

# Advancing Online Child Safety with Telco-Based Digital Wellbeing & Parental Control

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#### Presentation Structure



- 1. Pain Points related to Digital Wellbeing of children
- 2. How the world is responding to this grave social problem
- 3. Legacy solutions available in the market
- 4. The vxSafenet solution and its value proposition
- 5. Deep dive into the tech inside vxSafenet and Intel ISB ecosystem's support
- 6. Key benefits to telecom operators
- 7. Case Study
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# Pain Points



Online Safety

- 94% of youth aged 12 17 are internet users. (Unicef, Sep 2022)
- In UK, one in 10 children 'have watched pornography by the time they are nine. (TheGuardian.Com, Jan 2023)
- In Malaysia, 75% of teens have watched pornography. (NST, 12th July 2023)
- 1 in 3 children under 18 years old has become a victim of online sexual predators. (Bukit Aman Malay Mail, 10 April 2024)

Smart Phone Addiction

- Ideal screen time limit is **2 hours a day** for a 5-17 year old child. (www.osfhealthcare.org)
- Youths spend more than 8.5 hours a day on the screen. (www.commonsensemedia.org)
- Young adults who are addicted to smartphones suffer more from stress & suicidal thoughts. (A study by Sapien Labs)



#### Evidence





impacting kids' dialectic memory"

- Times of India











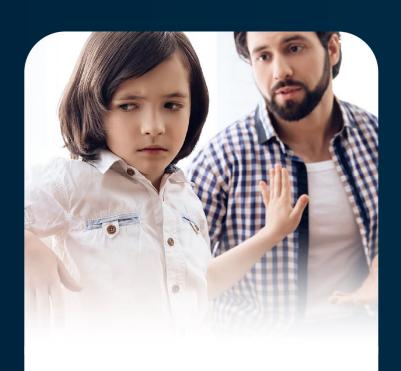




### The Legacy Solutions

- Device-based (App-based) Parental Control Solutions.
- Been there for about a decade
- Yet, children's digital wellbeing has been deteriorating rapidly and has become a global catastrophe

Why App-based solutions have not done the job?



Complex & Intrusive – Needs to install the APP in child's phone and configure it. Creates
unnecessary friction
and damages trust
between the parent
and the child.





An intruder/child abuser can hack the App to gain control of the child's device.

Subscription to these Apps are costly, preventing Parental Control reaching the mass market.





### How the World is Responding



China has laws that aims to limit screen time.<sup>1</sup>

France has banned mobile phones in schools.<sup>2</sup>

Plans to ban mobile phones for kids less than 13.<sup>3</sup>

UK is looking at banning Smart Phones for children aged below 16. – BBC.<sup>4</sup> EU wants to puts an end to teen's Smart Phone addiction. Look at new "Rules" to address digital addiction.<sup>5</sup>



<sup>1.</sup> https://geographical.co.uk/culture/china-proposes-stricter-national-screen-time-limits-on-under-18s



<sup>2.</sup> https://www.forbes.com/sites/alexledsom/2019/08/30/the-mobile-phone-ban-in-french-schools-one-year-on-would-it-work-elsewhere/

<sup>3.</sup> https://www.lemonde.fr/en/france/article/2024/05/02/kids-and-screentime-what-the-committee-appointed-by-macron-recommends\_6670225\_7.html

<sup>4.</sup> https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cjmm0zgx9zno

<sup>5.</sup> https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20231208IPR15767/new-eu-rules-needed-to-address-digital-addiction

# The Solution





# The Most Advanced Telco-Based Digital Wellbeing & Parental Care Platform

Allows telecom operators to deliver
Safe and secure **child-friendly internet** 



# Value Proposition





Assures Online Safety

- Ensures Clean Internet for every child
- Complies with IWF, BpJM and CCCP
- Enforces Safe-Search at network level



**Prevents Device Addiction** 

- Allows Screen-Time Controls
- Allows Data Limits
- Set **Blackout time** periods



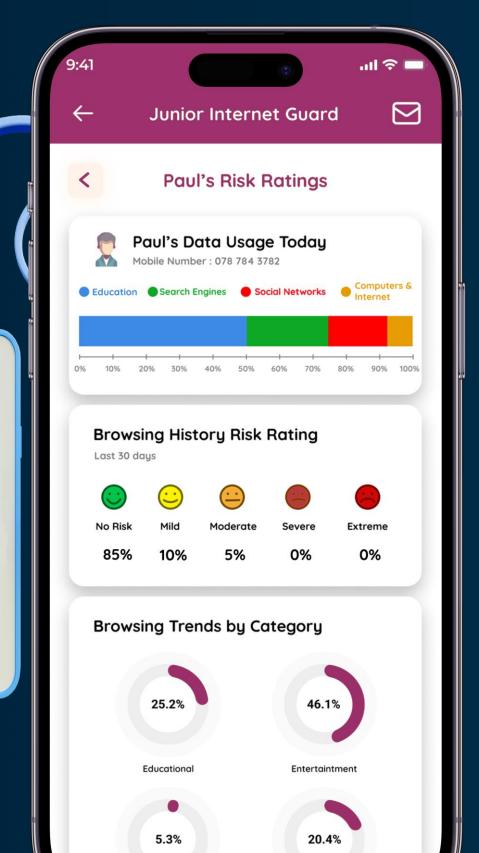
Overcomes Ineffective Solutions

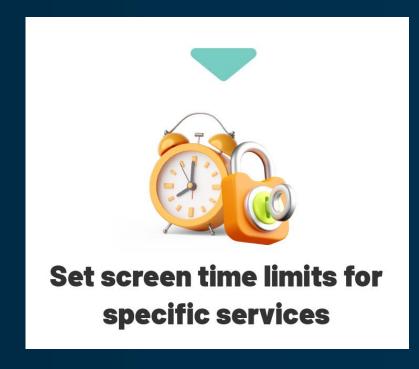
- No intrusive Apps on the child device
- Yet, comprehensive controls by parents
- Cannot be easily bypassed by children
- Simple activation and highly affordable
- No security threats on device due to 3<sup>rd</sup> party Apps

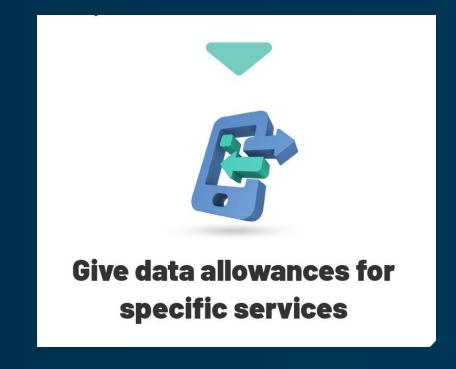


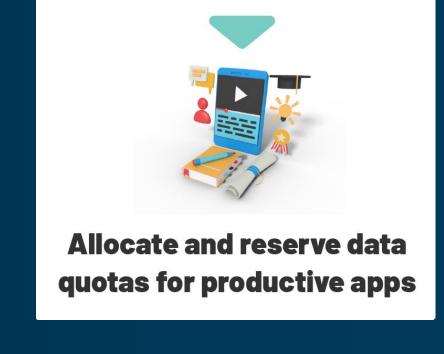
# Key Features



















#### All-in-One Solution





#### Fully automated Service Provisioning

- ✓ Built-in Postpaid and Pre-paid activation with renewal logics
- ✓ Pro-rated charging for low balance subscribers
- ✓ Integration with Self-care App
- ✓ Activation through Self-care App, Web portal, USSD, SMS, IVR and CRM
- ✓ Integration with Billing and Charging
- ✓ Support free data packs with service activation.
- ✓ Activation using account balance, credit card or topup/reload/recharge



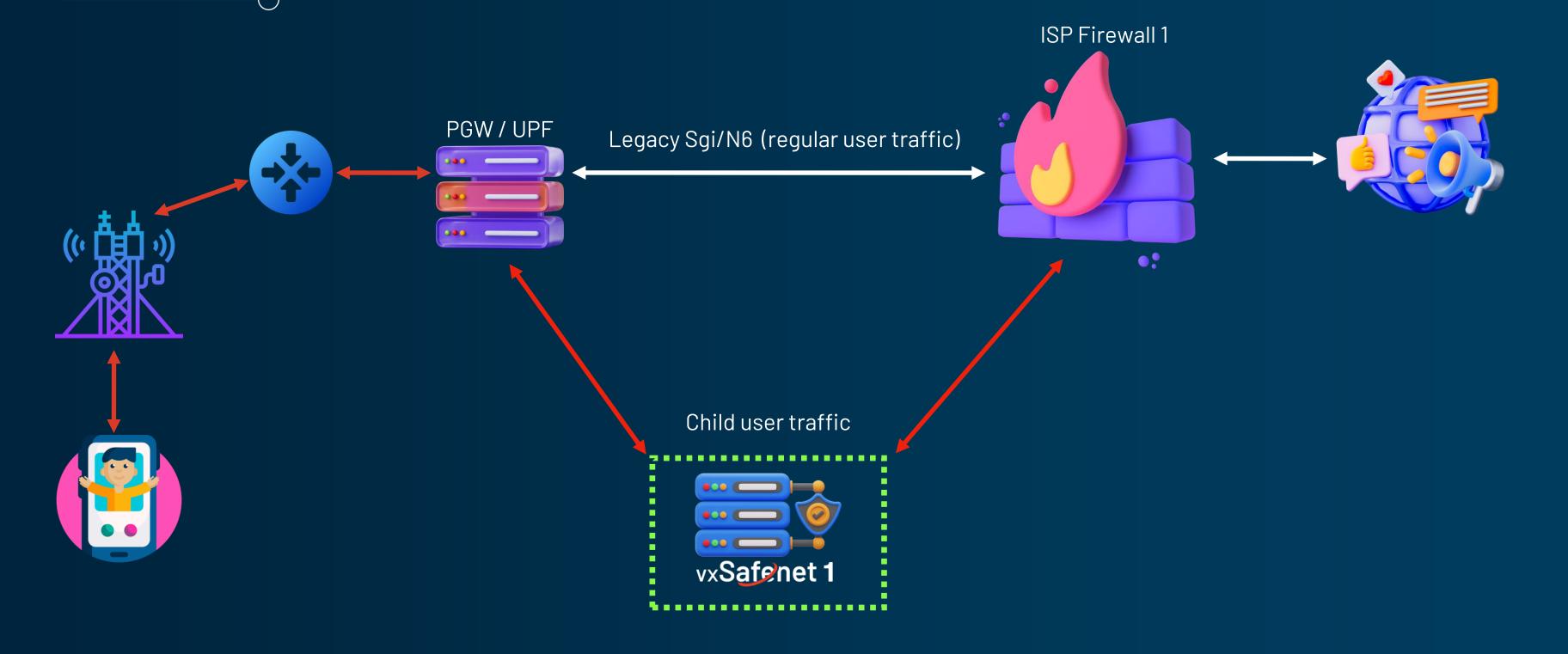
# **Customizable User Interface**

- ✓ Parent User Interface can be seamlessly integrated with existing Self-care App and Web portal of the CSP
- ✓ Displays service activation status on the Self-care App
- ✓ Multiple child management by one parent
- ✓ Ability to Switch/Change parent number
- ✓ Receive email and SMS alert on child trying to access blocked content
- ✓ In-depth analytics of child's Internet usage



# Technology Description (Mobile Networks)

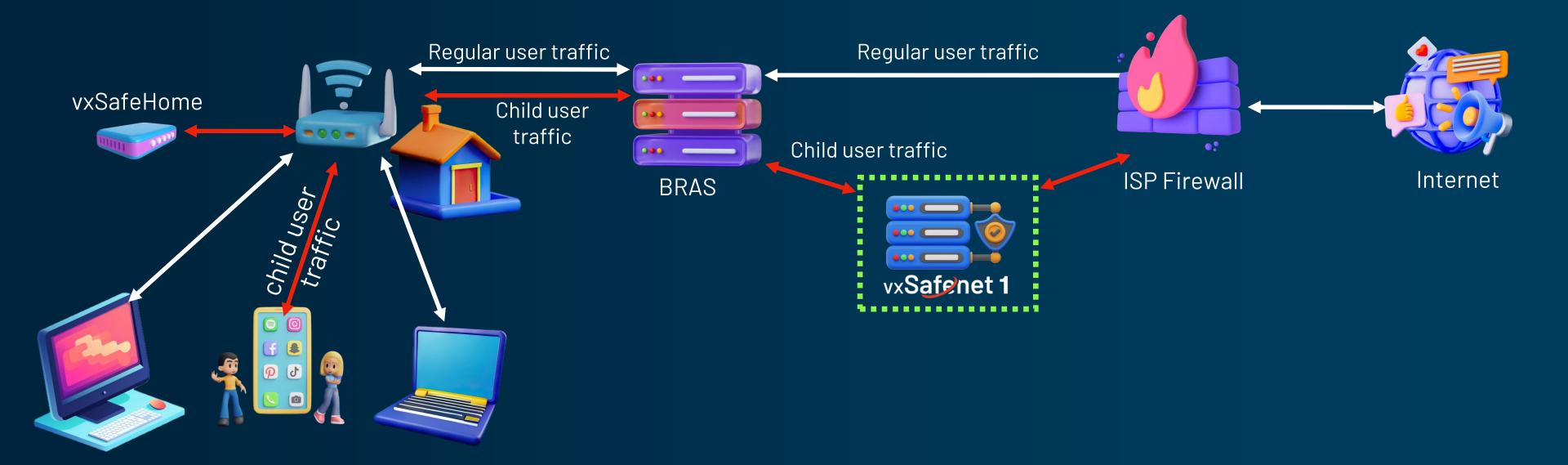






# Technology Description (Fixed Networks)





• The new vxSafeHome device will fit to any broadband router and ensure, child devices be provided with Child friendly Internet while all other devices at home will have regular internet access without any controls.



#### What's inside?



- vxDPI-NG: Purpose-built network traffic sensor and filter for Digital Wellbeing and Security with Next Generation Deep Packet Inspection (DPI) capabilities
- vxPolicy: Parental Control Policy engine tightly integrated with the vxDPI-NG
- vxSafenet-Core: Business logics, dynamic service provisioning engine, billing/charging integration, HSS/UDM integration, API Gateway
- vxSafenet-UserApp: Responsive Web App (Parent & Child Interfaces), which can be integrated to existing Self-care App of the CSP
- vxSafenet-AdminApp: Web portal for CSP authorised users to manage the service. This includes a
  dedicated portal for Customer Care Agents
- vxAnalytics: Data analytics module with mediation
- vxHome-Gateway: An additional drop-in device designed for home WiFi users or Fixed Broadband users with/without CSP-provided services.



- Classification & Metadata Extraction
  - Broadest protocol & application coverage in the industry
  - Endpoint identification (device type, subscriber)
  - Delivers granular metadata specific to cybersecurity requirements (domain fronting, evasive traffic with DGA etc.)
  - Flow level risk identification
  - Categorization of encrypted traffic with ML/DL and extended models
  - Extended coverage for Cloud services, SCADA and IoT protocols and metadata
  - Cryptocurrencies & mining pools detection
  - Detection of popular VPN's
  - Flow data export to open formats (json etc.)
  - Pre-integrated URL categorization DB

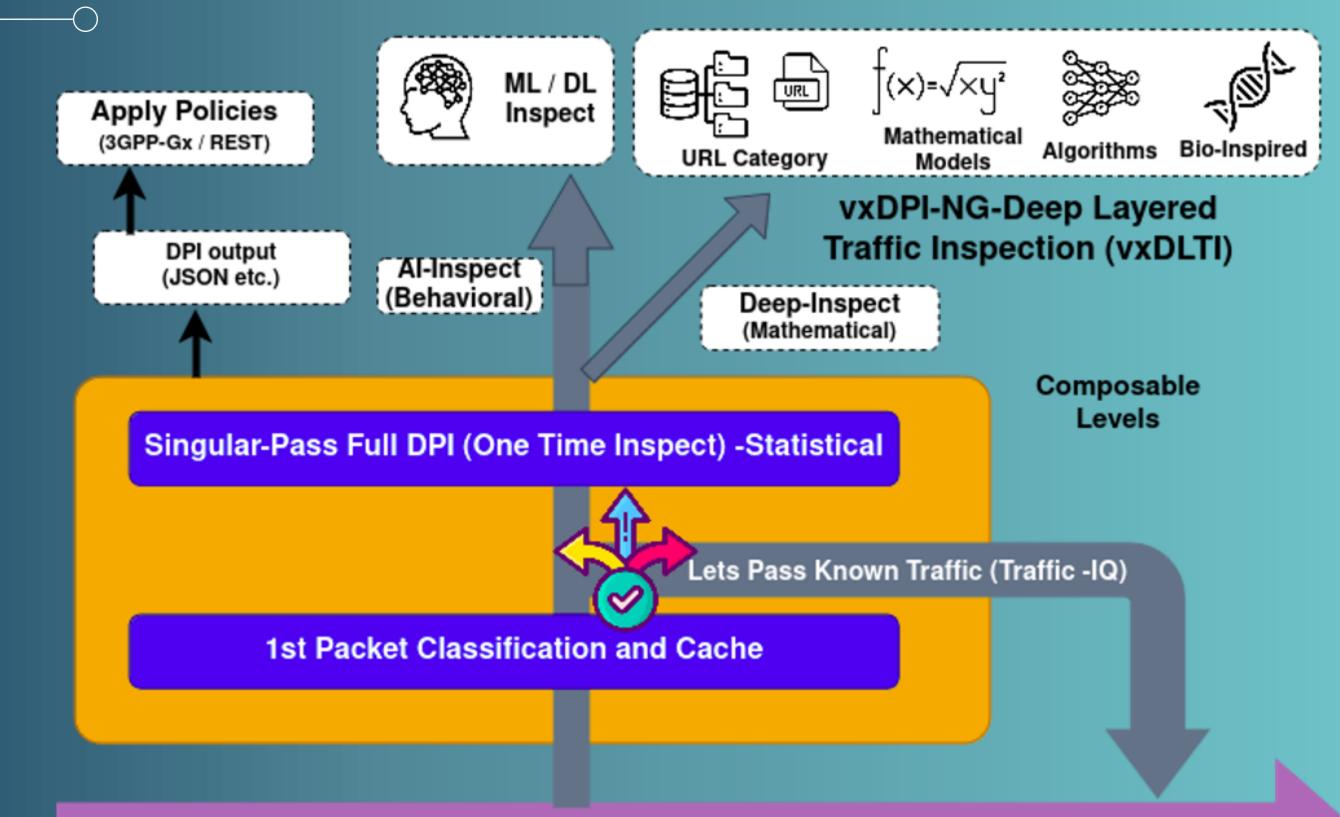




- Easy Integration to Telco / CSP core networks
- Per-CPU Core performance of 10 Gbps on Intel XEON 4th Gen Gold-6438N-SPR MCC
- 12 million in-memory compressed domain list
- 110M+ offline URL Category DB
- Integrated Radius Probe for gain insights of subscriber info and lawful inspection requirements.
- vxDPI-NG-Lite: Device detection and device based policy enforcement in Fixed Broadband network
- vxDLTI: Deep Layered Traffic Inspection. The vxDPI-NG classification pipeline is designed with a layered and composable architecture. Each classification layer is unique, leveraging a variety of classification algorithms, including AI/ML and sophisticated mathematical models.







**Encrypted or Hybrid Network Traffic (Parental Control Subscribers)** 

vxDPI Composable Architecture of Deep Layered Traffic Inspection (vxDLTI)





Configurations and API(s)

Metric Builder (IPDR, etc.)

**DPI Engine** 

Data Export (Network Sockets/ MQ etc.)

**Application Classifier** 

Classification Cache (DNS/ First Packet)

Meta Data Extractor

Data Formatter (JSON etc.)

Classification Models and Algorithms

**URL-Category-DB** 

**vxDPI** Core Libraries

vxDPI Foundation Libs (DFL)

DPDK / VPP

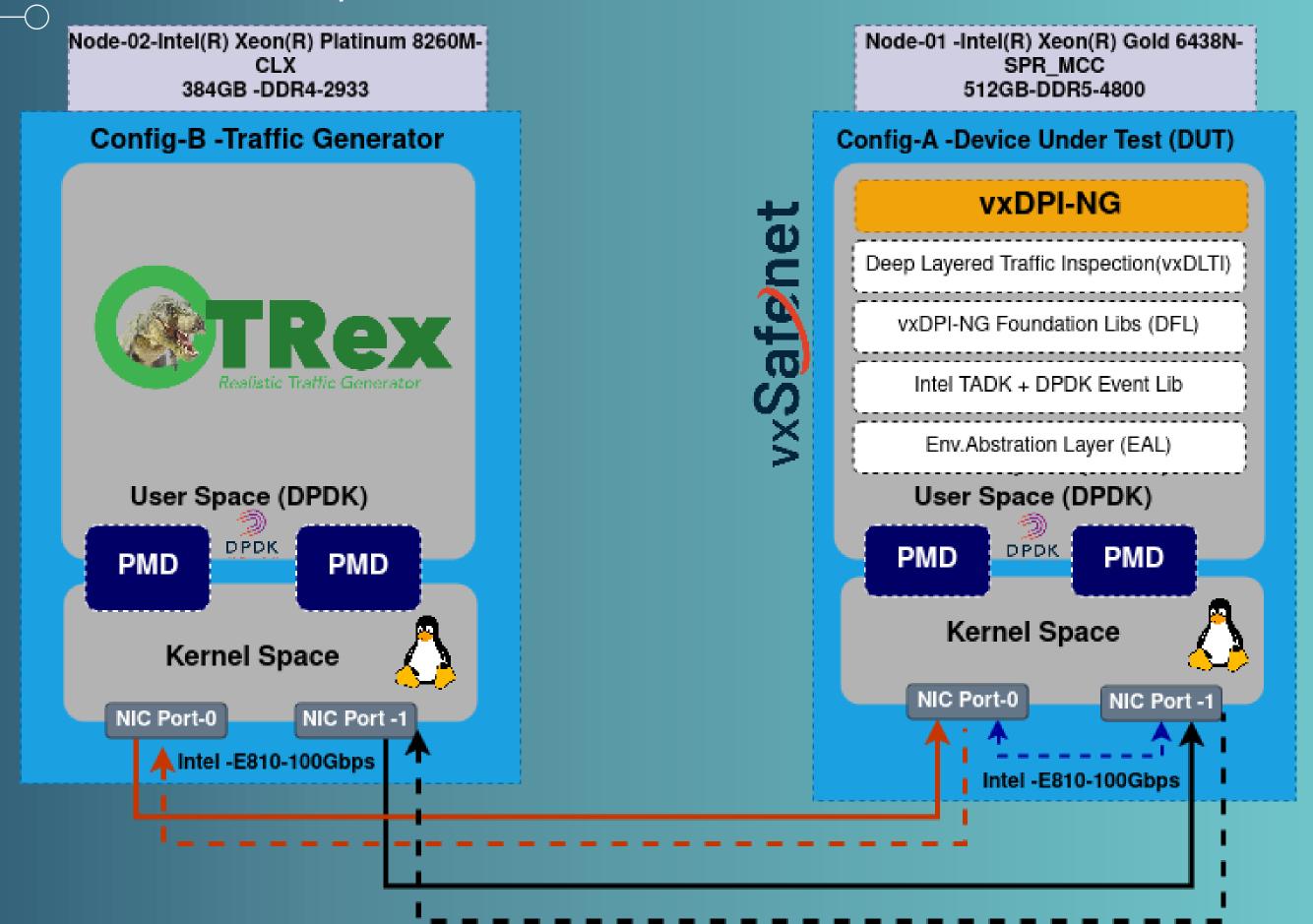
Intel TADK

Hardware Acceleration Layer (intel DLB etc.)



#### What's inside: R&D setup at Intel Test Lab







## Built and Tested to the Highest Standards





Application testing at Intel's Networking and Edge Testbed laboratory.

All network elements of the platform have been tested rigorously.



Adherence to TM Forum Open API Standards.

TM Forum's Open API is a global initiative to enable seamless connectivity, interoperability and portability across complex ecosystem services.



**3GPP-compliant, 5G-ready platform.** 



**TELECOM CERTIFIED** 

Tested and Certified in Dell Labs



# Key Benefits to Telecom Operators













Powerful service to attract new customers

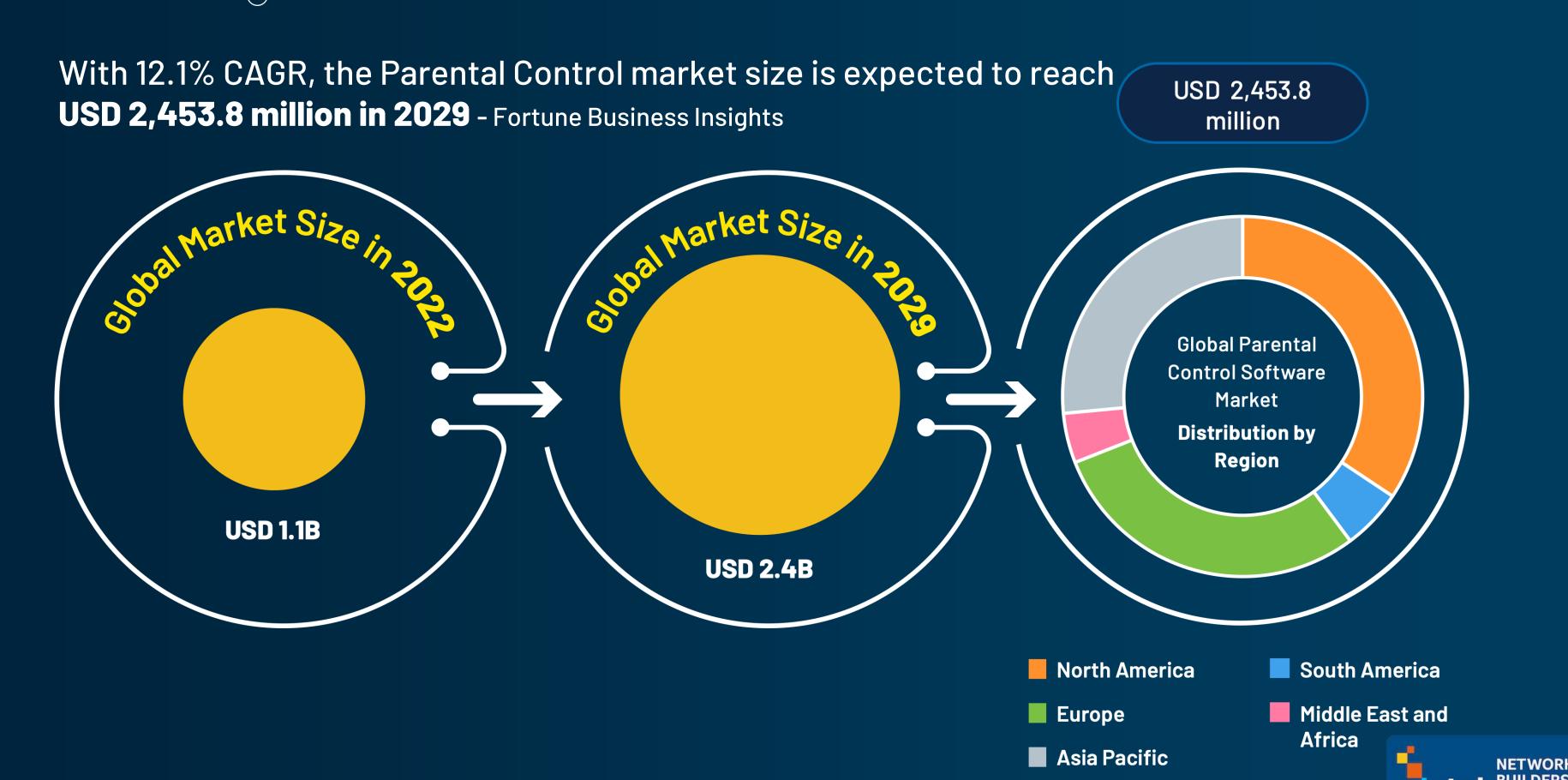
Add strong stickiness to customers and reduce churn

New revenue stream from subscriptions

#### Increase ESG rating

by providing a service which makes a powerful social impact Leverage branding benefits as a Child Friendly network





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