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SRv6 Paradigm Shift — Structural Market Analysis for Institutional Investors

4	70–80%	10–15 Yr
Protocols Displaced	Whitebox CapEx Edge	Growth Tailwind

This white paper provides institutional-grade technical intelligence on the SRv6 paradigm shift and its equity implications for incumbent vendors, white-box platforms, AI DC fabric suppliers, and 5G infrastructure companies — examining vendor competitive positioning, transition cost economics, AI DC fabric polarization, and GTP-U elimination as a 5G MNO OpEx catalyst.

1. The SRv6 Paradigm Shift

SRv6 (RFC 8986) is a wholesale architectural replacement of the MPLS forwarding plane — RSVP-TE, LDP, BGP/MPLS VPN, VXLAN, and GTP-U are all structurally displaced. This convergence is creating enormous multi-market disruption across carrier backbone, AI DC fabric, and mobile core simultaneously.

"A structural convergence with no historical precedent in networking protocol evolution."

25–40%	70–80%	15–40%	10–15 Yr
NOC Labor Reduction	Whitebox CapEx Reduction	AI Fabric JCT Inflation (legacy)	Secular Growth Tailwind

2. Incumbent Vendor Competitive Analysis

Cisco — Leading Production	IOS-XR full RFC 9252 SRv6 uSID, CNC controller, Silicon One Q200/Q202 native TCAM. Clear momentum advantage.
Juniper — Paragon Ecosystem	PTX/QFX Penta silicon, Paragon Pathfinder/Planner, Apstra intent-based IaC layer.
Nokia — SR OS + NSP	SRv6 since v19.10 on FP4/FP5, multi-domain PCE, WaveLogic optical integration differentiator.
Arista — EOS + CloudVision	DC fabric strength extending BGP-EVPN/VXLAN to SRv6 L2/L3 VPN, AI DC positioning.
Ciena — SAOS + Navigator	WaveLogic + Navigator NCS for packet-optical integration over coherent DWDM wavelengths.
White-Box (Edgecore/UfiSpace)	SONiC + Jericho2 at 70–80% capex reduction vs incumbent. Structural margin disruption ongoing.

3. MPLS-to-SRv6 Transition Economics

Cost Factor	Impact
Dual-Plane OpEx Penalty	15–25% NOC labor overhead during migration, ~$2–5M/year per 1,000-router network
RSVP-TE Elimination Benefit	~40% control-plane memory reduction, convergence from minutes to seconds
Hardware Refresh Cadence	$15K–$45K per router for non-native ASICs
Controller Platform Migration	$200K–$2M license cost depending on network scale
Net OpEx Reduction	25–40% NOC labor reduction post-migration, 3–8pt EBITDA margin expansion
White-Box TCO (3-Year)	~$180K vs ~$850K incumbent per 100GE router

4. AI Data Center Fabric Market

VXLAN/BGP-EVPN fabrics suffer ECMP hash polarization that creates GPU training hotspots — a deterministic failure inflating JCT by 15–40%. SRv6 uSID Flex-Algo assigns dedicated planes per GPU rail, with ODL/ONOS controllers autonomously rebalancing SR-TE paths — a self-driving AI DC backend fabric.

Investment signal: This market positions SRv6 as essential infrastructure for Nvidia H100/H200/B200, AMD MI300X, and Intel Gaudi-based training clusters — a structural tailwind for any vendor with deployed Flex-Algo capability.

5. 5G NTN and MUP Market Implications

LEO constellation backhaul creates demand for SRv6 orbital routing meshes. GTP-U elimination via SRv6 MUP reduces per-packet mobile overhead from 55+ bytes to 8–12 bytes and ASIC parse depth from 5 levels to 2 — becoming a procurement differentiator in 5G SA core RFPs.

IMPACT: **Open5GS and free5GC provide open-source UPF implementations at zero licensing cost, lowering the barrier to MNO infrastructure modernization and compressing incumbent vendor margins.**

White Paper Summary — SRv6 uSID Technology Conclusion

SRv6 uSID is the defining infrastructure technology of the decade — displacing RSVP-TE/LDP/MPLS in backbones, VXLAN/BGP-EVPN in AI DC fabrics, and GTP-U in mobile user planes simultaneously, from a single unifying F321632 architectural primitive.

For institutional investors: Cisco, Nokia, and Juniper are capturing carrier backbone refresh cycles; white-box platforms are capturing margin disruption opportunity; Broadcom silicon provides infrastructure-layer exposure across both. The convergence with AI DC fabric design, 5G NTN orbital mesh, and cloud-native host integration signals a 10–15 year secular growth tailwind for SRv6-aligned vendors.

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