

Controlling Internet Quality with Price

Market Managed Multiservice Internet

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end-to-end principle

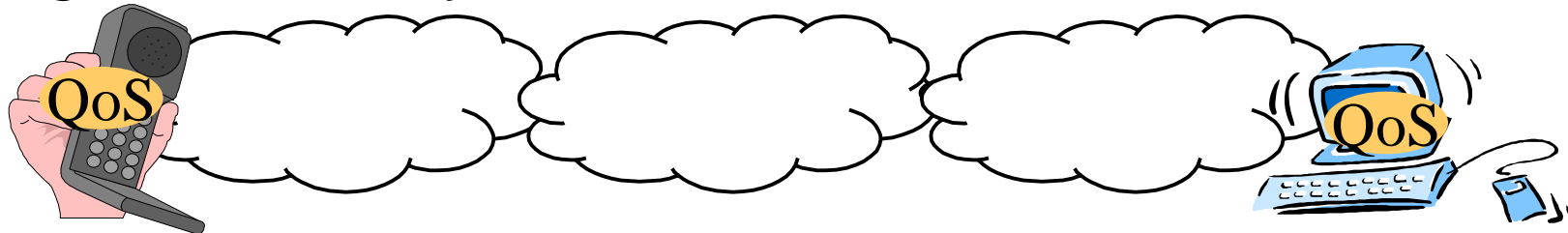
- *change is the only constant*

- *for application flexibility in general purpose systems (e.g. Internet)*
 - lower layers: extremely *general* capabilities
 - move *specific* capabilities up and out
- *define “specific” and “general”?*
 - 1973: *connection* too specific for network → synthesise at ends
 - 1993: Web: IP ✓ ATM ✗
 - 1999: pricing and charging: definitely too specific for IP
 - 2001: *quality of the service (QoS)* itself...?
 - 2005?, 2020?

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not to be confused with...

- *end-to-end QoS means...*
- ✓ *QoS created by the ends*



✗ *not just QoS everywhere along the path*



- ✗ integrated services (intserv),
- ✗ differentiated services (diffserv)
- ✓ ECN...

ECN?

- *explicit congestion notification*
 - per packet QoS
- *what?*
 - new single bit in IP packet header
 - IETF Proposed Standard (imminent)
- *how?*
 - middle
 - congested routers randomly mark packets (rather than drop)
 - more congestion → more marks
 - ends
 - more marks → slower rate *or...*

trust?

- *end-to-end principle*
 - implies *trust* the ends to co-operate
- *but if ends control their own QoS*
 - incentive required...
- *...price per congestion mark*
 - more marks → slower rate *or...*

...same rate at higher cost

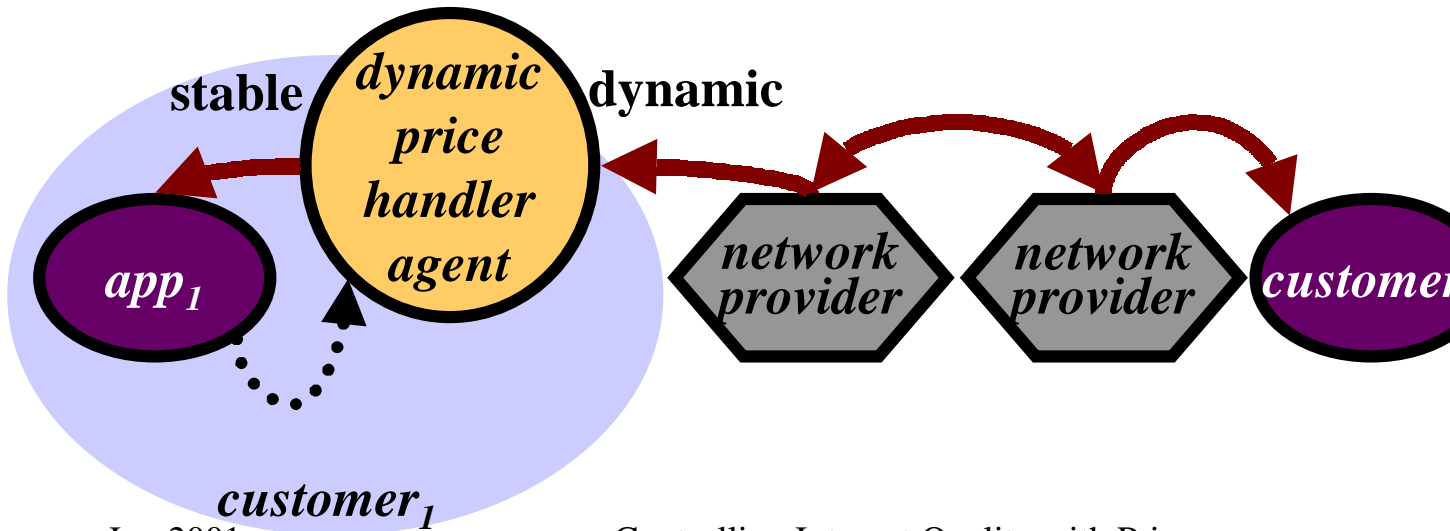
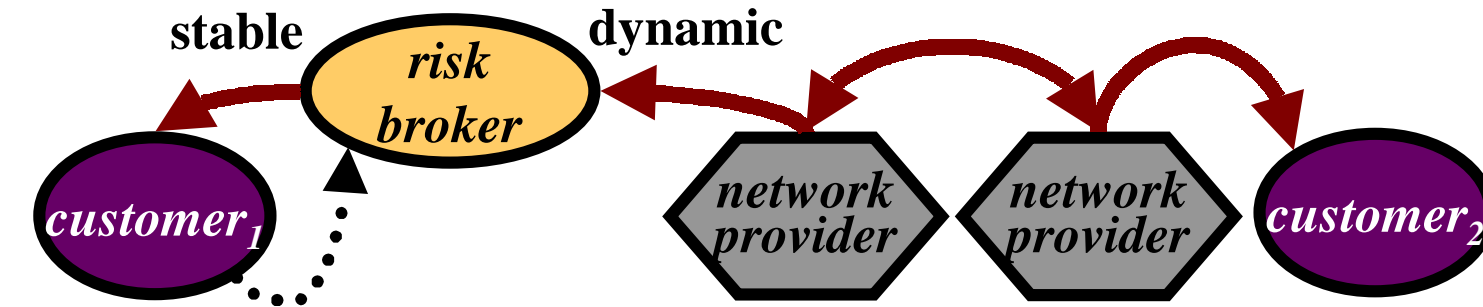
- choice → customer control

congestion avoidance pricing

- *economically optimal*
 - ends: correct incentives
 - middle: revenue naturally fills capacity shortages
- **but...**
 - ...can we synthesise flexible commercial models?...
...that fit all the desires of providers and customers?
 - ...is it practical?
 - ...even if it is, will network operators offer it?
 - prediction: Yes, but only once Balkanisation of the Internet has failed (2006?)

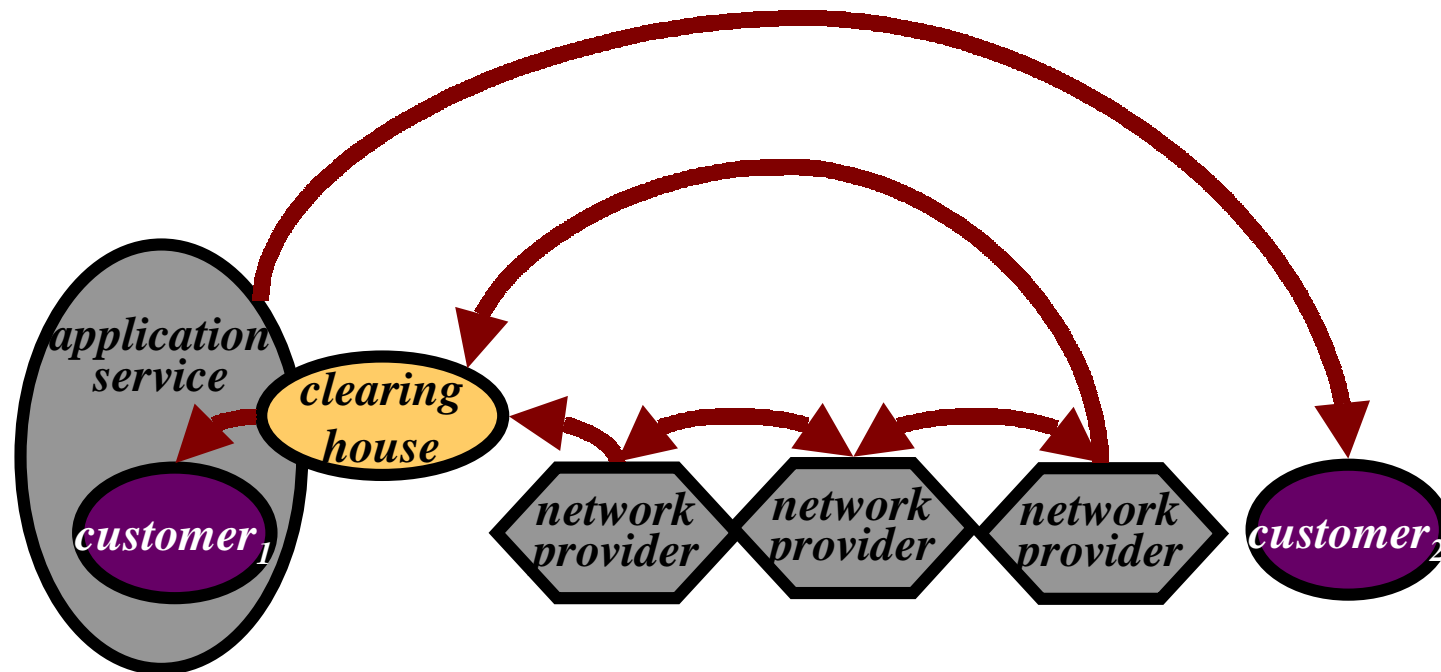
minimise then synthesise

packet QoS → *session QoS*

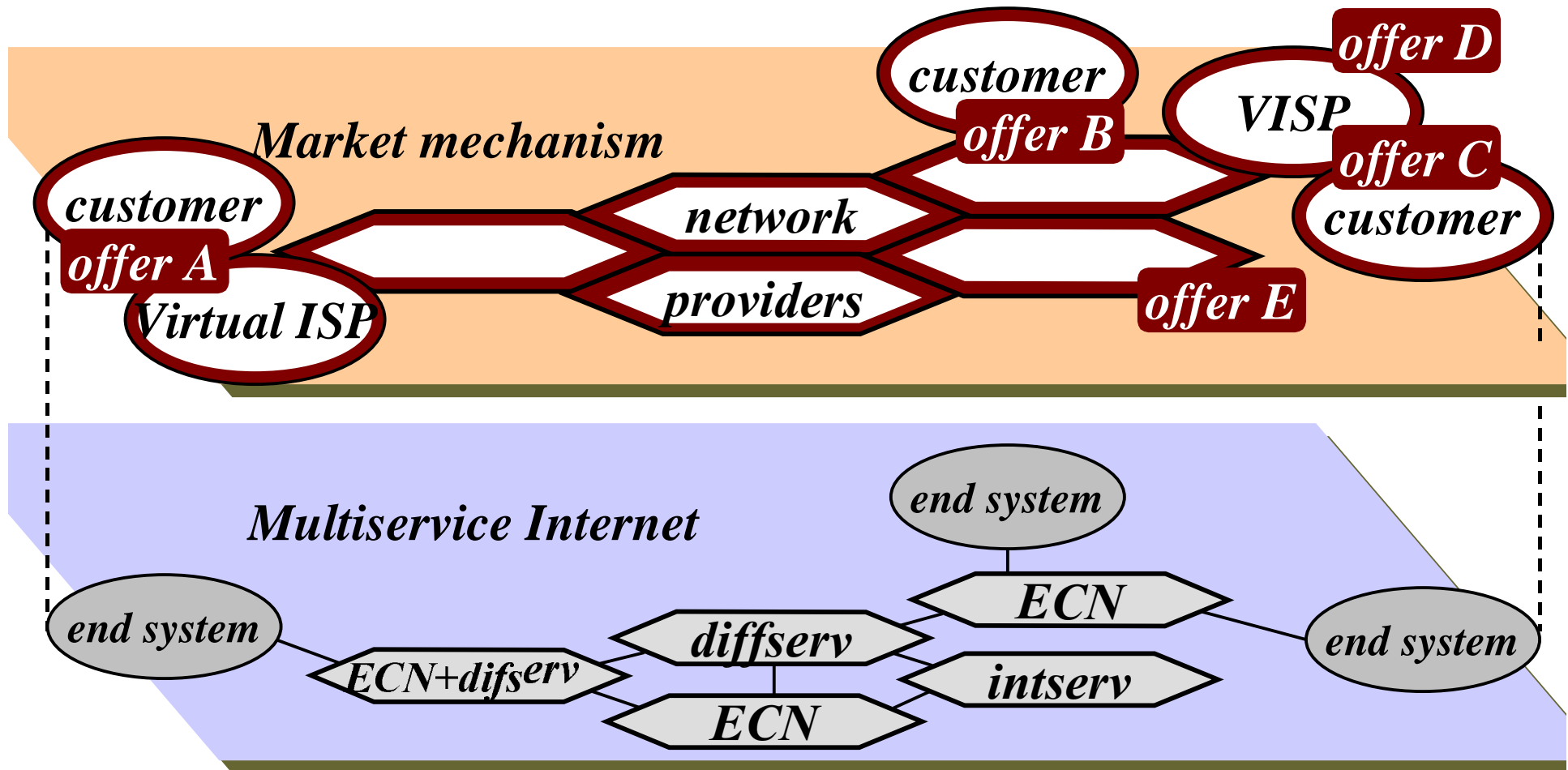


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half circuit QoS → end-to-end QoS

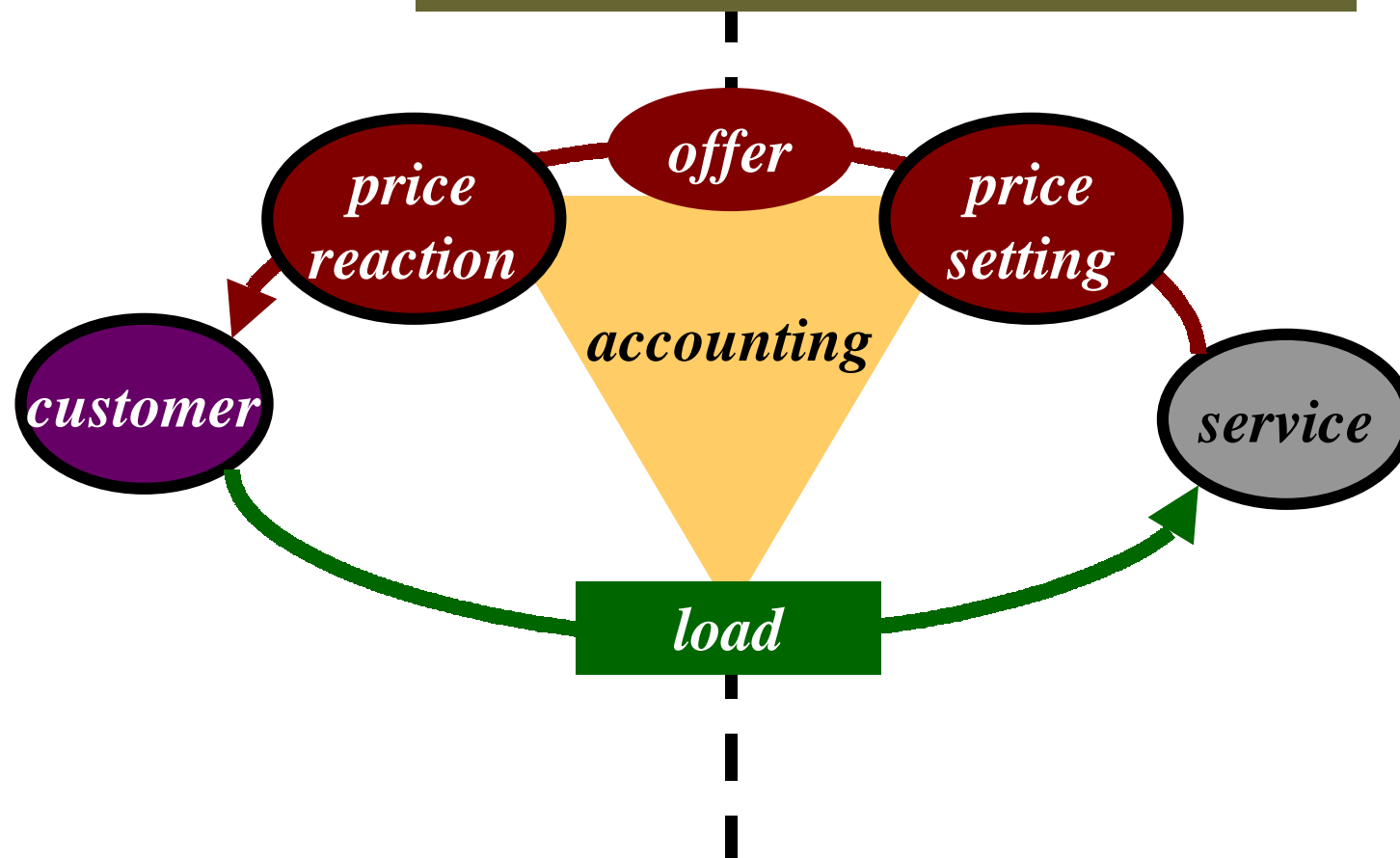


what do I need?



market mechanism

at each customer/provider interface



implications

- *network operators sell basic network service*
- *customer creates quality!*

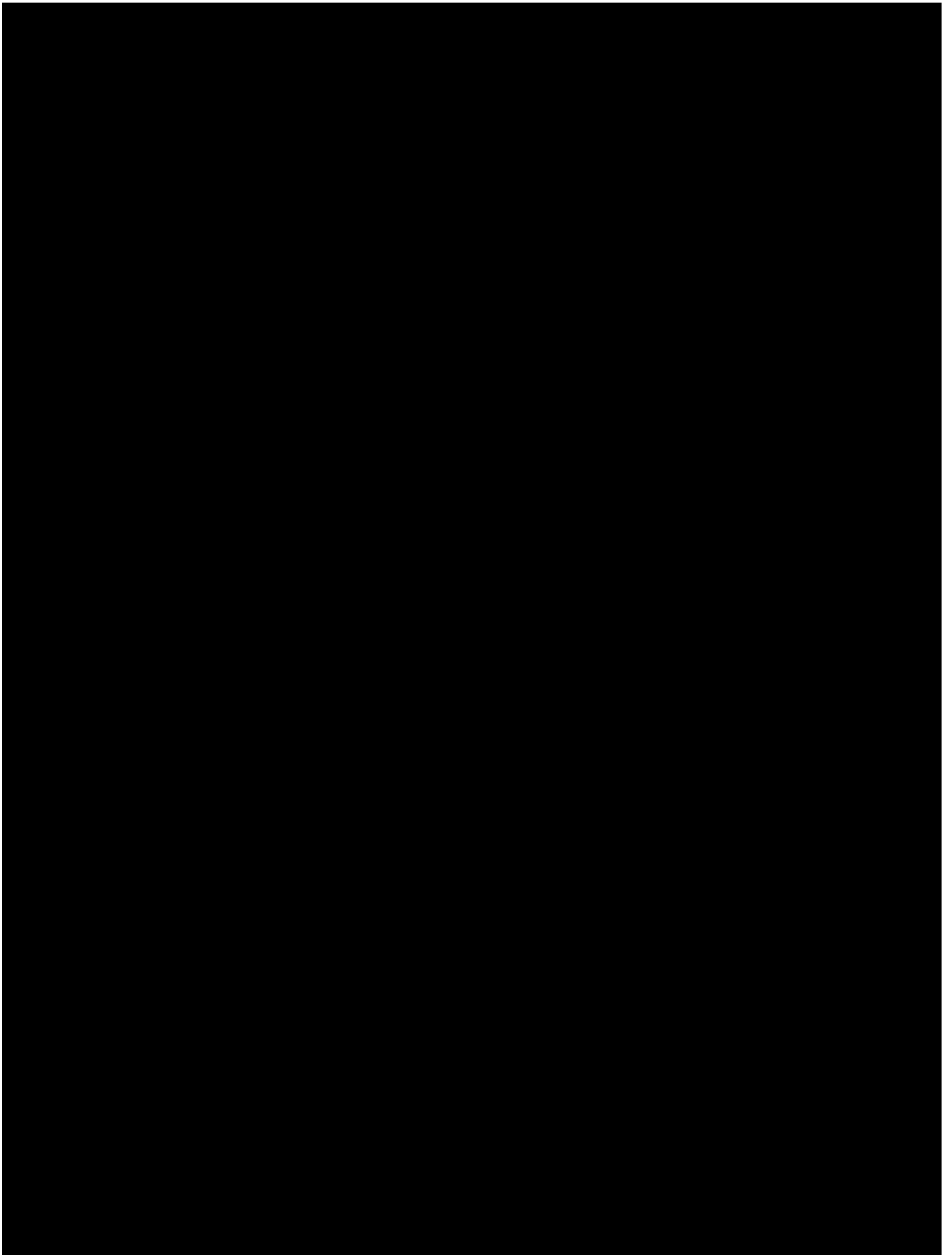
- *limited market differentiation for networks...*
 - ...operators or suppliers
- *network operators must differentiate with:*
 - end software add-ons
 - tariff flexibility

summary

- *end-to-end principle*
 - the dumber the network the more valuable it is
 - quality of a service implemented by its customers!?
 - supply chain implications
- *minimise then synthesise*
 - business models
 - engineering
- *a Market Managed Multi-service Internet*
 - not just **supporting** the information economy...
 - ...but the economy within information

more info

- ***M3I project***
 - Jan 2000 - Dec 2001
 - contacts, background and first deliverables:
 - <http://www.m3i.org/>
- ***Bob Briscoe:***
 - <http://www.labs.bt.com/people/briscorj/>



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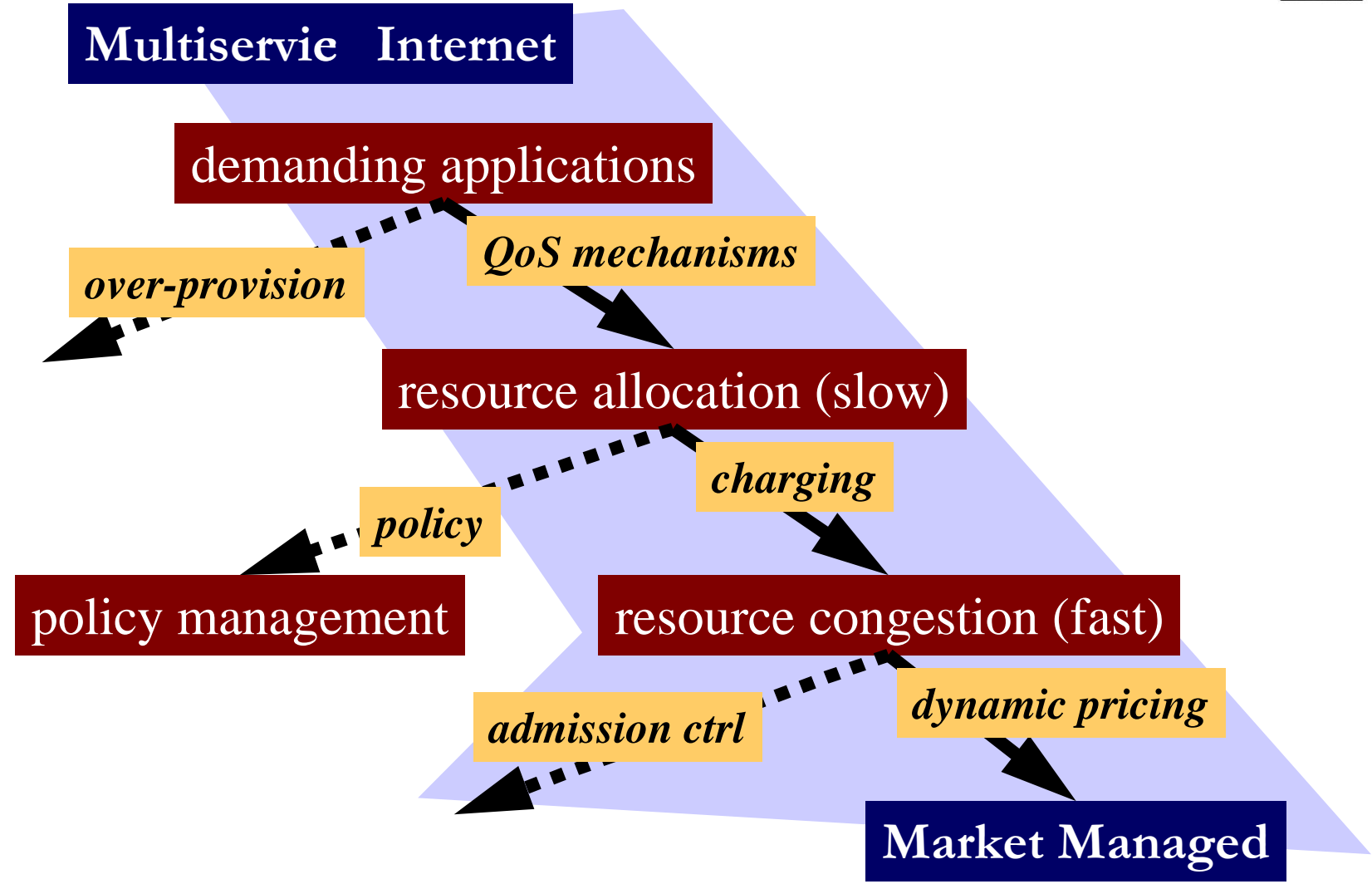


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context



implications - commercial and social

