

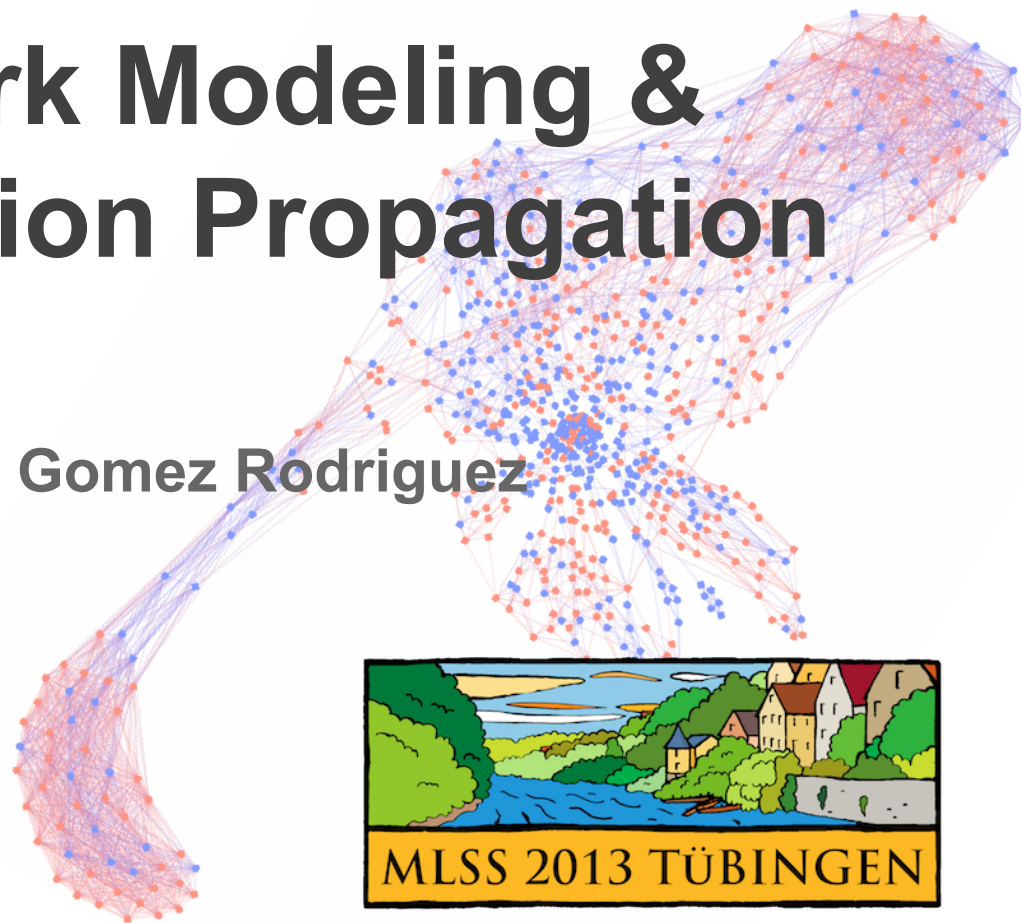
MLSS PRACTICAL

Network Modeling & Information Propagation

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Networks and Graphs

Networks are everywhere:

Electrical networks

Computer networks

Social networks

Information networks

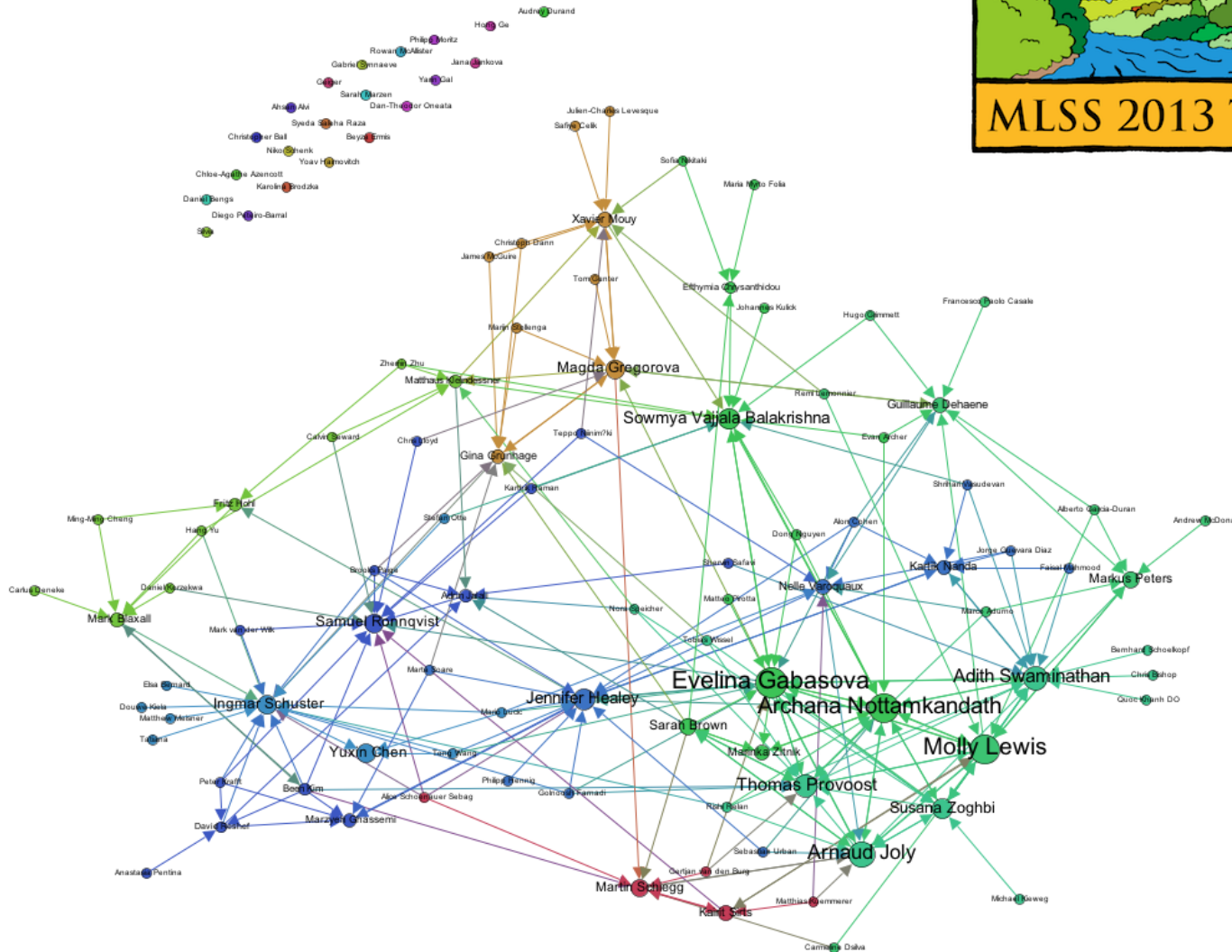
Biological networks

Traveling networks

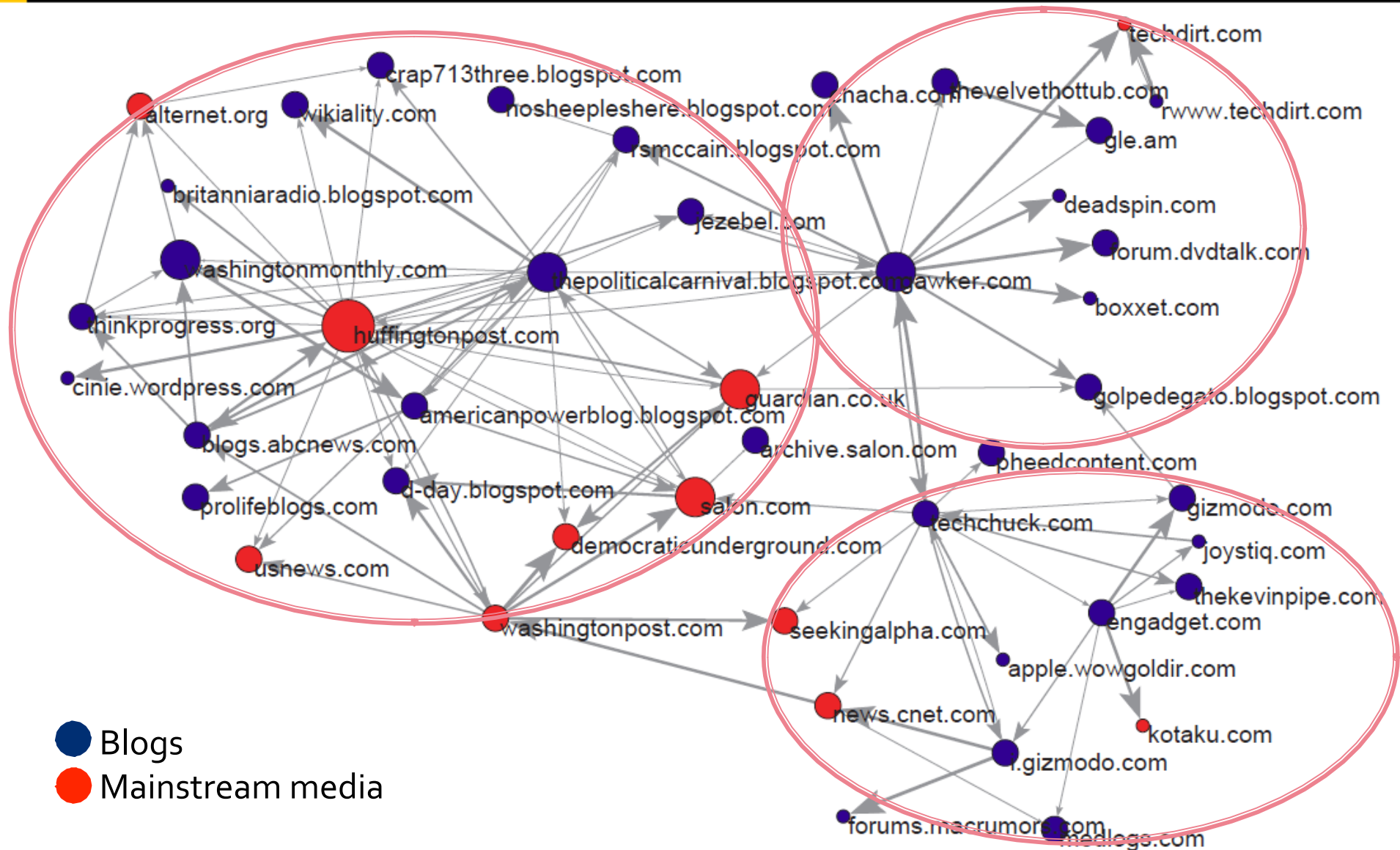
Network mining, analysis, inference, etc... on real networks presents **many challenges**:

- Networks are usually **sparse** (efficient storage/access)
- Networks may be **huge** (10^6 nodes/ 10^9 of edges)
- Networks are **dynamic** (updates should be efficient)

MLSS contact network (Aug 26)



Static information network



Networks inferred with NETINF: <http://snap.stanford.edu/netinf/>

Dynamic information network

Networks inferred with INFOPATH: <http://snap.stanford.edu/infopath/>

Propagation over Networks

PROPAGATION TAKES
PLACE ON

Information Networks

Social Networks

Recommendation Networks

Epidemiology

Human Travels

WE CAN EXTRACT
PROPAGATION TRACES FROM

The New York Times

 Blogger





















Practical Outline

TOOLS FOR NETWORK ANALYSIS AND VISUALIZATION

MODELS AND ALGORITHMS

1st PART

SNAP (C++) →

Social Networks Models:

1. Forest Fire Model
2. Kronecker Graph Model

2nd PART

Gephi (GUI) →

Social Networks Mining:

1. Visualization
2. Properties
3. Manipulation

3rd PART

SNAP + Gephi →

Information Propagation:

1. Indep. Cascade Model
2. Influence Maximization

Getting started

1. Download the handout to your personal laptop:

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ftp:///172.16.172.16/pub/networks/handout-networks.pdf
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2. Download Gephi to your personal laptop:

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http://gephi.org/users/download/
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ftp://172.16.172.16/pub/networks/
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3. SSH (windows users, use putty) to mlss1.is.localnet, download the code package (includes SNAP) & compile it:

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> ssh 172.16.172.16 ← user: mlssXXX, password: mlss379
> wget ftp:///172.16.172.16/pub/networks/code-networks.tgz
> tar zvf code-networks.tgz
> cd code-networks/
> make
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4. You are ready to start reading the handout!