



## TFI Wireless Forecast

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## Wireless Universe?

- Wireline – Places
- Wireless Voice – People
- Wireless Data – Devices
- Wireless Potential – All things fixed or mobile, man or machine (Now referred to as the Internet of Things)
- We now separately forecast standard connections and M2M connections

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## M2M Connections Vs Standard Connections

- Most M2M requires much less bandwidth.
- M2M often needs different geographic coverage.
- M2M needs low cost, low power solutions.
- Time of day usage patterns are different.
- LTE categories 1 and 0 will address these issues.

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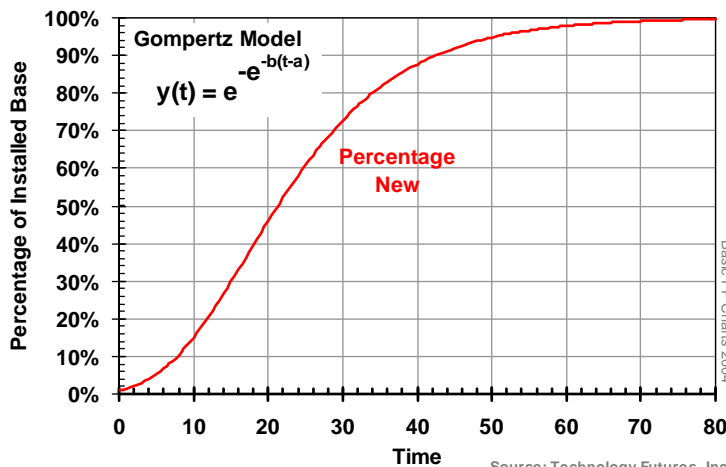
## Forecast of Standard Connections

- The forecast of standard connections is based on the Gompertz Model (appropriate for primarily consumer adoptions) fitted to historical data from the CTIA dating to 1984.

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## The Gompertz Model



$y(t)$  = Fraction of market taken over by new technology at time “t”

“a” is 37% time; “b” determines rate of substitution

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## The Internet of Things includes many items that won't likely be connected to cellular network

- The IoT is projected to be many billions. The items can be grouped by those that will have tags and those that will have connections (M2M). Projections for mobile M2M connections are less than 10% of IoT total.
- The GSMA estimates 20% of M2M will connect to the cellular network.
- TFI forecast is for US M2M cellular connections.

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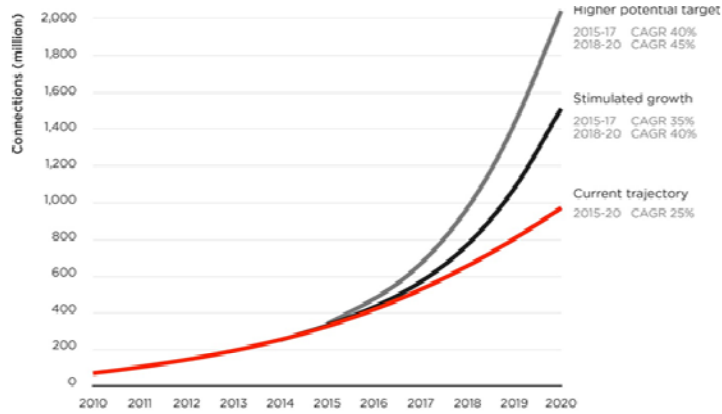
## Forecast of M2M Connections

- For M2M connections, we use the Fisher Pry Model (more appropriate for business-driven adoptions) and a growth rate “r value” of 25%, consistent with the current trajectory and most conservative projection of a February 2015 GSMA paper on the growth rates of M2M.
- Historical data points are primarily from same report and TFI estimates based on combined GSMA and CTIA data. For YE 2015 the estimation is 60.5M

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## Global M2M Growth Rates

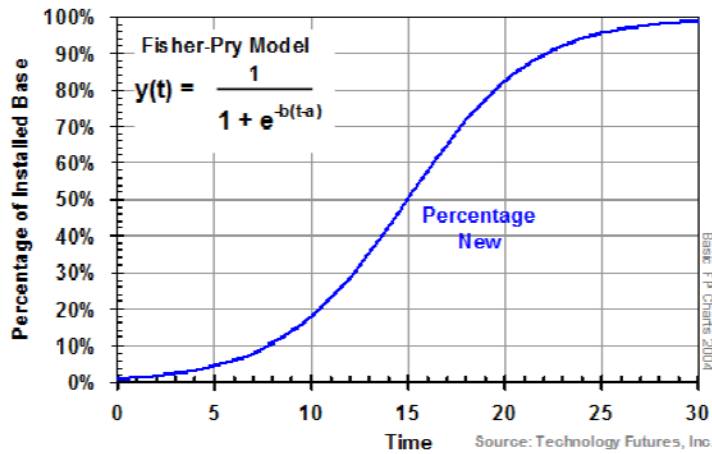


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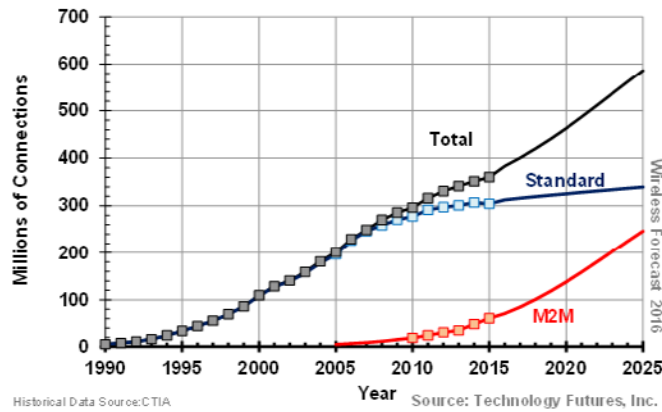
## The Fisher-Pry Model



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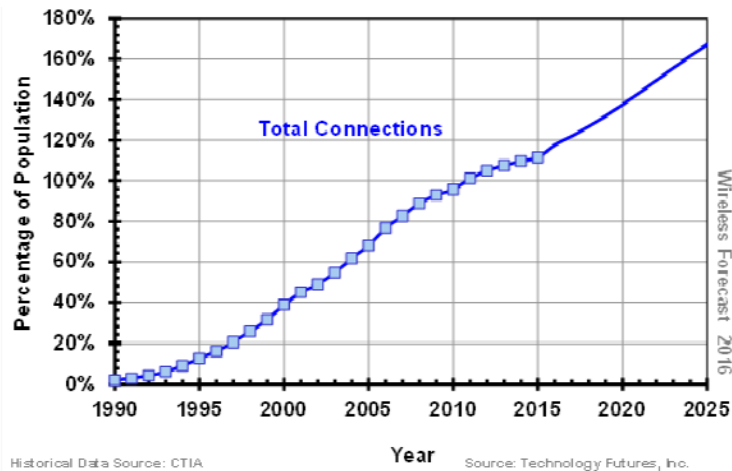
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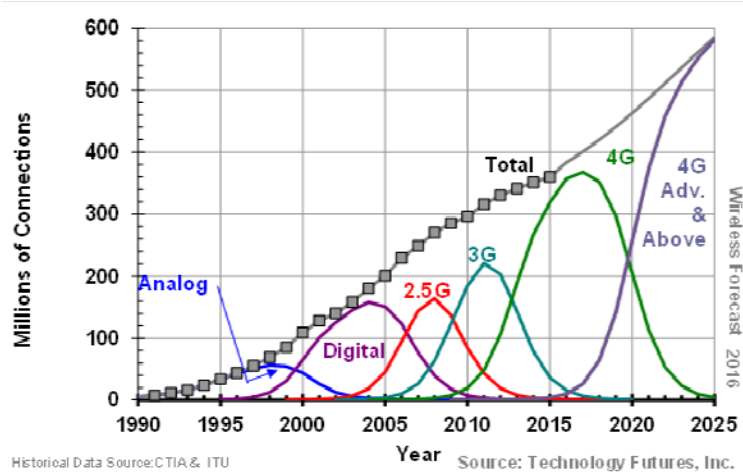
## U.S. Cellular Connections, Percentage of Population



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## 2016 TFI Wireless Generations Forecast



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## Two Key Drivers for New Generations

- Mobile data traffic is growing much more rapidly than connections
- Greatly improving cost/performance of newer technology

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## Technology Performance Improvement

- Technology performance for cellular technology is typically measured by system spectral efficiency which is defined here as Mbps/MHz/Site. This has improved very considerably over generations of equipment.

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## Efficiency of Wireless Technology Generations

**Spectral Efficiency of Cellular Wireless Systems**

US 195 P Year	Gen	Standard	Max Net Bitrate/ carrier/Sp stream (Mbps)	Bandwidth Per Carrier (MHz)	Max Link Efficiency (Mbps/MHz) SISO	MIMO	Typical Reuse	System Efficiency (Mbps/MHz/Site)
1983	1G	AMPS	0.0008	0.08	0.01		1/7	0.001
1991	2G	D-AMPS	.005 x 3 TS=0.015	0.08	1.3		1/6	0.244
2000	2G	CDMA	.005 x 8 TS = .04	0.2	0.35		1/3	0.172
2000	2G	CDMA 1X	22 calls	1.25MHz	.0009/call		1	0.172
		Average						0.183
2002	2.5G	CDMA-1X-EV-DO	3.1 (typ.)	0.2	1.62 (typ.)		1/3	0.53
2002	2.5G	CDMA 1X-RTT	0.183	1.25MHz	0.125		1	0.172
		Average						0.251
2005	3G	CDMA-1X-EV-DO	3.072	1.25MHz	2.5		1	1.9
2005	3G	WCDMA	0.008	5	0.077		1	0.04
		Average						0.265
2007	3.5G	HSPA	11.1	5	4.22		1	4.22
2008	4G	LTE	81.6	20	4.08	1632	1	1632
2009	4G	LTE Adv	72	20	5.72	30	1	30

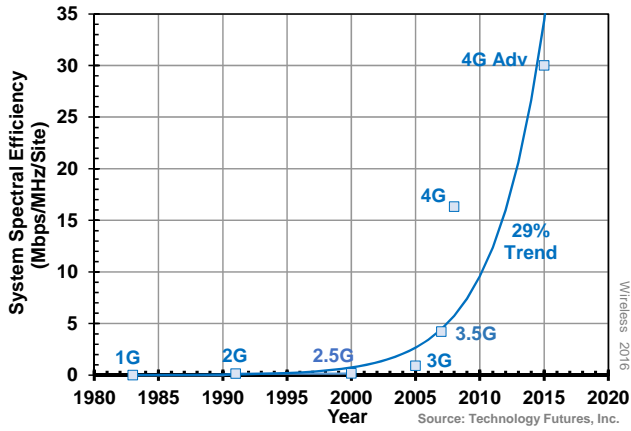
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# Performance Improvements of Cellular Wireless Generations



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