

# Visual Analytics of Heterogeneous Data in Life Science Applications

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Dimensionality



Representation



Alignment



Fulltext Search

Techniques Shown

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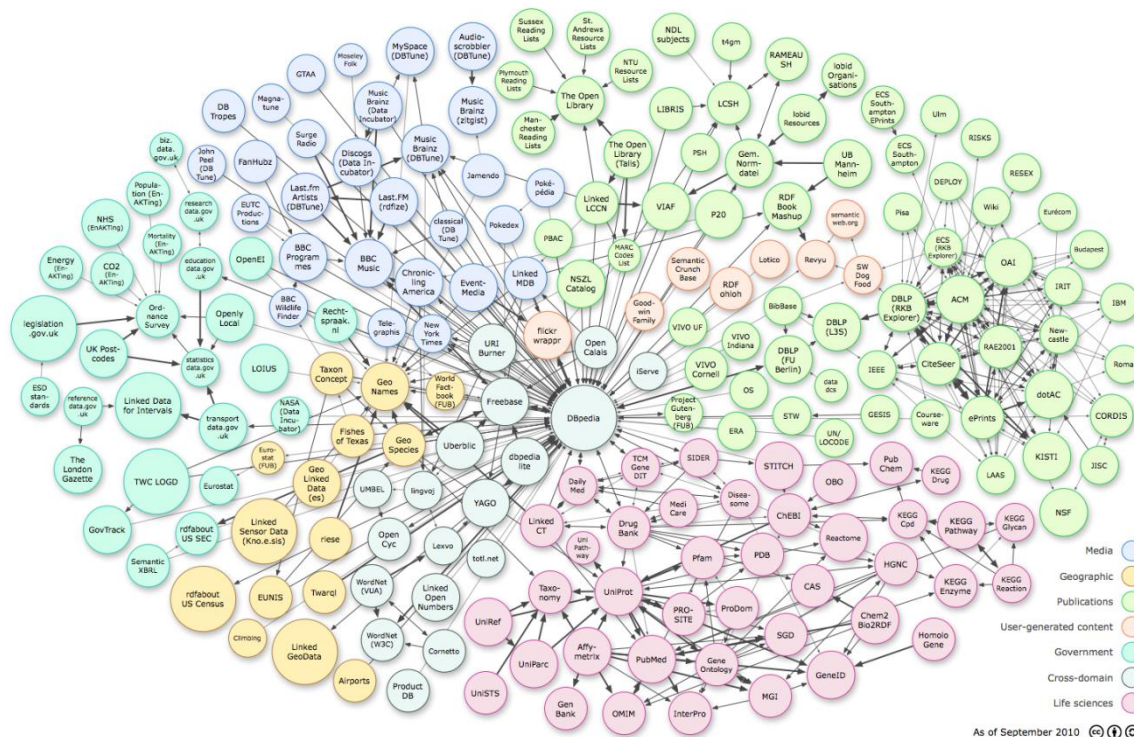


## Agenda

- I. Motivation, Definitions**
- II. Visual Analytics of Inhomogeneous Data**
- III. Orientation and Navigation in Heterogeneous Data**
- IV. Conclusion, Food for Thought**

# I. Motivation, Definitions

## Linked Data, Open Data



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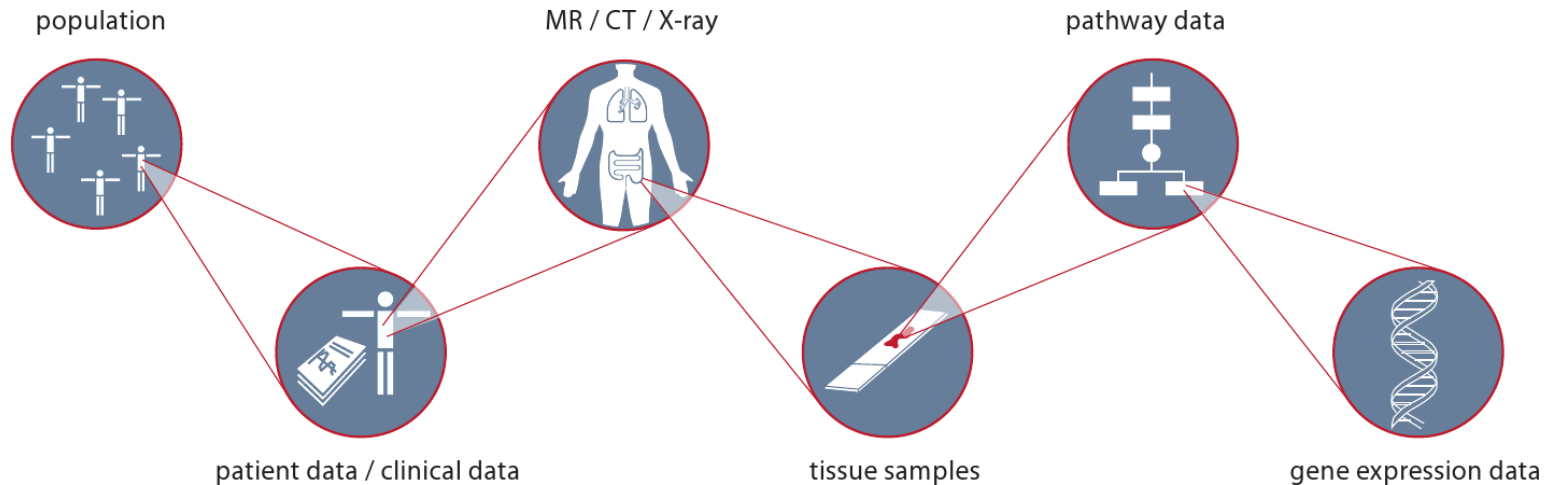
### Challenges of Multiple Data Sources

- Multiple **origins** (different measurement precisions, different languages,...)
- Multiple **formats** (for querying – SQL, SPARQL,... and for query results – JSON, XML,...)
- Multiple **access restrictions** (and authorities to grant access are also distributed)
- Multiple **data types** (images, documents, numerical values, graphs/structures,...)
- Multiple **data scales** (different value ranges)
  
- Multiple **analysis methods** (R or Weka for numerical data, Lucene and LingPipe for text,...)
- Multiple **visualization techniques** (image viewers, text visualization, charts+plots,...)

**How to do Visual Analytics in such a scenario?**

## I. Motivation, Definitions

### Heterogeneous Data in Biomedical Applications



+ pharmaceutical data bases

+ PubMed publications data base

+ disease data bases (ICD-10, DSM-IV,...)

+ gene and protein data bases (NCBI)

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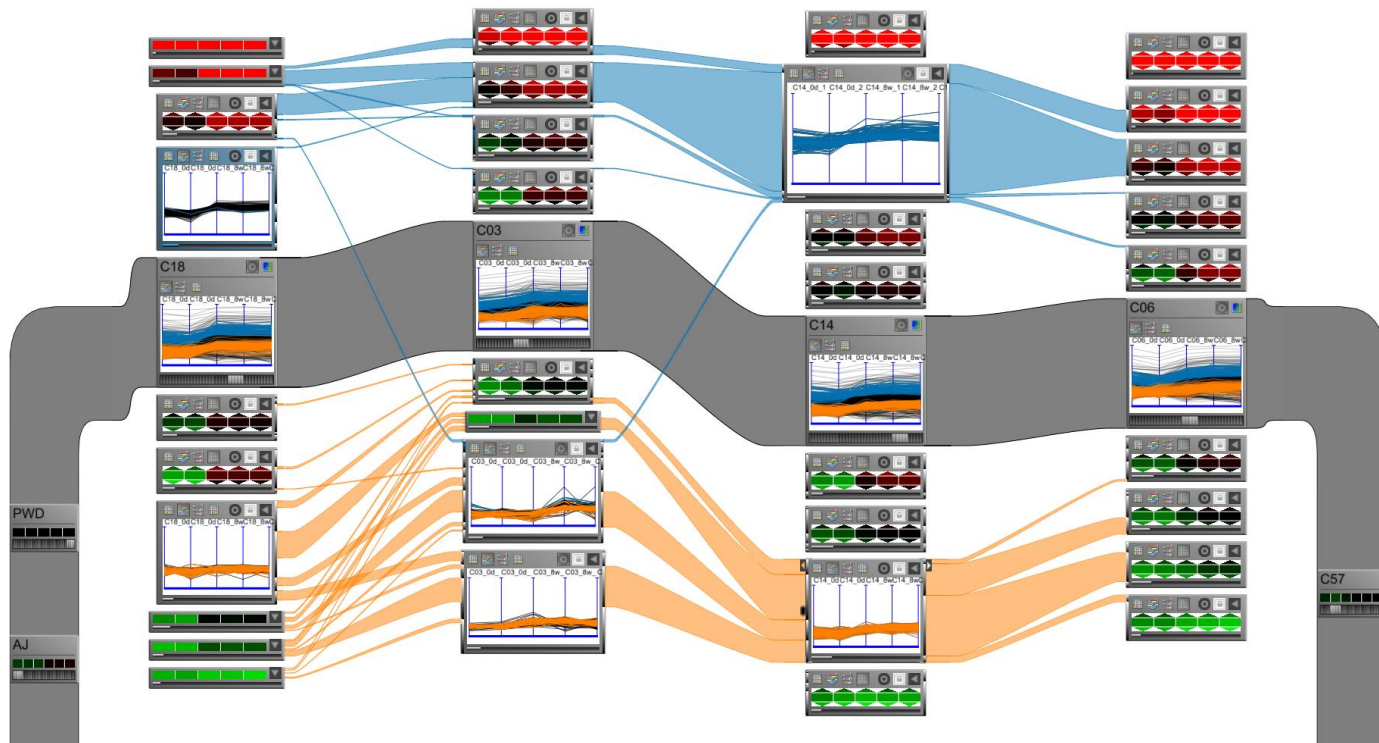
### **Heterogeneous Data**

Data drawn from multiple separate data sets/data bases.

### **Inhomogeneous Data**

Data from a single data set/data base which is non-uniformly distributed, contains values from different scales, or missing values.

## II. Visual Analytics of Inhomogeneous Data



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### Premise

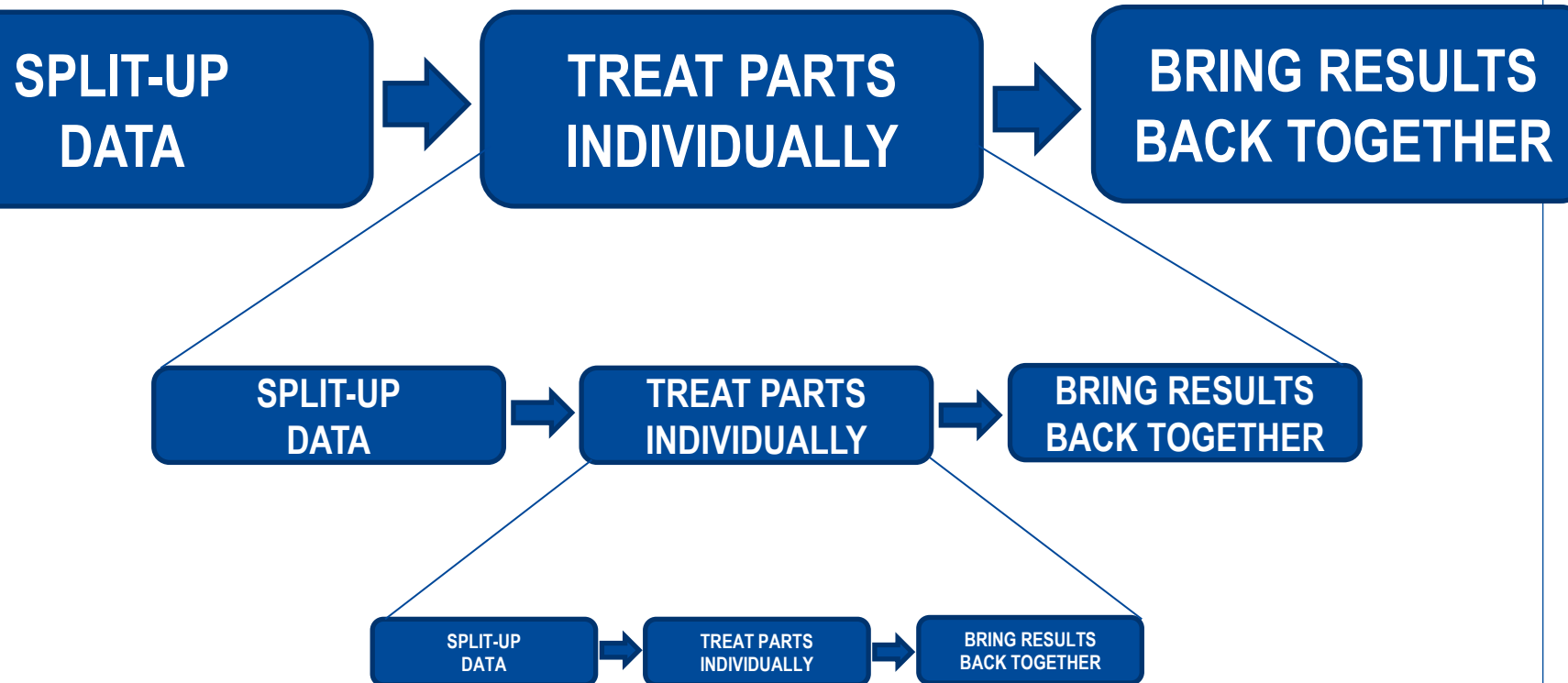
Different (homogeneous) subsets of an inhomogeneous data set

- exhibit different data characteristics
- which must be analyzed differently
- and shown differently

within the context of the whole data set.

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Overall Approach: Divide & Conquer



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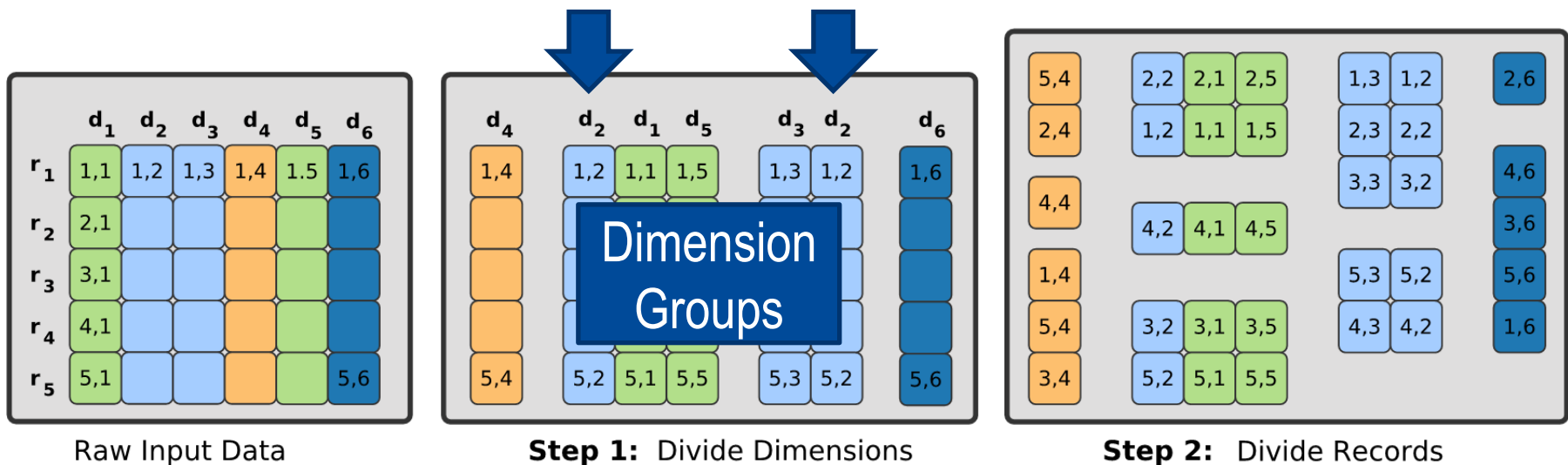
### The Divide Step: Possible Inhomogeneities in Tabular Data

	Dimensions	Records
<b>Semantics</b>	Columns First Name + Last Name vs. Age + ZIP Code	Symptoms Cough + Fever vs. Headache + Dangling Ankle
<b>Characteristics</b>	2 Columns of Scale $[10^5 \dots 10^6]$ vs. Columns of Scale $[0..1]$ + $[10^5 \dots 10^6]$	Undefined values vs. Defined values
<b>Statistics</b>	Correlated Columns vs. Uncorrelated Columns	Records from the same cluster vs. Records from different clusters



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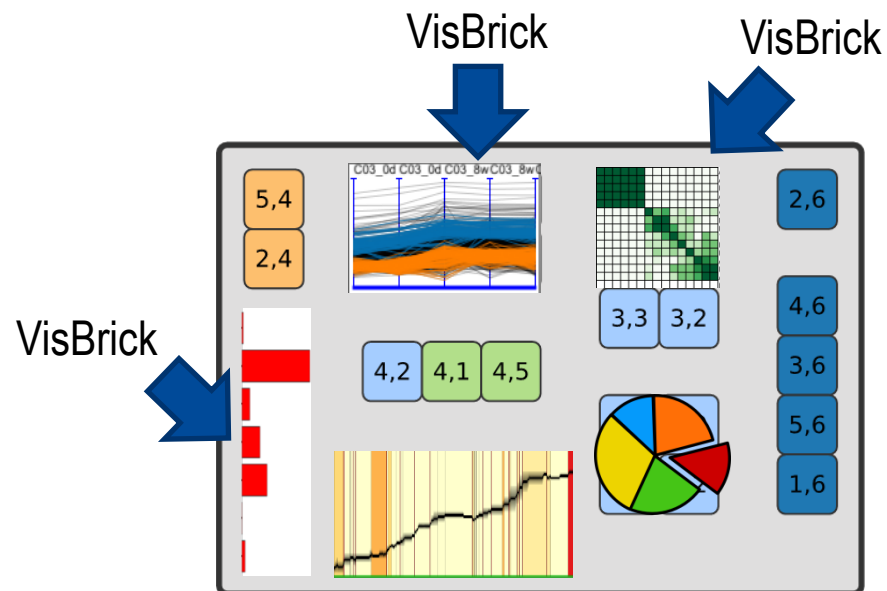
### The Divide Step: 2-Step-Subdivision of Inhomogeneous Data



Note: Division does not need to be disjoint – a dimension can appear in multiple groups.

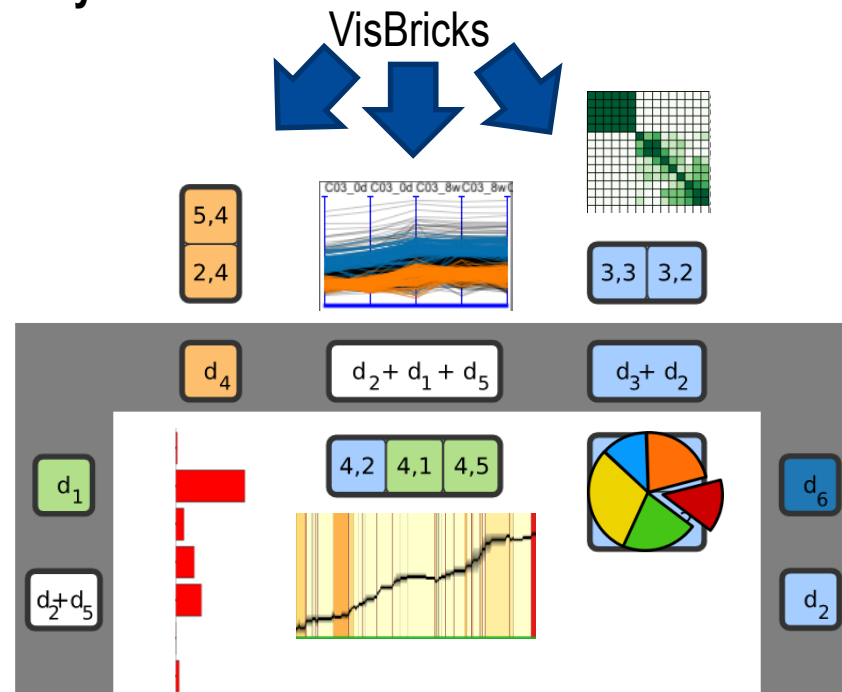
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Treat them differently:



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### The Conquer Step: Layout

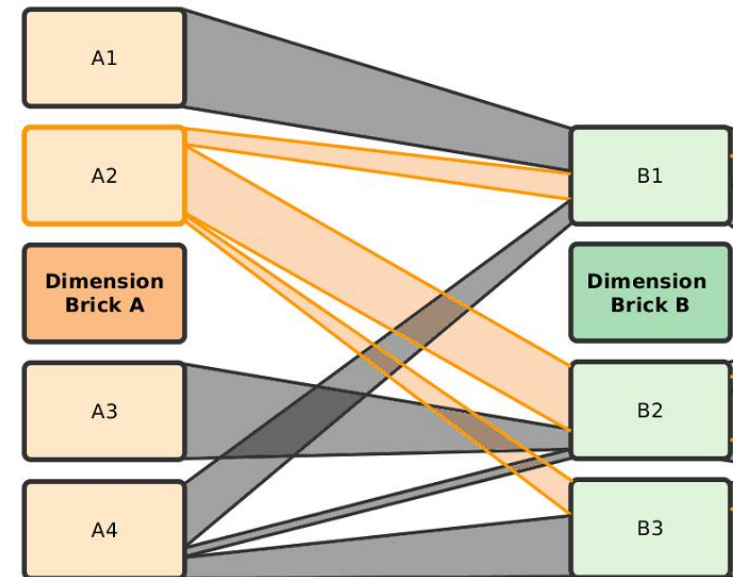
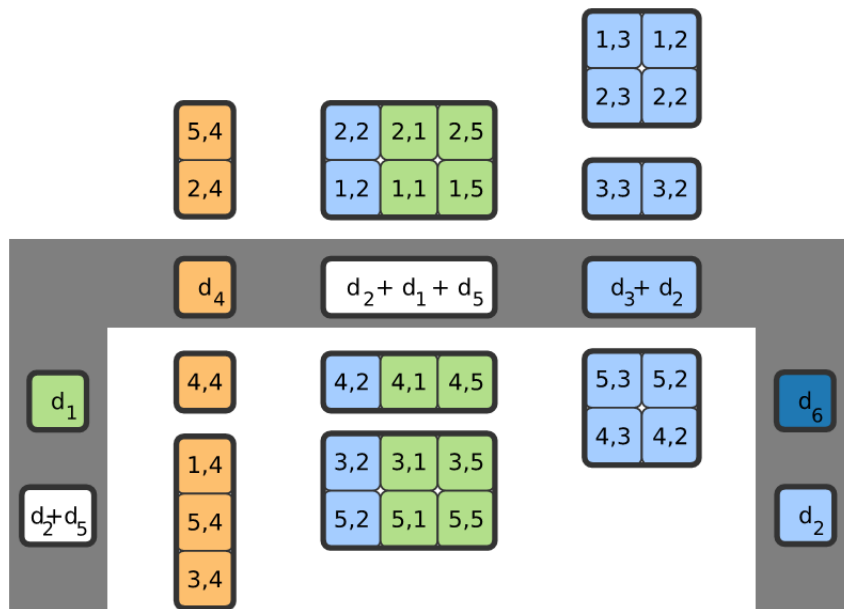


Multiform Visualization



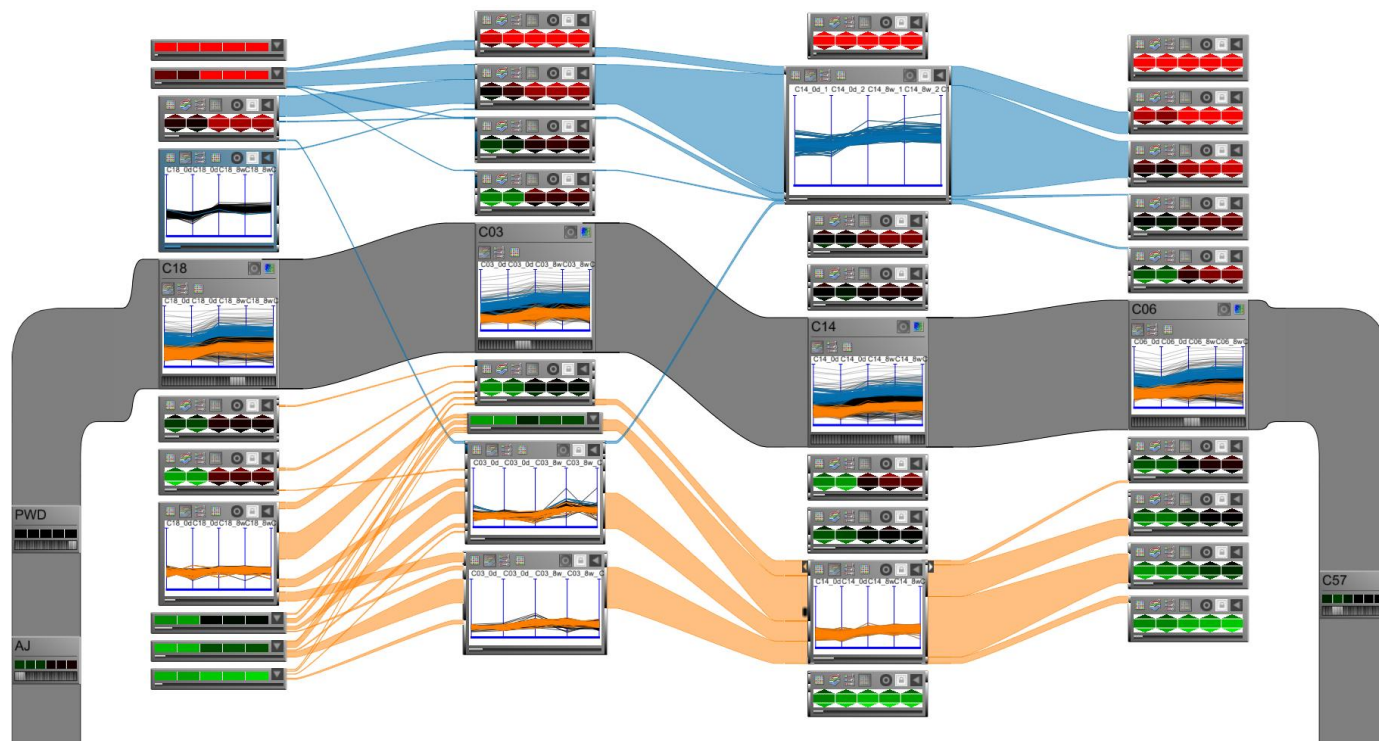
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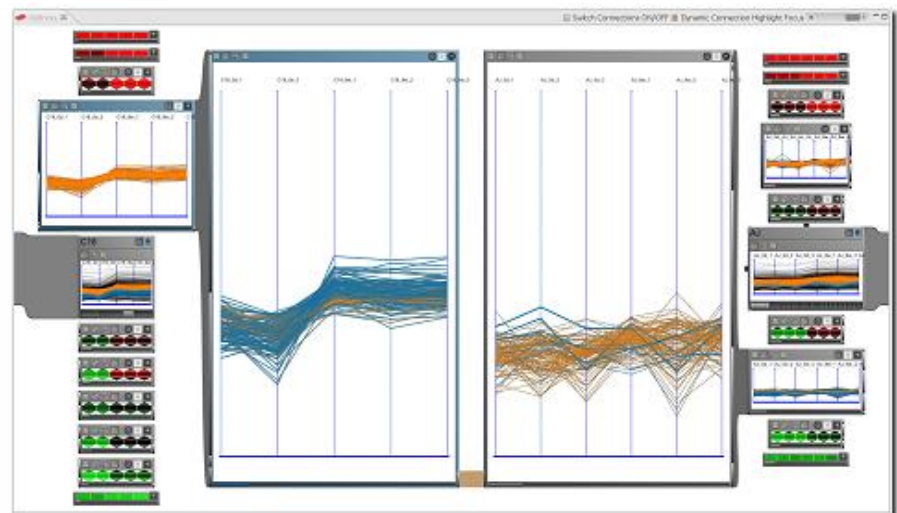
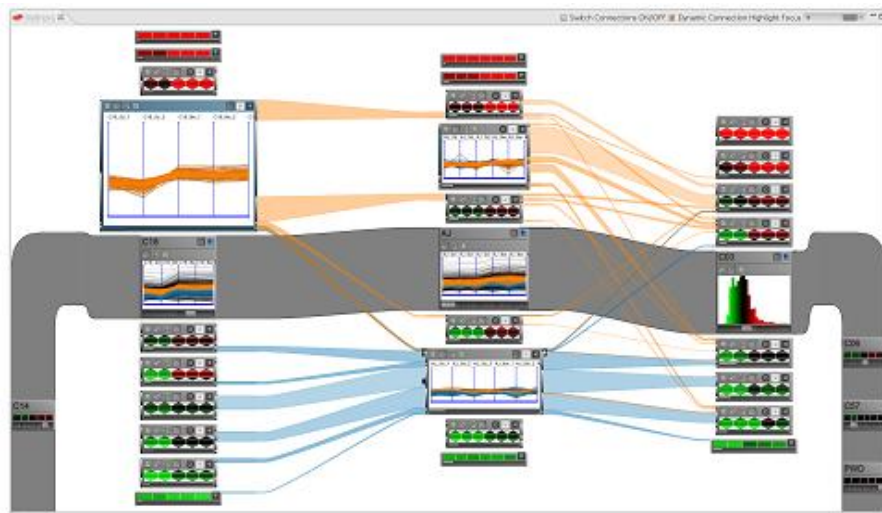
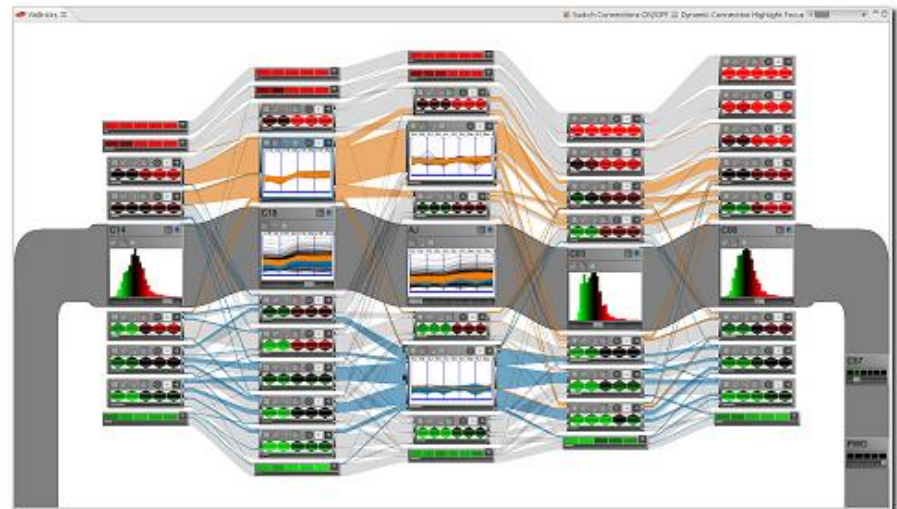
### The Conquer Step: Linking



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### The Result

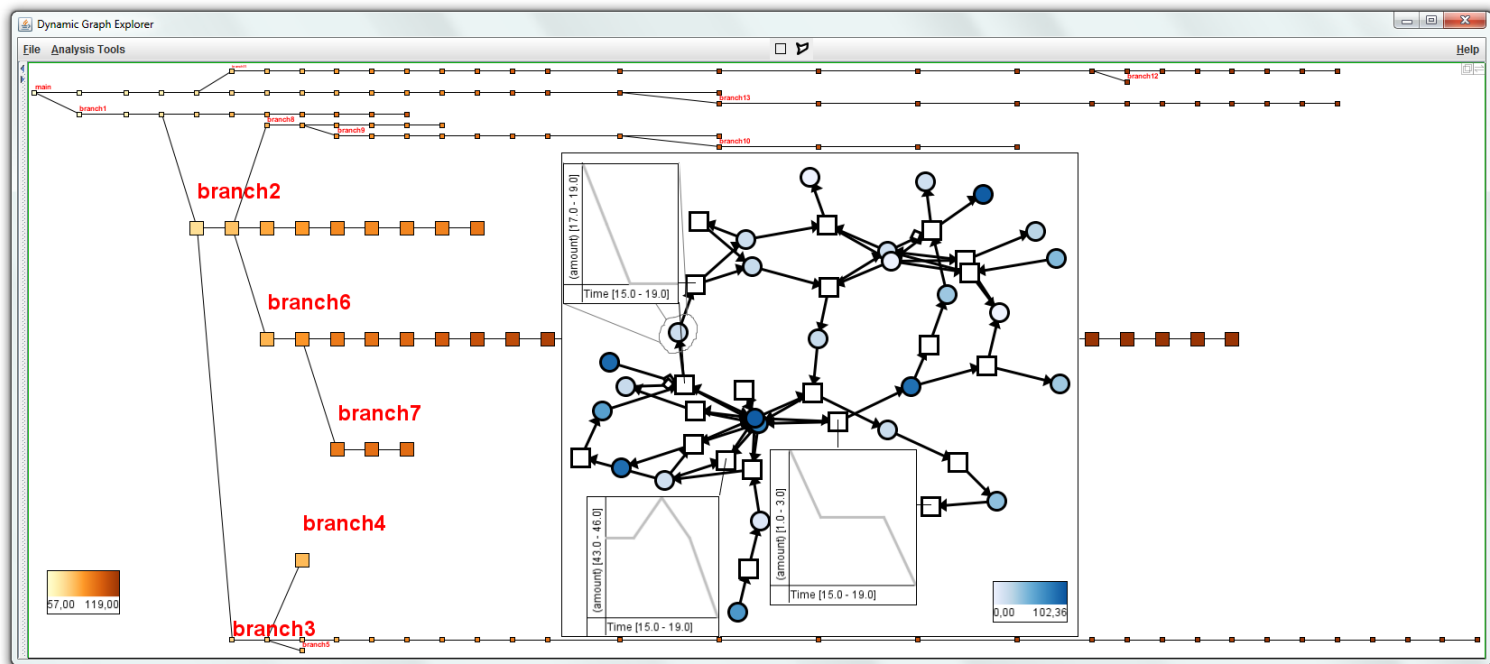






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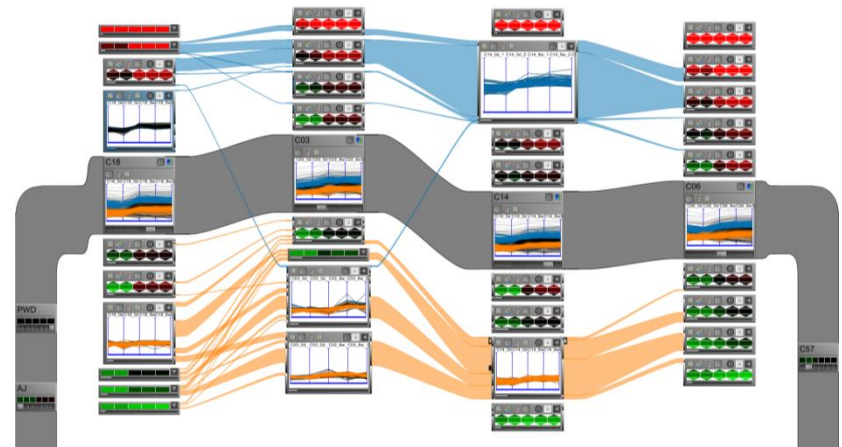
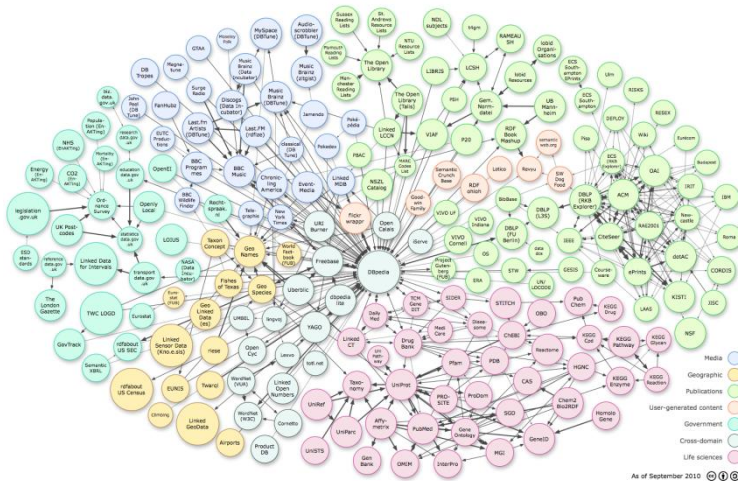
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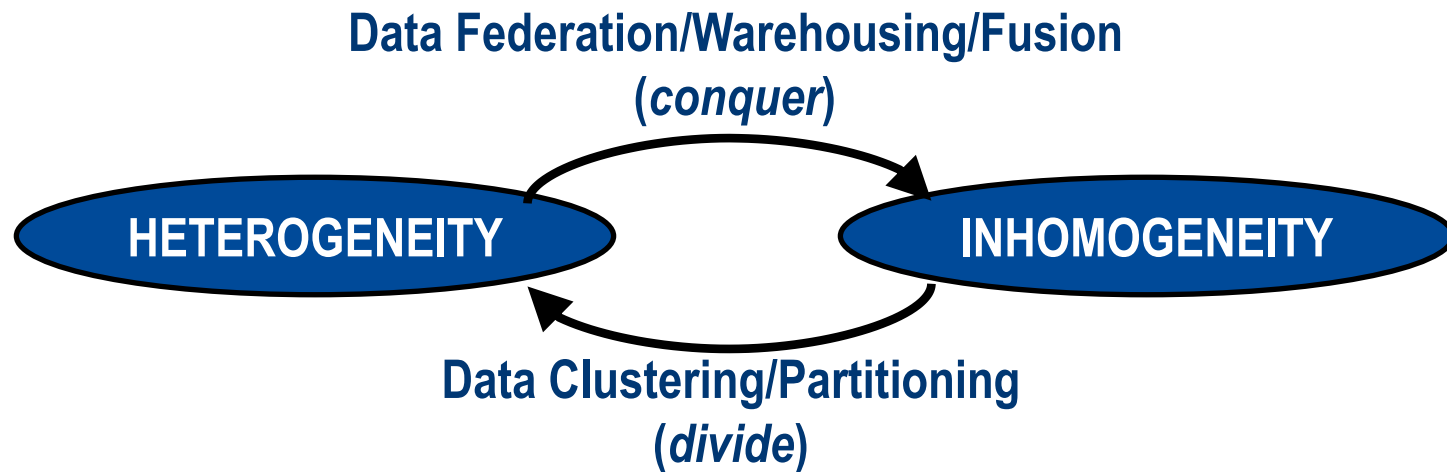


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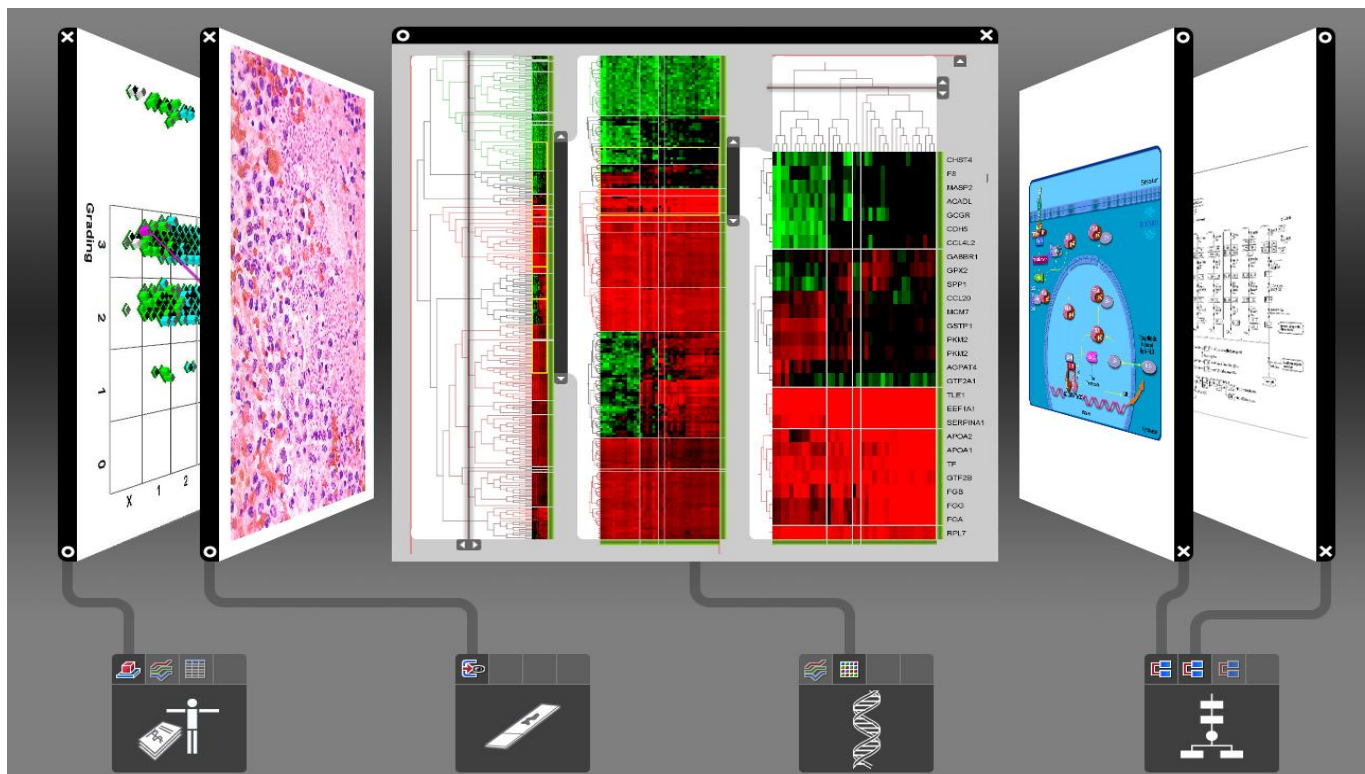
Blatantly overreaching conjecture:

The Heterogeneity-Inhomogeneity-Duality (*working title*)





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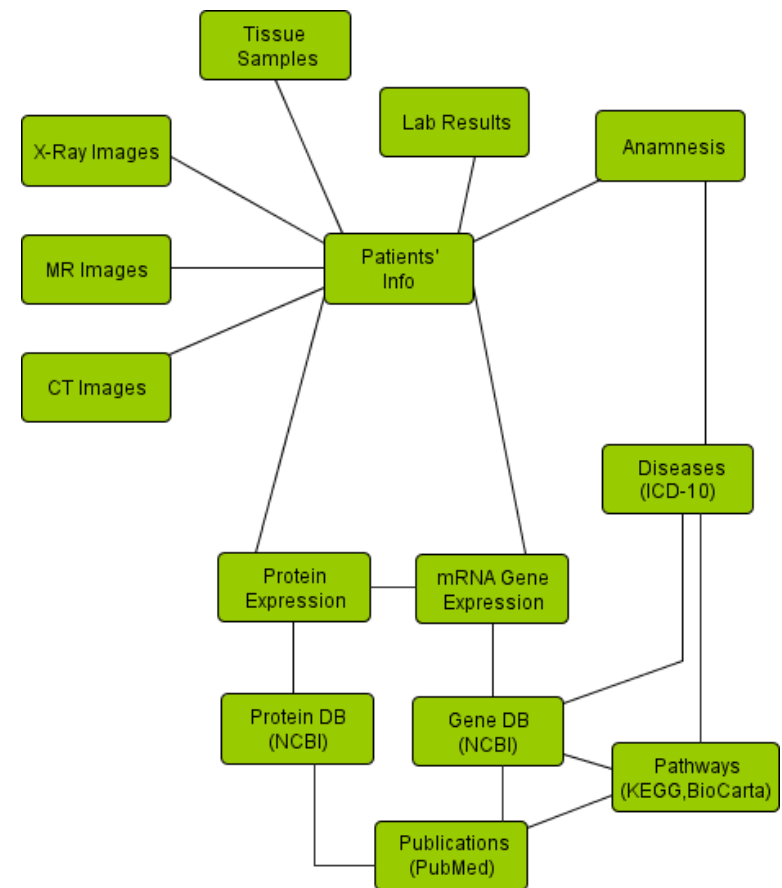


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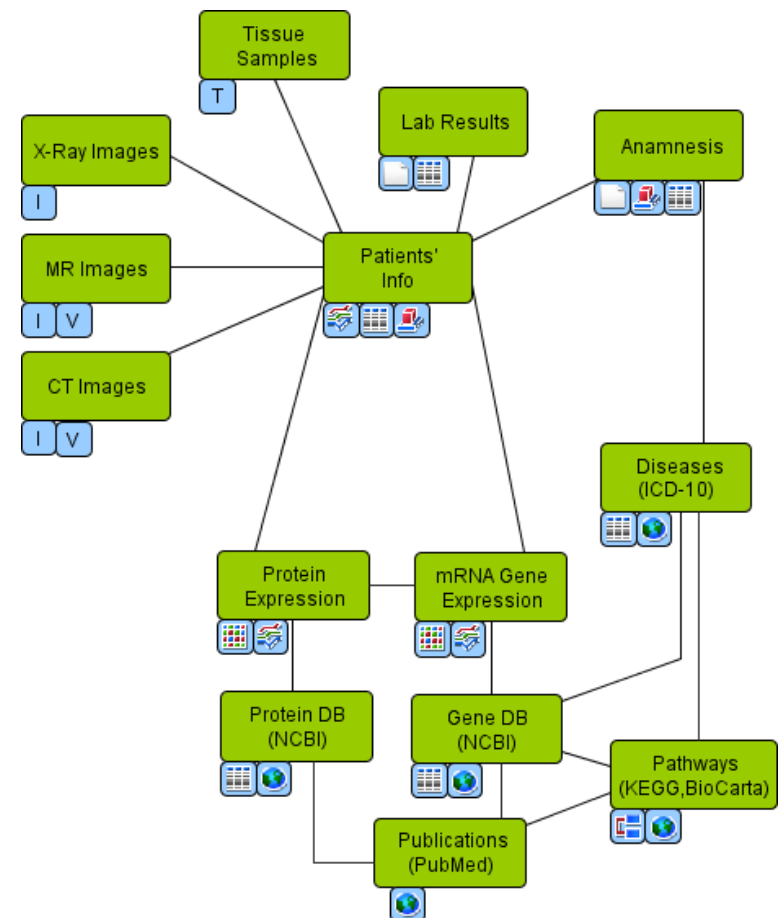
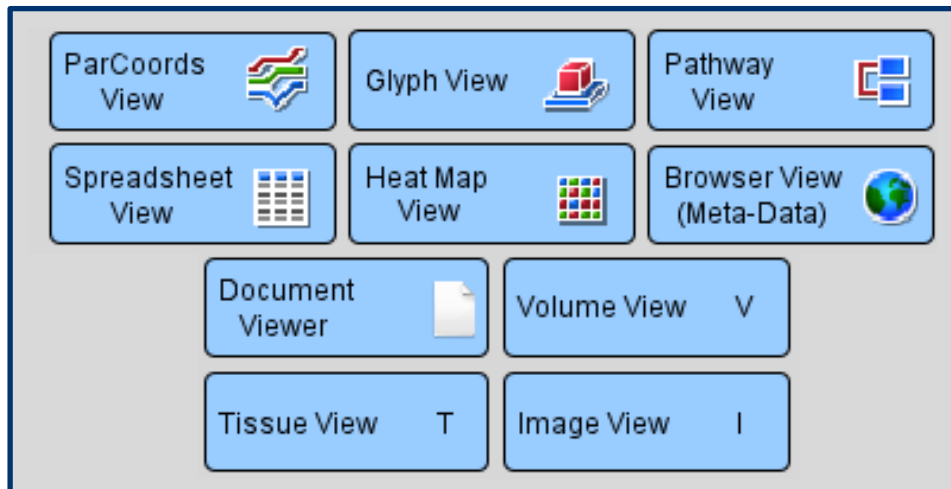


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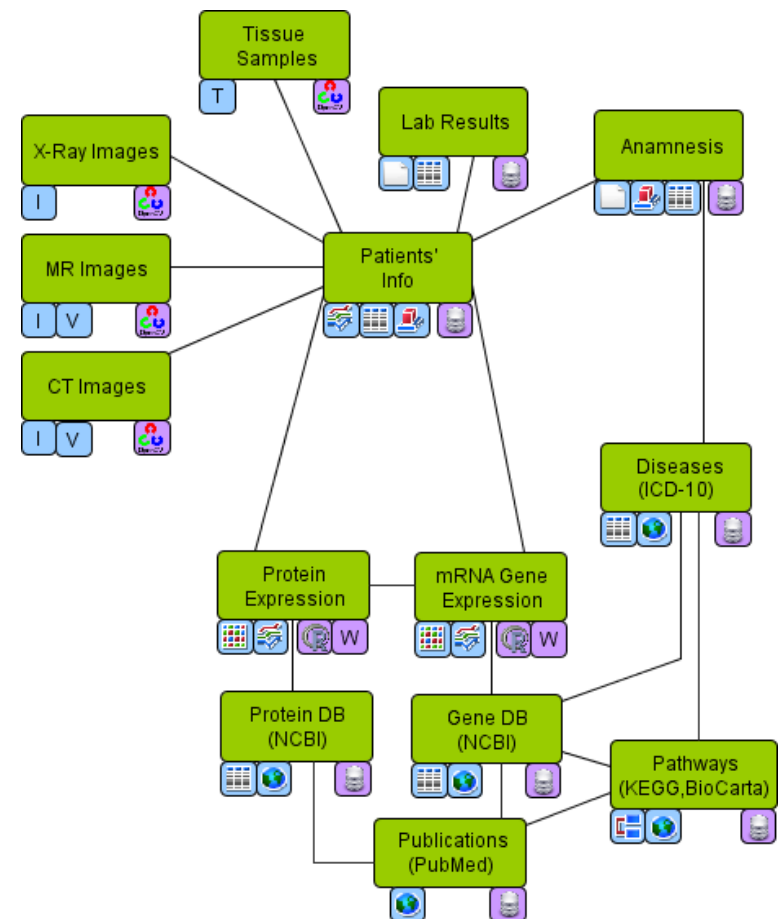
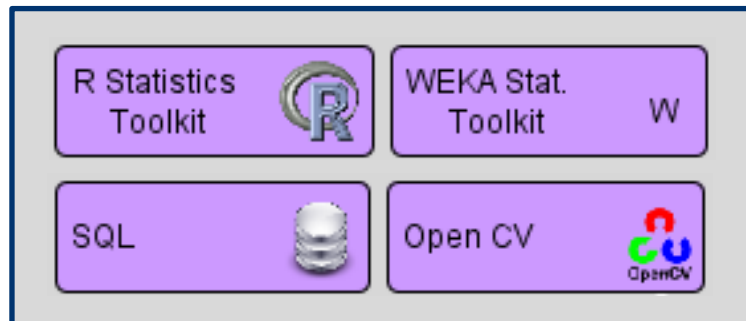
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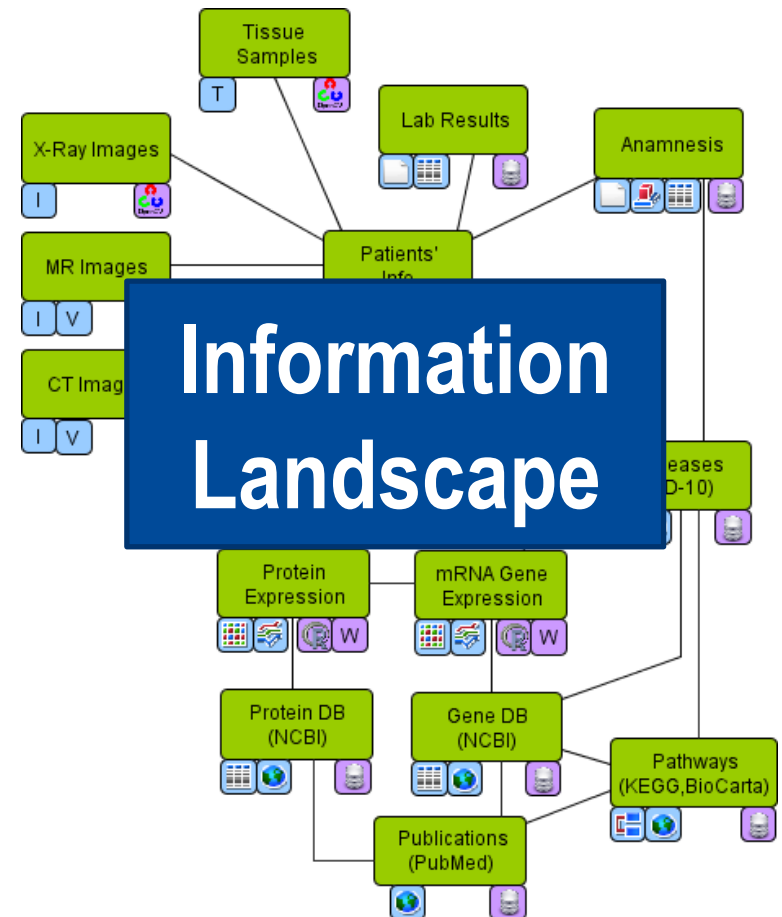
#### Orientation:

**Where** am I and **where** can I go from here?

#### Navigation:

Given a goal, **which** visual and/or analytical interface to use on **which** data set with **which** objective and in **which** order to reach this goal?

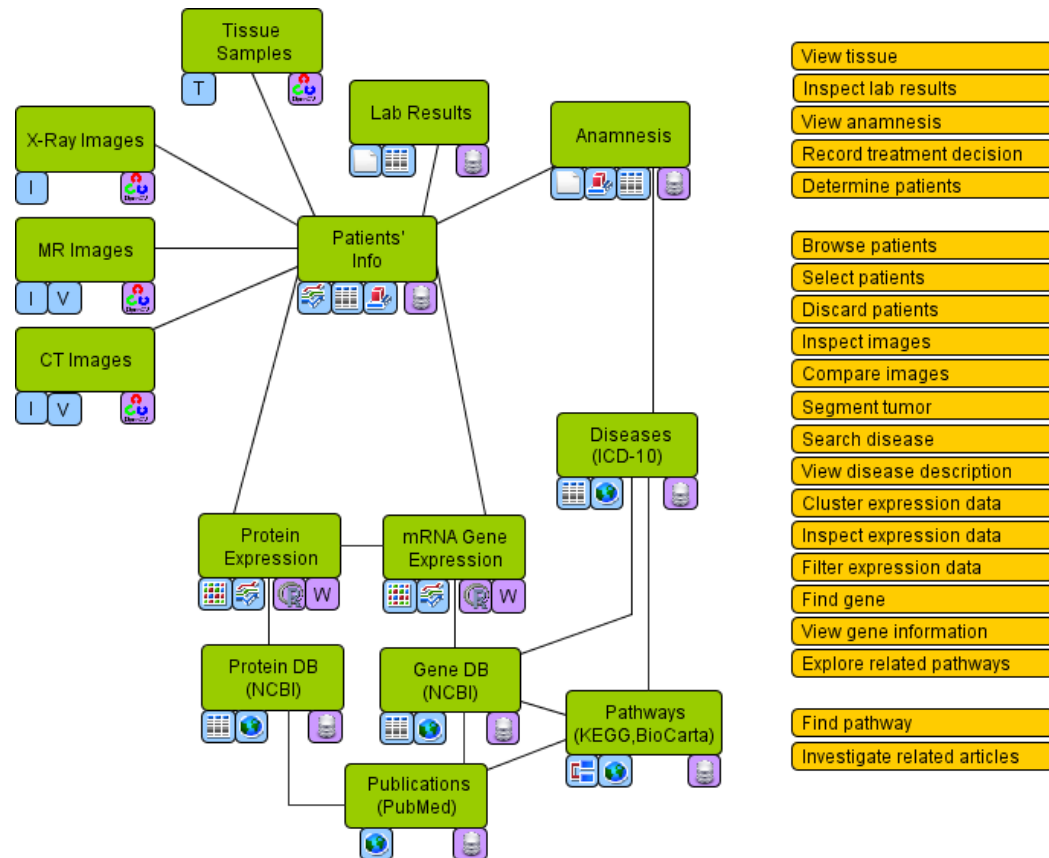
**A typical goal is, for example:**  
treatment planning for cancer patients



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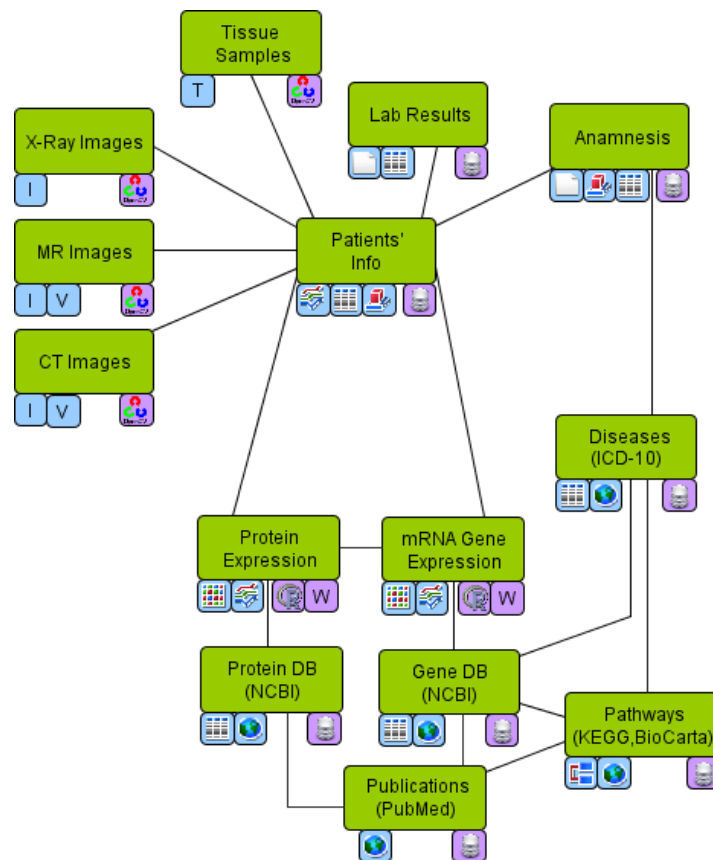


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domain specificity...



View tissue	Inspect
Inspect lab results	Inspect
View anamnesis	Inspect
Record treatment decision	Record
Determine patients	Filter
	P. Clustering
Browse patients	Inspect
Select patients	Filter
Discard patients	Filter
Inspect images	Inspect
Compare images	Similarity A.
Segment tumor	Segment
Search disease	Query
View disease description	Inspect
Cluster expression data	H. Clustering
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Find gene	Query
View gene information	Inspect
Explore related pathways	Filter
	Inspect
Find pathway	Query
Investigate related articles	Filter
	Inspect

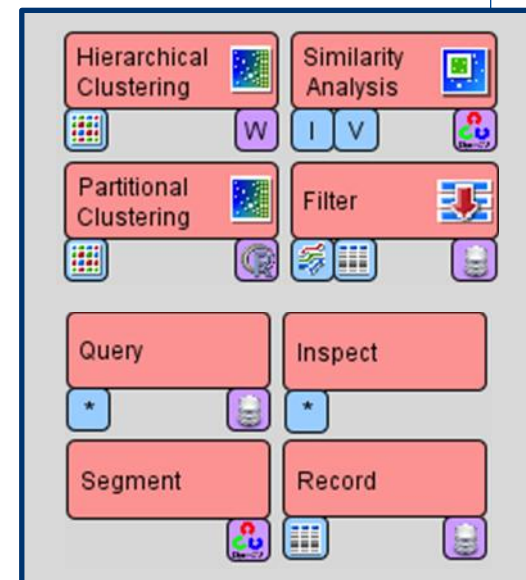
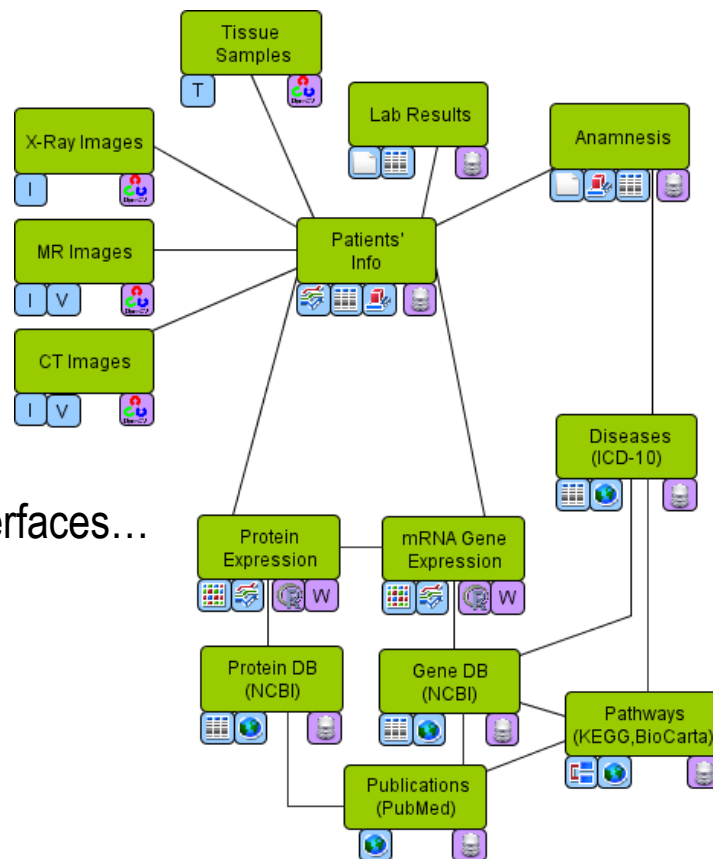
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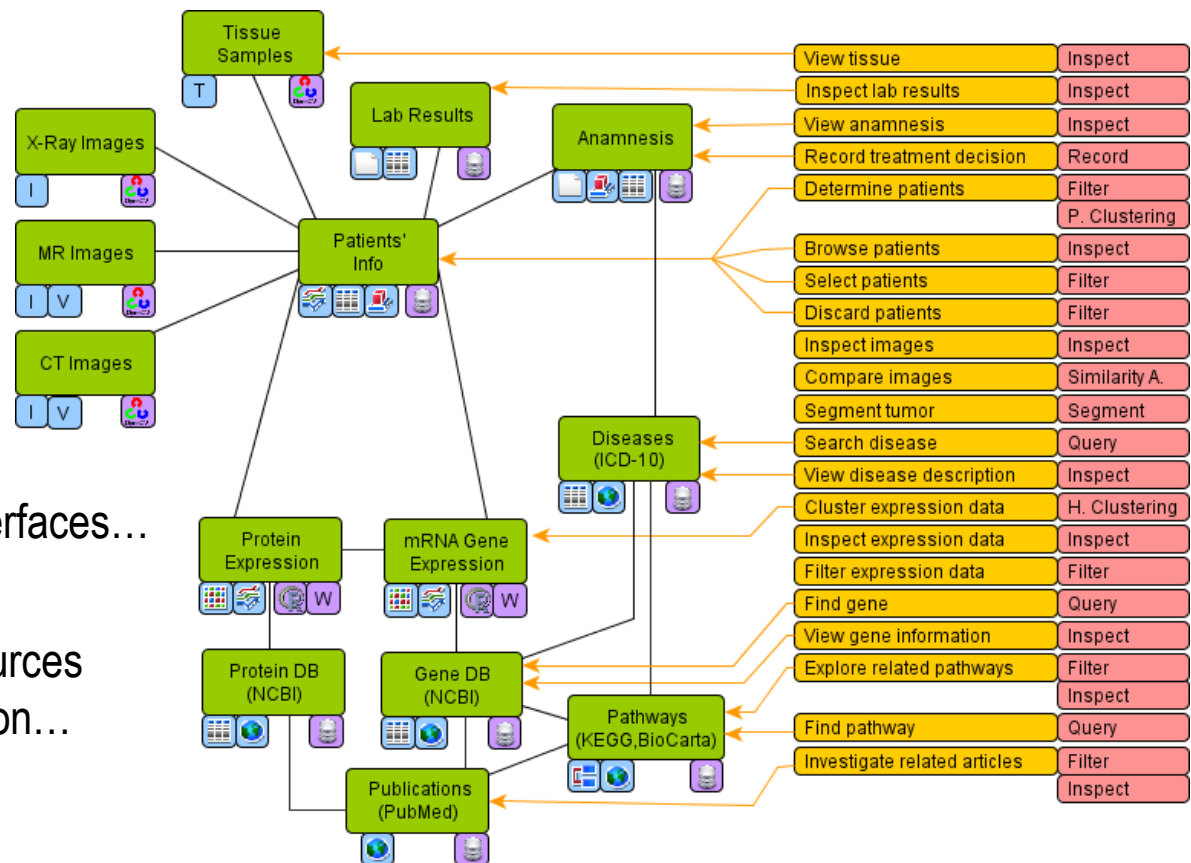
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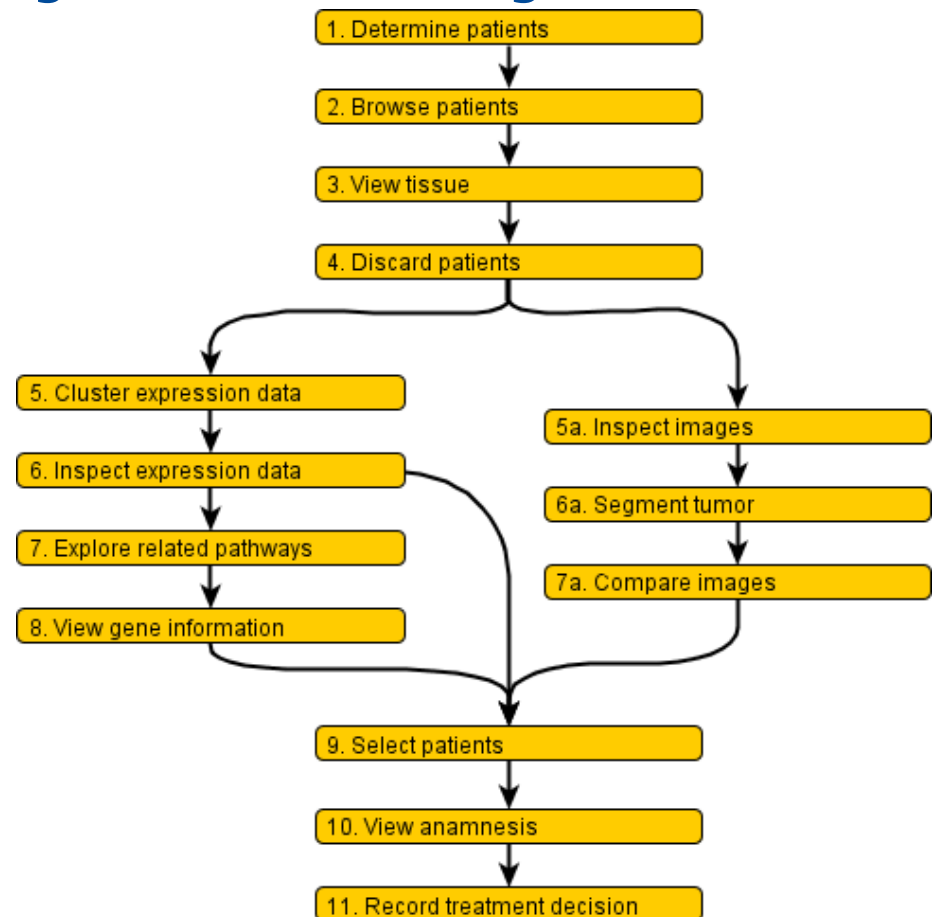


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#### Model the Work Flow

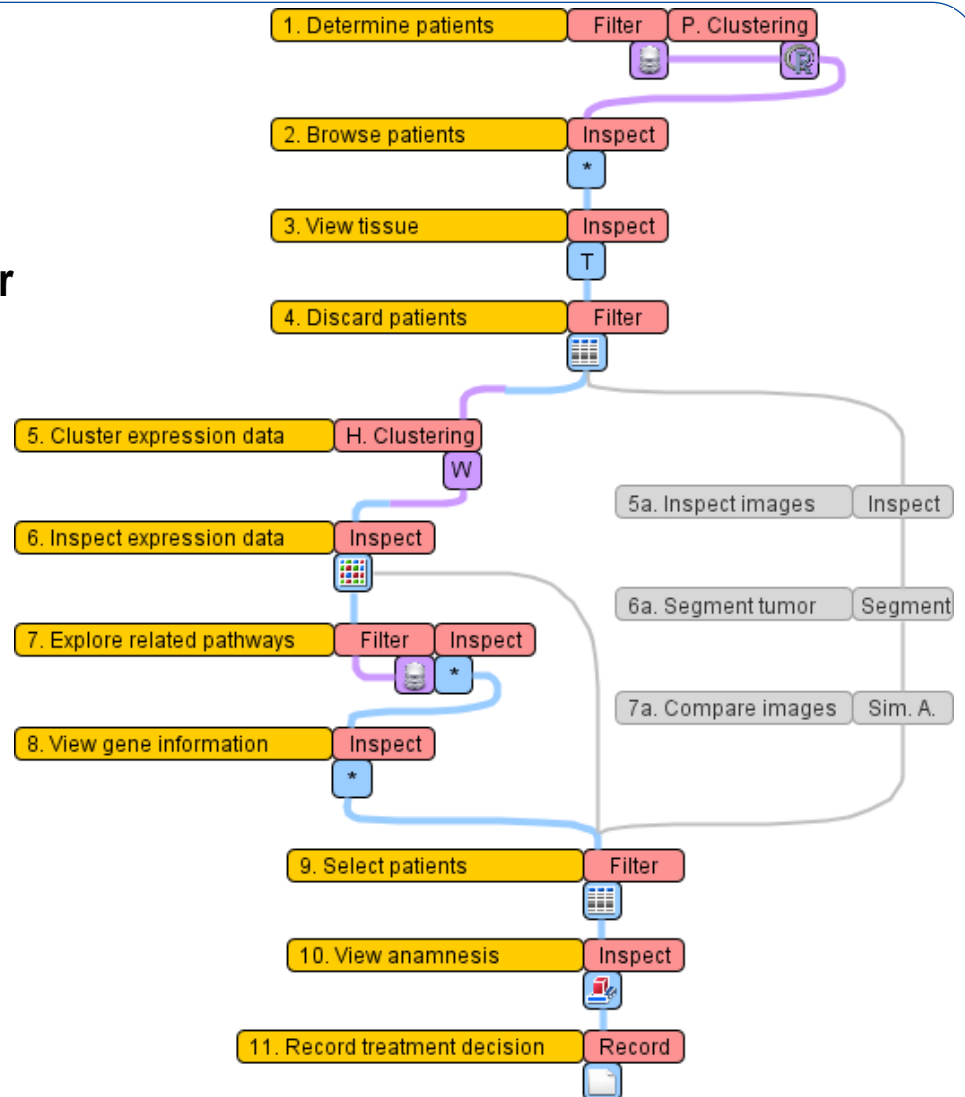
- Use the collected standard tasks as building blocks for the work flow model
- Model alternative paths by branching out the work flow
- Use pre- and post-conditions to define the objective of a task
- ...

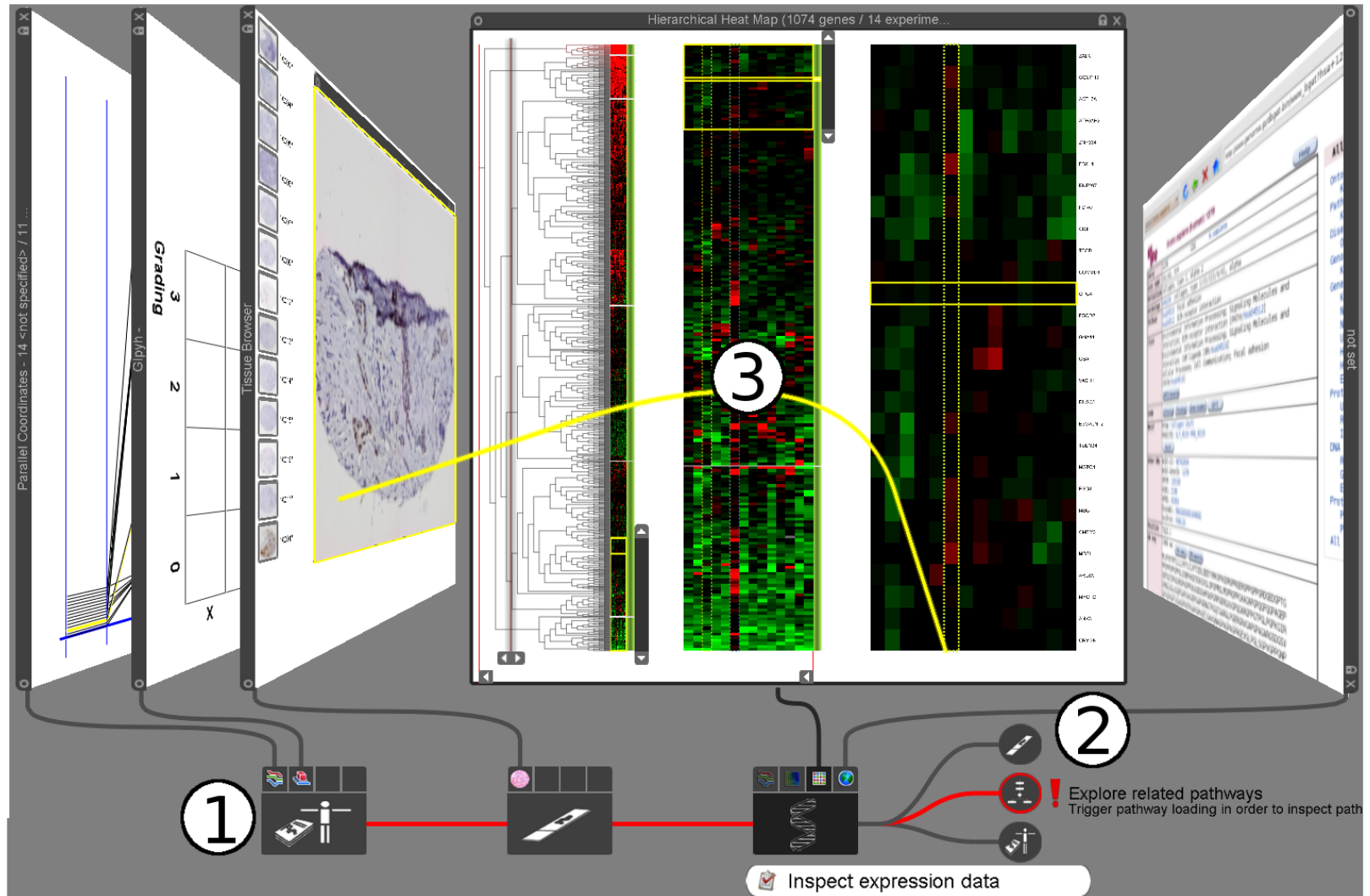
**Note:** The work flow is independent of the modeled setup!



## Bring Work Flow and Setup together

- Determine exactly which visual or analytical interface to use for each operator of each step's task
- Missing data sources and missing operators lead to a **pruning** of the workflow
- If the pruning doesn't leave a path from start to finish, the goal cannot be achieved, but the smallest gap to close can be determined...

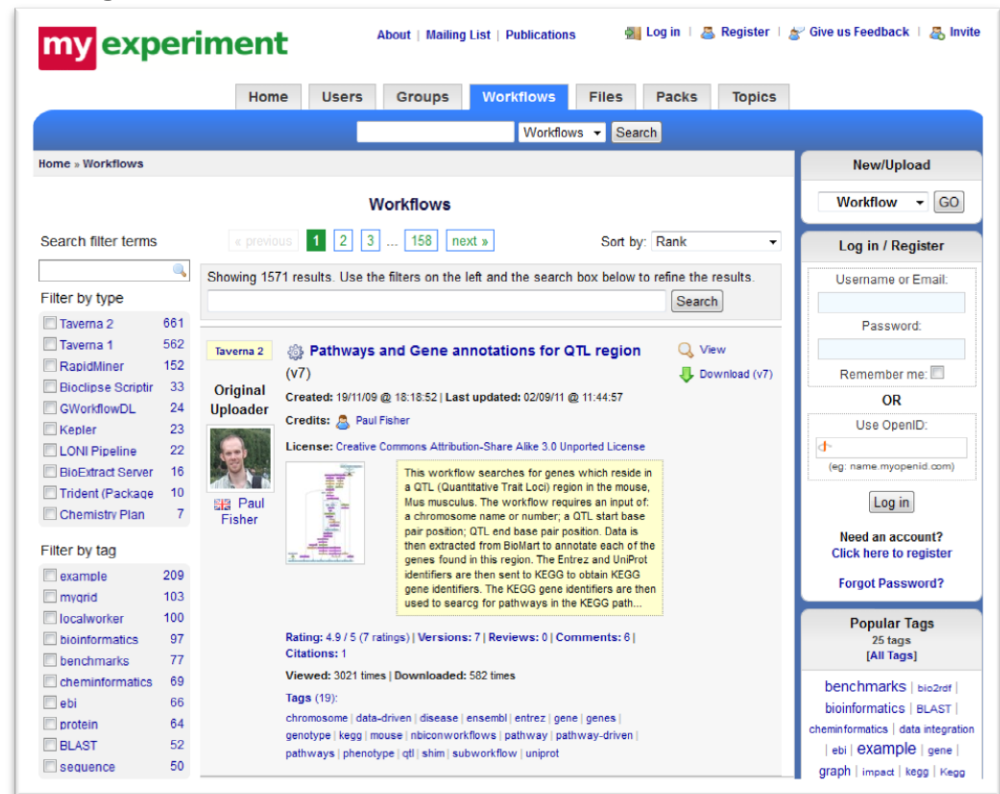




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#### A few Words about the Cost of Modeling

- Mostly suitable for highly repetitive tasks in which each step is of outmost importance (airplane checks, biomedical procedures,...)
- Cost is not as high as imagined
  - 1) hospitals often already have a data model for their IT infrastructure
  - 2) workflows can be crowdsourced (unless they are proprietary)



The screenshot shows the myExperiment website interface. The top navigation bar includes links for About, Mailing List, Publications, Log in, Register, Give us Feedback, and Invite. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with Home, Users, Groups, Workflows (selected), Files, Packs, and Topics. A search bar is located next to the Workflows tab.

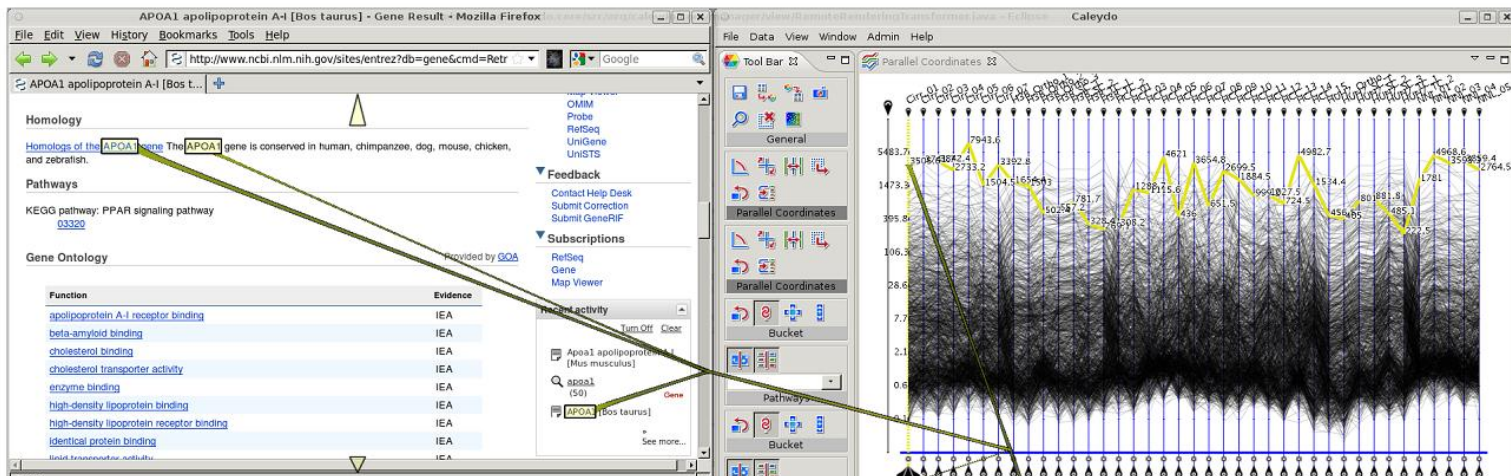
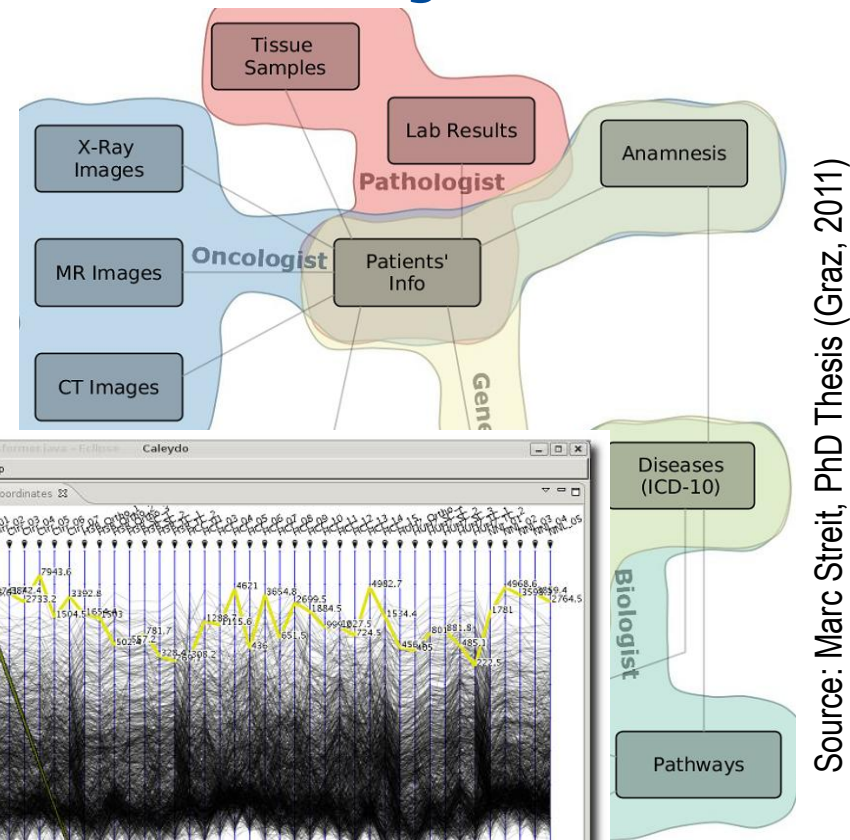
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#### Current Research & Future Work:

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- Guidance across applications



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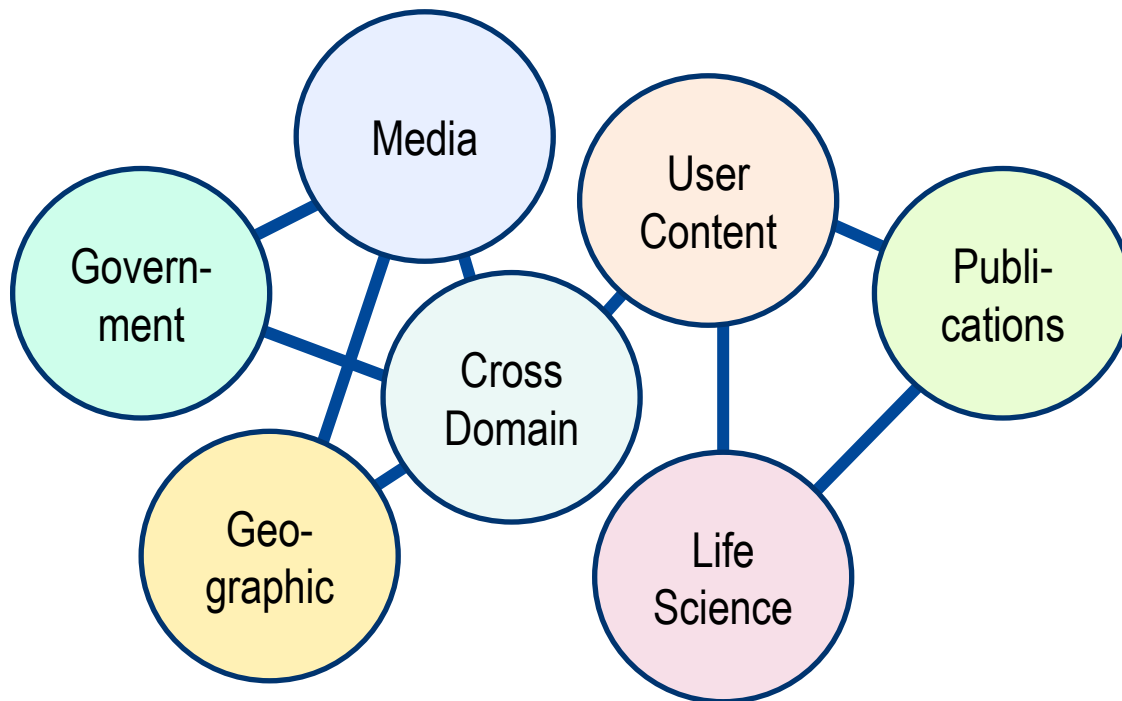
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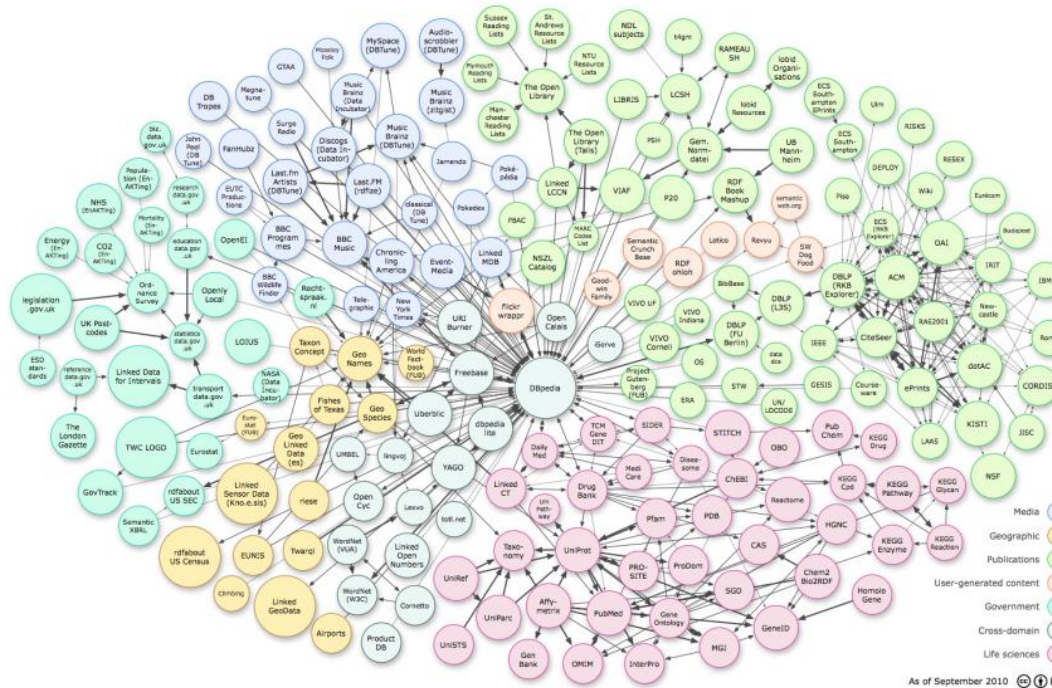
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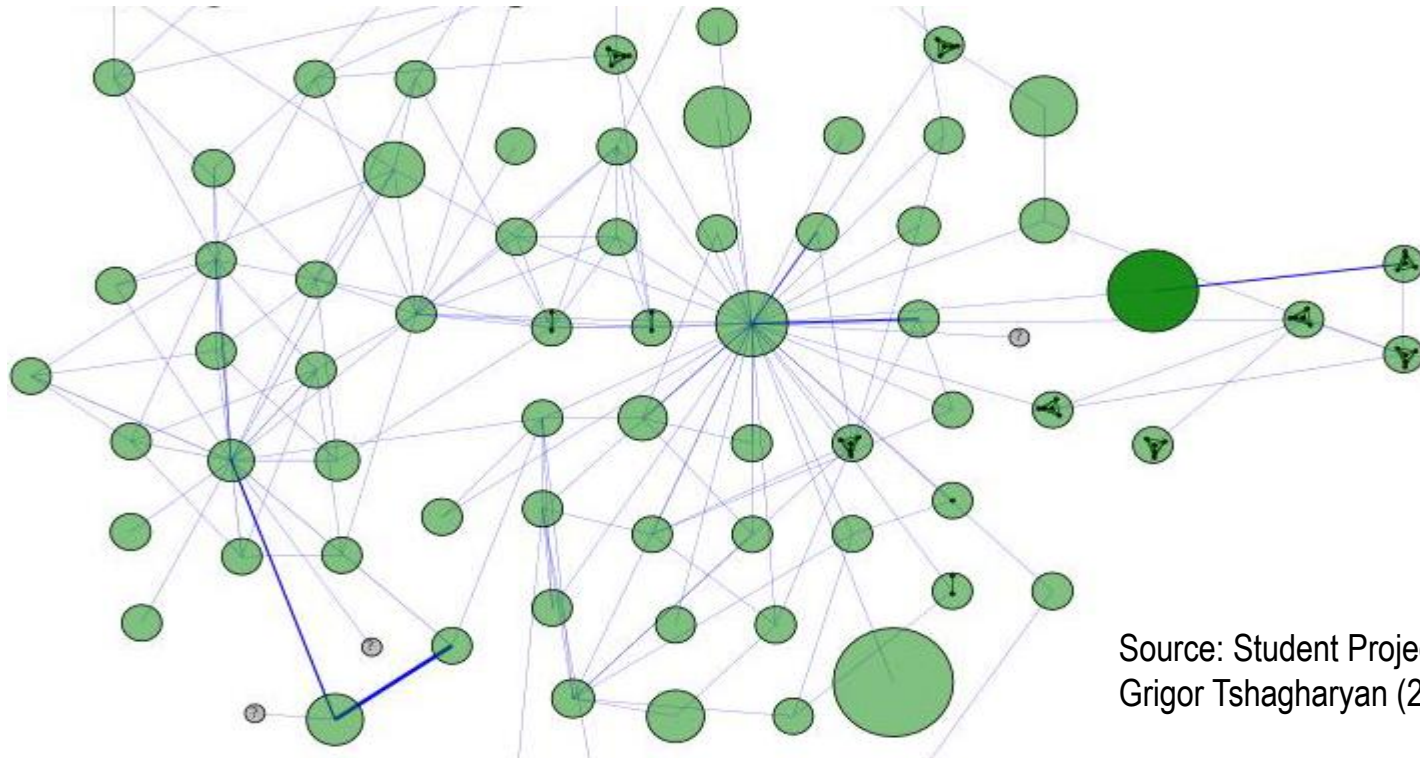
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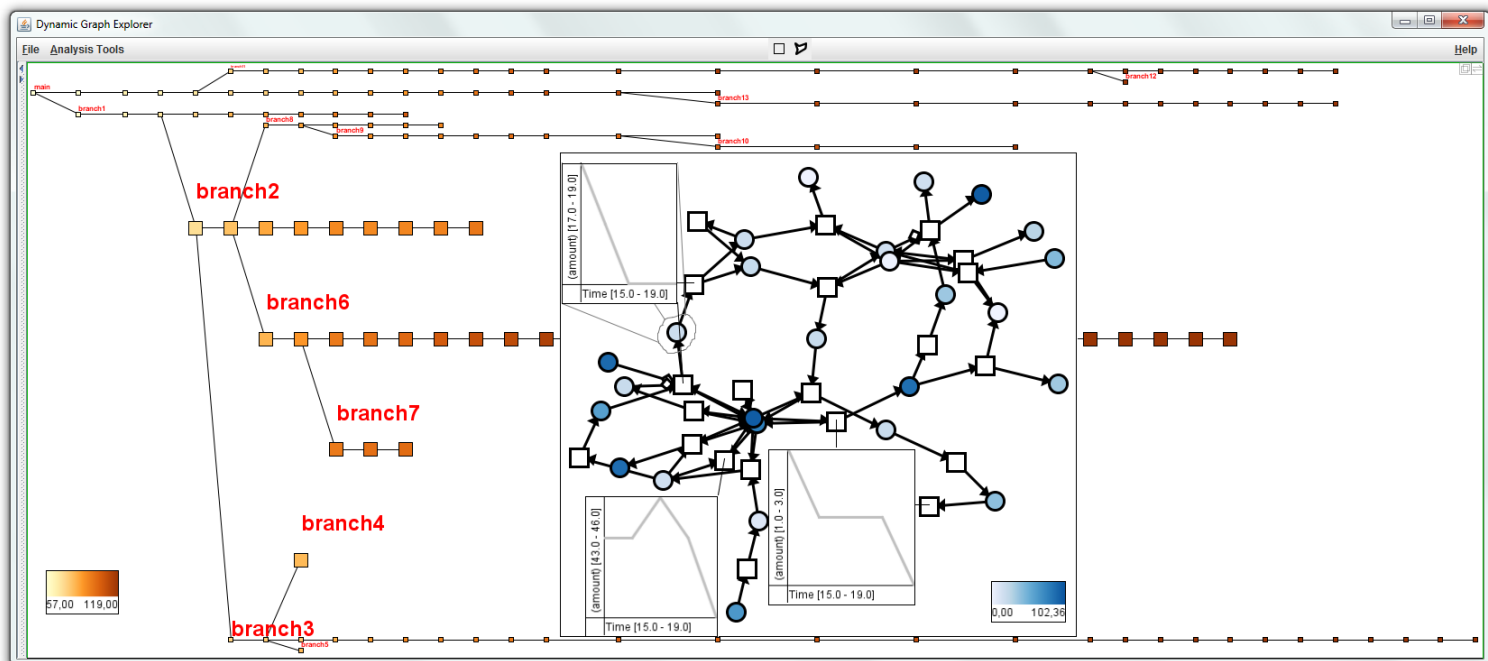
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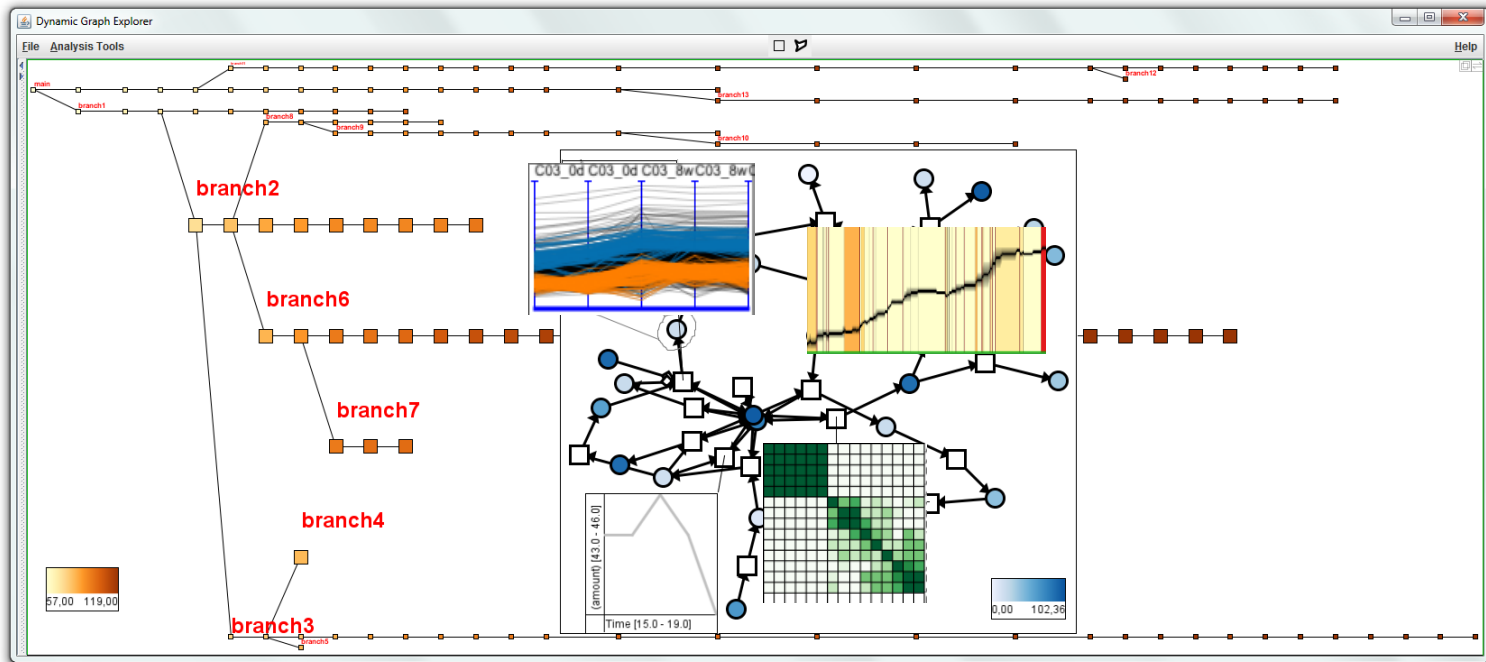


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