

# Understanding Network Traffic from Billing Traces: customers' behavior analysis

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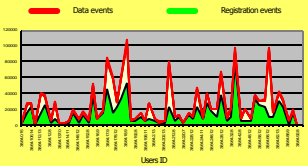
## WHAT ARE OUR BILLING TRACES?

- Data summarizing customers' activities for billing purposes
- From Cellular Digital Packet Data network
- Contain Header and Traffic Matrix Segments with registration, de-registration, and data events



## DATA EXTRACTION TOOLS

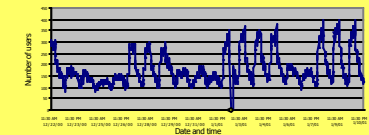
- Structured Query Language Server: MySQL
- Data formatting with Java code
- Automatic classification: AutoClass
- Statistical package: S-PLUS



## NETWORK CHARACTERISTICS

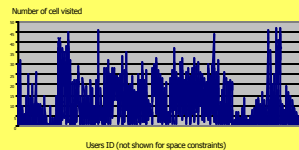
- Static:
- Network topology
  - Network elements
  - Total events
- Dynamic:
- Number of users
  - Data packets
  - Discarded packets

	Number of users	Percentage of discarded
Registration	117248	21.2%
De-registration	17216	24.2%
Data	480227	50.2%
Discarded	488426	



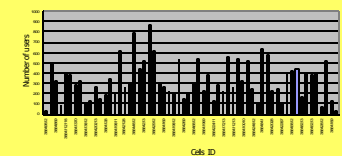
## CUSTOMERS' BEHAVIOR

- Mobility: cells visited per user
- Activity: registration, de-registration, and data events per user
- Loss: discarded packets per user
- Clustering: classification of users



## CELL ACTIVITY

- Number of users
- Registration events
- De-registration events
- Data events
- Data packets per user



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