

# Panel session Open Internet and Net Neutrality

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# *Network neutrality versus content oriented networking*

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Eugen's teaching and research activities are oriented to specific domains of Computer and telecommunication networking: **architectures** (current and Future Internet), **protocols**, **multimedia/QoS**, **management**, etc. He published over 150 scientific papers, studies, etc., and conducted as team leader many research national and international projects (FP5, 6, 7).

# *Network neutrality at risk. Staying at the edge of the abyss?*

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Mark has studied applied mathematics in Moscow and computer science in Munich, with a Ph.D. in computer science in the area of computer networks and network management (focus on **QoS assurance** in multi-domain network connections). Now working in Géant research collaboration and involved in numerous research activities tackling **network management issues in multi-domain environments**. Among other, he is in charge for design and development of monitoring tool for multi-domain backbone connections, so called Géant E2E Links.

# *Who pays for traffic in a neutral network?*

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# *A Balanced View on Network Neutrality*

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# A Service-Based Model for the Internet Value Chain

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- 1. Introduction**
2. The Internet Value Chain
3. Service-based Value chain
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6. Conclusion



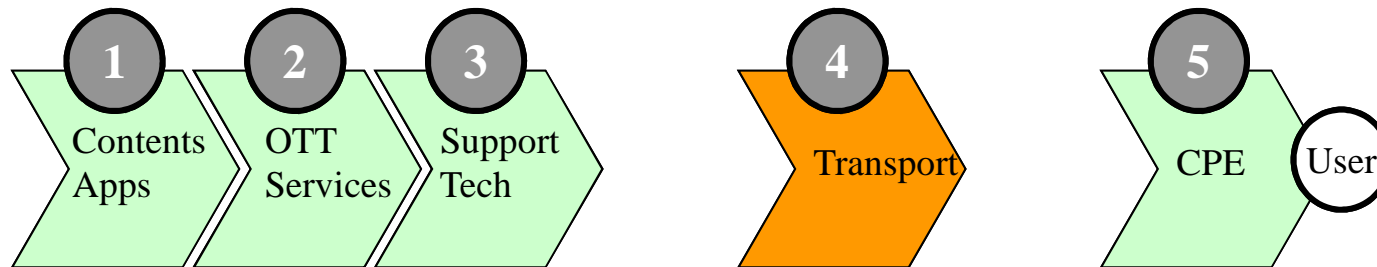
# Introduction

- Exponential growth of Internet traffic both in mobile and in fixed networks
- Network operators' revenues cover only OpEx
- The estimated traffic growth in the next 5 years requires CapEx in mobile (fixed) infrastructures which are 50% (30%) higher than currently planned
- Maximum development achieved in a balanced value chain

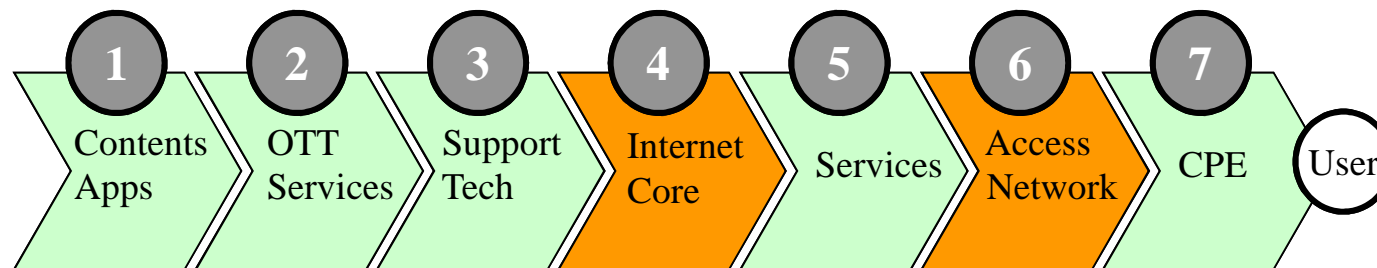
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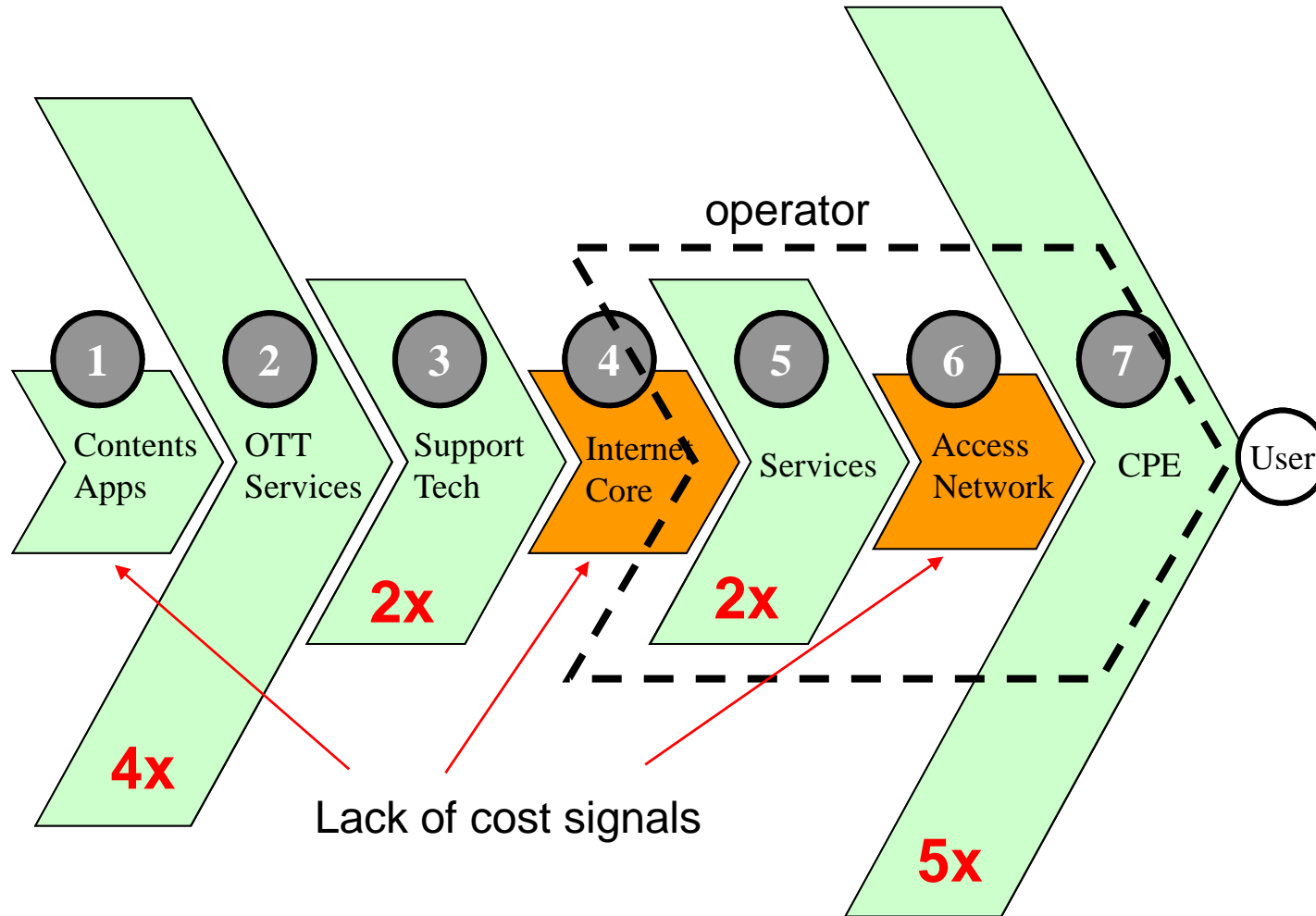
# 5-Stage Internet Value Chain



# 7-Stage Internet Value Chain



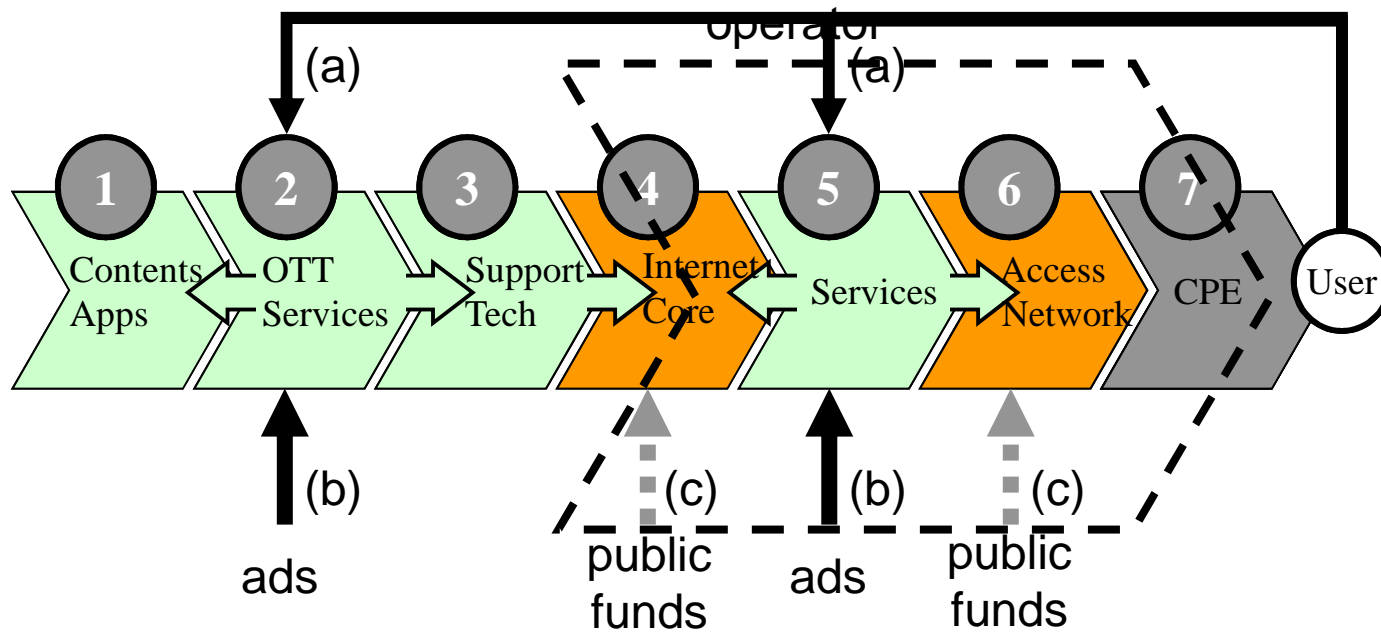
# Imbalance of capitalization (2004-2010)



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# Service-based Value Chain

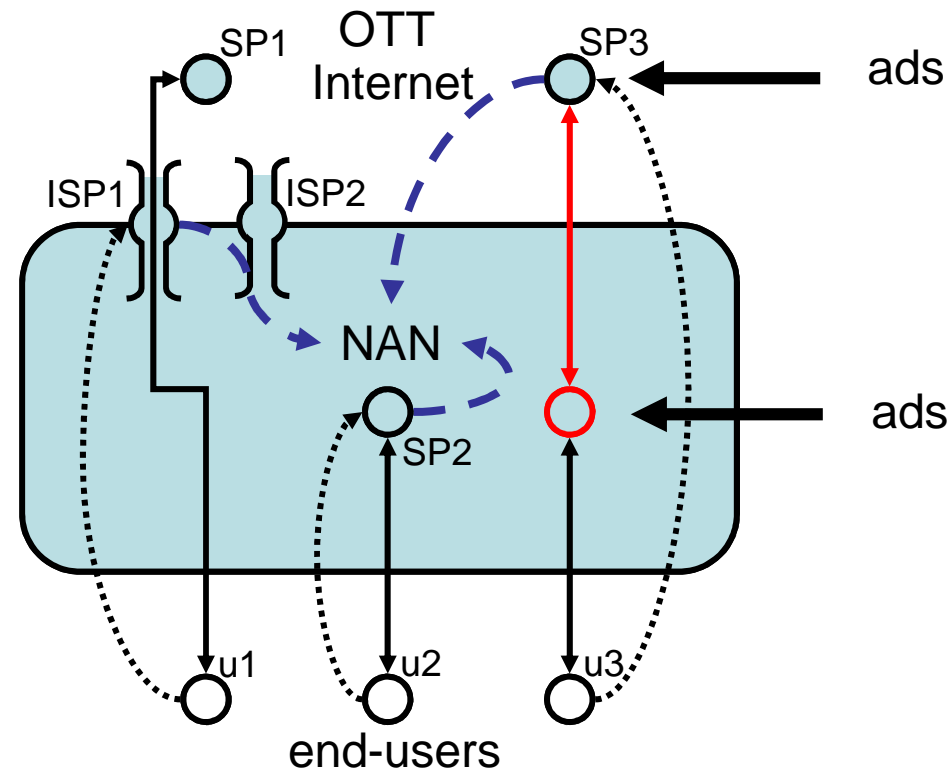


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# Service-based model



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# Amazon's Kindle 2

- End-users freed from the burden of connectivity.
- It integrates a hidden SIM card which allows end-users to be always connected (seamlessly) to the online store.
- The cost of download is included into the price of e-books thanks to an agreement between Amazon and AT&T, which in its turn has roaming agreements with mobile operators all around the world.
- Vertical application built on top of a vertically-separated architecture to provide a service-oriented user experience.

# Groupon

- Deal-of-the-day website which operates in hundreds of localized markets worldwide.
- It offers a deal per market per day:
  - If end-users who sign up for the offer reach a given threshold, then the deal becomes available to all of them and the retailer shares revenues with Groupon.
- Groupon works as an assurance contract which guarantees a critical mass which makes the deal like a quantity discount.
- In 2010, Groupon Inc. refused a 6 billion Dollar offer from Google.
- Groupon could provide its services within a NAN, making it available to local end-users even if they have not signed with any ISP.

# Editors against Google

- The *Italian Federation of Newspaper Publishers* (FIEG) triggered an antitrust investigation because most people read aggregated summaries on Google News without following the links to their newspaper
- In January 2011, Google Inc. accepted to disclose revenue-sharing arrangements for its *AdSense* partners.
- Online aggregators and search engines are much closer to end-users than contents (e.g., news), so that it is much easier for SPs than for content right owners to be paid by end-users and sponsors.
- The agreement found in Italy also demonstrates that it is worth for both categories to find a suitable revenue sharing mechanism which reduces the imbalance.

# Operators against OTT-SPs

- Operators demand that popular OTT services (Google, Facebook, Skype, Apple, ...) contribute to pay for the traffic they generate on their networks.
- Request motivated by the lack of return for operators from the exponential growth of IP traffic
- Network neutrality issues raised by the unsuitable business models adopted.

# Public consultations on Net Neutrality

- Digital agenda for europe
- Public consultations launched by all national authorities
- Balance conflicting interests of stakeholders
- Compensate imbalance in the value chain
- Grant sustainability

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# Conclusion

- Service orientation can grant to the Internet the degrees of freedom required to (autonomously):
  - find the best balance among the segments in the value chain
  - overcome the bottlenecks
  - create the pre-conditions for development



# A Balanced View on Network Neutrality

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# Net Neutrality Definition



## ■ Network Neutrality Definition

- All network traffic should be treated equally.
- No restrictions by ISPs or governments on consumers' access to networks serving as gateways to the Internet

## ■ Concerns

- Broadband providers may control access to the Internet in ways to stifle competition, tilt markets, discriminate specific usage

## ■ Internet Network Neutrality dimensions

- **Charges** independent of content
- **Transport** independent of content



# Is Net Neutrality a New Issue?



- **Phone networks have long been non-neutral**
  - **Local vs long distance charges**
  - **Premium services (1-800 numbers)**
  
- **Carriers motivation**
  - **Better capitalize on network infrastructure**
  - **Service Innovation**



# Carrier's Perspective



- **Net neutrality regulation may push carriers to bit transmission commoditization**
  - **Non-differentiated transport and charge rates**
  
- **Net neutrality regulations may limit carrier ability to efficiently manage its network infrastructure (traffic management; network planning)**
  - **Access networks may have specific capacity characteristics (e.g., DOCSIS, mobile)**
  - **Unsupervised applications may cause undesired consequences to networking infrastructure**
    - **P2P**
    - **Open source OS threats**
      - **Transport protocols**
      - **Malicious applications**



# Subscriber's Perspective



- **Residential subscribers**
  - **Unpredictable charges for non-neutral Internet (similar to cell phone roaming charges)**
  - **Delivery driven by carrier's objectives, not customer satisfaction**
    - **Applications blocking (P2P, FTP, Online gaming)**
  
- **Commercial subscribers**
  - **Business' health depends on connectivity/transport**
  - **Service charge and delivery needs to be clearly defined**



# Revenue Generating Internet



- **Web Services:** from Airline to Retail Industry, Internet commerce is ever more active
- **Data mining:** From Google to digital libraries, information search generates billions of dollars (advertising and subscription)
- **Social Networking:** Internet games and social activities have grown considerably. Facebook and others are reaping profits from online advertising.

**Shouldn't carriers charge according to the value of the bits delivered?**

- Postal services
- Transportation companies



# Net Neutrality Summary



- **Traffic Delivery: Are there non-discriminatory differentiated traffic transport?**
  - Transport delivery policies transparent to users
  - Users' demands curbed by transparent contractual caps, enforced by access technologies (e.g., DPI)
  
- **Service Charges: Are there non-discriminatory differentiated charges?**
  - Should not be based on application business models.
  - May be based on delivery quality, and network resource usage
  - Should be monitored by trusted parties.
  
- **Carrier and Business relationship**
  - Partnership may stifle competition (e.g., Bing traffic preferred to Google traffic)
  - Customer access/traffic blocking may be hard to detect

## Net Neutrality Position Statement

- Allow the carriers to differentiate charges and delivery for the right reasons
  - Traffic management; delivery QoS differentiation; curbing end-point abuse (e.g. DPI)
- Prevent carriers to differentiate charges and delivery for the wrong reasons
  - Value of bits delivered (Google vs myBlog)
  - User profile (type of application, etc)







# Backup Slides



**INFOWARE 2011**

**PANEL: Internet/Access  
Open Internet and Net Neutrality**

**Network neutrality versus content  
aware/oriented networking**

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# Network neutrality versus content aware/oriented networking



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- Sources
  - European FP7 project: 4WARD - A clean slate approach for Future Internet, FP7 IP Project (2008-2009)
    - Abramowicz, H. Introduction to BIRD WS, <http://www.4ward-project.eu>
  - Van Jacobson Diana K. Smetters James D. Thornton Michael F. Plass, Nicholas H. Briggs Rebecca L. Braynard, Networking Named Content, Palo Alto Research Center, Palo Alto, CA, October 2009
  - European FP7 project : ALICANTE - MediA Ecosystem Deployment Through Ubiquitous Content-Aware Network Environments, 2010-2013, FP7 Integrated Project



# Network neutrality versus content aware/oriented networking



- **Network neutrality: hot topic in discussion**
  - Operators, Industry, Research, Governments, Regulation bodies, User communities
  - For current and also Future Internet
  
  - **Neutrality defenders**
    - Original TCP/IP principle - defenders
    - Mainly - application developers, users
    - Governments ( see FCC- 2010 - recent decision...)
      - Some reasons: Afraid of monopoly and limited opening to new developments
  
  - **No (more) - neutrality defenders**
    - Mainly - ISP, operators
    - Groups of users /entities wanting guarantees for QoS, security, availability, dependability, security, etc.
    - Example : NGN/IMS – is not (completely) neutral
    - Some reasons:
      - ISP overloaded by P2P/video traffic,
      - Operators wanting more profit from users paying for services
- **Question**
  - Who is right?
  - There exist a middle way?

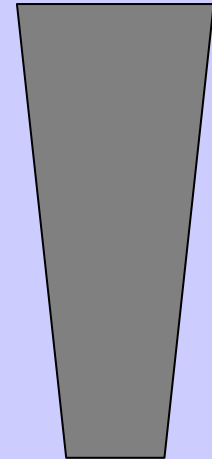


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## ■ Historical evolution:

- Best effort Internet ( still - in use on a large scale) ( ~1970)
- Qos-based virtual splitting (Intserv/DiffServ, MPLS) (~1995)
- VPNs + QoS, security, ...
- Content oriented networking ( ~2005)
  - Content- type aware networking (CAN)
  - Content – objects oriented networks
  - Example CCN ( V.Jacobson et. Al., 2009)
- Alternative: Service/application aware networking
  - and
- Network Aware Applications
- E.g. CAN:
  - special processing (routing/forwarding, QoS, security, filtering, caching, etc.) of packet flows
  - based on content-type information ( extracted fom the packets, metadata or signalling- obtained)



Degree of neutrality



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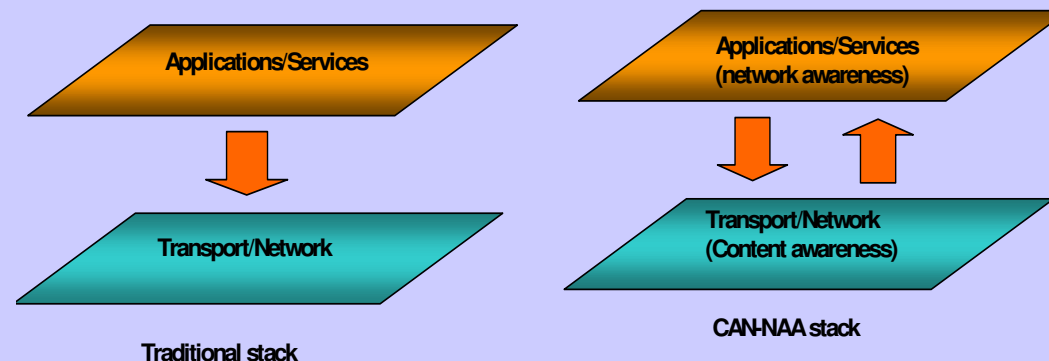
- **About terminology..**
  - Not standardised, different (overlapping) semantics...
    - **CAN- Content Aware Networking**
    - **CON - Content Oriented Networking**  
example: **CCN - Content Centric Networking**
    - **SON – Service Oriented Networking**
    - **NAA- Network Aware Applications**
  - This presentation - approach:
    - CAN – is seen as having a more general scope  
**Awareness of content type**- low granularity, less overhead  
and /or **Awareness of each content object**- high granularity, more overhead
    - CON: basic meaning- dealing with *content objects*: **nam<sup>ing</sup>**, **locating/routing**, **deliver/disseminate**, **caching in-network**  
CCN – particular case of CON



# Network neutrality versus content aware/oriented networking



- **Content-Aware Network (CAN) and Network Aware Application (NAA) - Concepts (basic CAN)**
  - **Traditional approach:** the way contents are generated, processed, and distributed are separated from the way they are transported
  - Question: can one better serve the application flows by inserting more intelligence into the network? ( but still preserving the architecture modularity)?
  - CAN : adjusting network resource allocation based on limited understanding of the nature of the content → differentiate the processing of traffic flows – **no more neutrality**
  - NAA: network-aware content processing : adjusting the way contents are processed and distributed based on limited understanding of the network condition



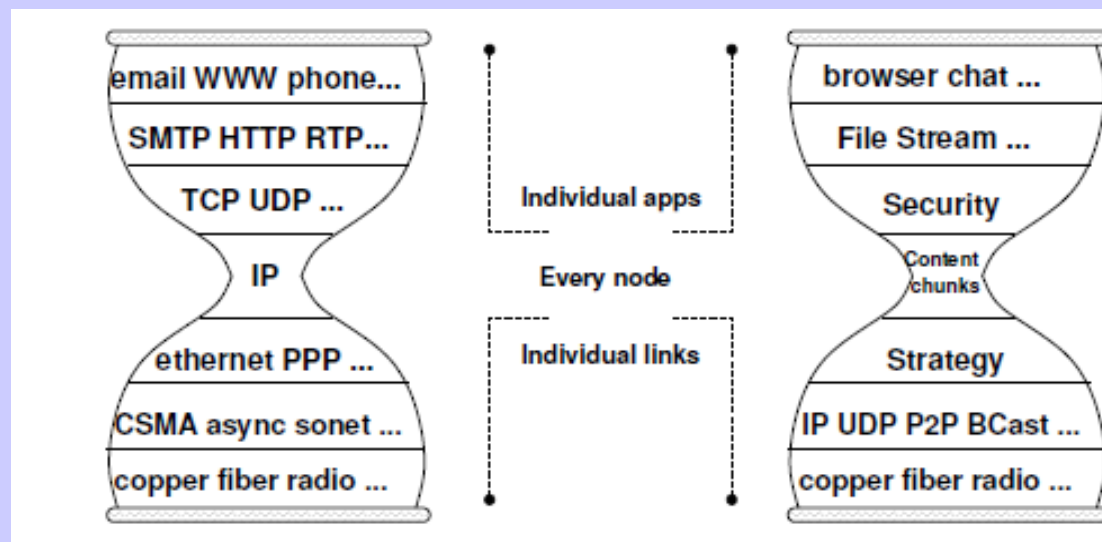


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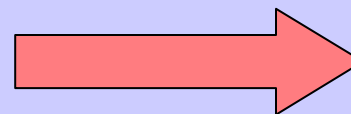


## CCN concepts Example

CCN transformation of the traditional network stack from IP to chunks of named content



Traditional  
TCP/IP stack



CCN

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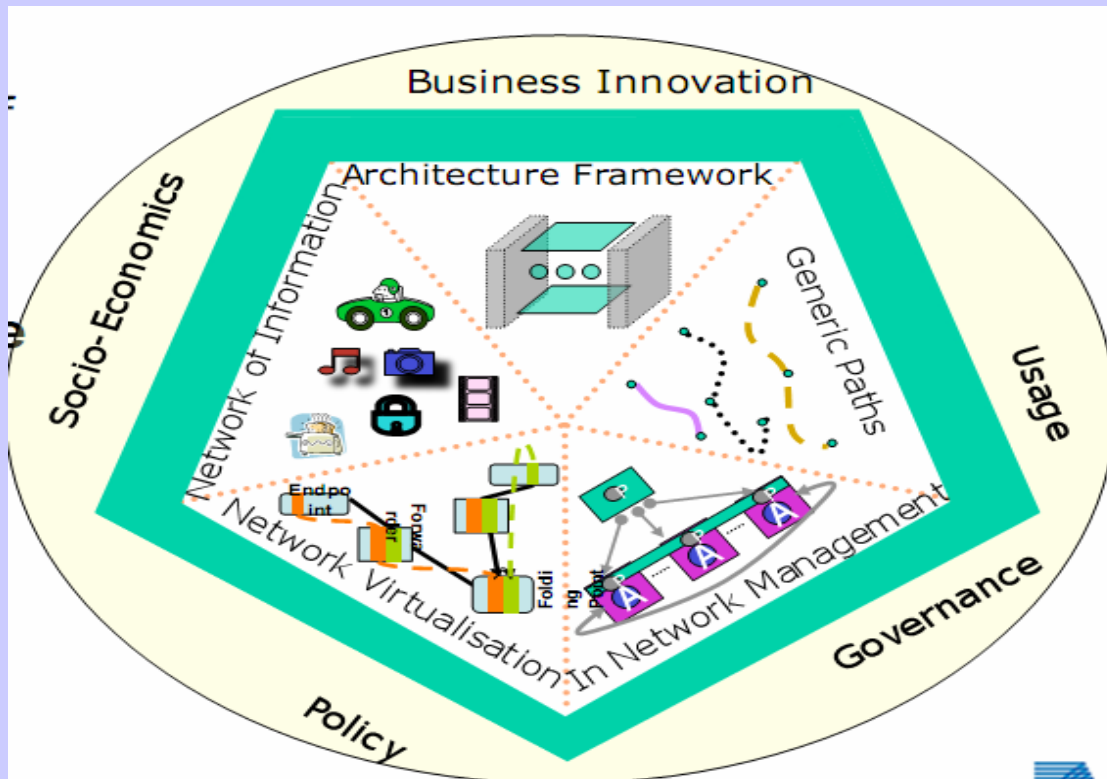
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- Possible (trade-off) solution ??
  - Content/Service awareness at network layers and specialised/differentiated processing of different types of flows/content
  - Plus virtual parallel Internets, customised
    - Among them, a given amount of resources can be still allocated to complete neutral style network i.e. – Best effort

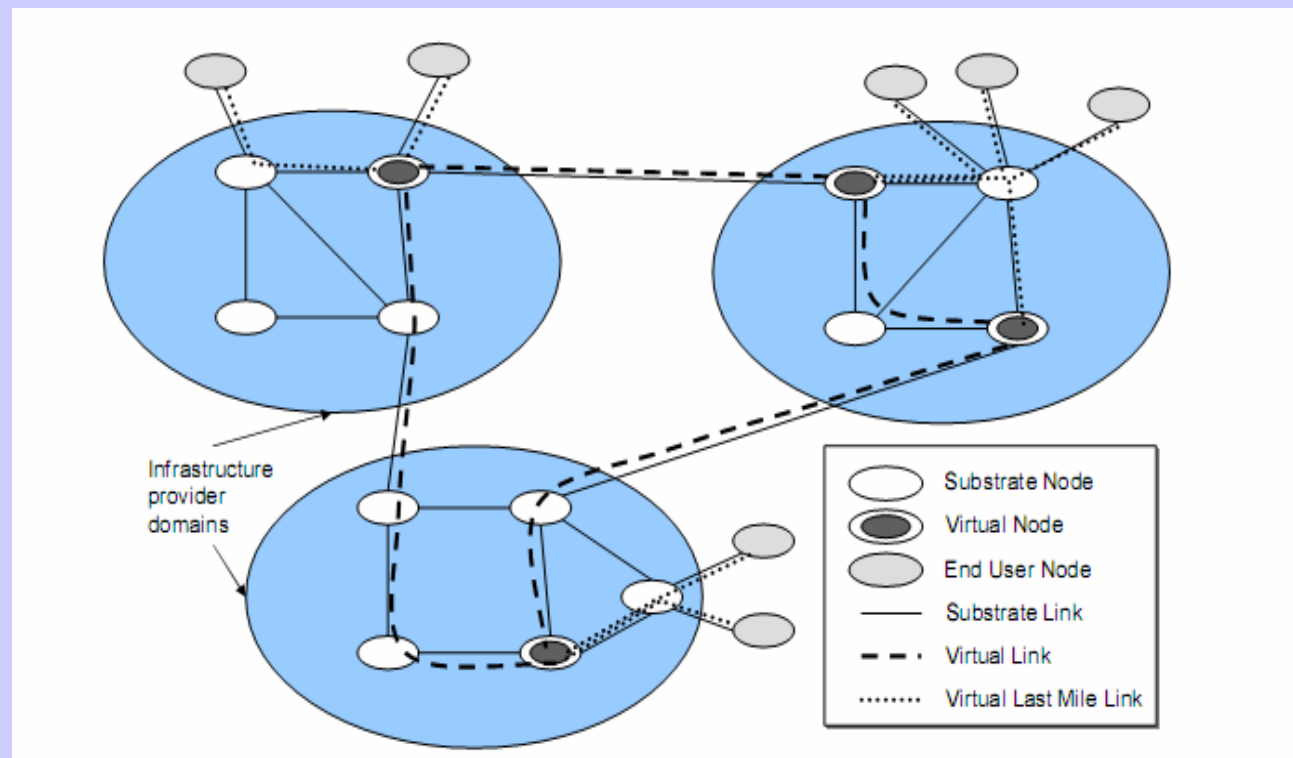
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- **Case Study Example 1**
- Source: European FP7 project: 4WARD A clean slate approach for Future Internet, FP7 IP Project (2008-2009)
- 4WARD proposes a full virtualisation (Data Control and Management Plane) plus specialised treatment in the network ( see generic paths)



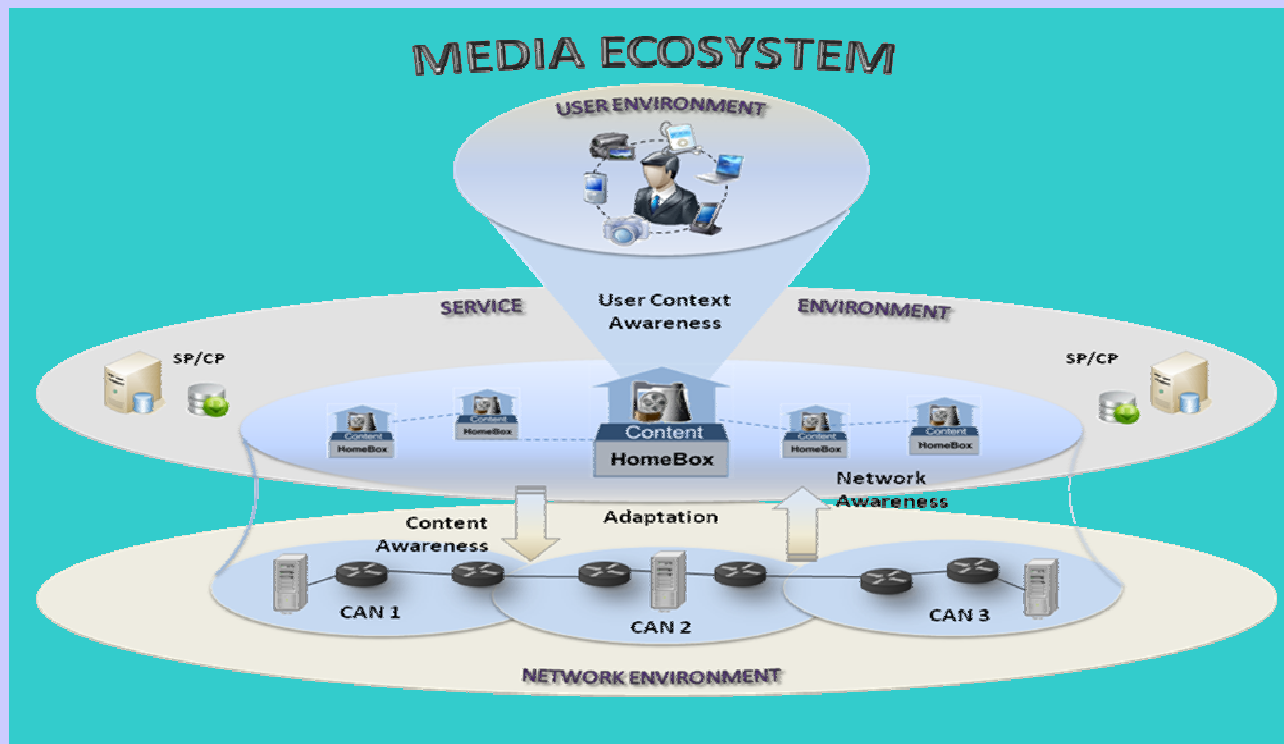
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- **Case Study Example 1**
- **Example of full virtualisation**
- Overview of a virtual network topology and substrate networks



R.Bless, C.Werle, Control Plane Issues in the 4WARD Network Virtualization Architecture, Electronic Communications of the EASST Volume 17 (2009)

- **Case study example 2: Alicante Project**
- **Media Ecosystem Deployment Through Ubiquitous Content-Aware Network Environments ALICANTE, 2010-2013, FP7 Integrated Project (IP)**

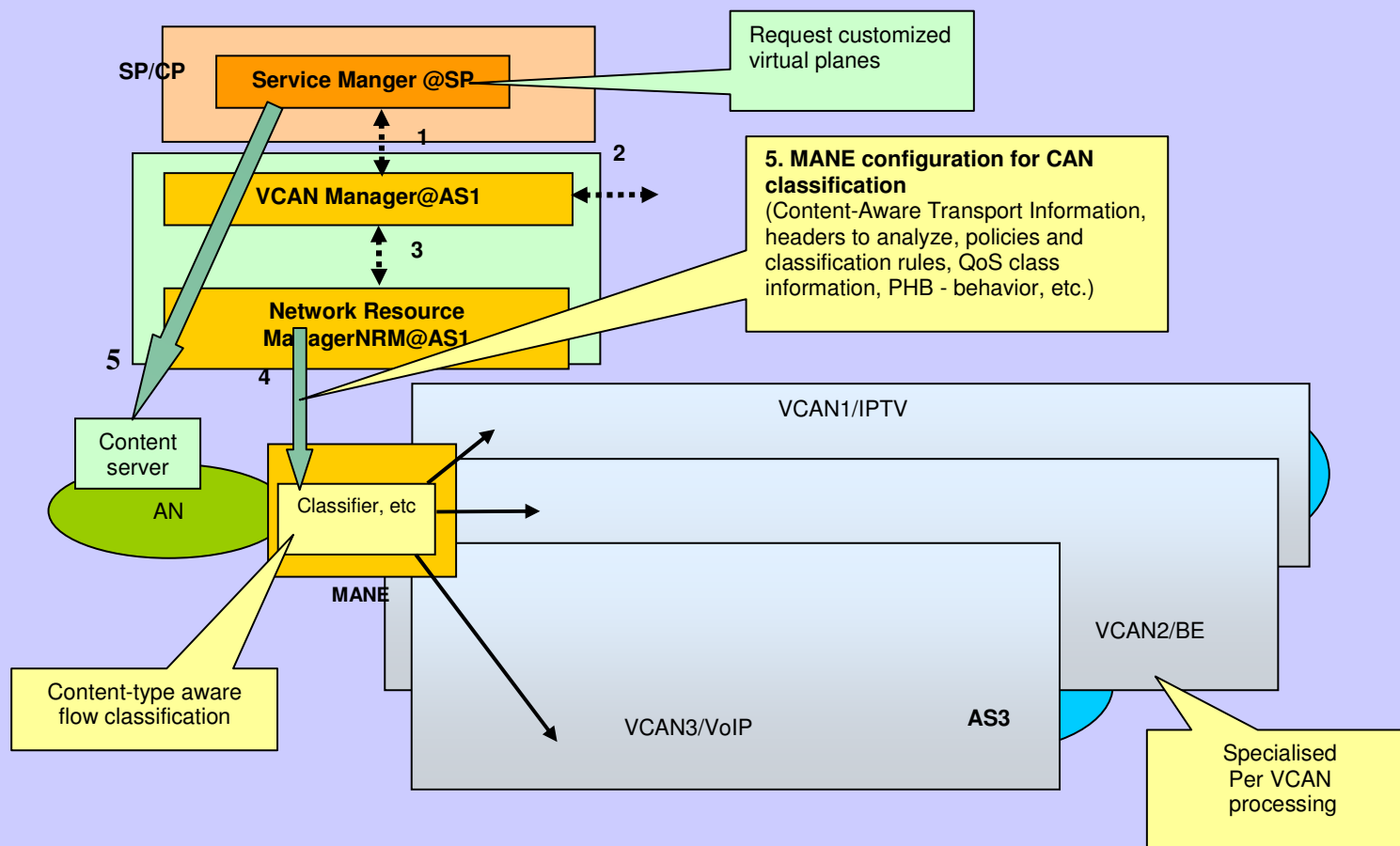




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- **Example 2 ALICANTE project**
- Non-neutral network example: Content-type awareness + parallel virtual planes
- However BE style can be preserved





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## ■ CONCLUSIONS

- NET neutrality: it is not a binary problem
  - yes/no answer is not appropriate
  - Large ranges of intermediate solutions may exist
  
- Solutions exist in FI to cope with different partners/actors interests
  - Differentiated treatment in the network depending on content/service, plus BE treatment of flows
  - Based on virtual parallel planes (customised Internets)



# Network neutrality versus content aware/ oriented networking

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Thank you !

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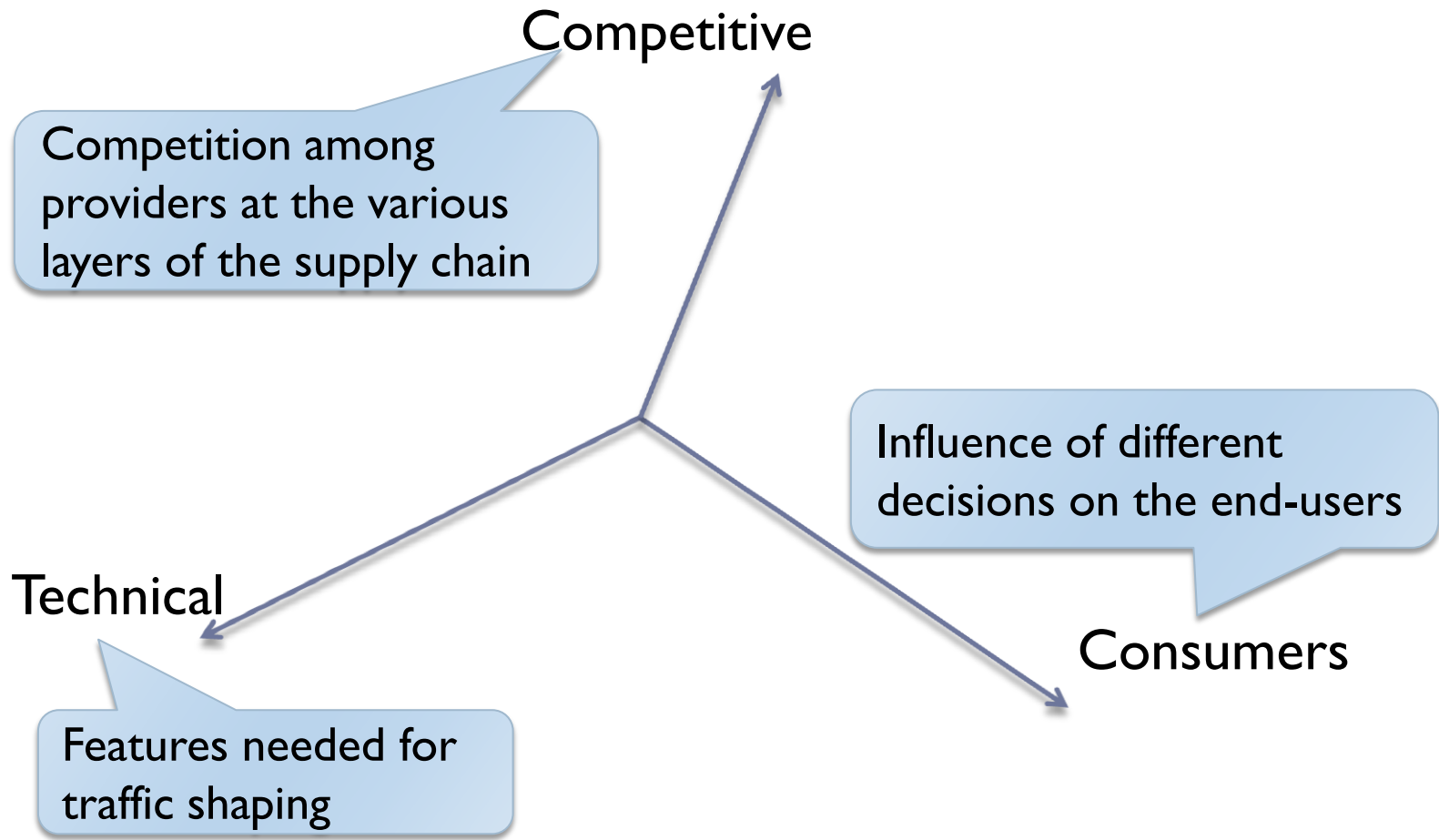
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- ▶ Treat all IP packets equally, regardless of ...
  - ▶ Origin or destination of flow
  - ▶ Service they are used in
  - ▶ Protocol or port
  - ▶ ...

**Do we really want this ?**

# Dimensions of Discussion

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# 100s Reasons for and against it

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## Stay neutral

- ▶ **The mighty ISP**
  - ▶ Booting out competitors
  - ▶ Says which services are bad
- ▶ **Big Brother watching you**
  - ▶ First DPI – what next?
- ▶ **Endanger Innovation**
  - ▶ Booting out start ups
- ▶ **“More bandwidth will solve everything”**

## Or choose the “color”

- ▶ **Different services – different needs**
  - ▶ Telemedicine vs. File-sharing
  - ▶ File transfer vs. gaming/VoIP
- ▶ **Different customers – different needs**
  - ▶ Commercial vs. private
  - ▶ Networks at home vs. in Research collaborations

# Welcome to the Reality

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## Reality now

- ▶ Internet today
  - ▶ DSL at home: choose speed
  - ▶ CDN: Akamai, ...
- ▶ Géant services
  - ▶ Premium IP
  - ▶ E2E Links
- ▶ Research projects in ...
  - ▶ Bandwidth reservation
  - ▶ Content awareness

## EU Position

- ▶ “... *network neutrality is not a technical question to be answered by regulatory authorities*”,

Viviane Reding, 2008

- ▶ So far close to no misuse
- ▶ Interested in NGN deployment

# Old Master Says ...

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*“Net Neutrality is NOT saying that one shouldn’t pay more money for high quality of service. We always have, and we always will.”*

**(Berners-Lee, 2006)**