# Net Neutrality & Signature & S

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# We get to decide what we do online without interference from the companies we pay to get online

# ISP should not pick winners & losers online

### What is network slicing?

#### **NETWORK** PRESS RELEASE

## T-Mobile Expands World's First Network Slicing Beta to Developers Nationwide

September 26, 2023

Video calling beta program now available to developers across the country, including Android developers on the Samsung Galaxy S23 series

### How does it work?

one big pipe for everything



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everything else

# Some apps get special treatment

ISP decides, not users

### Why is this a problem?

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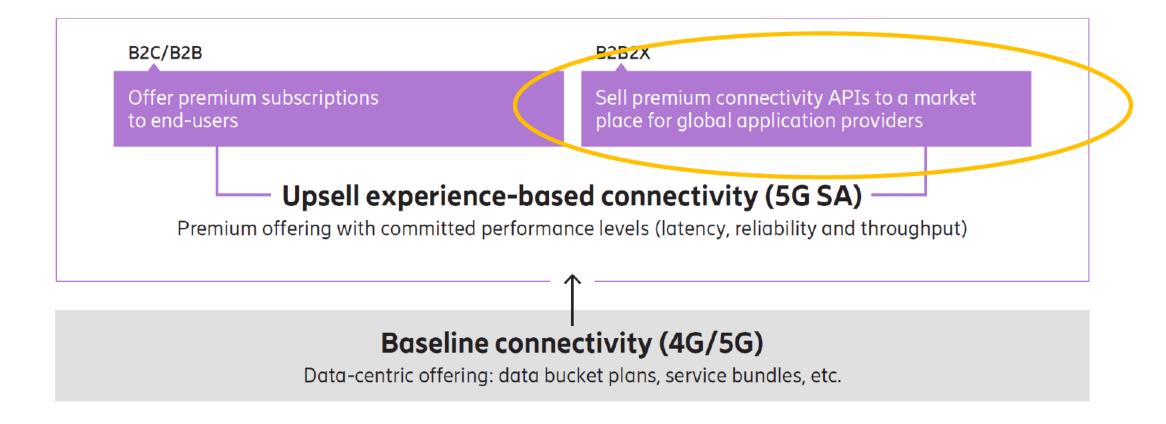






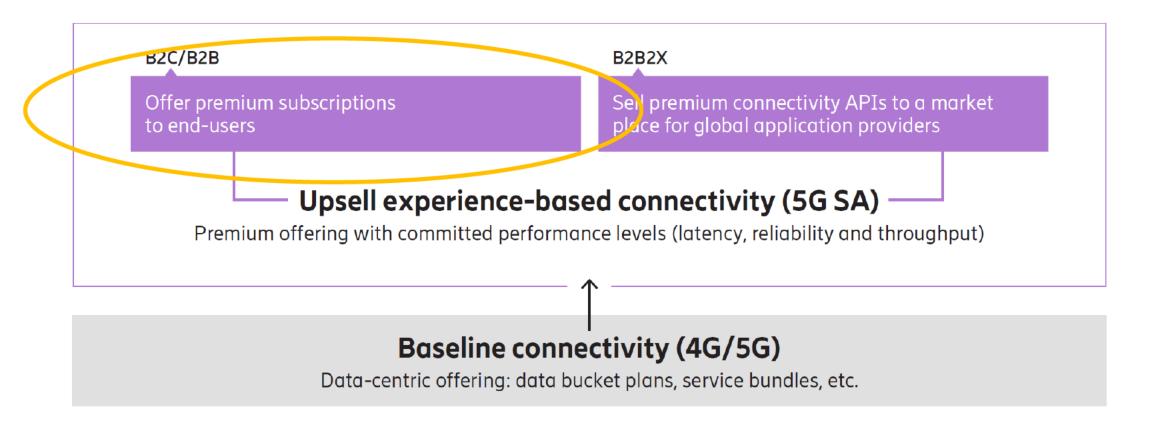
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#### Charge the app provider



Source: Ericsson, Boost service differentiation for 5G premium experiences, p. 5, https://www.ericsson.com/4a9de8/assets/local/ran/doc/5g-premium.pdf

#### Charge the internet user



### No Throttling

# Obama 2014 "No throttling"

- "No throttling. Nor should ISPs be able to intentionally slow down some content or speed up others
- through a process often called "throttling" —
   based on the type of service or your ISP's preferences."

# "No throttling" ISP discriminates against apps or classes of apps

subject to reasonable network management





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## **Specialized Services**

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# Not proposing ban on hetwork slicing

### **Enterprise service offerings**

# Net neutrality-friendly Offerings as part of BIAS

# Put the power in user hands

# Non-BIAS data services for consumer-facing apps that cannot function on the open internet

# Net neutrality-friendly Quality of Service: Characteristics

- 1) Application-agnostic: available to all apps and classes of apps & no discrimination in the provision of the different types of service
- 2) End user-controlled: end user chooses whether, when, and for which app(s)
  - -> consistent with the no-throttling rule
- **3) End user-paid:** only BIAS subscriber is charged (if at all) for use of the different types of service
  - -> consistent with the no (third party) paid prioritization rule
- 4) Protecting the quality of the default BIAS service

## 4) Protecting and improving the quality of the "best effort" Internet

- The introduction of the additional types of service <u>does not</u> <u>significantly degrade</u> the performance of the default BIAS service available at that time; and
- the capacity and performance of the default BIAS service continue to improve over time.