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IoT·M2M Numbering Plan in Korea

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Cellular M2M Trend in Korea

- As of Sep. 2018, cellular M2M records less than 8million lines
 - Machina Research estimation: 30million by 2023 (connections)
 - OVUM estimation: 10.16 million by 2022 (connections)
- No number issues for M2M devices connected via fixed-line network
 - IPv4 or IPv6 should be used as identifier
- M2M devices via mobile network demand numbers
 - LoRA device uses its own identification (Dev EUI by IEEE, LTID)
 - LTE-M & LTE NB-IoT devices use USIM > IMSI (E.212)

Recalling the Recommendation of ECC

• Revisiting the recommendations of ECC in 2010 & 2011:

In the long-term, IPv6 should become an alternative numbering resource for M2M applications

In the short to medium term, a combination of the following could be an option:

- 1. Use existing mobile number ranges
- 2. Use a new number range
- 3. Use an international numbering solution; or
- 4. Use network internal numbers

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- Options 1 & 2 were mainly considered to secure M2M number resource
- Option 1 : use mobile number range
 - Mobile number follows E.164 numbering system
 - Possibility of exhaustion of number range (around 90% was used)
 - Extension of mobile number range was not a feasible option
 - Extension of IMSI was not feasible although MSISDN might be feasible (but costly)

Country Code for geographic area

National Destination Code

Subscriber Number



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- Option 2 : use new number range
 - Number range used for pager was available for new assignment
 - Number portability was not a significant concern
 - Devices supporting voice call & SMS
 - \rightarrow use mobile phone number range
 - Some services had already been using mobile numbers e.g., Telematics, Wireless Router, etc.
 - Mobile number unification policy shall bring more freedom for future use of numbers (01X numbers \rightarrow 010)

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 In 2013 Feb., MSIP(MSIT) of Korea decided to introduce a new number range for M2M devices





MCC Mobile Country Code

- MNC Mobile Network Code
- MSIN Mobile Subscription Identification Number
- IMSI International Mobile Subscription Identity
- MSIT may allocate up to 10⁵ numbers (or less) for each application

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- Introducing new number range secured 80 million numbers for M2M use
- Devices supporting voice calls (e.g., smart watch or tablets) may be assigned with existing mobile phone number
- As of Dec. '17, 13.8% of total numbers was allotted to Telcos, and only 6.3% has been actually used
- In the short-run, we do not expect a shortage of numbers for M2M and expect to collect the numbers used for 2G
- However, forecasting for M2M number demand is still important for decision of policy direction

- The number of M2M devices are monthly reported with 6 classifications and this produces 6 possibly correlated time series
- Thus various time series analysis can be used for forecasting
- For a short-run, VAR model and for long-run, VECM can be used

VAR(p):

$$X_{t} = C + \Theta_{1}X_{t-1} + \dots + \Theta_{p}X_{t-p} + \varepsilon_{t} = C + \Sigma_{i=1}^{p}\Theta_{i}X_{t-i} + \varepsilon_{t}$$

$$i) \quad E(X_{t}) = \mu < \infty$$

$$ii) \quad Var(X_{t}) = E[(X_{t} - \mu)(X_{t} - \mu)'] = \Sigma_{X} < \infty$$

$$iii) \quad Cov(X_{t}, X_{t+k}) = E[(X_{t} - \mu)(X_{t+k} - \mu)'] = T_{X}(k)$$

Bass type models –esp. Bayesian Bass - can also be considered

All series need to satisfy technical assumptions (stationary cond.)





- Appropriate VAR(3) model produced good in-sample forecasting results for 5 series while 1 (remote) exhibited high variation
- The study suggests that VAR model would be a good indication for short-term forecasting(a year-long); however, forecasting-error might become significantly large for highly volatile series
- MSIT closely monitors the available number resources for M2M and the forecasting exercises would be extended for more precision

