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Abstract This presentation addresses some fundamental network architecture considerations in support of the MBWA design.

Purpose Informational, to avoid pitfalls of restricting MBWA applicability to particular network architectures.

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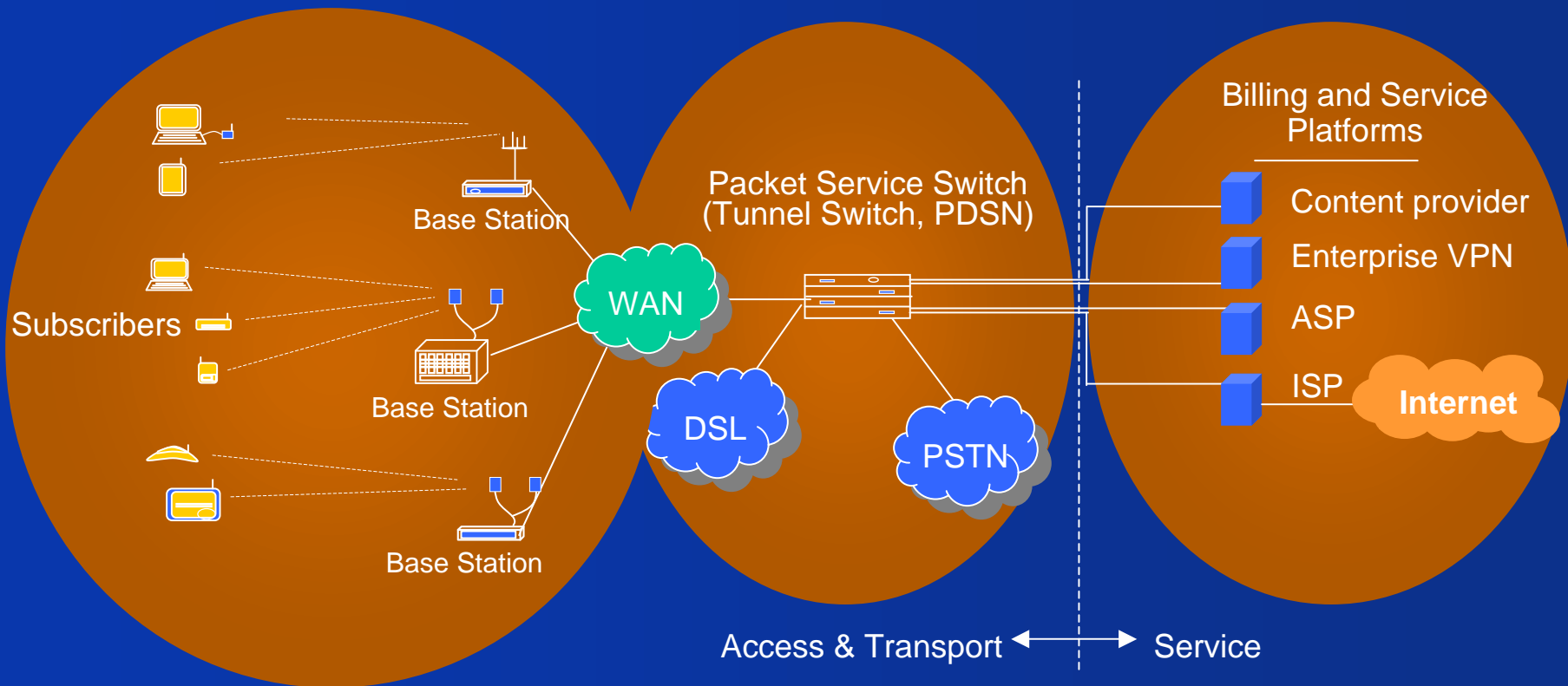
# Proposed Network Objectives for MBWA

- ◆ Support existing Internet broadband and broadband wireless network and service models
  - Basic structure from existing Broadband Internet Access Networks
    - Internet broadband access networks and broadband wireless access networks share structure
    - Re-use of infrastructure e.g. DSL, 3GPP, 3GPP2, etc.
  - Simple IP/ Mobile IP
  - Internet QOS architecture

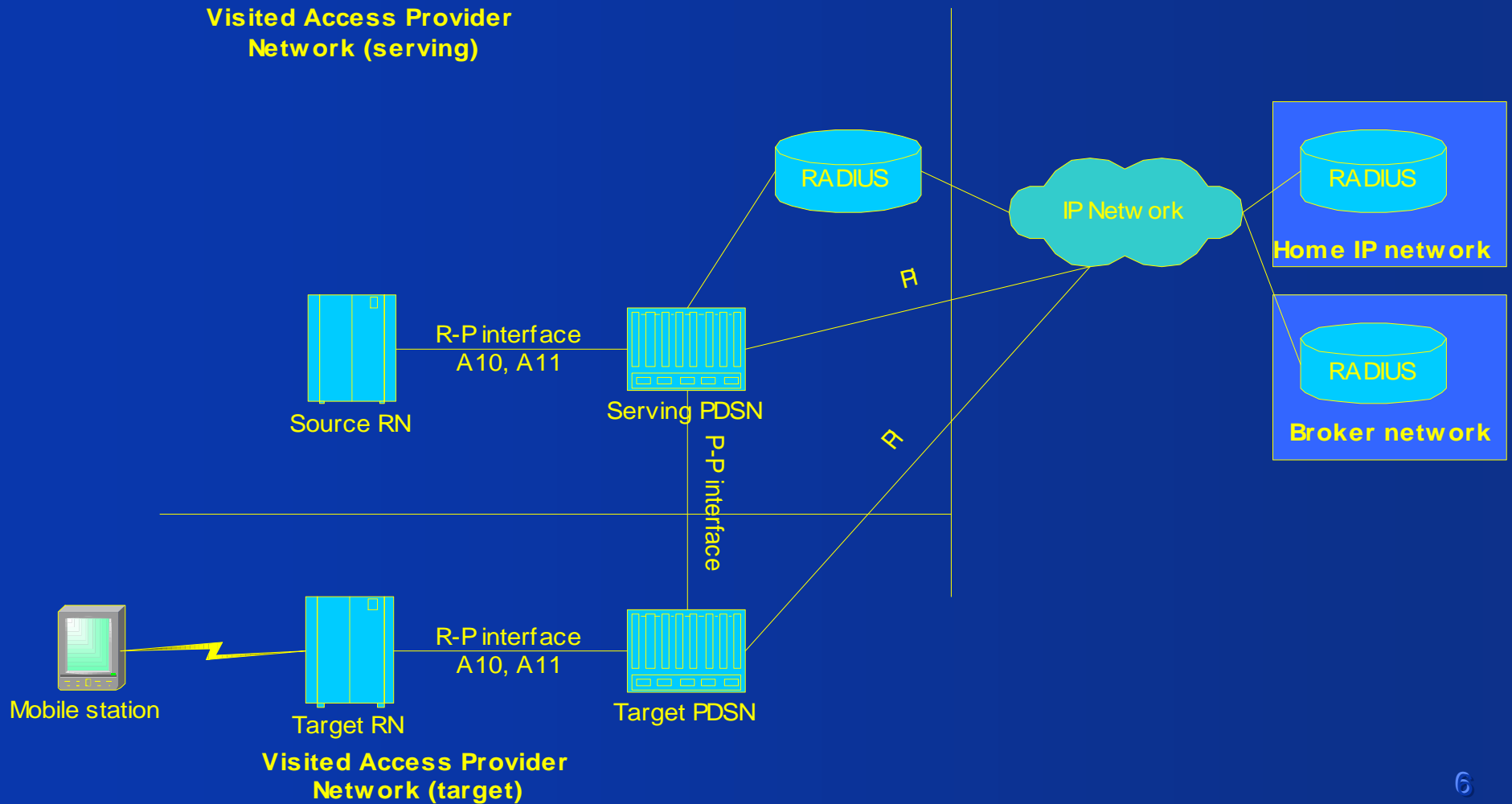
# Proposed Network Objectives for MBWA (continued)

- ◆ Since different network solutions possible (we present here a few), avoid dependencies above MAC/PHY and/or North of the base station –
  - not within the charter of 802.20
  - increases the difficulty and cost of inter-working with other networks
  - reduces opportunity for network infrastructure sharing
  - potentially increases deployment costs

# A Simple and Integrated Network/Service Model



# Sample Scenario – 3GPP2 ( CDMA 2000 Infrastructure )



# Benefits of a Simple and Integrated Network/Service Model

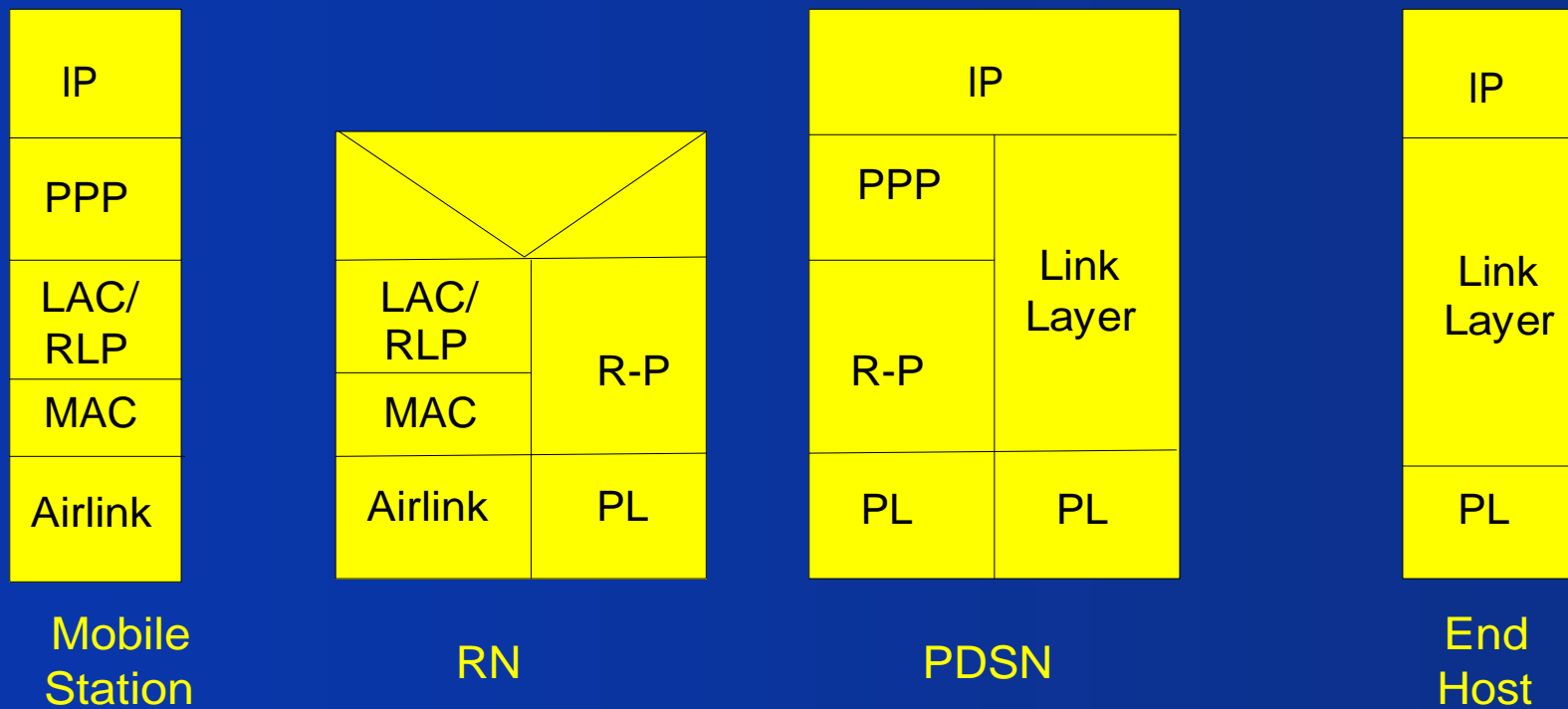
- ◆ Extends wired broadband access network
- ◆ Fits into existing infrastructure
- ◆ Uses existing OAM&P frameworks
- ◆ Greatly simplifies Access Points
- ◆ Un-tethers IP/PPP devices, applications
- ◆ Provides Mbps data rates
- ◆ Scales to multiple markets, providers

# Simple IP

- Simple IP implies
  - mobile assigned IP address dynamically (DHCP or IPCP)
  - mobile provided routing service by service provider network
- Simple IP micro mobility through PSS/PDSN
- Avoids Mobile IP inefficiencies and problems
  - complexity
  - no triangle routing
    - » Route optimization in IPv4 but changes need to be implemented in host
  - handoff latency
  - security (firewall traversals, ingress filtering)
- Simple IP macro mobility
  - mobile IP proxies in access network
  - PSS/PSS communication

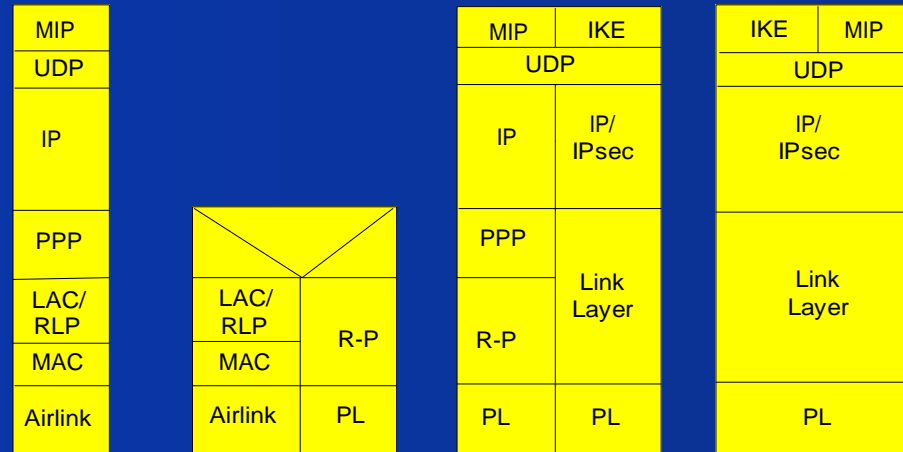


# 3GPP2 Simple IP



# 3GPP2 Mobile IP

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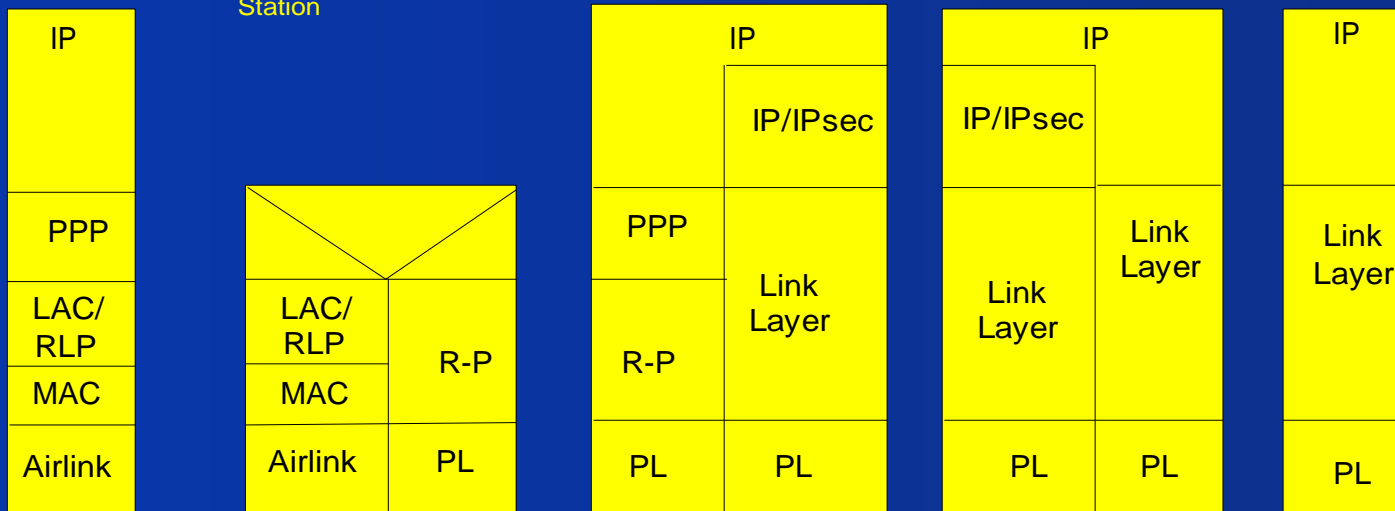
Mobile Station

RN

PDSN

HA

User Data



Mobile Station

RN

PDSN

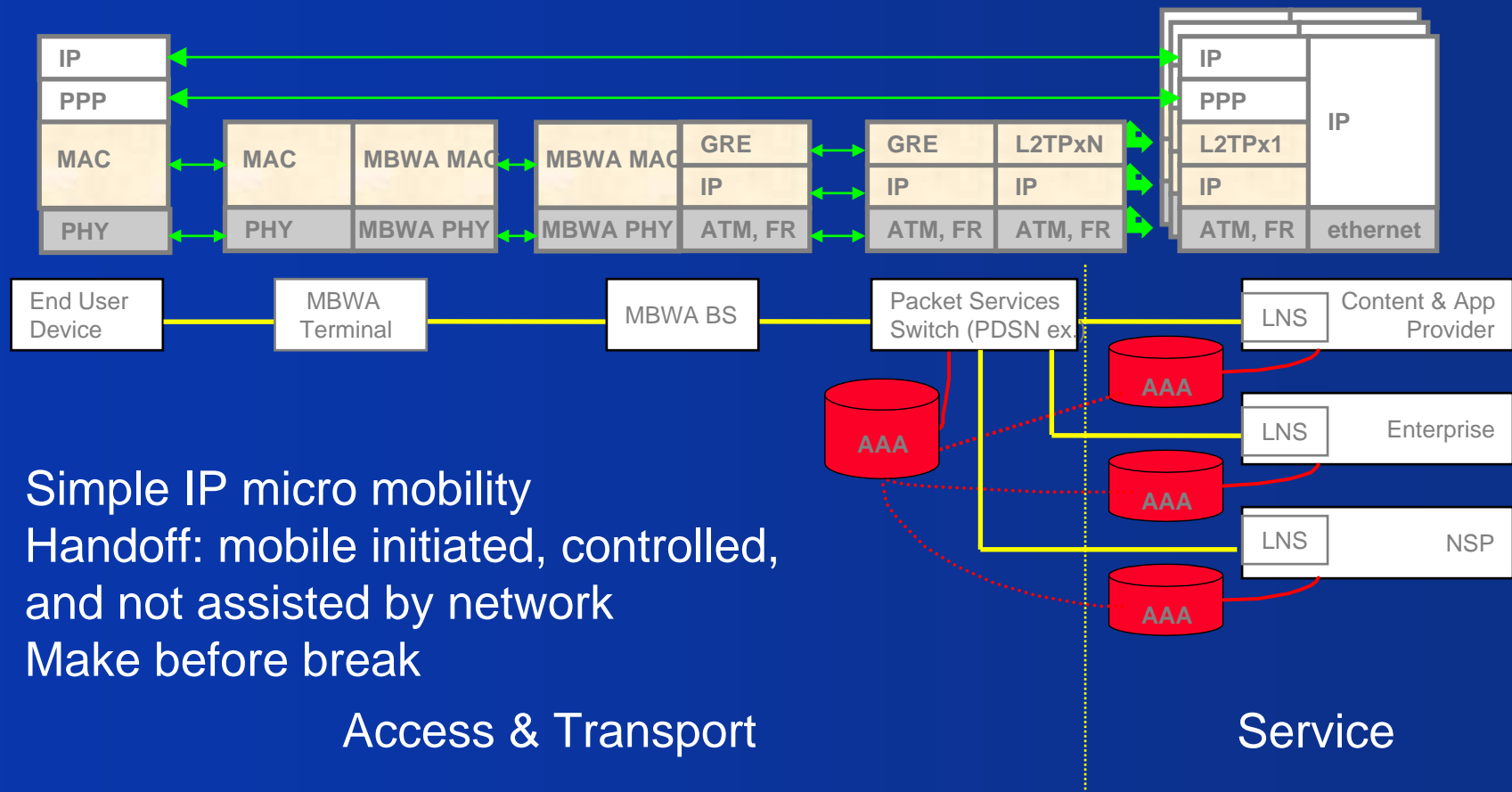
HA

End Host

# Layer 2 Switching Access Network

- Layer 2 encapsulation between mobile and Network Access Server
  - PPP for end-user,
    - PPP already is the computer/user portability solution
  - L2TP/GRE/GTP for transport
  - Simple Access Point (i.e. BS, no routing, no MIP)
  - No need for Access Point to Access Point communication
  - Reuse of infrastructure for
    - switching, provisioning, billing, traffic engineering, QOS, etc.
- Support of wholesale/retail as well as vertical ISP business models

# User Data Transport Scenario



\*Tunnel Switch PSS uses L2TP on BS/PSS link

# Packet Services Switch

- ◆ Allows sharing of access infrastructure
  - L2TP switch or
  - PDSN (3GPP2)
- ◆ Switches sessions to correct service provider
- ◆ Performs QOS functions on per-circuit basis
- ◆ Available from wide range of OEMs
- ◆ Participates in mobility
- ◆ Controlled by access provider

# L2TP Network Server (LNS)

- ◆ Off-the-shelf device
- ◆ Terminates end-user PPP sessions
- ◆ Effects end-user authentication
- ◆ Performs per-user or per-app QOS
- ◆ Collects raw usage statistics (typ. RADIUS)
- ◆ Controlled by service provider
- ◆ Can be virtualized within PSS

# Mobility

- ◆ PPP transparent handover
  - comprises radio and network aspects
  - mobile-driven at radio layer
- ◆ Two network solutions supported
  - L2TP-based solution using tunnel switch
  - GRE-based solution using PDSN
- ◆ Mobile IP can be used across PSS domains
  - Mobile IP unattractive for micro mobility
  - latency and overhead concerns in access network
  - Simple IP across PSS domains supported by some vendors

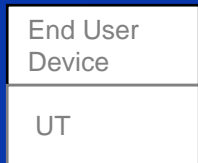
# Mobility Variants

- ◆ Tunnel switch based handover
  - L2TP extension
  - negotiated by mobile and tunnel switch
- ◆ PDSN based handover
  - 3GPP2 standard solution
  - negotiated by PCF (base station) and PDSN
  - conceptually similar to tunnel switch solution

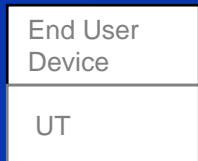


# Tunnel Switch Pre-Handover

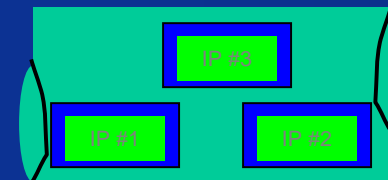
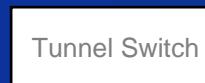
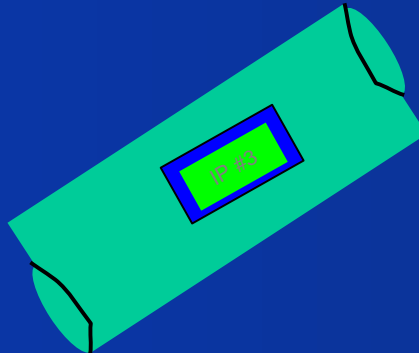
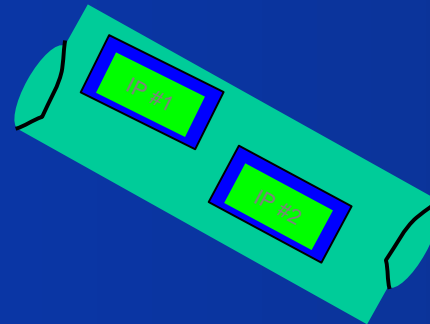
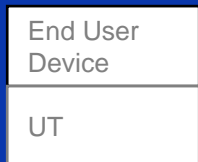
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User 2

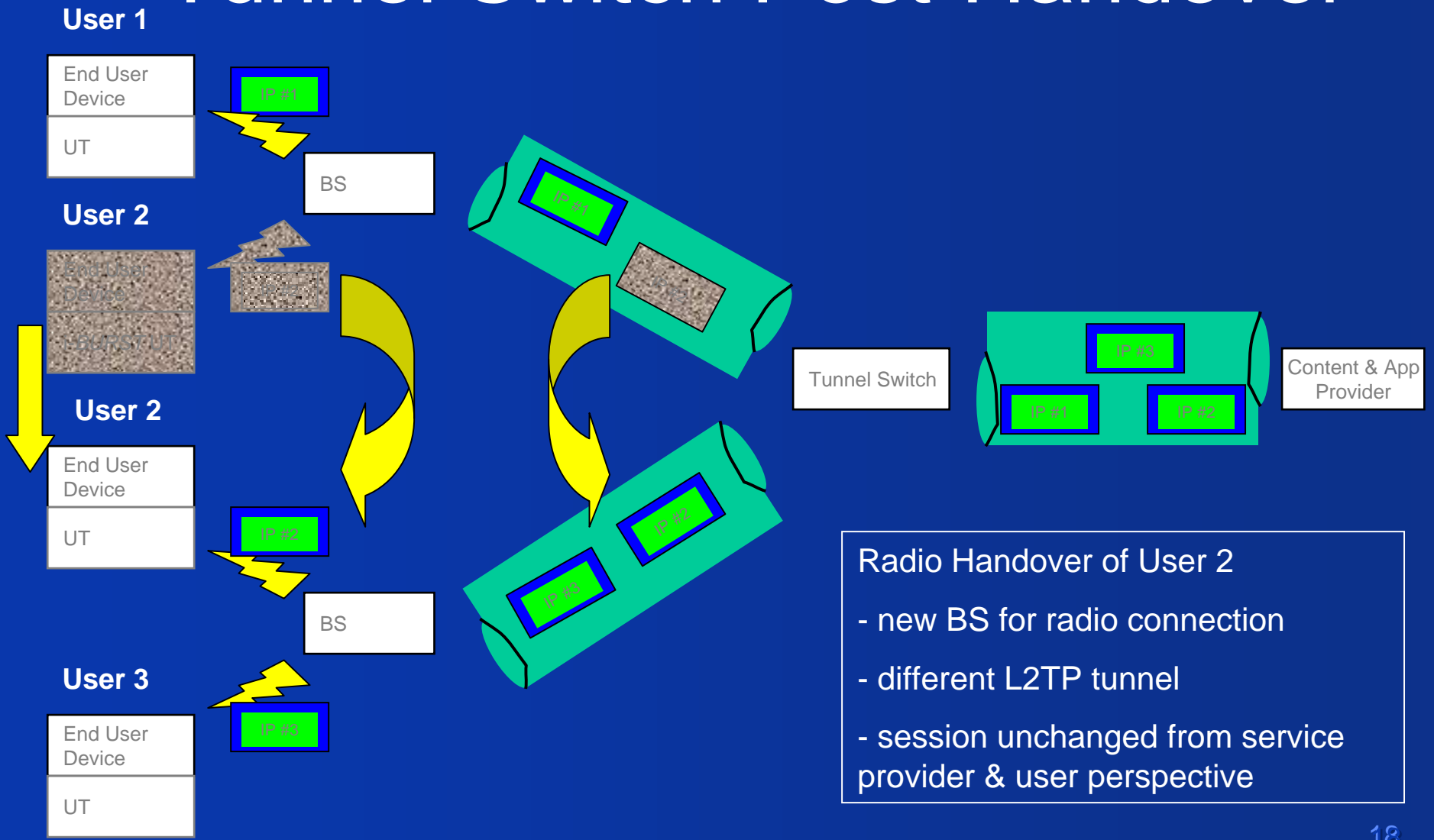


User 3



user IP sessions  
encapsulated in PPP  
transported with L2TP

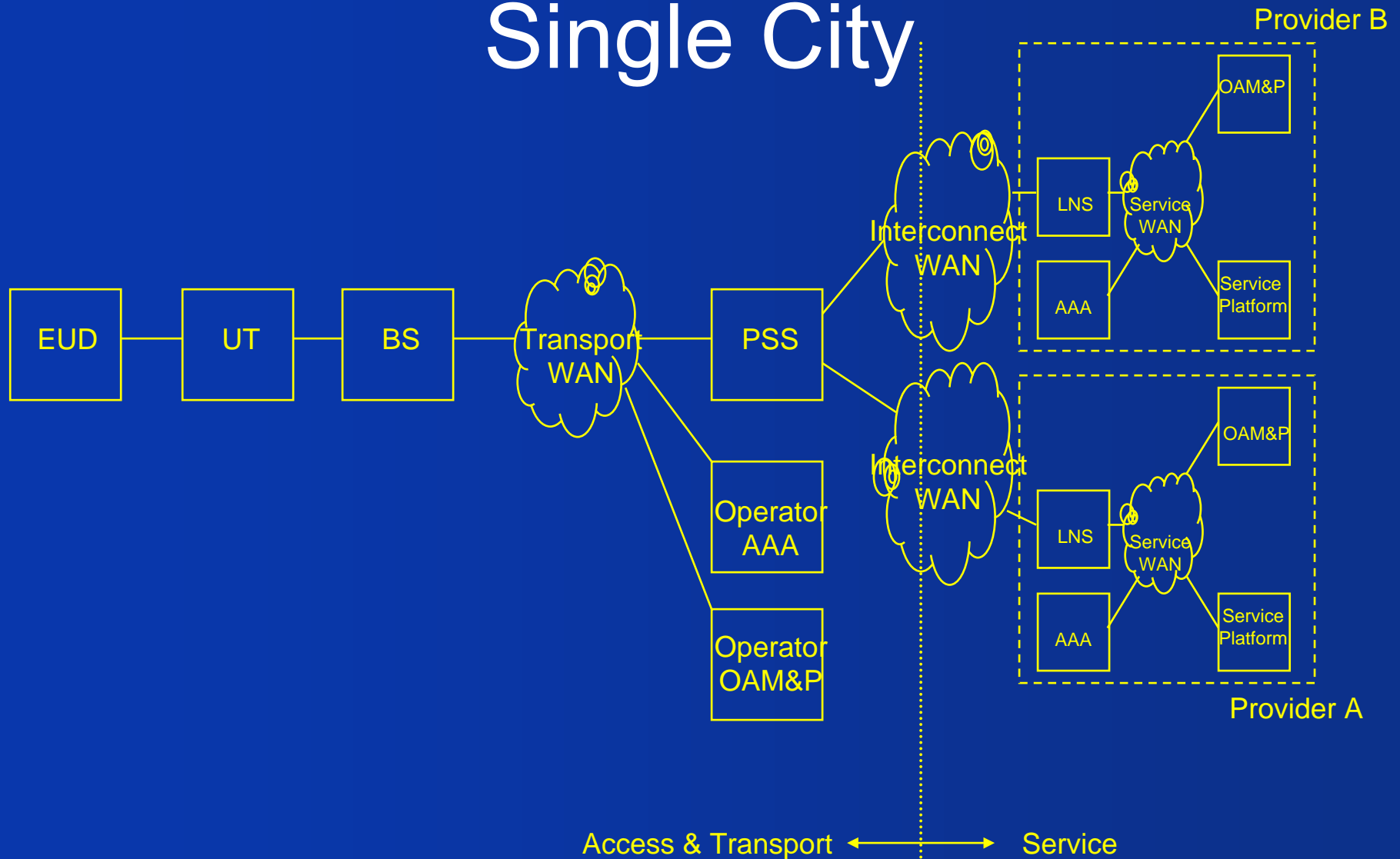
# Tunnel Switch Post-Handover



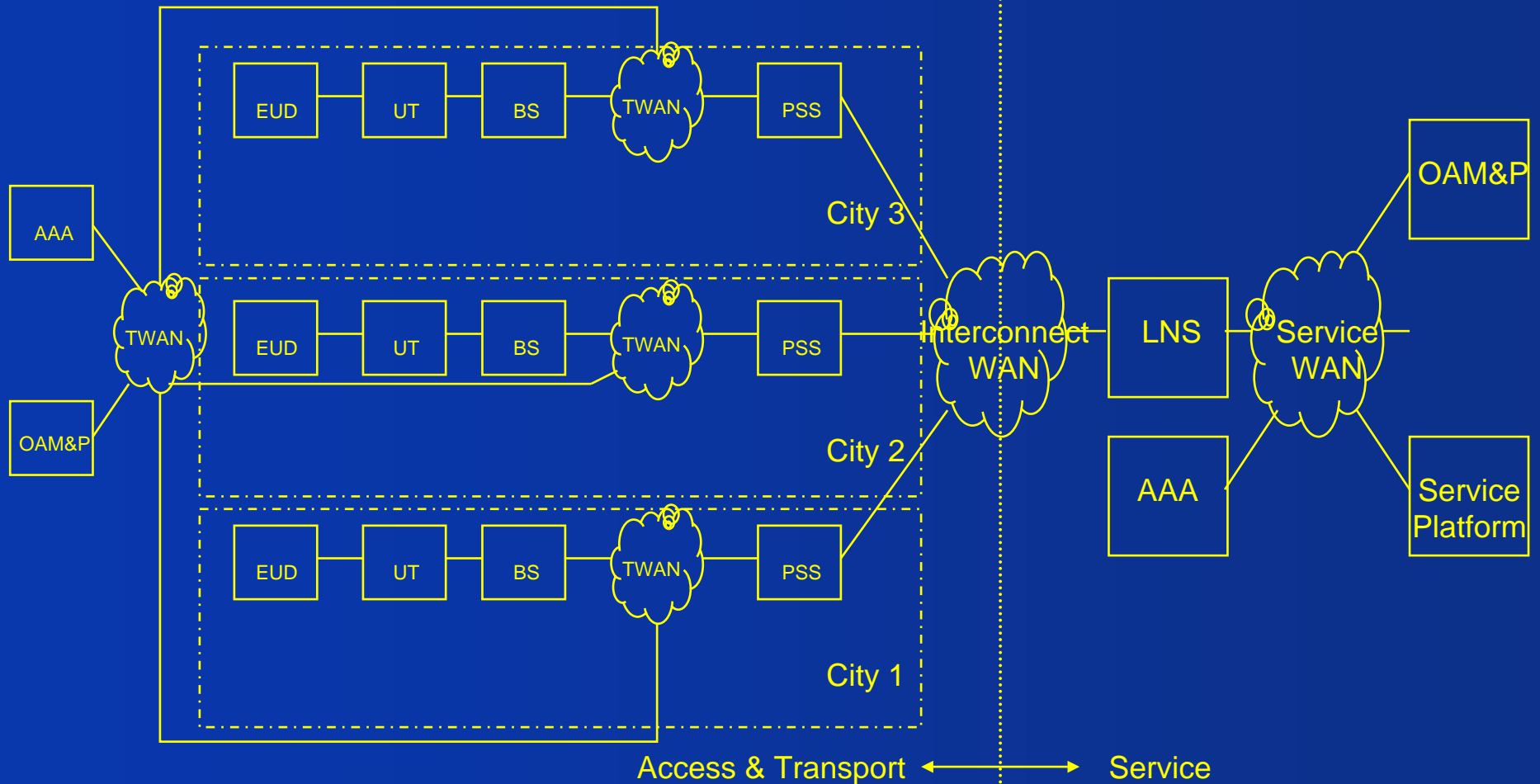
# General Architectural Principles

- ◆ Single PSS per service area typical
- ◆ Large PSS's can support hundreds of thousands of concurrent PPP sessions
  - Example: 200,000 sessions \* 10% penetration \* 50% of the users logged on at any time = 4 M pops
- ◆ Multiple service providers/single access network
- ◆ Each SP has a small number of global sites
- ◆ Parallel ATN and service provider services

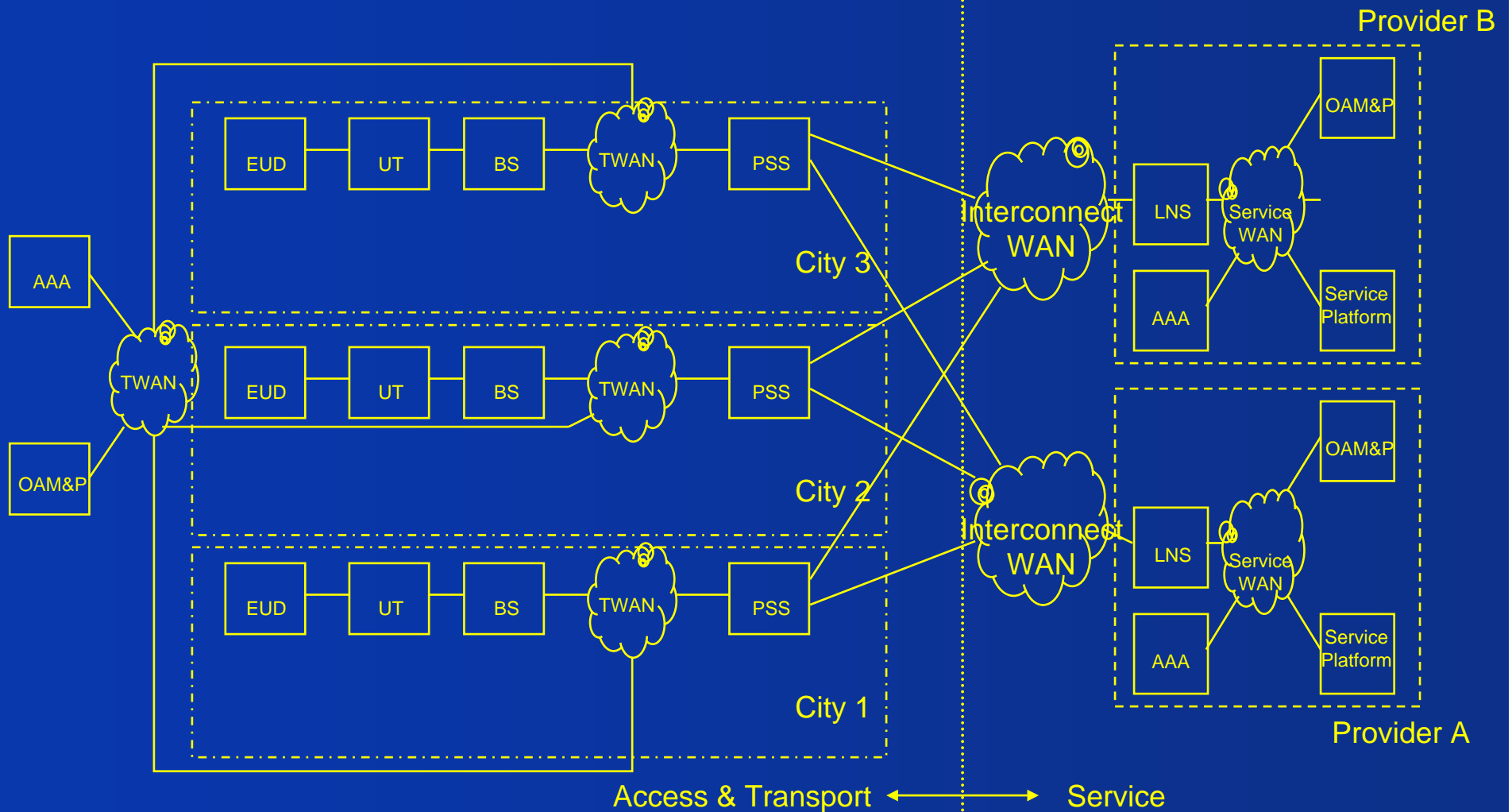
# Multiple Service Providers, Single City



# Multiple Cities, Single Service Provider



# Multiple Cities, Multiple Service Providers



# Summary

- ◆ MBWA should be network solution agnostic
- ◆ Layer 2 Switching Solution presented
  - leverages existing broadband access networks,
  - compatible with derivative networks such as 3GPP, 3GPP2
  - standards-based, fast micro-mobility (e.g. Simple IP)
  - standard provisioning, billing tools (benefit of PPP)
  - no special software on EUD (as with Mobile IP)

# Summary (continued)

- ◆ Layer 2 Switching Solution presented
  - reduced complexity at base station, makes it a bridge rather than router/FA
  - eliminates HA bottleneck
  - PPP encapsulation hides IP addresses in transport network (in fact, PPP can be thought of as alternative tunneling technology to Mobile IP)
  - eliminates need for BS-BS communications
  - allows separate authentication of user and device
  - better suited to supporting multiple independent service provider model