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Open Access

a prerequisite for Science with richness and reach...

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Open Access

...a paradigm-shift already under way

Open Access in Public Digital Services

An analogy with interesting reflections in Science...

- Cities, Municipalities and Central Governments are facing a new reality: they cannot think of the innovative digital services that citizens demand...
- It's **not** about broadband **infrastructure** any more, or some supply-driven e-services

Citizens request more advanced and life-pertinent digital policies!

Open Access in Public Digital Services

If it's **not** the municipality or the government,
then **Who?**

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An Australian example...

The screenshot shows the Youth Central website with a navigation menu on the left, a main content area with 'FEATURES' and 'NEWS' sections, and a right sidebar with 'YOUR LOCAL AREA', 'CAREER PROFILES', and 'OUR OTHER WEBSITES'. A survey titled 'HAVE YOUR SAY. SPEAK OUT!' is also visible.

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HAVE YOUR SAY. SPEAK OUT!
What are your best tricks for surviving exams?
With exams, don't get stressed, be calm. Try to study over time so you don't cram in the last couple of days. - Jess
» What's your view?

WHO ASKED YOU?
Do you want to own your own home?
YES **NO** **UNSURE**

Yes	<div style="width: 84%;"></div>	84 %
No	<div style="width: 7%;"></div>	7 %
Unclear	<div style="width: 9%;"></div>	9 %

FEATURES VIDEO // AUDIO // PODCASTS & MORE

Financial WHOZIS!?
Roving reporter Adolfo explains the current global financial crisis in easy-to-understand language.

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NEWS

NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK 2009
Applications for grants for National Youth Week 2009 are now open, so it's time to start planning your NYW event! Find out how...

FreeZACentral workshops
FreeZACentral is a mentorship program aimed at getting young people into the music industry.

Anti-Defamation training program
The Anti-Defamation Centre is planning a Multifaith Youth Leadership Training Program for early February 2009 in Melbourne.

Go Girl Go For I.T.
Go Girl-Go for I.T. provides an insight into the career opportunities in information and communications technology.

DSE calendar competition

Take our survey & you could win an iPod nano chromatic!

YOUR LOCAL AREA
Check out what's happening in your local area.
Please select **GO!**

CAREER PROFILES
What job? Choose from over 250 career profiles.

Tacey
Meet Tacey, a youthcentral Roving Reporter. With her great passions for writing, reading and literature, it comes as no surprise that Tacey would love to be a writer in the future, and has enrolled in an Arts course at Melbourne University.
» Read more.

OUR OTHER WEBSITES

freeza [View the FreeZA website.](#)

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A Greek example...

Απερία
ΔΕΚΚΑ 23, ΑΘΗΝΑΙΩΝ 10562 [αλλαγή](#)

1. Περιπατήστε 502m (7 λεπτά) και επιβιβάζεστε στο 'ΜΕΤΡΟ Γραμμή 3' στη στάση 'ΣΤ. ΜΕΤΡΟ ΣΥΝΤΑΓΜΑ', ανεμονή στη στάση το πολύ 5 λεπτά

2. ... αποβιβάζεστε στη στάση 'ΣΤ. ΜΕΤΡΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΣΜΟΣ' (μετά από 1 στάσεις). Τέλος, περιπατήστε 430m (6 λεπτά) μέχρι τον προορισμό σας

Στοιχεία διαδρομής για επιλεγμένη ημέρα: 'Καθημερινή'
Εκτιμώμενη διάρκεια διαδρομής: 21 λεπτά
Ανεμονή σε στάσεις: 5 λεπτά
Carbon footprint: 0.26 Kg CO₂ (160g/km)

[Ανεπιστολή Διαδρομής](#)

Προορισμός
Λ. ΒΑΣ. ΚΩΝΣΤΑΝΤΙΝΟΥ 48, ΑΘΗΝΑΙΩΝ 11635 [αλλαγή](#)

Γρηγορότερη Διαδρομή Λιγότερο Περιπάτημα

Καθημερινή Σάββατα Κυριακή

Μετρό Τράμ Ηλεκτρικό

Τρέιλερ Λεωφορεία Παρασυστά

Δεν θέλω να αλλάξω μέσα στην διαδρομή

youdrive.gr

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<< προηγούμενη στάση [επόμενη στάση](#) >>

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Is this trend infectious?!...

Show Us a Better Way

Tell us what you'd build with public information and we could help fund your idea!

What would you create with public information?

Ever been frustrated that you can't find out something that ought to be easy to find? Ever been baffled by league tables or 'performance indicators'? Do you think that better use of public information could improve health, education, justice or society at large?

The UK Government wants to hear your ideas for new products that could improve the way public information is communicated. The [Power of Information Taskforce](#) is running a competition on the Government's behalf, and we have

a £20,000 prize fund to develop the best ideas to the next level. You can see the type of thing we are looking for [here](#). If you can build it - even better - we have an additional £20,000 cash to give you.

To show they are serious, the Government is making available [gigabytes](#) of [new](#) or [previously invisible](#) public information especially for people to use in this competition. Rest assured, this competition does **not** include personal information about people.

We're confident that you'll have more and better ideas than we ever will. You don't have to have any technical knowledge, nor any money, **just a good idea, and 5 minutes spare to [enter the competition](#).**

Go on, **Show Us A Better Way**.

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About This Site

The [Power of Information Taskforce](#) is helping government become more open, transparent and effective through better use of published information.

This [competition](#) is asking for your help in developing better ways to publish the vast swathes of non-personal [information](#) that the government collects & creates on your behalf

Public data is your data. [Tell us what you'd build with it](#) and you could win £20k to develop your idea to the next level.

Search

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What is the strong message?

- Citizens grasped the opportunity of Open Access public data, provided by accredited institutions, and developed new services on the basis of their own real needs
- New digital services built incrementally by utilising wikis, open platforms, forums, Web 2.0 tools etc. – **all existing, open and widely-accessible tools**
- Results were encouraged and embraced by local governments
- Focus was **NOT** on new infrastructure or new budgetary provisions....

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... if Cities start doing it, then why not Science?

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The issue is certainly not new and enjoys substantial agreement...

- "**Open access** (OA) is **free**, immediate, permanent, full-text, online access, for any user, web-wide, to digital scientific and scholarly material primarily research articles published in peer-reviewed journals"*
- Since Feb 2002 (Budapest Open Access initiative) there has been a **substantial** (though not universal!) agreement
- **EC embraced the concept** lately more aggressively (Open Access pilot for research Articles)

Open Access in Science

However you look at it, there are advantages... in "Richness" and "Reach"

"Moral" issues

- It's the taxpayers money that funds research after all !...

Promotion and democratization of Science (increased "Reach")

- Higher researcher visibility
- Broader scientific debate (wider public)
- Improved access of developing nations and/ or institutions who cannot afford subscriptions

Contribution to innovation and commercialisation ("Richness")

- Improved access of SMEs to latest quality research
- New paths for commercialisation and innovation especially beyond national borders

If support is unanimous,
then why “not yet”...?

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Finding a financially sustainable dissemination system: EC's approach

EC's Open Access Pilot initiative is on the right track

- **"Gold" Open Access** – costs of publishing covered by authors (i.e. university libraries)
 - Open Access Journals
 - "Hybrid" journals (subscription based by with Open Access option)

- **"Green" Open Access** – authors themselves deposit in repositories (archives- OpenDOAR)
 - Embargo period (6-12 mo.) allows publishers to recoup investment

Despite these benefits and suggestions...

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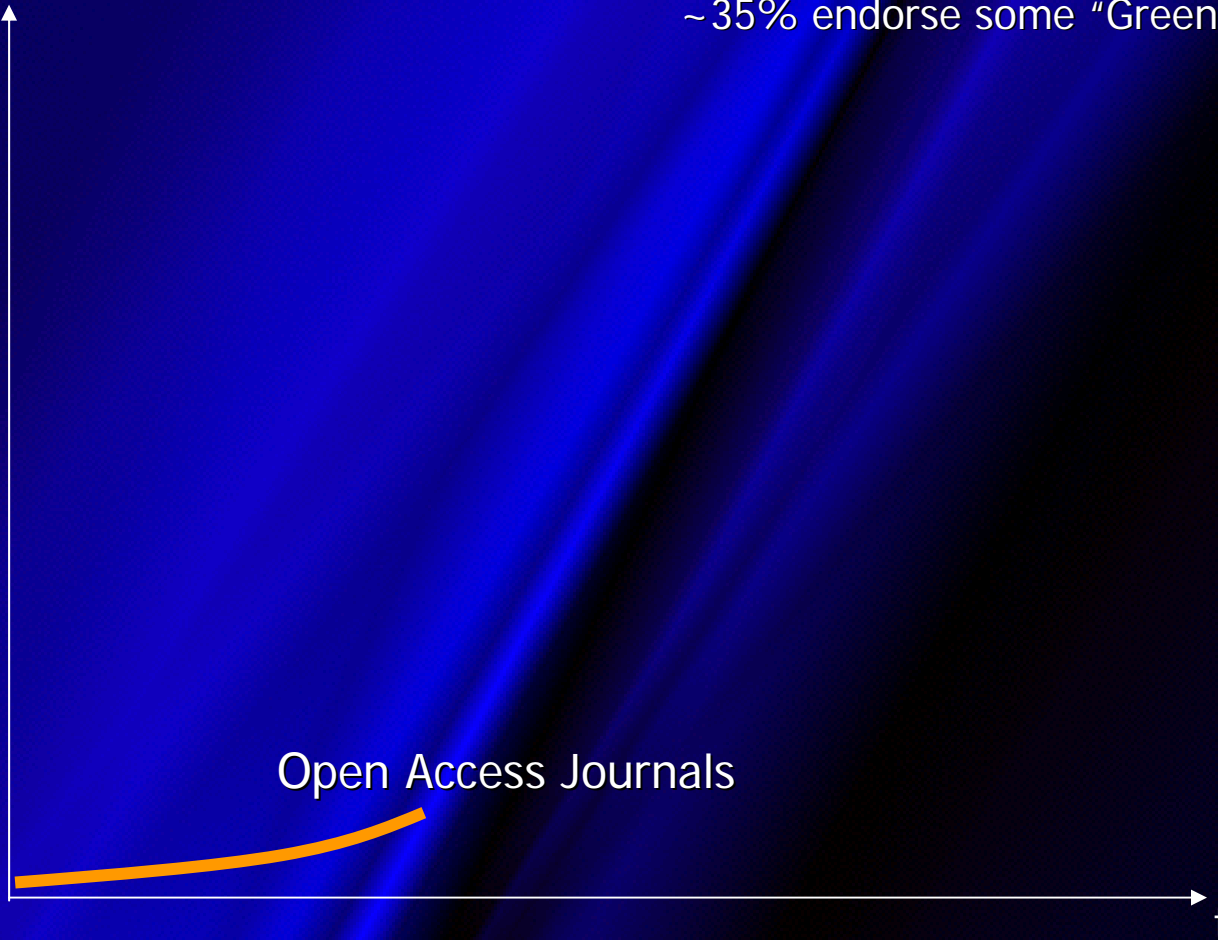
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Let's bring back the "City" analogy...

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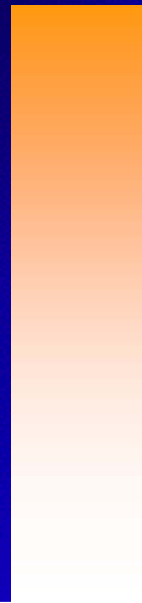
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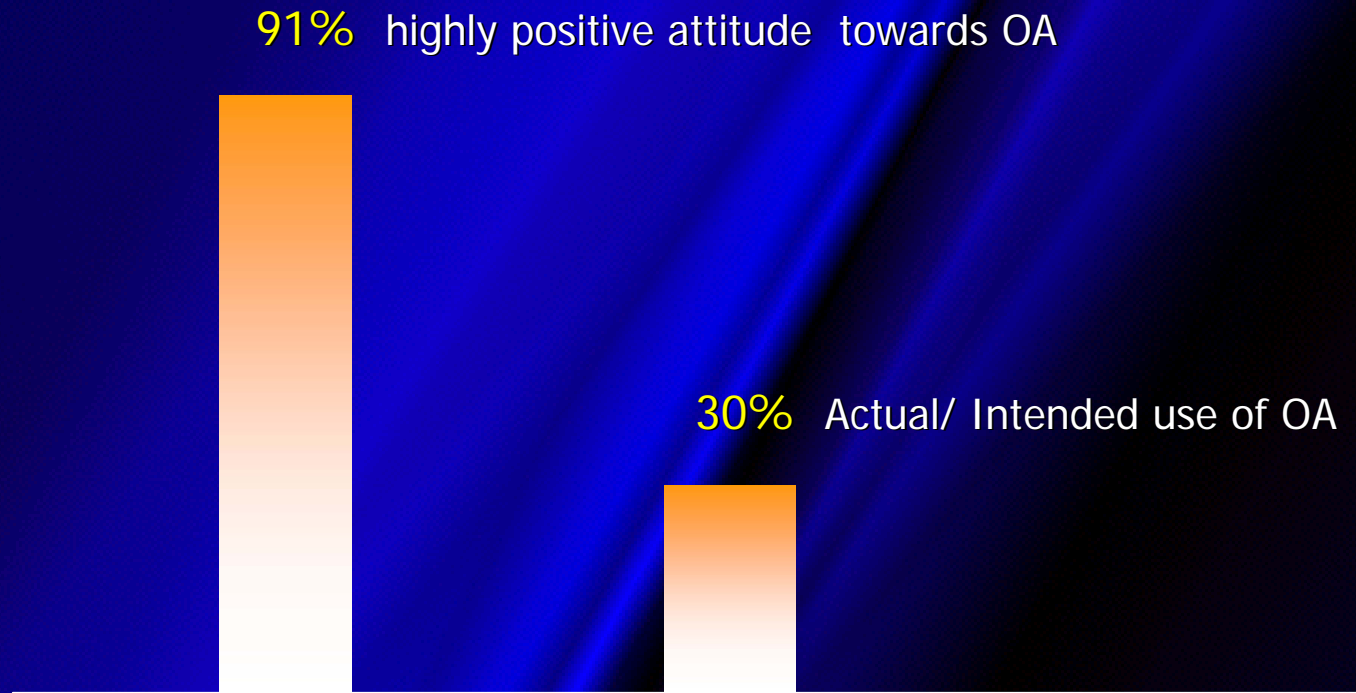
Sample: **1433** people from **49** countries
 688 people stated to be scientists
 (professors, assoc. prof., asst prof., doctoral cand. etc.)
 Varying disciplines

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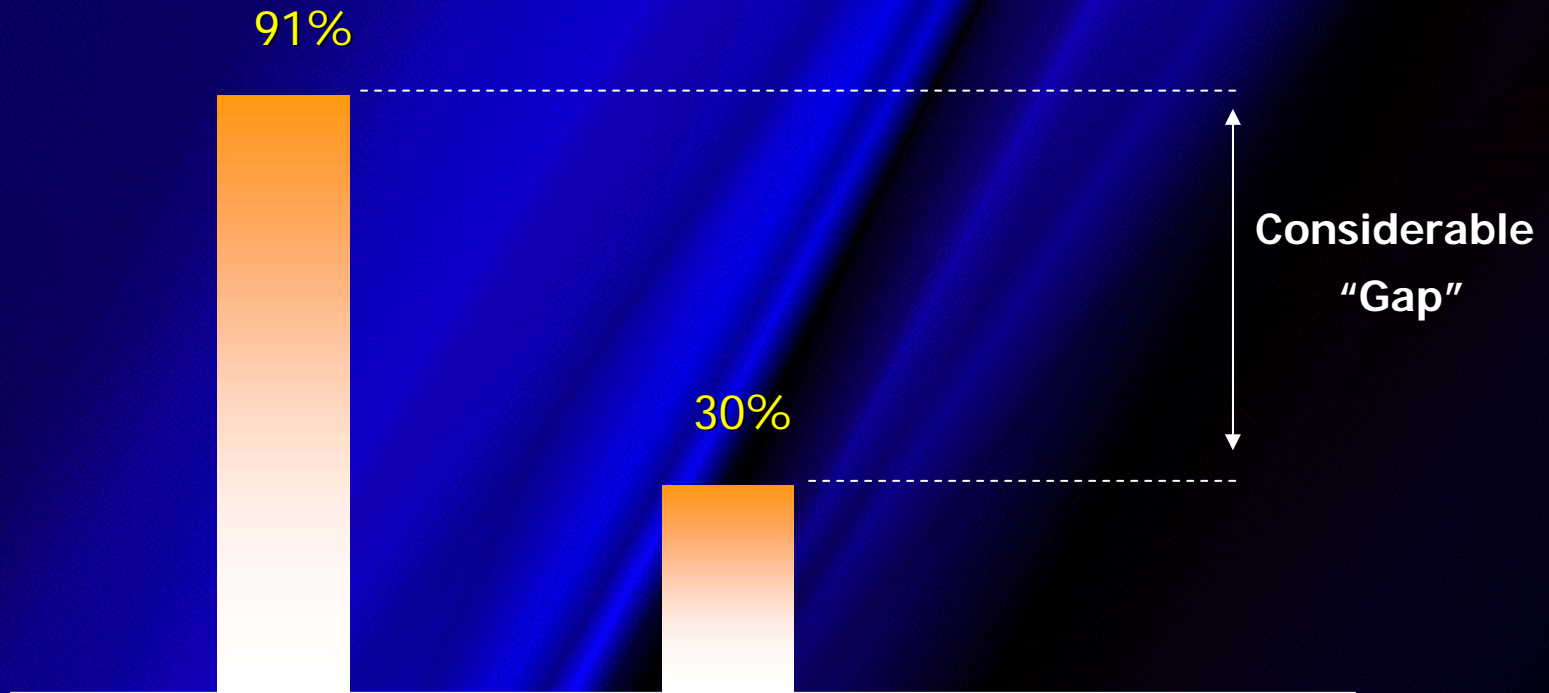
91% highly positive attitude towards OA



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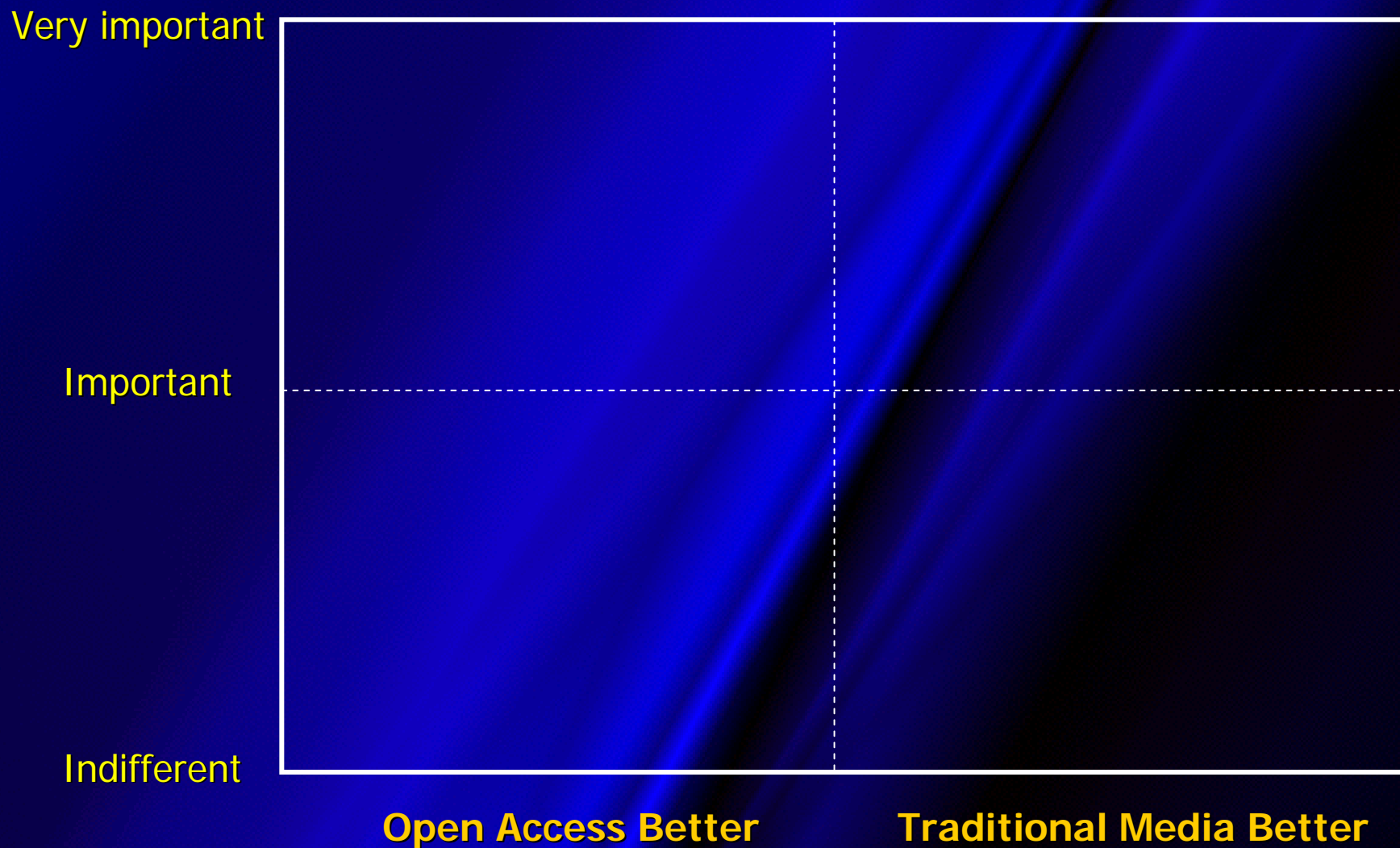


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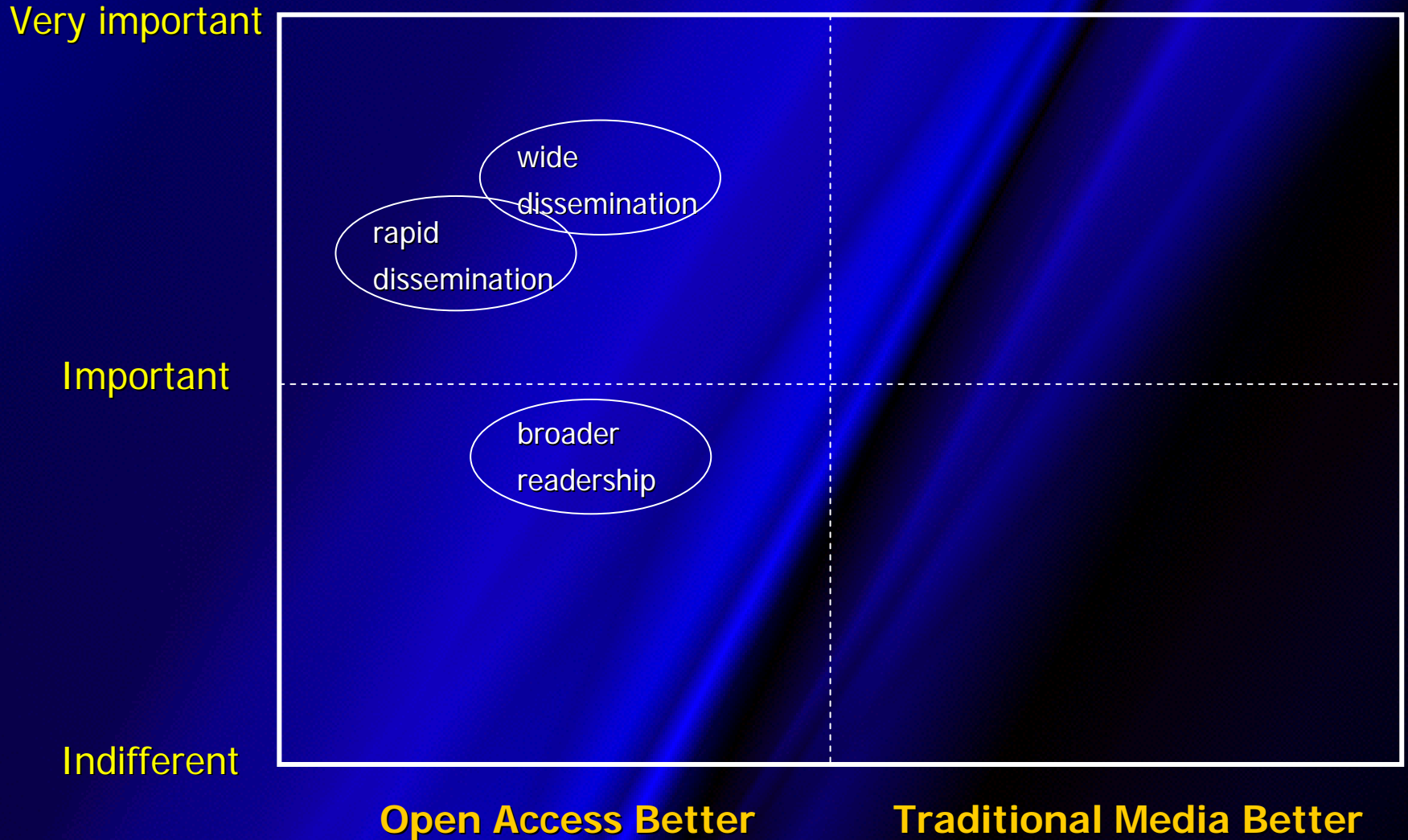
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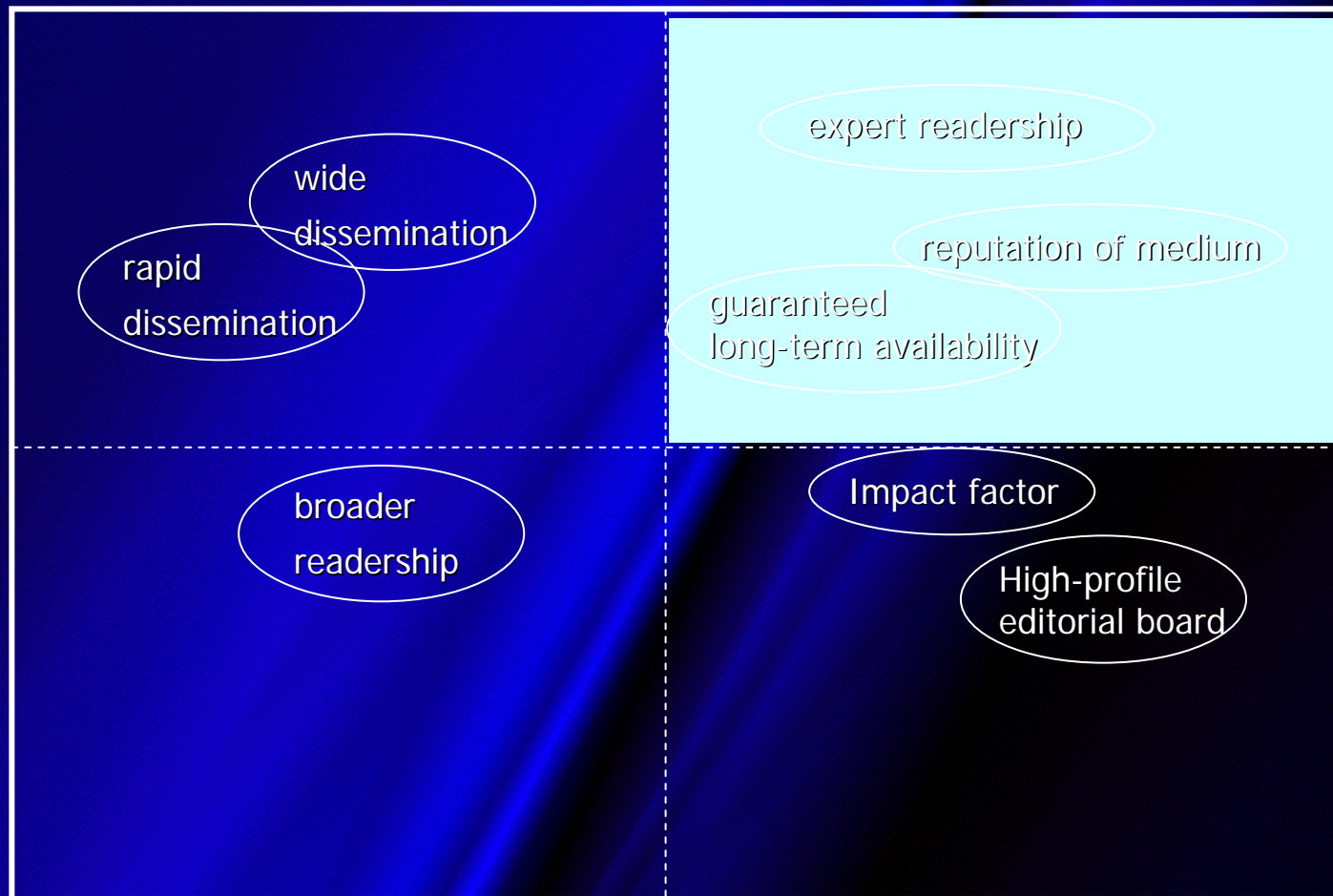
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Comparison of Open Access and Traditional Publication

Very important

Important

Indifferent



Open Access Better

Traditional Media Better

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These findings provide a solid base for policy development to promote OA

Supporting Factors

Inhibiting Factors

- + Positive Attitude towards OA
- + Experience in accessing literature in OA high
- + Higher speed of publication
- + Possibly higher citation rates
- + Easy access in developing countries
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Factors supporting and inhibiting the Open Access Principle

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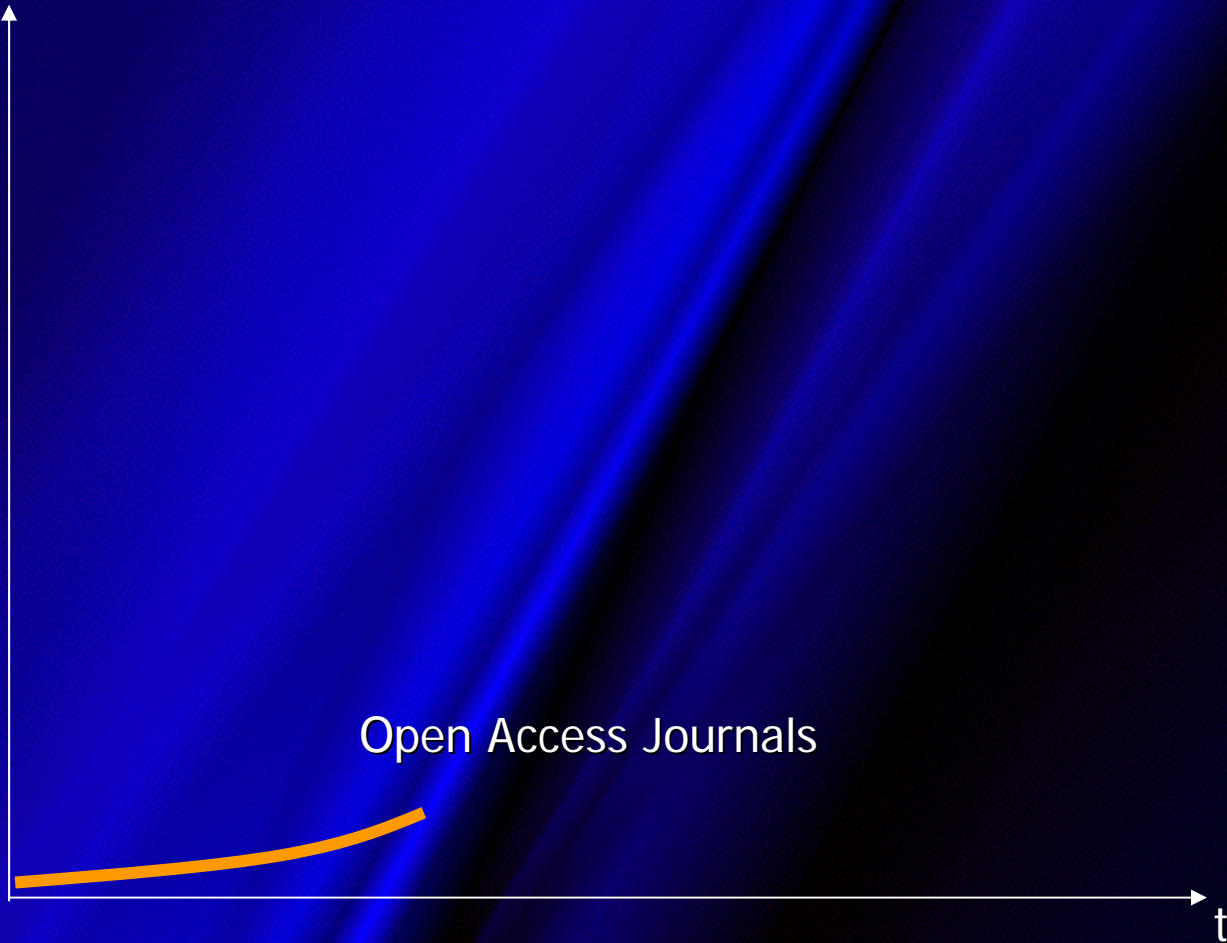
- Low level of peer use
- Deficient reach of core-target group of colleagues of own discipline
- No institutional support
- Higher reputation in trad. public.
- No guarantee of long-term availability
- Little familiarity
- Deficient impact factor

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The way forward...

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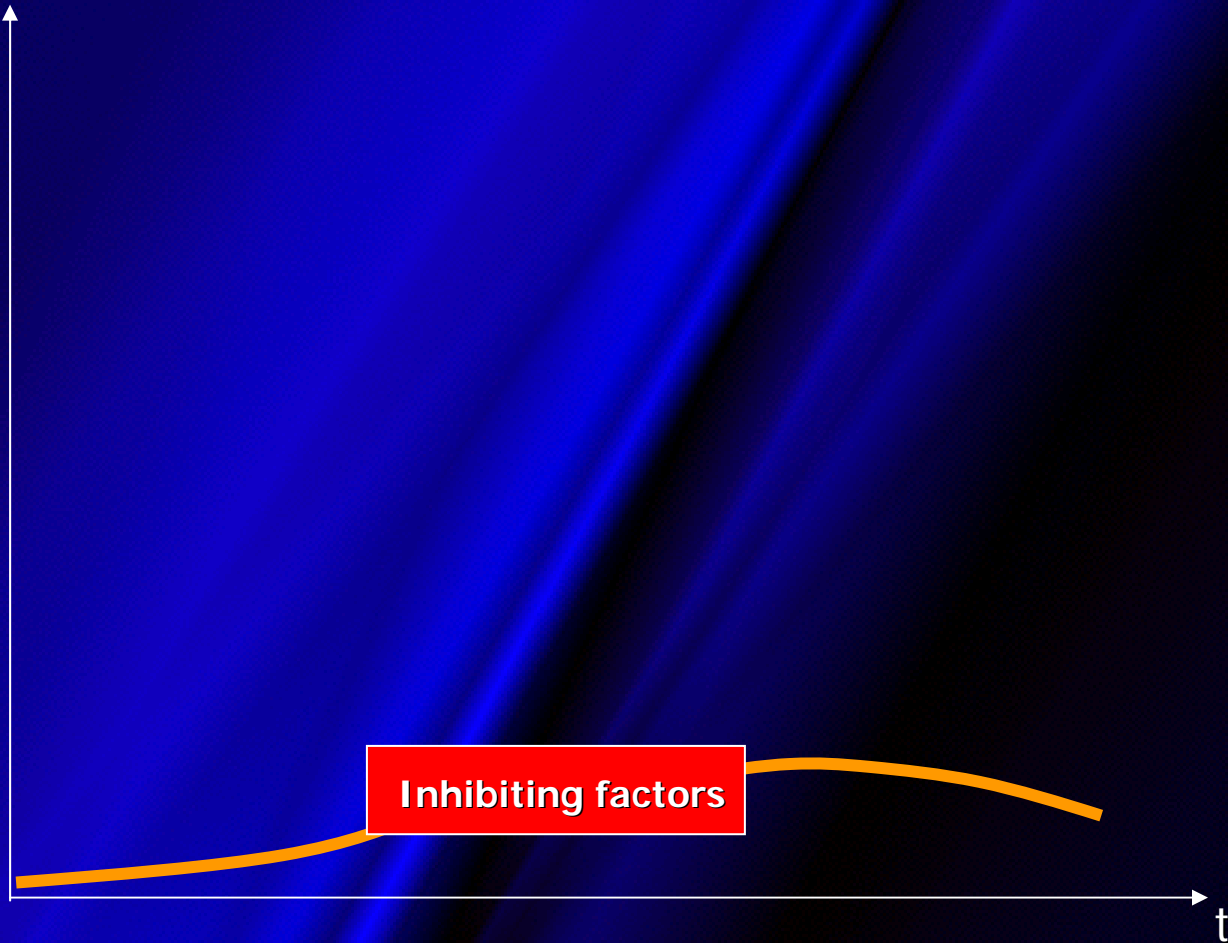


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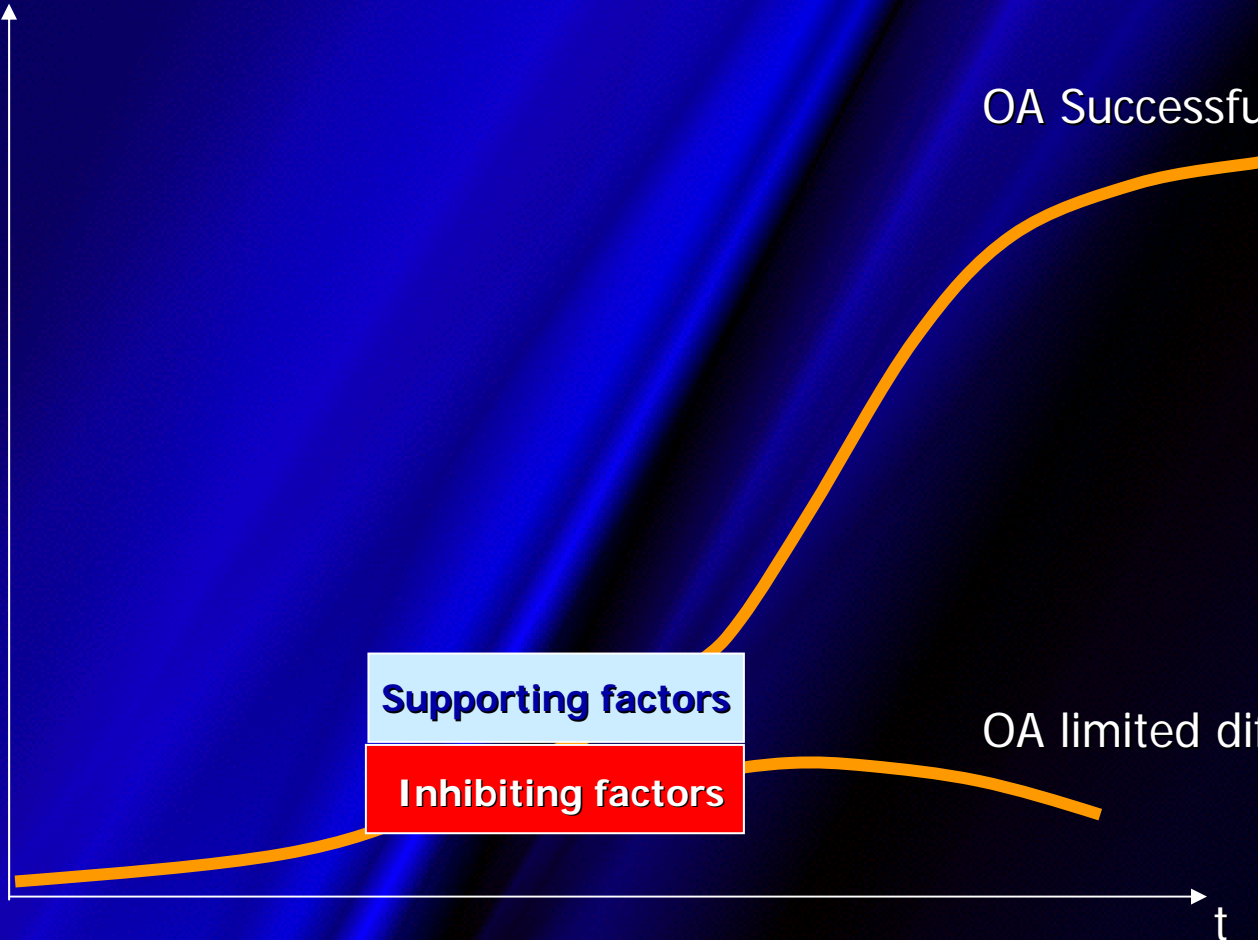
OA Successful diffusion

Supporting factors

Inhibiting factors

OA limited diffusion

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... Some concluding thoughts on policies

Open Access in Science - Policies

Greek Digital Strategy 2006-2013 already supporting OA principle

Initiatives already under way

- Financing of projects such as the "National Information System for Research and Technology, Phase III – Open Access Electronic Repositories and Journals" - National Documentation Centre

The years ahead

- A new OP "Digital Convergence" (2007-2013) with a clearly articulated focus/ direction on financing "Digital Knowledge" initiatives within the Greek Digital Strategy 2006-2013

Open Access in Science - Policies

Greek Digital Strategy 2006-2013 - critical dimensions

- Not so much an issue of infrastructure - beware once again of supply-side initiatives!

Most important: **reach a critical science mass.**

- Academic institutions and research foundations have a key-role to play, but need **strong co-ordination**:
 - to help disseminate the Open Access principle at researchers everywhere
 - to inform about the possibility of additional OA publications
 - to gradually adopt/ enforce the principle of "Gold" Open Access in publications
 - to promote practices of self-archiving on their own websites

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After all....

if **Open Access** is a principle
that unleashes Innovation and Creativeness...

...then how come

Academic Institutions & Research Foundations,
the “knowledge factories” of today,
not be at the Creativeness forefront ?



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