructure"

"Scalability and improved delivery timelines"

"Shared Knowledge"





## **Disaggregated Cell Site Gateway**

- Disaggregated cell site gateway is gaining traction with operators:
  - What is the value proposition of disaggregating this element?
- What are the critical features for DCSG?

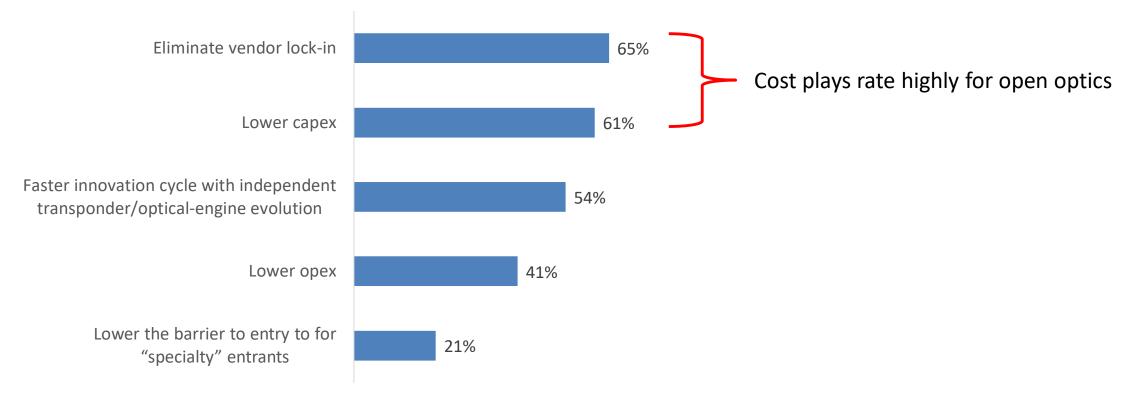


## **Open Optical Networks**

- What is the winning disaggregated architecture for optical networks?
  - Horizontal disaggregation?
  - Vertical disaggregation?
- Are pluggable modules set to supplant embedded optics at 400G?

## **Benefits of Open Optical Networks**

What are the biggest benefits of deploying of a multi-vendor open optical networking solution?



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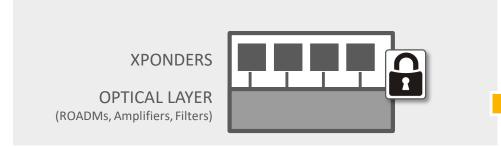




## Key Attributes for Open Optical Networking Solutions

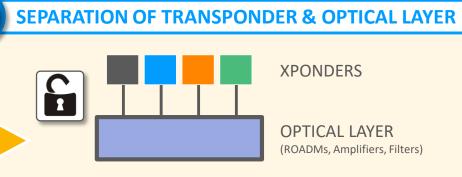
#### TRADITIONAL CLOSED SOLUTIONS

#### SINGLE-VENDOR NETWORKING SOLUTIONS

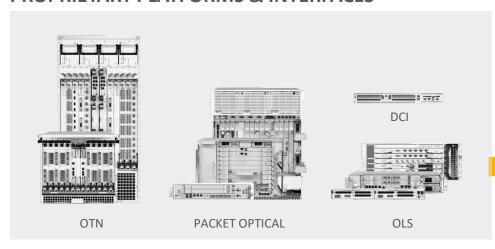


**OPEN OPTICAL SOLUTIONS** 

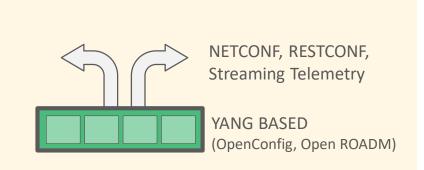
FUNCTIONALLY
ENABLE MULTIVENDOR NETWORKS



#### **PROPRIETARY PLATFORMS & INTERFACES**



OPERATIONALLY
ENABLE MULTIVENDOR NETWORKS



STANDARD OPEN APIS & STANDARD DATA MODELS



## **Questions and Answers**



