

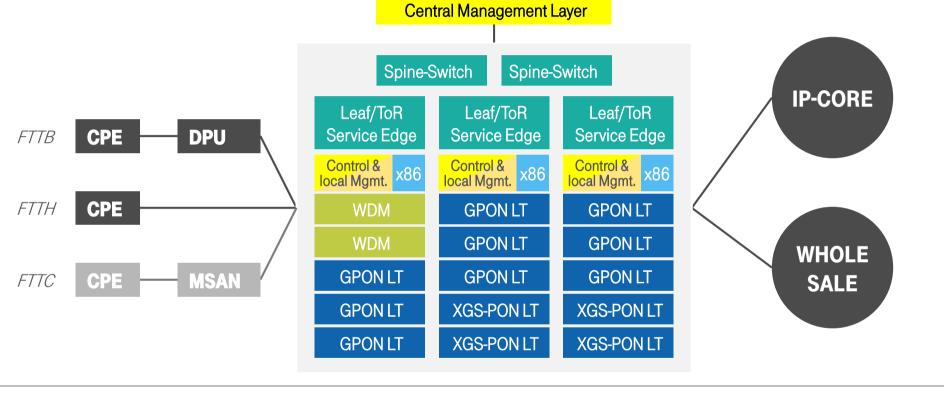
IMPLEMENTING A PROGRAMMABLE SERVICE EDGE - UPDATE ONF CONNECT 2019 S. Szuppa & the A4 Fun(ctions) Team, H.J. Kolbe, Deutsche Telekom

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ACCESS 4.0

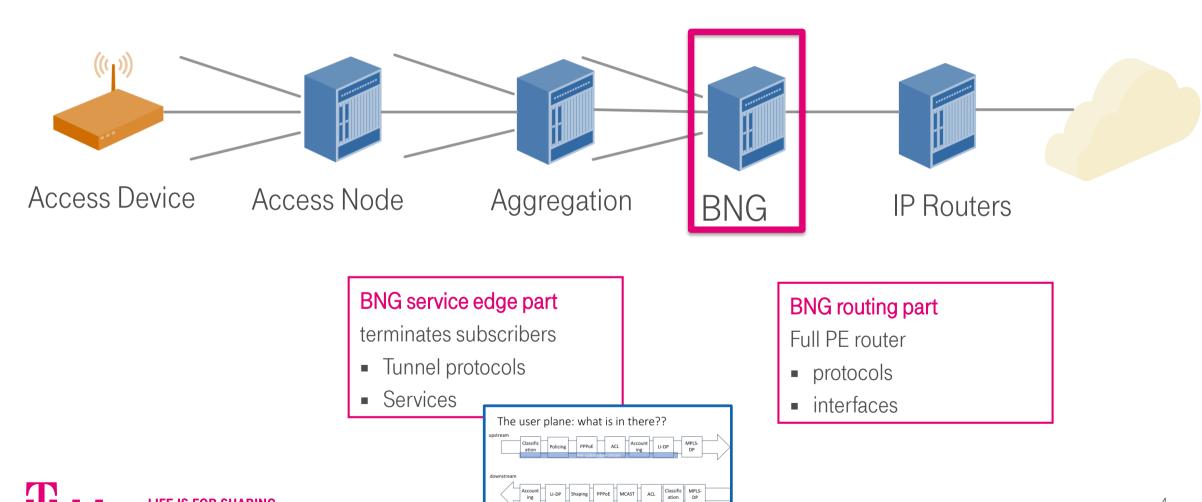
WE DEVELOP A COST-EFFICIENT, LEAN-TO-OPERATE AND SCALABLE ACCESS PLATFORM TO DELIVER GIGABIT PRODUCTS.

ACCESS4.0 IS A MINI DATA CENTER AT THE NETWORK EDGE (AKA DT'S SEBA INCARNATION)





BNG: SUBSCRIBER-AWARE IP EDGE & A SPLIT PERSONALITY

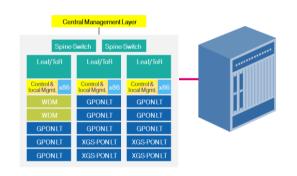


ARCHITECTURE FIRST: WHERE TO PUT THE BNG (=SE+ROUTER)

As always, ça depend...

External monolith

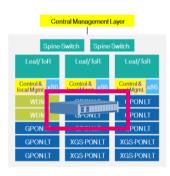
SE and router external



- Possible migration scenario
- Lots of things to be implemented twice

Internal appliance

SE and Routing can be split



- Hairpin routing
- Part of the SDN fabric and management

Embedded

SE and Routing split

Central Management Layer		
Spine-Switch Spine-Switch		
Le ToR Service Edge	eaf/ToR Service Edge	eaf/ToR Service Edge
Control & x86 local Mgmt.	Control & x86 local Mgmt.	Control & x86 local Mgmt.
WDM	GPONLT	GPONLT
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- Service Edge (SE) in TOR switch
- Router in fabric
 - Using devices that are anyway in the data path

SDN Control App shall support all three. SEBA does, too. Our target architecture is embedded SE

A BNG/SE ON BARE METAL SWITCHES



Basic SE feature set

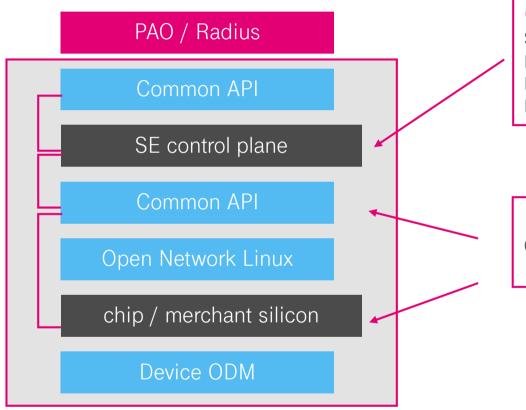
- Termination of Q-in-Q tagged Ethernet frames (S-VLAN, C-VLAN)
- Termination of PPPoE session (including LCP, IPCP, IPv6CP)
- Authentication, Authorization and Accounting (RADIUS) (control plane only)
- Subscriber IP address management (control plane only)
- Customer specific IP packet filter, for instance anti-spoofing filters
- Hierarchical (aka per subscriber) Quality of Service for various services (e.g. VoIP, IPTV, etc.)
- Multicast Replication
- Termination of L2TP tunnel for wholesale 🧭
- Subscriber-aware counting and statistics for both operation as well as billing
- Legal intercept
- Uplink encap/decap to MPLS-based fabric 🧭

Our current prototype

- BM switch with Broadcom Qumran, rtbrick control plane, DT PAO controller
- Routing happens in fabric 🧭



THOUGHTS ON CP/UP SPLIT



Owned by DT

closed

CP local per device

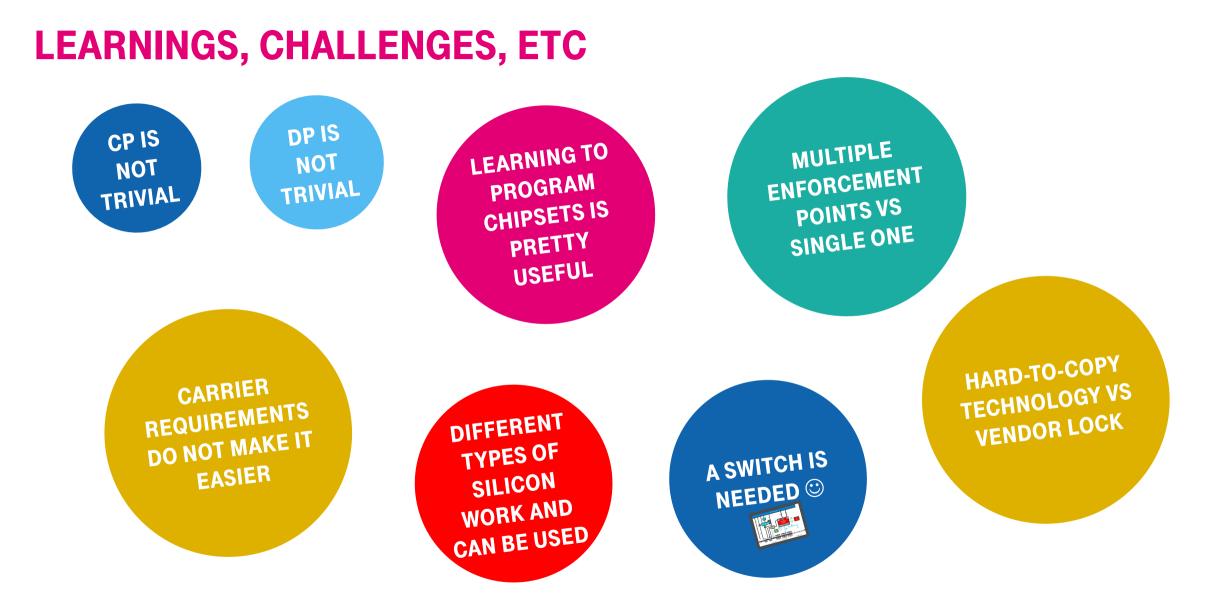
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Programmable chipsets

Open APIs to allow SW companies provide SE functionality

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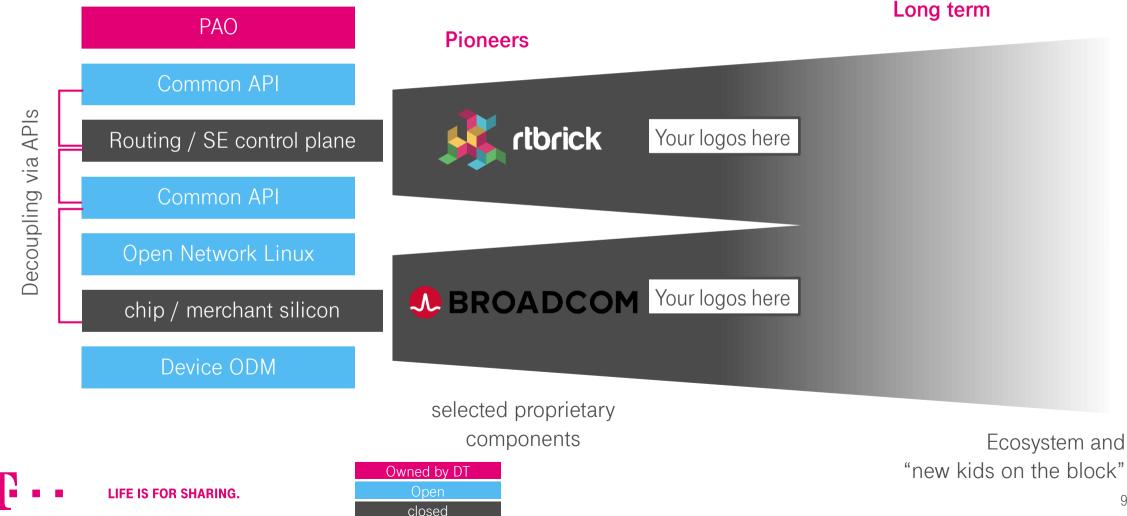




FPGAs are also interesting devices

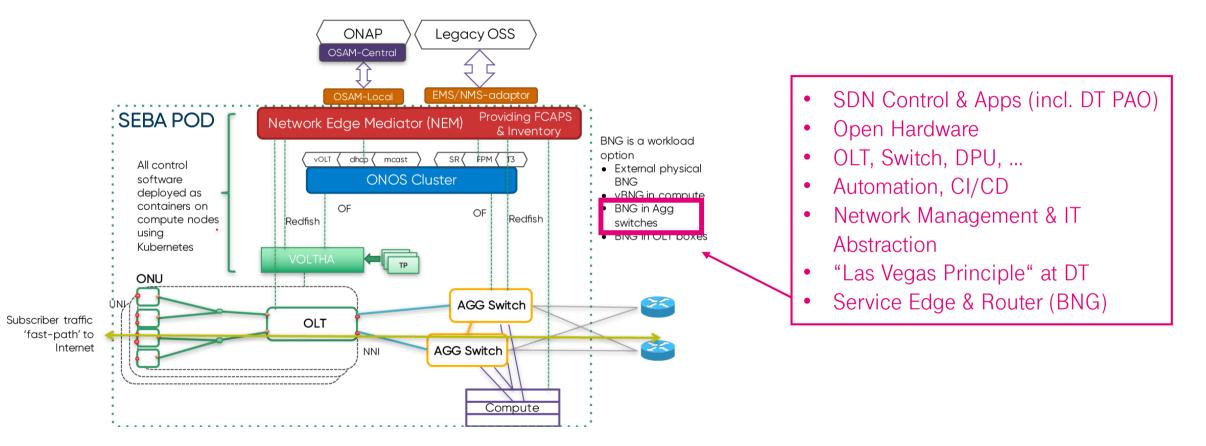
ECOSYSTEM VIEW WRT CURRENT PROTOTYPE

APIs decouple proprietary components



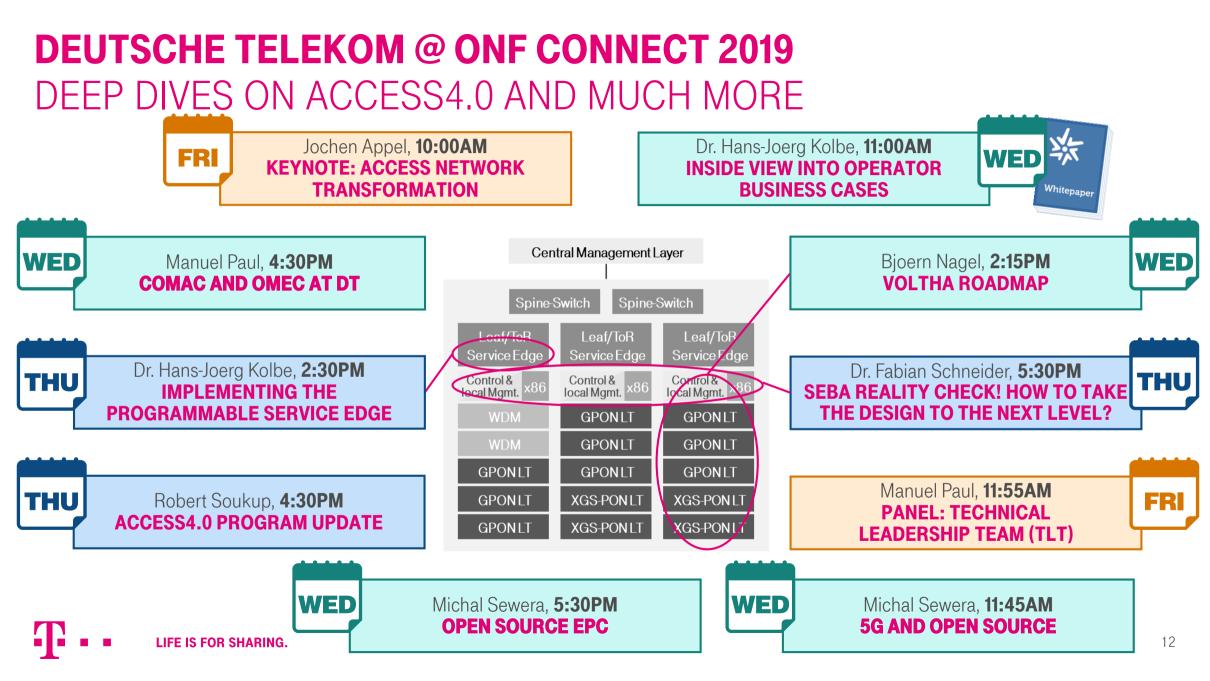
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CORE TECHNOLOGIES IN SEBA AND ACCESS 4.0





MOVING ON!



ADDITIONAL MATERIAL

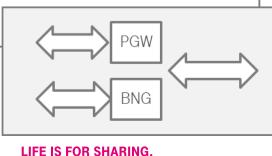
TOWARDS A COMMON SUBSCRIBER EDGE



Location consolidation

Traffic grooming, local coupling

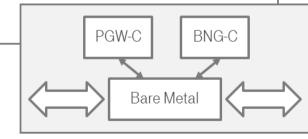
- H-CORD (hybrid)
- Edge Cloud
- Low Latency



User Plane consolidation

Same data path for fixed and mobile user plane (UP)

- Bare Metal-based UP,
- virtualized CP

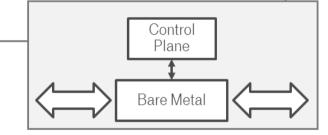


FUNCTIONAL CONVERGENCE

Control Plane consolidation

converged control plane

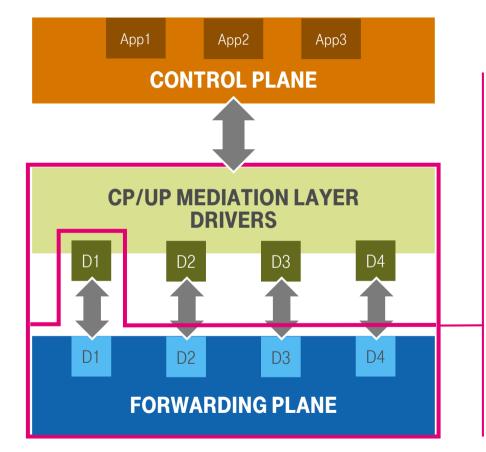
- includes slicing
- Following 3GPP+BBF work



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DESIGN PARADIGM: CONTROL PLANE / USER PLANE SPLIT NO FRAGMENTATION, PLEASE...





Fixed / mobile or converged control applications *(usually on x86)*

Platform Compatibility Framework with standard set of APIs

- avoids hardware lock-in
- provides compatibility to apps/features through common protocol and data model for forwarding
- provides compatibility of management tools and practices

Anything south of the line to be provided by hardware vendor

Programmable hardware on bare metal (*Differentiate through performance & exposed feature sets*)



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