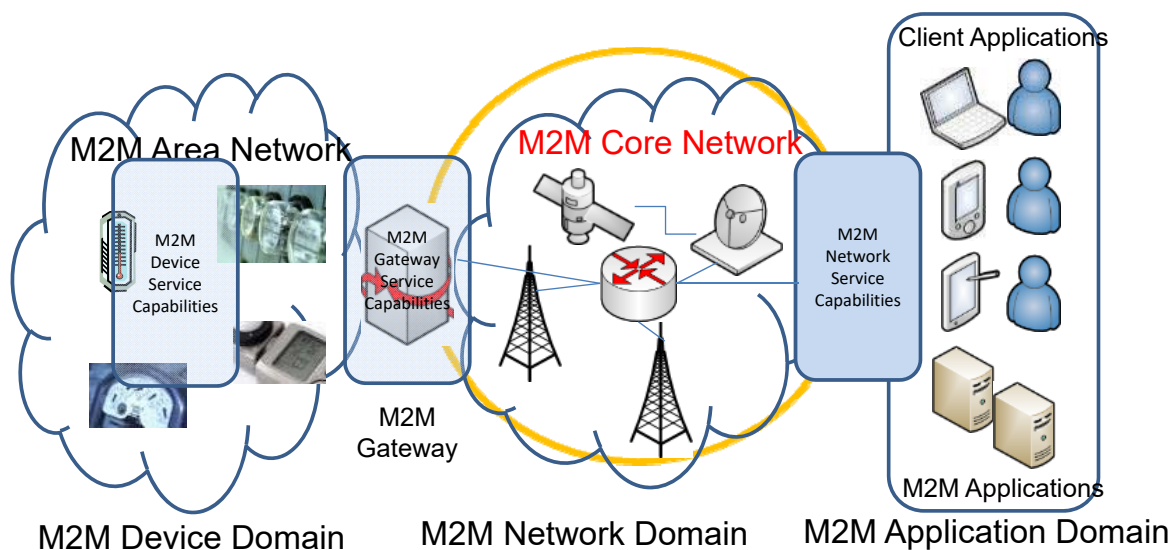


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M2M Impact to Core Networks

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- M2M Communication Scenarios
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- Impact to Core Networks
 1. Cost Reduction Requirement
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 3. Numbering, Identifiers, and Addressing Requirement



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M2M Communication Scenarios

- Network Communication Scenarios
 - Machine-to-machine
 - Machine-to-server
 - Machine-to-gateway-to-server
- Machine Communication Scenarios
 - Rarely send data and device-originated only
 - Rarely send data but have to be reachable
 - Continuously need to send and receive data
 - Occasionally need to send data
 - High-bandwidth data such as video surveillance
 - Low-bandwidth data such as meter reading



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Which Network to Use: Fixed or Mobile?

- Mobile network is the choice because
 - The cost of connecting M2M devices to a fixed network (wiring and cabling to each device) could be very expensive.
 - A large percentage of M2M applications involves mobile devices (e.g. connected car, eHealth)
 - Global roaming can be supported by the mobile network.
- However, need to ensure the ubiquitous coverage of a mobile network.

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Characteristics of M2M Communications

- M2M communications can be characterized by their
 - Data Volume,
 - QoS Requirements,
 - Time Sensitivity and
 - Communication Direction.
- The network needs to be designed to deal with device/application diversities.

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Impact to Core Networks (1)

Cost Reduction Requirement

- M2M communications have to be low-cost (per device). Thus the cost to provide M2M communications by operators has to be reduced to a minimum.
- To meet this requirement, we need to first understand cost drivers and network cost components of M2M communications.

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Cost Reduction Requirement

Cost Drivers and Network Cost Components

- Cost Drivers
 - Number of group-based subscriptions
 - Number of simultaneously attached devices
 - Number of simultaneous always on data connections
 - Number of data sessions
 - Volume of data throughput
- Network Cost Components
 - SIM cards; E.164 numbers; HLR capacity
 - Mobility context data in network node
 - Session context data in network node
 - Signaling for mobility management and connection setup
 - Radius/Diameter capacity
 - Radio capacity etc.

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Cost Reduction Methods

- Group-based Communications
- Network Resource Reduction for Idle Devices
- Network Signaling Reduction
- Avoidance of Peaks in User Data
- Separate Network for M2M

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Group-Based Communications

- Types of Group-Based Communications
 - Group-based subscription and charging
 - Group-based policing
 - Group-based triggering
- Issues of Grouping M2M Devices
 - Allowing devices belong to multiple groups complicates subscription and profile management.
 - 3GPP allows only one group for each subscription.

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Network Resource Reduction for Idle Devices

- Devices that are idle but attached to the network still keep their session context or mobility management context.
- Trade-off between
 - saving network resources by removing these device contexts and
 - adding the signaling overhead of reattaching and reconnecting these devices for sending data.

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Network Signaling Reduction

- In M2M communications, the ratio between the amount of network signaling and the amount of use data transmitted is relatively high.
- Ways to reduce network signaling:
 - Charge not only data but signaling of M2M devices.
 - Exchange no mobility management signaling when devices are not moving.
 - Keep devices detached when they have no data to send.
 - Keep devices connected if they frequently send data
 - Send small data along with the signaling message.

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Avoidance of Peaks in User Data

- This is for operators to move the data transmission of M2M devices from peak hours of mobile networks by providing lower-rate or other incentives.
- 3GPP proposes the notion of “time-controlled” where an M2M device can only send data during a particular access grant time interval.
- Need to randomize access from M2M devices within the access grant time interval to avoid collision.



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Separate Networks for M2M

- Two scenarios
 - Separate both core and access networks for H2H and M2M communications
 - Only separate core networks for M2M communications
- Core networks designed specifically for M2M
 - Dedicated Core Network Central Equipment such as
 - Dedicated HLR: avoid congestion and overload from massive number of devices wanting to register on network at same time
 - Dedicated GGSN: customized for M2M
 - Specific GGSN Access Point Name (APN) for handling M2M traffic



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Impact to Core Networks (2)

Value-Added Services Requirement

- The example value-added services that operators must provide for M2M communications
 - QoS and Priority Differentiation
 - Charging and Subscription Management
 - Device Management
 - Connection Monitoring
 - Fraud Control
 - Secure Connection

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QoS Differentiation

- QoS for mobile networks should be applicable for serving diverse M2M services
- For example, QCI (QoS Class Identifier) for LTE is defined as follows.

Type	QCI	Priority	Packet delay (ms)	Packet error rate	Service example
GBR	1	2	100	0.01	Voice call (CBR)
	2	4	150	0.001	Video call (CBR)
	3	3	50	0.001	Real time Gaming
	4	5	300	0.000001	Video on demand
Non-GBR	5	1	100	0.000001	IMS Signaling
	6	6	300	0.000001	Voice/video over IP, Chat, DL Video streaming, Internet, E-mail etc.
	7	7	100	0.001	
	8	8	300	0.000001	
	9	9	300	0.000001	

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Priority Differentiation

- Another differentiation control In LTE is ARP, standing for "Allocation and Retention Priority".
- ARP is used during two procedures: during admission or allocation (setup signaling) of the bearer and during lifetime of the bearer, when new bearer is to be admitted/allocated (The existing bearer may be deallocated to make space for new bearer).
- Also at handover, ARP may be applied to decide which bearer can be dropped from the bearers allocated to a UE.
- ARP has three sub-parameters: priority level (1 thru 15), preemption capability (capable to preempt/not capable to preempt), and preemption vulnerability (preemptable /not preemptable).

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Charging and Subscription Management

- What operators need to provide include:
 - Customer management for group charging and subscription
 - Flexibility for device subscription and management by M2M application owners (no provisioning until the device is purchased)
 - Remote management of SIM cards (e.g. over-the-air provisioning with subscription details)
 - Flexible choices of mobile operators by customers

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Device Management (New!)

- Operators can provide values by
 - Initial activation of M2M devices
 - Continuous remote management of M2M devices
 - Support of device management protocols defined in OMA (Open Mobile Alliance) DM (Device Management) and BBF (Broadband Forum) TR-069.



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Connection Monitoring (New!)

- Need to ensure device connectivity is always in good condition.
- How to detect any anomaly without producing too much signaling overhead is a challenge.
- Connectivity status may include loss of connectivity, removal of a SIM card, roaming outside a particular area, or potential fraud etc.
- The events can be reported to M2M applications for appropriate actions.



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Fraud Control

- Detection of fraud can be an important value-added service by mobile operators. Examples for detection:
 - A device suddenly transmits more data than usual.
 - A device changes its location unexpectedly.
 - Etc.
- Prevention of fraud potentially include
 - Restrict the validity of SIM with certain types of device.
 - Restrict the connectivity of devices to limited addresses.
 - Restrict the functioning of devices to specific locations
 - Etc.



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Secure Connection

- Mobile operators support data transport security over mobile networks such as encryption for data transmitted over the radio interface and IP VPN for the interface between M2M gateway and server.
- In addition, operators also need to support end-to-end security for M2M applications at the application level.



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Impact to Core Networks (3)

Numbering, Identifiers, and Addressing Requirement

- E.164 Numbers
- IMSI Identifiers
- IMEI Identifiers
- ICCID Identifiers
- IP Addresses

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E.164 (or MSISDN) Numbers

{ National Significant Number }

CC	NDC	SN
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CC – Country Code

NDC – National Destination Number

SN – Subscriber Number

{ 1-3 digits
International Subscriber Number
15 digits }

- In M2M communications where majority of communications is data, a telephone number is not needed strictly.
- Nevertheless, an E.164 number is needed for billing, provisioning and for over-the-air device and SIM management in mobile networks.
- Thus there is an urgent shortage of numbers for M2M unless alternatives are developed for E.164.
- Options available include
 - IMSI and IP address
 - Fully Qualified Domain Name (FQDN).
 - SIP URI

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IMSI Identifiers

MCC	MNC	MSIN
3 digits	2-3 digits	9-10 digits

MCC – Mobile Country Code
MNC – Mobile Network Code
MSIN – Mobile Subscription
identification Number

- IMSI (International Mobile Station Identifier) is used in mobile networks to identify a particular subscription.
- 9 digits for MSIN can only support up to 10 million subscriptions.
- So it is best to have 10 digits for MSIN (up to 100 million subscriptions)
- If still not sufficient, an operator may need to take more than one MNC codes.
- IMSI thus is under stretch.

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IMEI Identifiers

TAC	SNR	CD
8 digits	6 digits	1 digit

TAC – Type Allocation Code
SNR – Serial Number
CD – Check Digit/Spare Digit

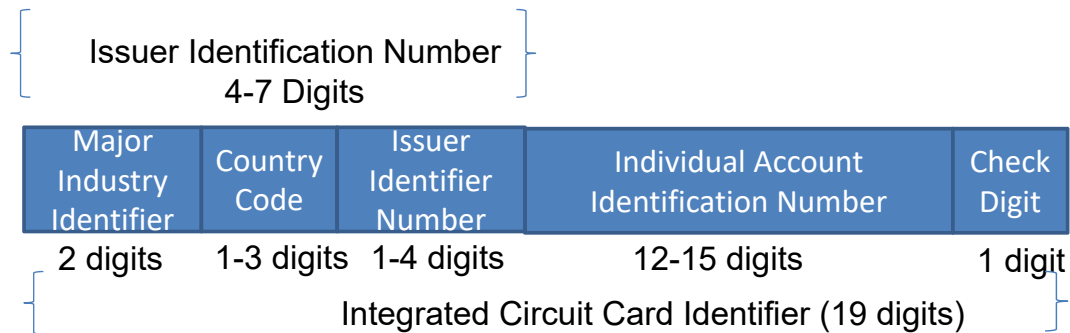
TAC	SNR	SVN
8 digits	6 digits	2 digits

TAC – Type Allocation Code
SNR – Serial Number
SVN – Software Version Number

- The IMEI (International Mobile Equipment Identity and Software Version) numbers are used to identify individual mobile devices.
- TAC identifies a particular model of mobile device.
- However, with 6-digit SNR the maximum number of devices of a single type is only 1 million.
- To escape this limit, multiple TACs may be allocated to the same type of devices.

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ICCID Identifiers



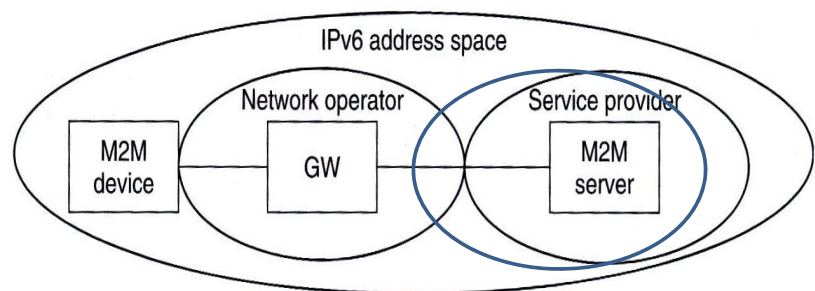
- The ICCID (International Circuit Card Identifier) identifies individual UICCs (Universal Identify Chip Cards).
- There are at least 12 digits for every issuer identification number. This is adequate for M2M applications.

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IP Addresses

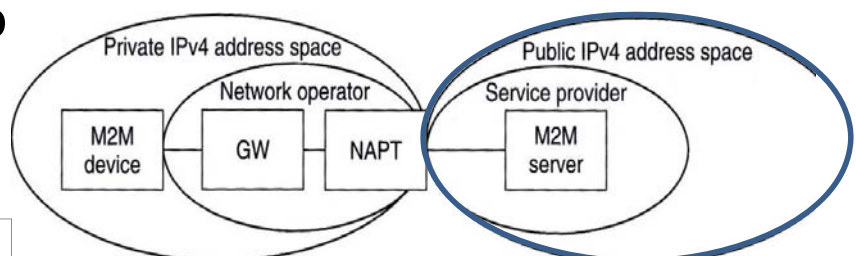
IPv6 Scenaric

- (V) Device->Server
- (V) Server->Device



IPv4 Scenario

- (V) Device->Server
- (X) Server->Device



V: OK

X: Special solution required

Source: M2M Communications: A Systems Approach, Wiley, 2012

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Core Network Optimization for M2M

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Core Network Optimization for M2M

- Triggering Optimization
- Overload and Congestion Control
- 3GPP Standardization

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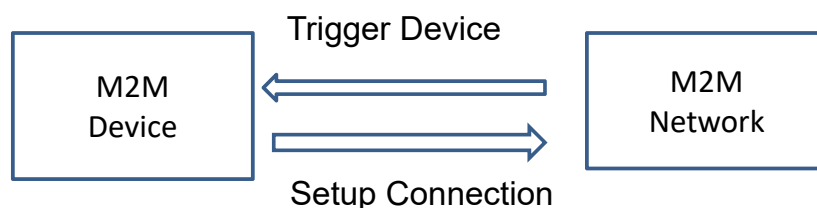
Triggering Optimization Outline

- What is triggering?
- Triggering mechanisms defined by 3GPP 23.888
 - Triggering using Mobile-Terminated SMS
 - Triggering using IMS message
 - Triggering using cell broadcast (CBS)
 - Triggering via HSS and non-access stratum (NAS) signaling
 - Triggering via network-requested PDP context establishment

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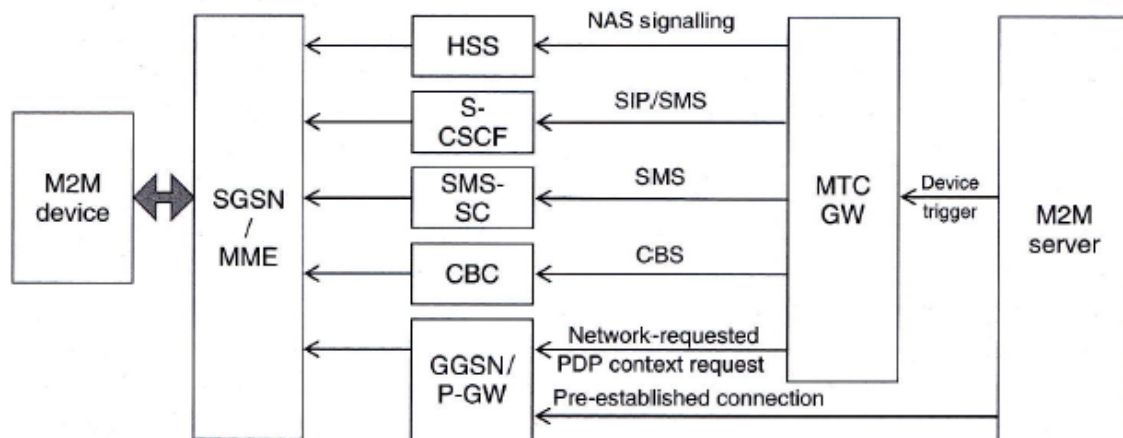
What Is Triggering?

- To enable network-originated communications while the network only supports device-originate communications



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Triggering Mechanisms Defined by 3GPP



Source: M2M Communications: A Systems Approach, Wiley, 2012

3GPP defines a machine-type communication gateway (MTC GW) that will act as an entry point in the mobile network for control messages from M2M servers to M2M devices.

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Status of Devices When Being Triggered

- The devices can be
 - Connected with IP Address known to the server
 - Connected without IP Address known to the server
 - Attached but not connected
 - Unattached (unreachable)
- Each requires different methods of triggering.

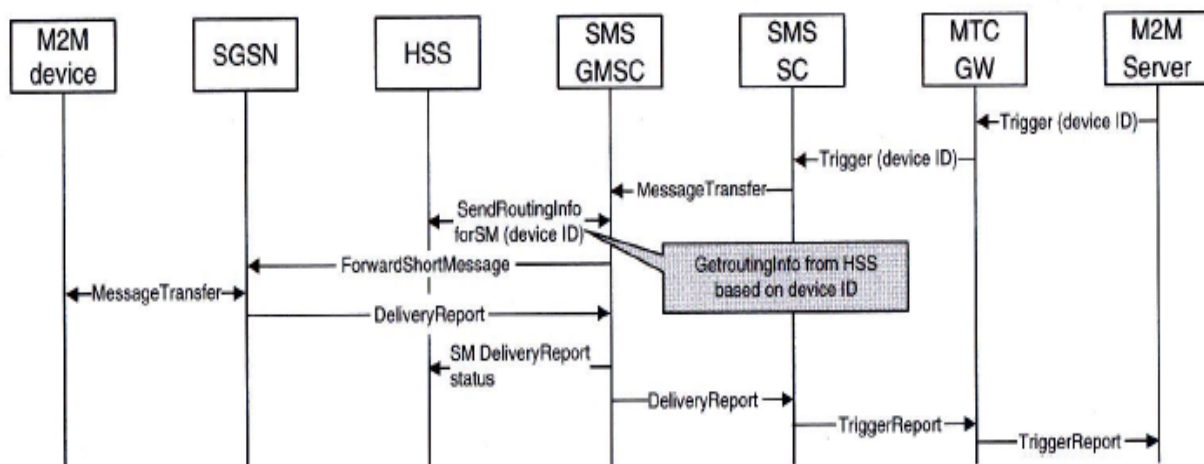
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Information in Triggering Message

- The identify of the target M2M device
- The identity of the application
- A request counter
- (option) IP address (or FQDN)/port number of application server
- (option) An urgency indicator
- (option) A validity timer
- (option) The target area
- (option) Application-specific information

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Triggering using Mobile-Terminated SMS

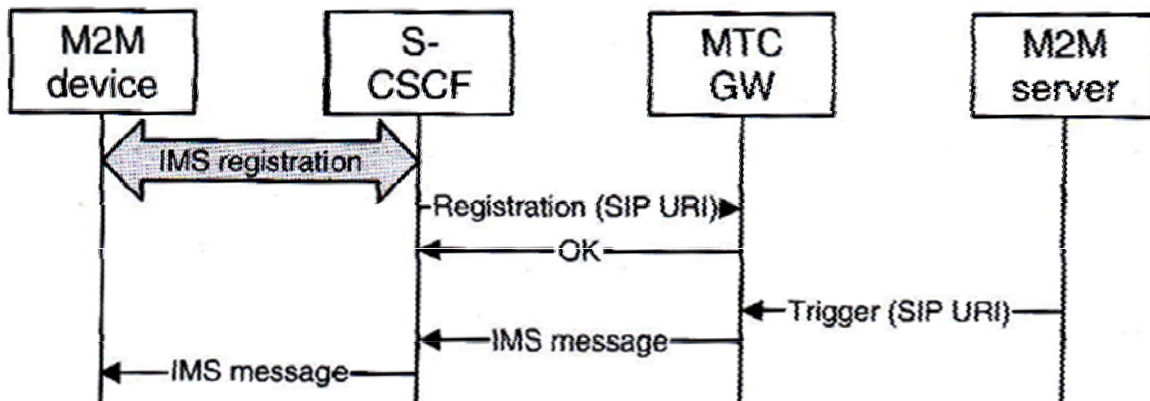


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- The M2M device identify can be an IMSI or an MSISDN replacement.
- But security is a major concern.

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Triggering using IMS Message

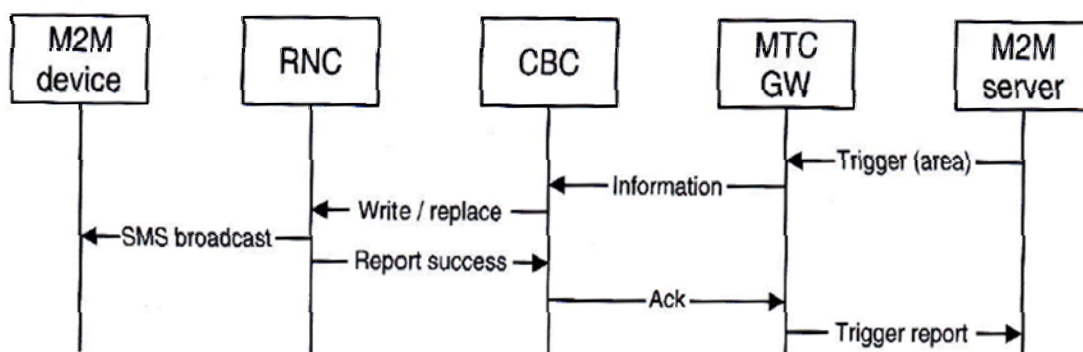


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- The MTC GW is viewed as an IMS Application Server.
- But an M2M device has to maintain an IMS session which is too heavy for M2M communications.

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Triggering using Cell Broadcast

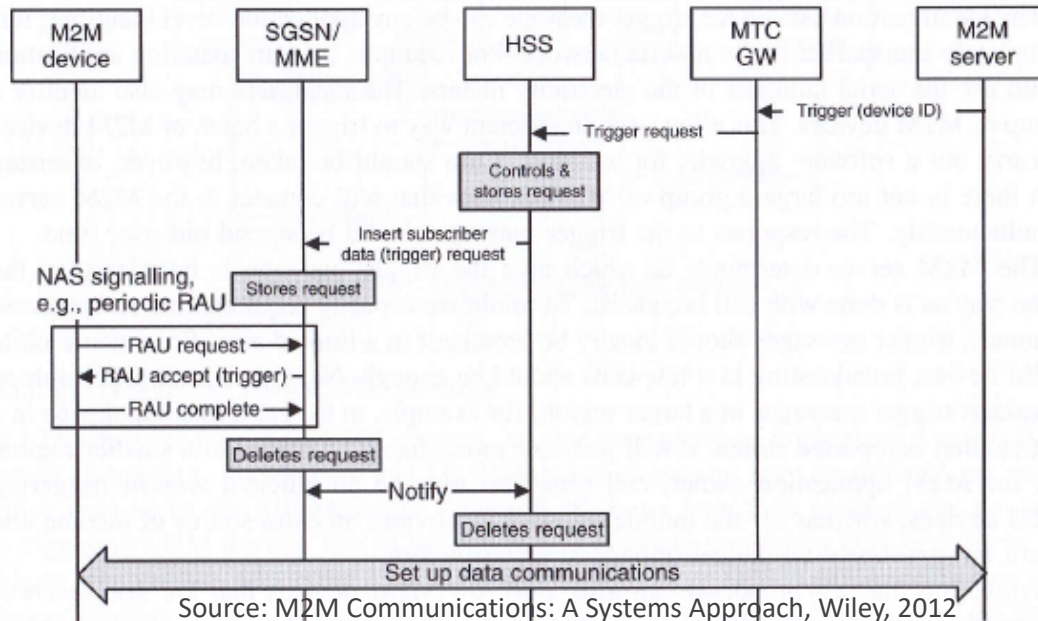


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- The M2M Server uses Cell Broadcast Center (CBC) to broadcast the trigger message within an indicated area.
- The M2M device matched the identification will respond.

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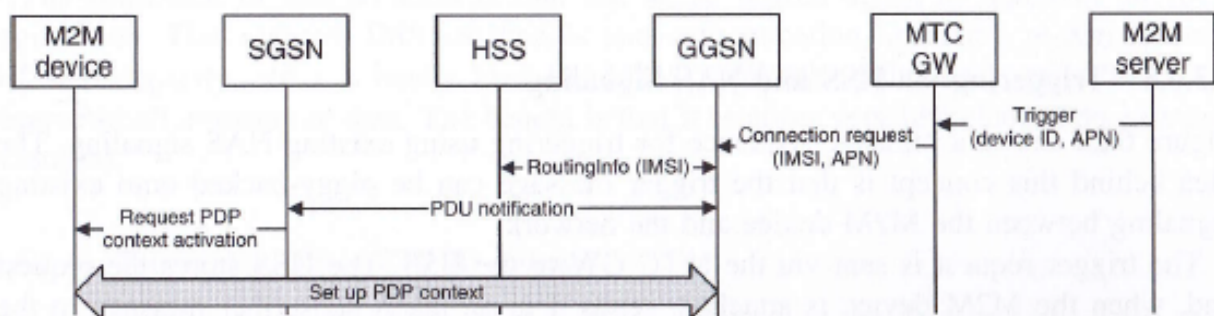
Triggering via HSS and Non-Access Stratum (NAS) Signaling



The triggering message is piggybacked on RAU (Routing Area Update) Accept message.

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Triggering via Network-Requested PDP Context Establishment



- Use IMSI as the device ID in the network
- Use network-requested PDP (Packet Data Protocol) context establish to trigger the device.

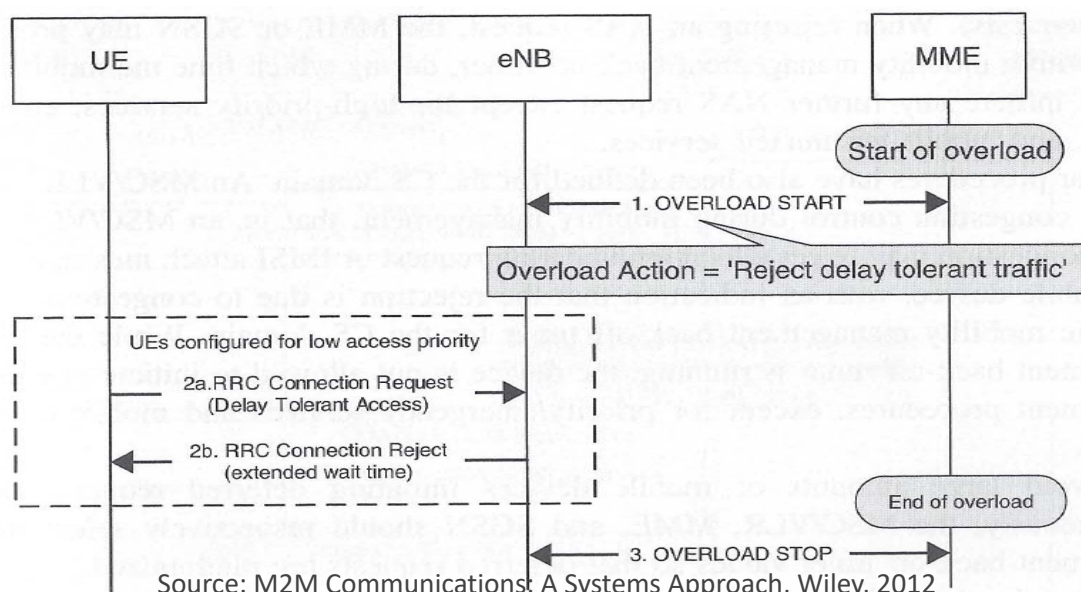
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Overload and Congestion Control

- Network Overload Control for Mobile Devices Configured with “Low-Access Priority”
- Generic Mobility Management Congestion Control for Core Network
- Selective Throttling of Downlink Low-Priority Traffic Received for M2M Devices in idle Mode
- Application-Specific Congestion Control
- Optimization to Prevent Overload from Network Reselection
- Extended Access Barring

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Network Overload Control for Mobile Devices Configured with “Low-Access Priority”



To control the impact of M2M communications, M2M devices can be configured with “Low-Access Priority”

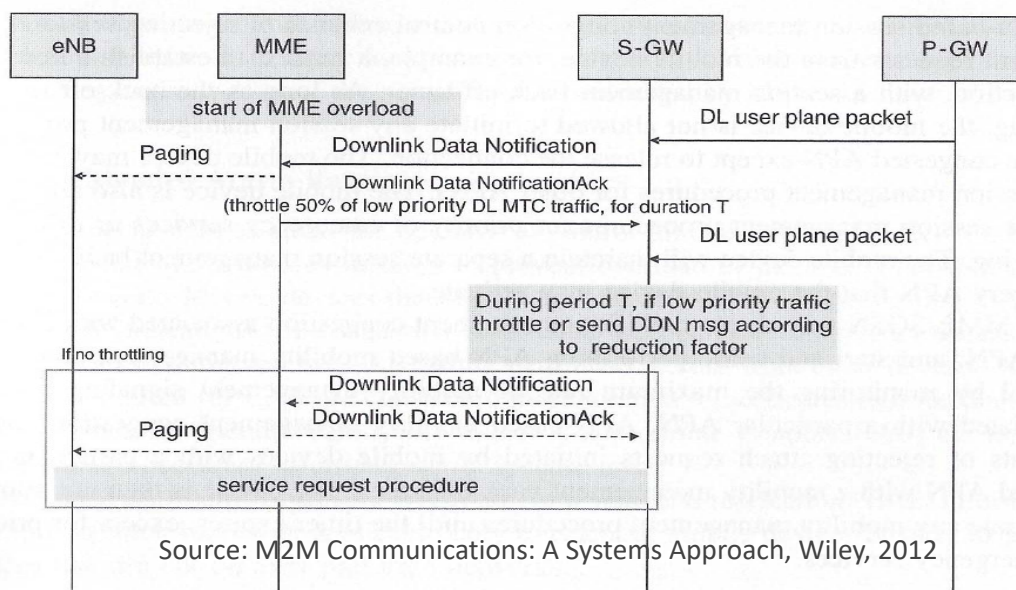
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Generic Mobility Management Congestion Control for Core Network

- An MME (or SGSN) may reject mobility management (i.e. Non-Access Stratum (NAS)) signaling from M2M devices (i.e. attach, tracking area update or routing area update request etc.)
- When rejecting such requests, the MME will provide M2M devices with a mobility management back-off timer to avoid collision of re-attempts.

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Selective Throttling of Downlink Low-Priority Traffic Received for M2M Devices in idle Mode



Source: M2M Communications: A Systems Approach, Wiley, 2012

MME can ask S-GW to throttle downlink low-priority traffic for a time period T according to a reduction factor.

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Application-Specific Congestion Control

- Deal with signaling congestion associated with a particular APN (Access Point Name).
- The APN in LTE/EPC identifies a Packet Data Network Gateway (P-GW) and defines the Packet Data Network (PDN) to which the UE requests connectivity.
- Using APNs, traffic from M2M applications can be identified.
- When congestion occurs, M2M traffic then can be rejected based on particular APNs.

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Optimization to Prevent Overload from Network Reselection

- When searching for a network fails, all M2M devices in the same network may simultaneously reselect an alternative network for connectivity. This causes overload to the alternative network.
- Need to carefully select the timer so that the search for network won't expire too early to attempt a reselection.

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Extended Access Barring

- A process to allow the operator to control M2M device-originated access attempts.
- This may be useful also in preventing overload from network re-selection.
- EAB may be applicable only to roaming mobile devices or devices not in their preferred networks.

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Network Optimization for MTC – 3GPP Standardization

- 3GPP WG SA1 established a work item on network improvement for machine type communications (MTC) in 2008.
- Samples of 3GPP documents addressing impact of MTC
 - TS 22.368, “Service Requirements for MTC”
 - TS 22.888, “Study on Enhancements for MTC”
 - **TR 23.888, “System Improvements in MTC”**
 - TS 23.682, “Architecture Enhancements to Facilitate Communications with Packet Data Networks and Applications”
 - TS 33.868, “Security Aspects of Machine-Type Communications”
 - TS 23.401 & TS 22.011 on Core Network Optimization
 - TS 22.011 on Access Network Optimization
 - Etc.

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Network Optimization Features for MTC in 3GPP Releases 10 and 11

- Release 10
 - Extended access barring
 - Low-access priority indicators in radio-resource control
 - Extended wait timers in radio resource control
 - Throttling of downlink data notification requests
 - APN-based congestion control
 - Generic core network mobility management control
 - Optimizations to prevent overload from PLMN reselection
- Release 11
 - Triggering optimization and triggering architecture
 - Addressing optimizations and removal of dependency on telephone numbers



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Impact of Low Power Wide Area Network (LPWAN)



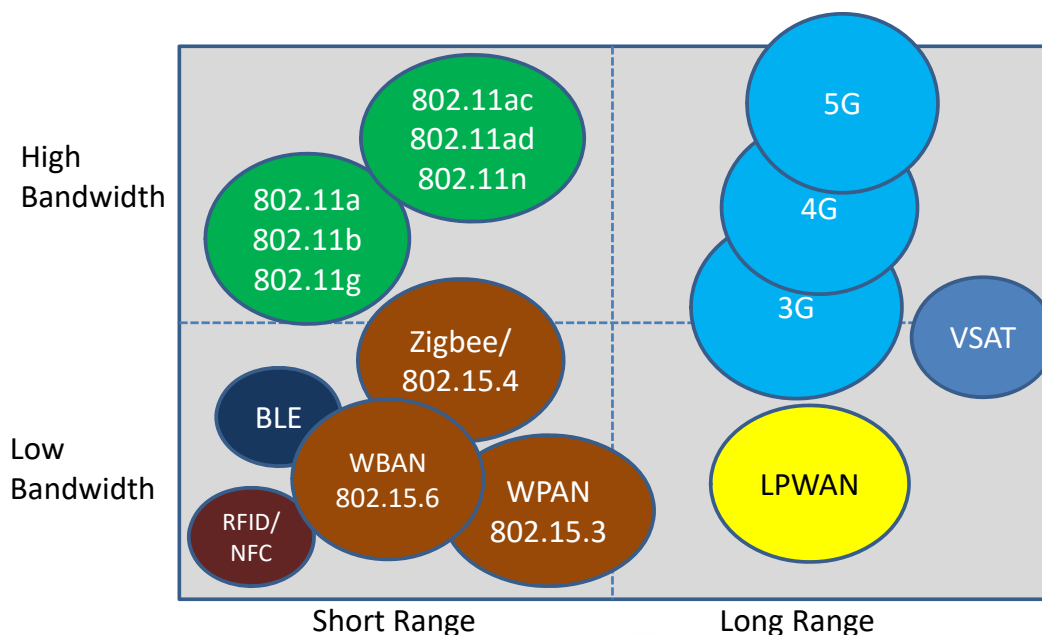
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Low Power Wide Area Network (LPWAN)

- Non 3GPP Unlicensed Networks (already deployed)
 - E.g. LoRaWAN, Sigfox, Neul and Nwave (based on Weightless-N) etc.
 - Most of these networks take advantage of ISM (industrial, scientific, and medical) unlicensed frequency bands.
- 3GPP Licensed Networks Evolution (released in 3GPP Rel. 13; under development)
 - eMTC – LTE-M (M: MTC - machine type communication) evolution
 - NB-IoT (evolved from NB-CIoT and NB-LTE)
 - EC-GSM

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Importance of LPWAN



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Non 3GPP LPWAN

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LoRaWAN (1)

- Target key requirements of Internet of things such as secure bi-directional communication, mobility and localization services.
- Typically laid out in a star-of-stars topology in which gateways is a transparent bridge relaying messages between end-devices and a central network server in the backend.
- All end-point communication is generally bi-directional, but also supports operations such as multicast, enabling software upgrade over the air or other mass distribution messages to reduce the on-air communication time.
- Communication between end-devices and gateways is spread out on different frequency channels and data rates. Data rates range **from 0.3 kbps to 50 kbps**. The LoRaWAN network server is managing the data rate and RF output for each end-device individually by means of an **adaptive data rate (ADR)** scheme.

Source: LoRa Website

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LoRaWAN (2)

- Secure communications by several layer of encryption: Unique Network key (EUI64) on network level, Unique Application key (EUI64) for end to end security on application level and Device specific key (EUI128).
- Support three classes of end-point devices:
 - **Bi-directional end-devices (Class A):** Devices require downlink communication from the server shortly after the end-device has sent an uplink transmission.
 - **Bi-directional end-devices with scheduled receive slots (Class B):** In addition to the Class A random receive windows, Class B devices open extra receive windows at scheduled times.
 - **Bi-directional end-devices with maximal receive slots (Class C):** End-devices of Class C have nearly continuously open receive windows.

Source: LoRa Website

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SIGFOX

- SIGFOX provides a tailor-made solution for low-throughput IoT/M2M applications.
- Designed for IoT/M2M devices characterized by:
 - Up to 140 messages per device per day
 - Payload size for each message is **12 bytes**
 - Wireless throughput up to **100 bits per second**
- Based on Ultra-Narrow Band (UNB) technology such as unlicensed ISM radio bands (in Europe, 868MHz; in the US, 915MHz)
- Cellular scope at an average range of about **30-50km** in rural areas and in urban areas **between 3 and 10km**.
- Deployment in Netherlands, France, the UK, Spain and San Francisco in the US.

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Neul

- Neul provides a highly-scalable ubiquitous wide area wireless connectivity solution, providing deep indoor coverage, **10-15 year battery life** at low cost and the ubiquity of security without awkward configuration.
- Based on Weightless-N (based on ISM bands), also a UNB technology.
- Deployed and trialed in Milton Keynes of the UK.
- Acquired by Huawei on September 22, 2014 at \$25M.

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Nwave (1)

- Nwave employs advanced de-modulation techniques to its network to co-exist within the ISM bands with other radio technologies without the risk of collisions and capacity problems.
- Unlike some other IoT communications technologies that require the use of a mesh network, UNB is highly scalable, allowing for high capacity networks with a **simple star architecture**, whereby devices communicate directly with base station transceivers.
- Nwave ensures that data sent over its networks are secure, so its platform is suitable for use in applications where data privacy and security are critical.

Source: Nwave Website

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Nwave (2)

- Nwave technology operates a Weightless-N Smart City network in London.
- Operating in sub-1GHz, license-exempt ISM spectrum using ultra narrow band (UNB) technology, Weightless-N offers best-in-class signal propagation characteristics, leading to **excellent range of several kilometers**, even in challenging urban environments such as the city of London.
- Very low power consumption provides end points with **exceptionally long battery life measured in years** from small conventional cells.
- Both terminal hardware and network costs are also minimized with leading edge design.

Source: Nwave Website

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	LoRa	NWave	Neul	Sigfox
Architecture & Topology	Star-of-stars topology	Star Topology	Star Topology	Star Topology
Wireless Technologies	Spread spectrum, ADR* 0.3-50kbps, ISM band, point-to-point and multicast	UNB, Nwave software-defined radio, in sub-GHz license-exempt spectrum	ISM band (868/902MHz), TV white space, or licensed sub-GHz	UNB, ISM band, payload 12 bytes, up to 100 bps, Sigfox protocol
*Adaptive Data Rate				
Base Station Functionality	3~8/15~45 Km, 1M nodes	10~30 Km, 1M nodes	NeulNET, 10 Km	3~10/ 30 ~50Km/1Mn
BS and Device Cost	B \$4980 Euros 3 class devices	D < \$8	D (Iceni) \$4	B 3000 Euros D < US\$3
Security Support	Network/application/device keys	NWave security	AES	AES
Backend Support	Backend server	Backend server	Data cloud (NaaS), billing, DM, OSS/BSS	Sigfox OSS/BSS
Applications	Healthcare, Tracker, agriculture, lighting	Smart parking, smart meter, smart agriculture	Waste mgmt., Pest control, wind energy	Car theft detector, water meter, valve control
Standards	LoRaWAN	Weightless-N, 30k~100k bps	Weightless-N, -W, -P (P: 16Mbps)	
Deployment Field	USA, France, Netherlands	London, UK	Smart city - Milton Keynes, UK	Netherlands, France, UK, Spain and USA

Comparison among LoRaWAN, NWave, Neul and Sigfox

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3GPP LPWAN

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LTE-M

- A study for low-cost LTE is on-going in 3GPP since September 2011. Release 12 has specified LTE Cat0 (LTE-M) and Release 13 evolves to eMTC.
- Main goal of the study is to reduce cost of LTE devices to be utilized for M2M.

Identified approaches include:

- Reduction of Bandwidth
- Hardware simplification
- Reduction of Transmit Power
- Reduction of Peak Rate

Source: 3GPP

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LTE-M for 3GPP Rel. 12

- Antennas
 - Only 1 receive antenna compared to 2 antennas for other device categories
- Transport block size
 - Send or receive up to **1000 bits** of unicast data per sub-frame
 - Reduce the max data rate to **1 Mbps** in both the uplink and the downlink
- Duplex
 - Half duplex FDD devices are supported as an optional feature

Source: 3GPP

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eMTC for 3GPP Rel. 13

Objectives

- Long battery life: ~10 years of operation with 5 Watt Hour battery
- Low device cost: comparable to that of GPRS/GSM devices
- Extended coverage: >155.7 dB maximum coupling loss (MCL)
- Variable rates: ~10 kbps to 1 Mbps depending on coverage needs

Deployment

- Can be deployed in any LTE spectrum
- Coexist with other LTE services within the same bandwidth
- Support FDD, TDD and half duplex (HD) modes
- Reuse existing LTE base stations with software update

Source: 3GPP

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eMTC for 3GPP Rel. 13 (Cont.)

Main PHY/RF Features

- Narrowband operation with 1.08 MHz bandwidth
- Frequency hopping with narrowband retuning for frequency diversity
- TTI bundling/repetition to achieve large coverage enhancements
- New UE power class of 20 dBm
- Further cost reduction beyond Cat 0 (no wideband control channel, reduced TM support, reduced HARQ)

Source: 3GPP

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NB-IoT

Objectives

- Even lower cost than eMTC
- Extended coverage: 164 dB maximum coupling loss
- Long battery life: 10 years with 5 Watt Hour battery
- Support for massive number of devices: ~50,000 per cell

Main simplification

- Reduced data rate/bandwidth, mobility support and further protocol optimizations

NB-IoT supports 3 modes of operation:

- **Stand-alone:** utilizing stand-alone carrier, e.g. spectrum currently used by GERAN systems as a replacement of one or more GSM carriers
- **Guard band:** utilizing the unused resource blocks within a LTE carrier's guard-band
- **In-band:** utilizing resource blocks within a normal LTE carrier

Source: 3GPP

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NB-IoT (Cont.)

Main PHY features

- Narrow band support of 180 kHz
- Supports two modes for uplink
 - Single tone with 15 kHz and/or 3.75 kHz tone spacing
 - Multiple tone transmissions with 15 kHz tone spacing
- No support of Turbo code for the downlink
- Single transmission mode of SFBC for PBCH, PDSCH, PDCCH
- New narrowband channels:
 - NPSS, NSSS, NPBCH, NPDCCH, NPDSCH, NPUSCH, NPRACH

Main radio protocol Features

- Single HARQ process
- Only RLC AM mode with simplified status reporting
- Two PDCP options:
 - SRB 0 and 1 only. No AS security (NAS security is used instead). PDCP operating in transparent mode.
 - SRB 0, 1, 2 and one DRB. AS security, which is cached upon RRC connection release.
- For PDCP option 2, RRC connection suspend/resume procedures to maintain AS security context.
- Significantly reduced broadcast system information

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EC-GSM-IoT

Objectives

- Long battery life: ~10 years of operation with 5 Wh battery
- Low device cost compared to GPRS/GSM devices
- Extended coverage:
 - 164 dB MCL for 33 dBmUE,
 - 154 dB MCL for 23 dBmUE
- Variable rates:
 - GMSK: ~350bps to 70kbps depending on coverage level
 - 8PSK: up to 240 kbps
- Support for massive number of devices: ~50,000 per cell
- Improved security compared to GSM/EDGE

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EC-GSM-IoT (Cont.)

- **Main PHY Features**
 - New logical channels designed for extended coverage Repetitions to provide necessary robustness to support up to 164 dB MCL
 - Overlaid CDMA to increase cell capacity (used for EC-PDTCH and EC-PACCH)
- **Other Features**
 - Extended DRX (up to ~52min)
 - Optimized system information (i.e. no inter-RAT support)
 - Relaxed idle mode behavior (e.g. reduced monitoring of neighbor cells)
 - 2G security enhancements (integrity protection, mutual authentication, mandate stronger ciphering algorithms)
 - NAS timer extensions to cater for very low data rate in extended coverage
 - Storing and usage of coverage level in SGSN to avoid unnecessary repetitions over the air

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Comparison among eMTC, NB-IoT and EC-GSM-IoT

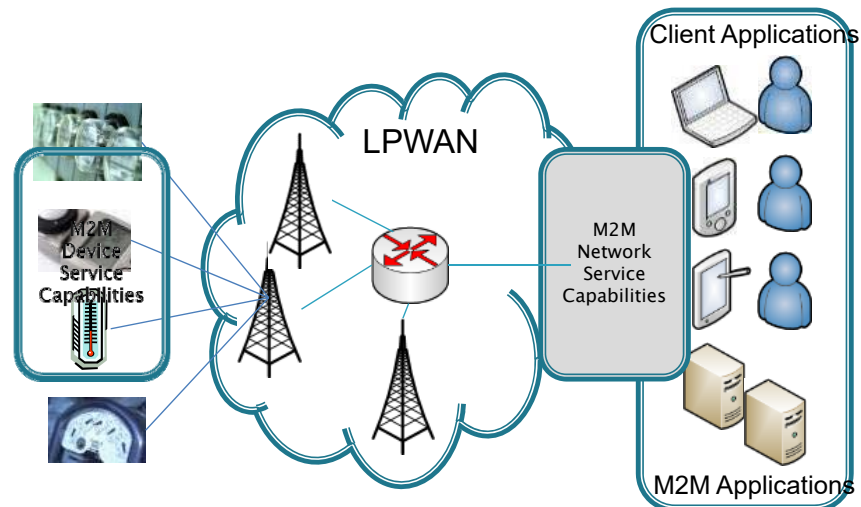
	eMTC (LTE Cat M1)	NB-IOT	EC-GSM-IoT
Deployment	In-band LTE	In-band & Guard-band LTE, standalone	In-band GSM
Coverage*	155.7 dB	164 dB for standalone, FFS others	164 dB, with 33dBm power class 154 dB, with 23dBm power class
Downlink	OFDMA, 15 KHz tone spacing, Turbo Code, 16 QAM, 1 Rx	OFDMA, 15 KHz tone spacing, TBCC, 1 Rx	TDMA/FDMA, GMSK and 8PSK (optional), 1 Rx
Uplink	SC-FDMA, 15 KHz tone spacing Turbo code, 16 QAM	Single tone, 15 KHz and 3.75 KHz spacing SC-FDMA, 15 KHz tone spacing, Turbo code	TDMA/FDMA, GMSK and 8PSK (optional)
Bandwidth	1.08 MHz	180 KHz	200kHz per channel. Typical system bandwidth of 2.4MHz [smaller bandwidth down to 600 kHz being studied within Rel-13]
Peak rate (DL/UL)	1 Mbps for DL and UL	DL: ~250 kbps UL: ~250 for multi-tone, ~20 kbps for single tone	For DL and UL (using 4 timeslots): ~70 kbps (GMSK), ~240kbps (8PSK)
Duplexing	FD & HD (type B), FDD & TDD	HD (type B), FDD	HD, FDD
Power saving	PSM, ext. I-DRX, C-DRX	PSM, ext. I-DRX, C-DRX	PSM, ext. I-DRX
Power class	23 dBm, 20 dBm	23 dBm, others TBD	33 dBm, 23 dBm

* In terms of MCL target. Targets for different technologies are based on somewhat different link budget assumptions (see TR 36.888/45.820 for more information).

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LPWAN Impact to M2M Core



M2M Devices M2M Network Domain M2M Application Domain

LPWAN enables IoT devices to connect to backend systems without a gateway!

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Summary

- M2M impact to Core Network in
 - Cost Reduction Requirement
 - Value-Added Services Requirement
 - Numbering, Identifiers, and Addressing Requirement
- To best serve M2M, Core Network also requires some new optimization for overload and congestion control.
- LPWAN is emerging as an alternative to the M2M Core.

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