

# **Current Research in the UW Structural Informatics Group**

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# Shared Vision

- Worldwide network of integrated data and knowledge
- Brings relevant information to point of need
- Fosters translation

# Long-term Goals

- Contribute to shared vision
- A structural information framework for biomedicine
- Use as a basis for organizing biomedical information

# Rationale

- Structure of the body is the most useful means for organizing biomedical information
- Most manifestations of health and disease are properties of anatomical entities

# Primary Informatics Research Questions

- How to create a structural information framework
- How to use this framework as a basis for organizing information

# Approach

- Classify types of information
- Represent and implement as different modules
- Integrate within a distributed framework
- Develop applications opportunistically
- Applications drive methods

# Current Driving Biological Applications

- Anatomy Education
- Brain mapping
- Proteomics
- Clinical trials
- Craniofacial Malformations

# Research Themes

- Structural framework
- Data management
- Data integration
- Data visualization

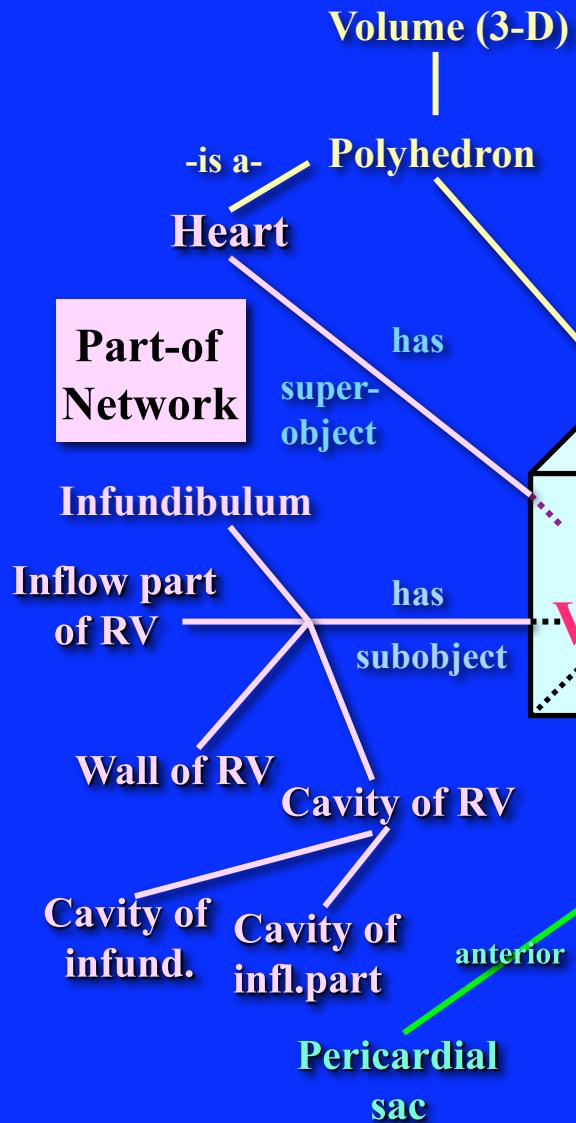
# Projects

- Foundational Model of Anatomy
- Ontology Views
- Data management
- Data integration
- Visualization

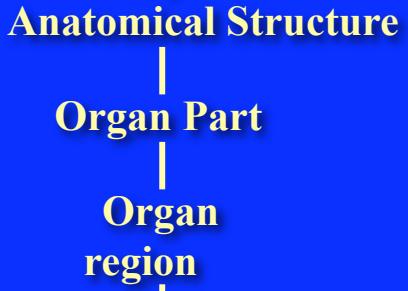
# Foundational Model of Anatomy

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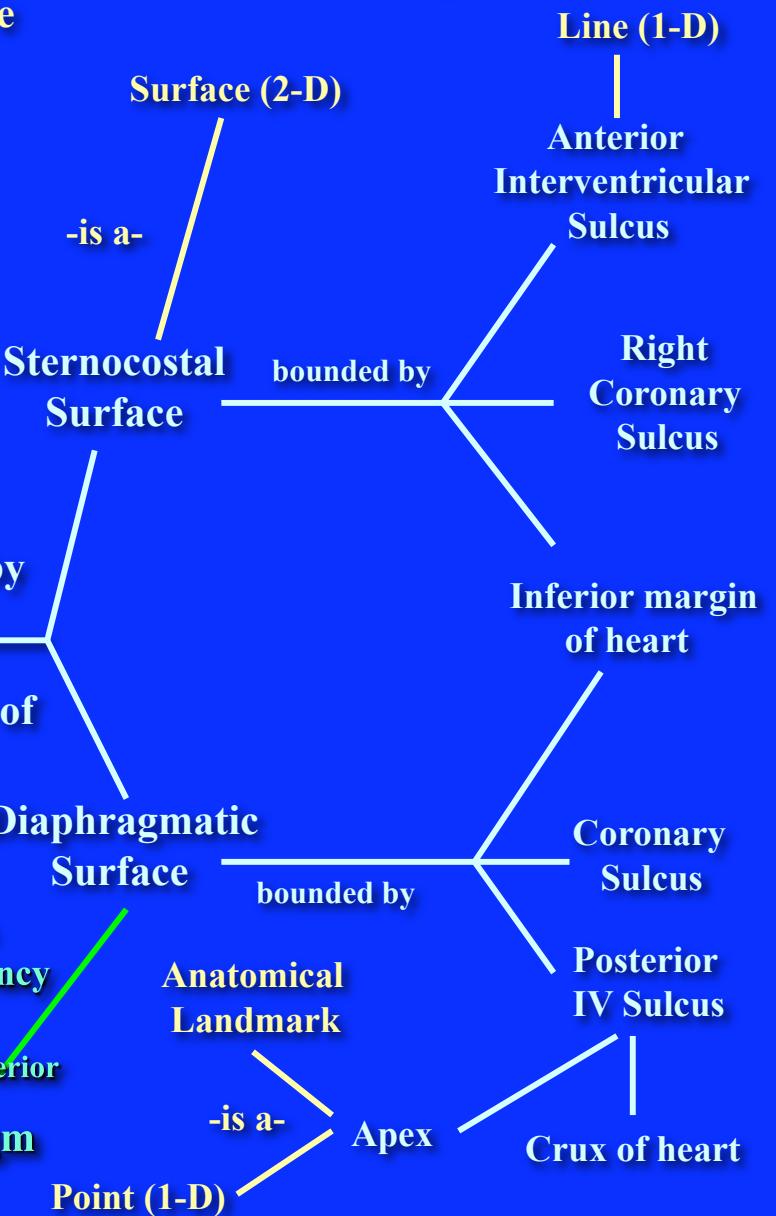
# Dimensional Ontology



# Anatomy Taxonomy

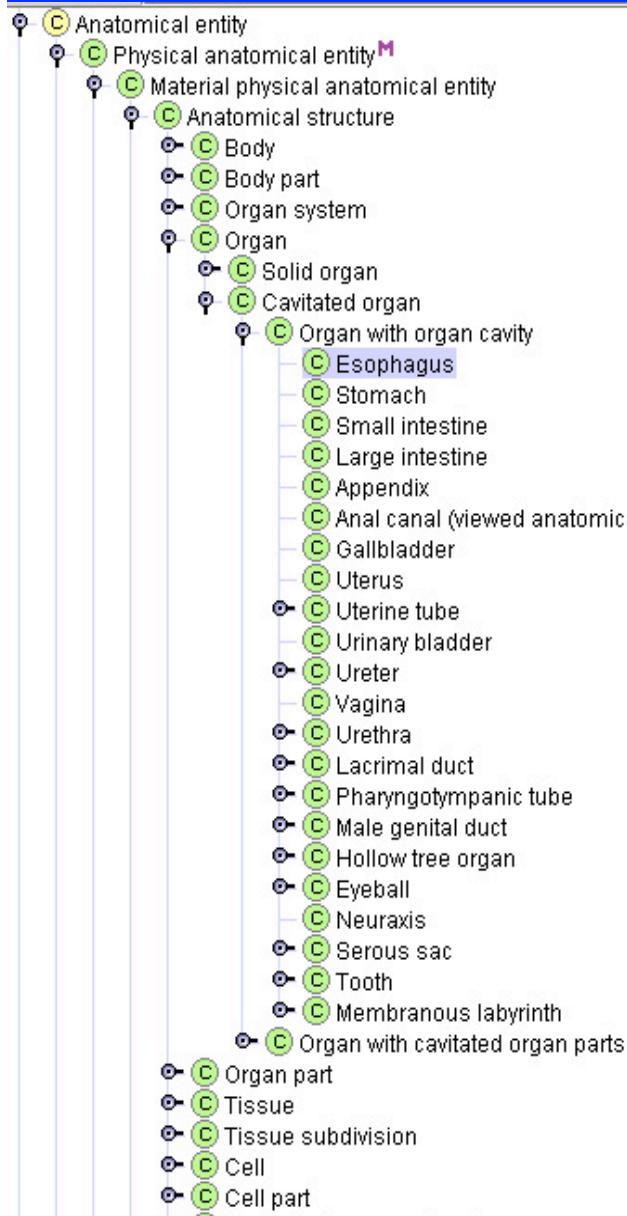


# Boundary Network



# Spatial Association Network

# Protege



Preferred Name	V	UWDAID
Esophagus		7131
Synonyms	V C X S	Non-English Equivalents V C X S
Gullet		Oesophagus
<b>Definition</b>		
Organ with organ cavity which is continuous proximally with the pharynx and distally with the stomach.		
Examples:	There is only one esophagus.	
<b>Member Of</b>	V + -	Part
Set of viscera		Wall of esophagus Lumen of esophagus Cervical part of esophagus Thoracic part of esophagus Abdominal part of esophagus Broncho-esophageus
<b>Part Of</b>	V + -	
Upper gastrointestinal tract Foregut		
<b>Attributed Part</b>	V C	
related part	anatomical/arbitrary	shared/unshared
Wall of esophagus	Anatomical	Unshared
Lumen of esophagus	Anatomical	Unshared
Cervical part of esophagus	Arbitrary	Unshared
Thoracic part of esophagus	Arbitrary	Unshared
<b>Attributed Continuous With</b>	V C	
related object	coordinate	laterality
Pharynx	Superior	
Stomach	Inferior	
<b>Orientation</b>	V C	
related object	coordinate	laterality
Plane of pharyngoesophageal junction	Superior	
Plane of esophagogastric junction	Inferior	

# Influence of the FMA

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# Current work on the FMA

- Reorganizing the neuroanatomy axis of RadLex
- Incorporating Lymphatics
- Representing neural connectivity

# Re-organizing the neuroanatomy axis of RadLex

## Enabling RadLex with the Foundational Model of Anatomy Ontology to Organize and Integrate Neuro-imaging Data



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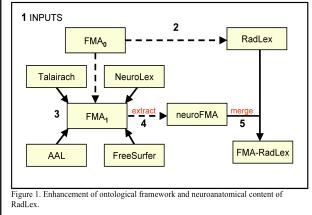
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**Abstract**  
 In this study we empowered RadLex with a robust ontological framework and additional neuroanatomical content derived from a reference ontology, the Foundational Model of Anatomy Ontology (FMA)<sup>1</sup>, with the intent of providing RadLex the facility to correlate the different standards used in annotating neuro-radiological image data. It is the objective of this work to promote data sharing, data harmonization and interoperability between disparate neuro-radiological labeling systems.

### Introduction

Huge amounts of neuro-imaging data are being produced by different groups and they are recorded based on different, often study specific, brain parcellation and naming schemes. Using disparate naming conventions produces incompatible terms thereby making the correlation of data difficult to achieve. Current terminologies for neuro-imaging lack the semantic framework to explicitly declare the precise meanings of the terms and therefore neuro-imaging data and information represented by the terms cannot be readily associated and applied across different studies. RadLex<sup>2</sup> (Radiology Lexicon from RSNA) is a controlled terminology for radiology and seeks to provide the needed semantics for correlating the diverse terminologies used for annotating neuro-imaging data. In this work we leveraged the Foundational Model of Anatomy Ontology (FMA) to re-structure and reinforce the anatomical domain of RadLex so it can incorporate, accommodate and correlate the different annotation terminologies.

The approach we describe here serves two practical purposes:  
 1) reference ontologies provide a principled and robust framework on which to build applications specific to a particular field  
 2) underlying ontological framework facilitates and promotes integration, interoperability and reuse of knowledge among application ontologies.



### Materials and Methods

Enhancing the neuroanatomy ontology of RadLex involved five major steps (shown in Figure 1):

1. selecting a reference ontology, the FMA ontology, a target application ontology, RadLex, three neuro-imaging annotation terminologies, Talairach Daemon Atlas<sup>3</sup>, FreeSurfer atlas<sup>4</sup>, Anatomical Automatic Labeling atlas (AAL)<sup>5</sup> and a neuroanatomical application ontology, NeuroLex<sup>6</sup>, as inputs to the system;
2. application of the high level class taxonomy of the FMA to re-organize the anatomy hierarchy of RadLex<sup>7</sup>;
3. enhancement of the neuroanatomy content of the FMA to capture the representations that different terminologies intend to use for annotating neuroimaging data as well as other forms of neuroscientific data;
4. extraction of the enhanced neuroanatomy component of the FMA, the NeuroFMA, as an ontology “view” for incorporation into RadLex;
5. merging of the extracted NeuroFMA with the ontologically re-organized RadLex.

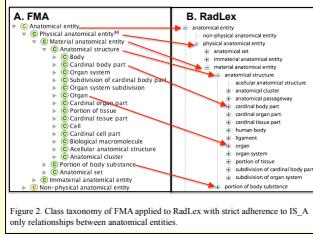
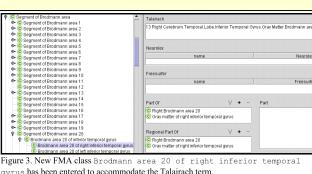


Figure 2. Class taxonomy of FMA applied to RadLex with strict adherence to IS\_A only relationships between anatomical entities.

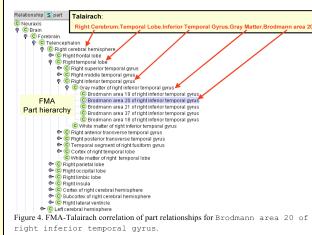


Figure 4. FMA-Talairach correlation of part relationships for Brodmann area 20 of right inferior temporal gyrus.

### Results

**Enhancement of Anatomy Taxonomy of RadLex.** Adoption of the ontological framework of the FMA assures a consistent Aristotelian-type inheritance taxonomy for RadLex (Figure 2). The derived ontology provides explicit semantics for RadLex terms.

**Enhancement of Neuroanatomy content of FMA.** Classes and spatio-structural relations were added in the FMA to accommodate and represent the entities referenced by the different annotation terminologies (Figures 3 and 4). Explicit ontological representation therefore allowed for the correlation of the different terms by using FMA properties such as IS\_A and PART\_OF (Figure 5).

**Extraction of neuroanatomical “view”, NeuroFMA, for incorporation into RadLex.** View extraction is performed via a procedural program that is written in JAVA, utilizing the Protégé ontology API. Rather than creating a view by starting from an empty ontology and then adding classes, the process starts with a complete copy of the FMA and then eliminates everything not required in the NeuroFMA (Figure 6).

**Merging of NeuroFMA into RadLex.** Technical details for this step are beyond the scope of this presentation. However we found that we could coalesce classes from the two ontologies in RadLex. The merging produced “FMA-like” structure to RadLex. A total of 12, 579 classes and 33,361 property values were imported into RadLex from the NeuroFMA. It would have been very difficult and time-consuming to implement these changes manually.

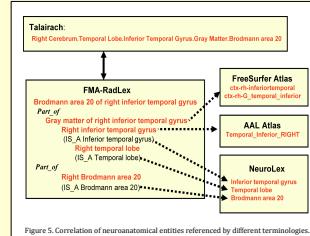


Figure 5. Correlation of neuroanatomical entities referenced by different terminologies.

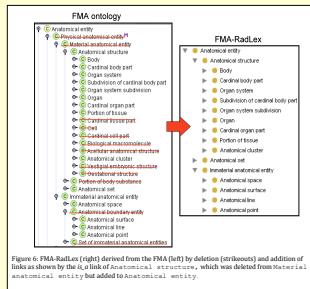


Figure 6. FMA-RadLex (right) derived from the FMA (left) by deletion (strikeouts) and addition of links as shown by the is\_a link of anatomical structure, which was deleted from material anatomical entity but added anatomical entity.

### Conclusion

We have shown how the ontological framework of the FMA explicitly defined the entities represented by the different parcellation and naming schemes and by doing so it becomes possible to ascertain the relationships which correlate these terms, a prerequisite step for sharing and harmonizing data. We have started using the ontology to annotate fMRI datasets and derive inferences about relationships between the datasets<sup>8</sup>.

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# Incorporating Lymphatics

FMA class taxonomy V C X S

- ▶ C Lymph node
  - ▶ C Lymph node of head
  - ▶ C Lymph node of body proper
    - ▶ C Lymph node of neck
    - ▶ C Lymph node of trunk
      - ▶ C Lymph node of thorax
      - ▶ C Lymph node of abdomen
        - ▶ C Lymph node of abdomen proper
          - ▶ C Parietal lymph node of abdomen proper
          - ▶ C Visceral lymph node of abdomen proper
            - ▶ C Intestinal lymph node
              - ▶ C Pre-aortic lymph node
                - C Celiac lymph node
                - ▶ C Superior mesenteric lymph node
                - ▶ C Inferior mesenteric lymph node
                - ▶ C Pre-aortic proper lymph node
              - ▶ C Gastric lymph node
              - ▶ C Hepatic lymph node
              - ▶ C Gastrohepatic ligament node
              - ▶ C Pyloric lymph node
              - ▶ C Pancreatic lymph node
              - ▶ C Pancreaticoduodenal lymph node
              - ▶ C Colic lymph node
              - ▶ C Ileocolic lymph node
              - ▶ C Pararectal lymph node
              - ▶ C Appendicular lymph node
              - ▶ C Sigmoid lymph node
              - ▶ C Superior rectal lymph node
              - ▶ C Mesenteric lymph node
              - ▶ C Anorectal lymph node
              - ▶ C Inferior rectal lymph node
              - ▶ C Cardiophrenic angle lymph node
              - ▶ C Retrocrural lymph node
              - ▶ C Node of posterior iliac crest
        - ▶ C Lymph node of pelvis
        - ▶ C Lymph node of upper limb

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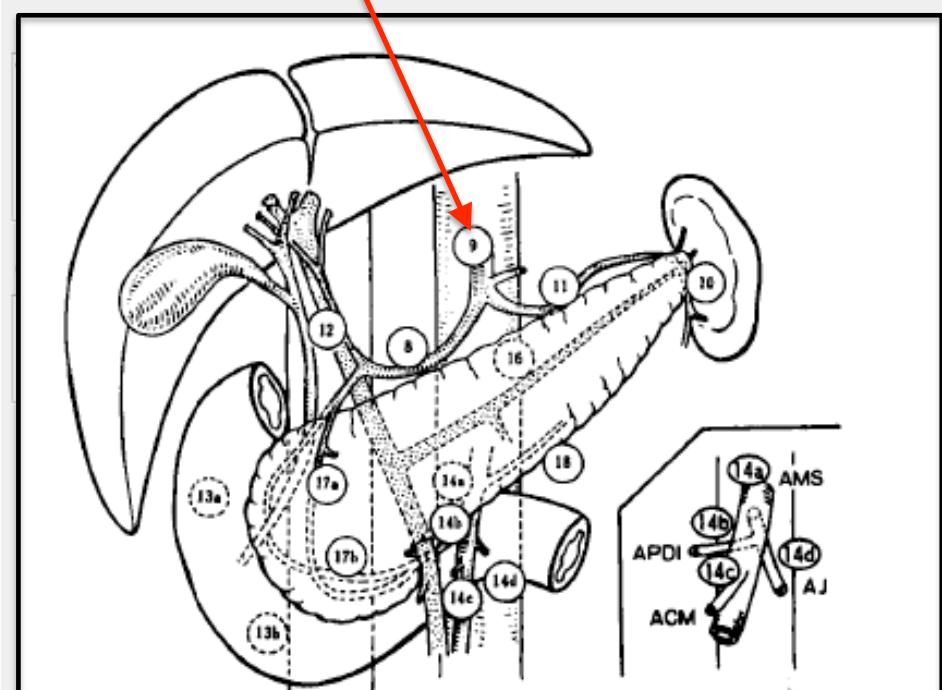


Figure 1. Classification of regional lymph nodes of the pancreas.  
 Inset, subdivision of area 14. AMS: the superior mesenteric artery;  
 AJ: the jejunal artery; APDI: the inferior pancreaticoduodenal artery;  
 ACM: the medial colic artery.

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# Representing Neural Connectivity

## Representing Neural Connectivity in the Foundational Model of Anatomy Ontology

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### 1. Summary

- Our current effort focuses on representing neural connectivity relationships between gray and white matter structures in the Foundational Model of Anatomy Ontology (FMA)<sup>1</sup>.
- The FMA contains a number of terms that imply either structural or functional connectivity, such as *sends\_output\_to* or *receives\_input\_from*, but the semantics of their structural connectivity relationships were not yet made formally explicit.
- To formalize structural connectivity relationships in the FMA we developed a set of definitions to disambiguate and clarify the terminologies describing the types of connectivity relationships that exist between gray and white matter structures at different levels of granularity.
- Scales of connectivity relations range from long-range association, commissural, and projection fibers at the mesoscopic scale to synaptic junctions at the microscopic scale.
- This work focused on generating a representation of connectivity at the mesoscopic scale, which aims to facilitate the integration of annotated open-access neuroimaging datasets - including structural MRI (sMRI), functional MRI (fMRI) and diffusion tensor imaging (DTI).

### 2. Methodology

- The FMA is a reference ontology for the domain of anatomy that symbolically represents the phenotypic organization of the human body at all levels of granularity.
- In this study we applied FMA principles to the represent structural connectivity properties of gray matter and white matter neural structures using the principle of Anatomical Structural Abstraction (ASA).
- Connectivity**, in addition to **Location** and **Orientation**, is one of the three components of the ASA Spatial Association Network (SAN). We focused on explicitly representing connectivity properties between white matter and gray matter neural entities at the mesoscopic scale.
- Gray Matter Properties**
  - has\_projection* and *projects\_from* are inverse properties between "structure of origin" and the fibers it sends out.
  - 'Brodmann area 39 of inferior parietal lobule' has *projection* 'Superior longitudinal fasciculus proper'
  - 'Superior longitudinal fasciculus proper' *projects\_from* 'Brodmann area 6 of inferior parietal lobule'
- White Matter Properties**
  - receives\_projection* and *projects\_to* are inverse properties between "structure of termination (target)" and the fibers it receives.
  - 'Dorsal segment of superior longitudinal fasciculus' *projects\_to* 'Brodmann area 6 of superior frontal gyrus'
  - 'Brodmann area 6 of superior frontal gyrus' *receives\_projection* from 'Superior longitudinal fasciculus proper'

### 3. Example of a Connectivity Relation

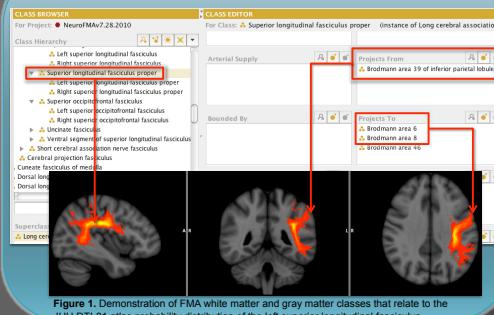


Figure 1. Demonstration of FMA white matter and gray matter classes that relate to the JHU DTI-81 atlas probability distribution of the left superior longitudinal fasciculus.

### 4. Relate Tract and Region Based Atlases

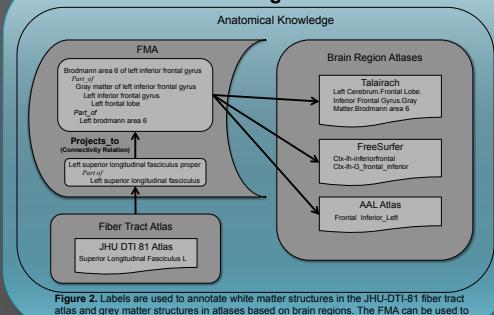


Figure 2. Labels are used to annotate white matter structures in the JHU-DTI-81 fiber tract atlas and grey matter structures in atlases based on brain regions. The FMA can be used to reconcile the different parcellation schemes.

### 5. Sub-property Hierarchy and Definitions

Sub-property Hierarchy	Term	Definition
Connectivity Hierarchy	<i>Connected_to</i>	Structural anatomical property which holds between each anatomical structure of type A and some anatomical structure of type B if they share some part of its bone/fe lid anatomical surface with that of the other.
	<i>Continuous_with</i>	Connected, to property which holds between each anatomical entity of type A and some anatomical entity of type B such that there is no boundary between them connecting the two parts.
	<i>Synapse_with</i>	Connected, to property where there is apposition between the presynaptic membrane of a neuron and the postsynaptic membrane of another neuron or a region of a muscle cell or a gland cell and some form of neurotransmission is evident between them.
	<i>Projects_to*</i>	Attached, to property where individual axons comprising a fiber tract originating from one brain region project to synapse with the soma of a group of neurons located in one or more other brain regions. This relation may be synonymous with "terminates_at".
	<i>Projects_from*</i>	Continuous, with property where individual axons comprising a fiber tract originating from one brain region project to synapse with the soma of a group of neurons located in one or more other brain regions. This relation may be synonymous with "originates_from".
	<i>Sends_output_to*</i>	Efferent pathway, to property connecting relations where A has <i>projection</i> to B and projects to C, and where transmission is sent from A to C.
	<i>Receives_input_from*</i>	Afferent pathway, to property connecting relations where A <i>receives_projection</i> from B and projects to C, and where neuroconduction is received by A from C.

Figure 3. Connectivity properties arranged in a hierarchy in the Spatial Association Network (SAN) of the FMA (above). Definitions for properties implemented in the FMA\* (right).

### 6. Future Work

- Continue developing the FMA representation of connectivity at the mesoscopic scale and begin implementation of additional connectivity relations at finer levels of granularity.
- Develop a more rich representation of the Brodmann Area parcellation schema by explicitly defining cytoarchitectonic, regional, and long-range connectivity properties.
- Demonstrate the utility of connectivity relations in the FMA for knowledge discovery by integrating region-based annotations from sMRI and fMRI datasets with tract-based annotations from DTI datasets.
- Determine how new knowledge about neural connectivity from the human connectome project and related structural and functional connectivity research can be incorporated into the FMA.

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# Planned work on the FMA

- Convert to OWL 2
- Use as a basis for application ontologies
- Use as a basis for reorganizing other ontologies

# Projects

- Foundational Model of Anatomy
- Ontology Views
- Data management
- Data integration
- Visualization

# Ontology Views over the Semantic Web

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# Motivation

- Reference ontologies like the FMA are (or will be) too large for practical use
- How can reference ontologies be made practical for applications?

# Approach

- Application ontologies as views over one or more reference ontologies
- A view is a query that defines a formal transformation from one or more source ontologies to a target application ontology

# SparQL Extensions: vSparQL

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- Gleen Regular path library
- Subqueries
- Recursive Queries
- Skolem functions

# vSparQL Subquery

PREFIX rdfs:<http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#>  
PREFIX rdf:<http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>  
PREFIX owl:<http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#>  
PREFIX gleen:<java:edu.washington.sig.gleen.>  
PREFIX fma:<http://sig.biostr.washington.edu/fma3.0#>

Subquery {

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SELECT ?subj ?prop ?obj
FROM NAMED <liver> [
    CONSTRUCT {fma:Liver fma:regional_part ?z}
    FROM <http://sig.biostr.washington.edu/fma3.0>
    WHERE {fma:Liver fma:regional_part ?z .}
]
WHERE { GRAPH <liver> {?subj ?prop ?obj .} }
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subj	prop	obj
fma:Liver	fma:regional_part	fma:Right_lobe_of_liver
fma:Liver	fma:regional_part	fma:Left_lobe_of_liver

# vSparQL Recursive Query

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PREFIX rdf:<http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>
PREFIX owl:<http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#>
PREFIX gleen:<java:edu.washington.sig.gleen.>
PREFIX fma:<http://sig.biostr.washington.edu/fma3.0#>

SELECT ?subj ?prop ?obj
FROM NAMED <liver> [
    CONSTRUCT {fma:Liver fma:regional_part ?z}
    FROM <http://sig.biostr.washington.edu/fma3.0>
    WHERE {fma:Liver fma:regional_part ?z .}

    UNION
    # Get all of the regional_parts of the liver recursively
    CONSTRUCT {?c fma:regional_part ?d}
    FROM NAMED <liver>
    FROM NAMED <http://sig.biostr.washington.edu/fma3.0>
    WHERE {
        GRAPH <liver>
        { ?a ?b ?c . } .
        GRAPH <http://sig.biostr.washington.edu/fma3.0>
        { ?c fma:regional_part ?d . } .
    }
]
WHERE { GRAPH <liver> {?subj ?prop ?obj .} }
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Base case      {

Recursive step    {

# vSparQL Recursive Query Results

subj	prop	obj
fma:Left_lobe_proper_of_liver	fma:regional_part	fma:Medial_segment_of_left_lobe_of_liver
fma:Left_lobe_proper_of_liver	fma:regional_part	fma:Lateral_segment_of_left_lobe_of_liver
fma:Lateral_segment_of_left_lobe_of_liver	fma:regional_part	fma:Lateral_superior_area_of_lateral_segment_of_left_lobe_of_liver
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fma:Left_lobe_of_liver	fma:regional_part	fma:Quadrata_lobe_of_liver
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fma:Caudate_lobe_of_liver	fma:regional_part	fma:Right_segment_of_caudate_lobe_of_liver
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### vSPARQL: A view definition language for the semantic web

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#### ABSTRACT

Translational medicine applications would like to leverage the biological and biomedical ontologies, vocabularies, and data sets available on the semantic web. We present a general solution for RDF information set reuse inspired by database views. Our view definition language, vSPARQL, allows applications to specify the exact content that they are interested in and how that content should be restructured or modified. Applications can access relevant content by querying against these view definitions. We evaluate the expressivity of our approach by defining views for practical use cases and comparing our view definition language to existing query languages.

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#### 1. Introduction

The semantic web seeks to enable computers to automatically associate and process well-defined information on the web. To that end, a number of biological and biomedical information sets have been developed for or converted to semantic web formats. These information sets include vocabularies, ontologies, and data sets; they may be available in basic RDF [1] or languages with higher-level semantics, such as OWL [2].

Translational medicine applications want to leverage the biomedical information sets available on the semantic web. For example, radiologists may want an application for viewing and annotating medical images. The application can aid annotation by offering suggestions for visible anatomical parts from the Foundational Model of Anatomy (FMA) [10]. Additionally, if suspicious nodes are identified on an image, the application can offer suggestions from NCI Thesaurus [21] for annotating the nodes.

This paper asks the question: *how can we make it easier for applications to leverage the information sets available on the semantic web?* In leveraging these information sets, applications must contend with their size, content depth and breadth, and rate of change.

Many biomedical information sets are of significant size. For example, Reactome [22] as distributed through NeuroCommons contains 3.6M triples, the FMA 3.0 in OWL contains 1.7M triples, and UniProt [5] v13.4 contains 1.7B triples. Additionally, medical applications may require information from multiple information

sets, such as the FMA/NCI example above. The combined information sets may be too large for applications to easily manipulate.

Applications may only need a portion of the content contained in an information set, which are likely to have a wider scope and greater depth than that needed by any particular application. Applications determine the set of relevant content needed from an information set; the set could be a list of concepts, a subgraph of related terms, a sub-ontology, or any other subset of information. Techniques ([941,39,43]) have been developed for some of these scenarios and are discussed in related work.

While leveraging biomedical information sets, applications may wish to augment, modify, or restructure selected content. For example, an application may seek to define a new relationship between selected concepts. Alternatively, an application may disagree with a portion of the information set (e.g. the content is too coarsely specified) and need to "fix" it.

In addition to specifying relevant content, applications must accommodate updates to information sets. If an application includes a materialized subset, new materialized subsets may need to be derived and distributed every time an update occurs. An application that queries the information set accesses the most up-to-date content; however, the queries must be written to restrict responses to the application-specified content.

We propose a general solution for information set reuse. We validate our approach with eight different use cases over one or more of four biomedical data sets. Our approach is inspired by database views. A database view identifies a subset of a dataset that can be accessed through the view; queries on the view can only access the specified subset. However, a database view may export a restructured or modified version of the data; the exported view is not limited to faithfully replicating a subset of the underlying information.

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# Graphical User Interface over vSPARQL

**An Application for Creating and Debugging vSPARQL View Definitions**

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**Background**

- Biomedical information sets (ontologies, thesauri, data sets) are being made available for the semantic web in RDF-compatible formats.
  - Foundational Model of Anatomy
  - Reactome
  - NCI Thesaurus
- Medical and biomedical applications want to leverage these information sets. However, these information sets are typically very large and comprehensive; they contain more information than is needed by an application.
- vSPARQL extends SPARQL (W3C query language for RDF) to enable researchers to create view definitions that extract, modify, combine, and augment the relevant information from these RDF graphs.
- vSPARQL allows subqueries and recursive subqueries to be defined and combined to create view definitions. The subqueries allow view definitions to be broken down into small units. Recursive subqueries allow data to be extracted by iteratively traversing paths of arbitrary length.

**vSPARQL GUI**

- The vSPARQL GUI was designed to help users develop and debug view definitions.
- The GUI enables users to visualize a view definition as a dataflow graph connecting data sources, (recursive) subqueries, and SPARQL queries. Each of these language constructs are component blocks in the leftmost panel.
- Selecting a component in the leftmost panel adds an instance of it to the overall view. Within a block, users fill in: SPARQL graph patterns and results, data sources, and a name for intermediate result graphs.
- Users connect the output of one component to the input of another; the output of these blocks can be accessed via pull-down lists. These connections create a graph through which intermediate results flow.
- The vSPARQL GUI helps researchers debug view definitions as they are being created. All query form and (recursive) subquery component blocks have a "Query output" button. Pressing the button causes the view definition up to that point in the dataflow graph to be executed. The results are displayed in two formats: RDF/XML and a list of triples.
- The "Query output" button allows researchers to "probe" specific points in the dataflow graph to determine if the results are correct before combining them with other results.

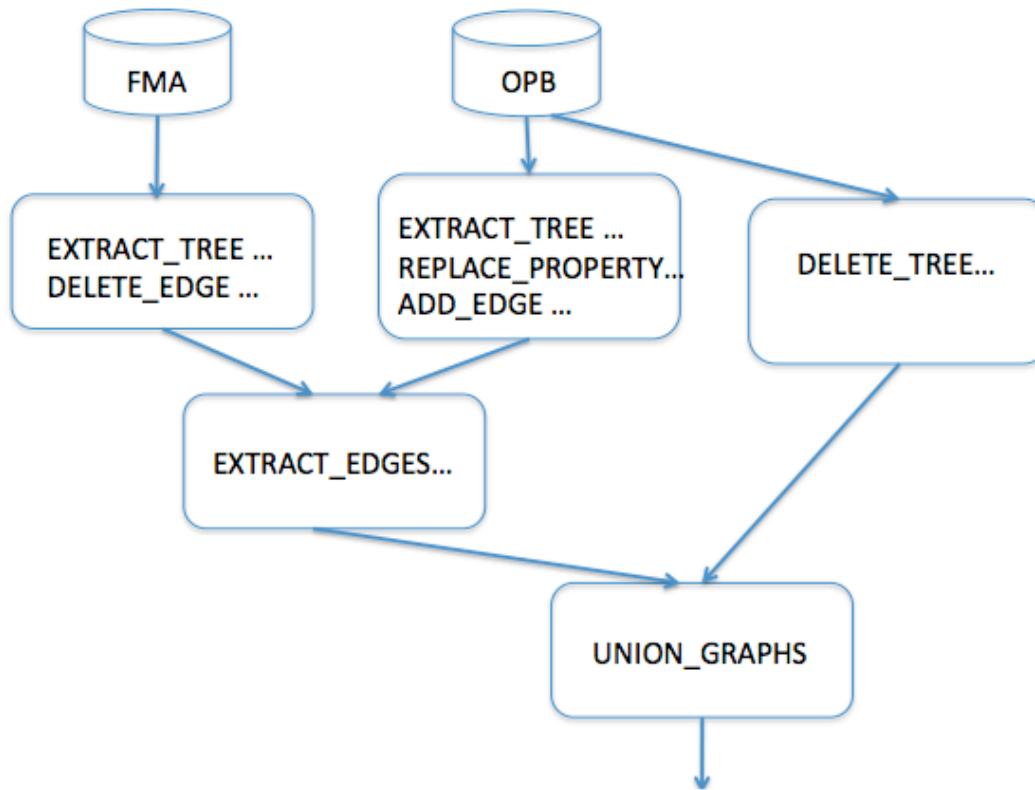
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The screenshot shows the vSPARQL GUI interface with several windows open, illustrating the creation and debugging of a vSPARQL view definition. The interface includes a left sidebar for 'Component Blocks' (data source, SELECT, subquery, recursive subquery, DESCRIBE, ASK) and a main workspace for building the dataflow graph.

**Annotations and Labels:**

- Prefixes for URI namespaces:** Points to the 'Prefixes' section of the 'Data source' component.
- Data source:** Points to the 'Data source' component block.
- SELECT Query Block:** Points to the 'SELECT' component block. Sub-labels: - Specify variables to project. - Indicate which incoming data source to query using FROM pull-down lists. - Specify desired graph pattern in WHERE textbox.
- Query Output:** Points to the 'Query output' button in the SELECT component.
- SELECT Query Result:** Points to the 'Query Results' window showing the bindings for the projected variables.
- Recursive Query Block:** Points to the 'RECURSIVE QUERY' component block. Sub-labels: - Specify base case to seed result graph. - Specify recursive case; this case is repeatedly executed, building upon the contents of the result graph, until no new data is added to the result graph.
- Subquery Block:** Points to the 'SUBQUERY' component block. Sub-labels: - Specify pattern to add to output graph when WHERE clause pattern found. - Provide name (orientation) for output graph.
- Recursive Subquery Block:** Points to the 'RECURSIVE SUBQUERY' component block. Sub-labels: - Transitively find regional & constitutional parts of liver. - Name output graph (rec\_parts).
- Subquery Block:** Points to the 'SUBQUERY' component block. Sub-labels: - Combine input sources into a single graph. - Using FROM NAMEDV allows blank nodes to be comparable.
- Output of subqueries become input sources:** Points to the connection between the output of a subquery and the input of a recursive query.
- Subquery Result:** Points to the 'Query Results' window for a subquery, showing the output graph in RDF/XML and Triples formats.
- SELECT Query Block:** Points to the 'SELECT' component block in the main view definition.
- SELECT Query Result:** Points to the 'Query Results' window for the main view definition.
- Demo:** [http://ontviews.biostr.washington.edu:8080/V SparQL\\_Service/GUI/vsparql\\_oh\\_degrafa.html](http://ontviews.biostr.washington.edu:8080/V SparQL_Service/GUI/vsparql_oh_degrafa.html)

# Intermediate Language (IML)

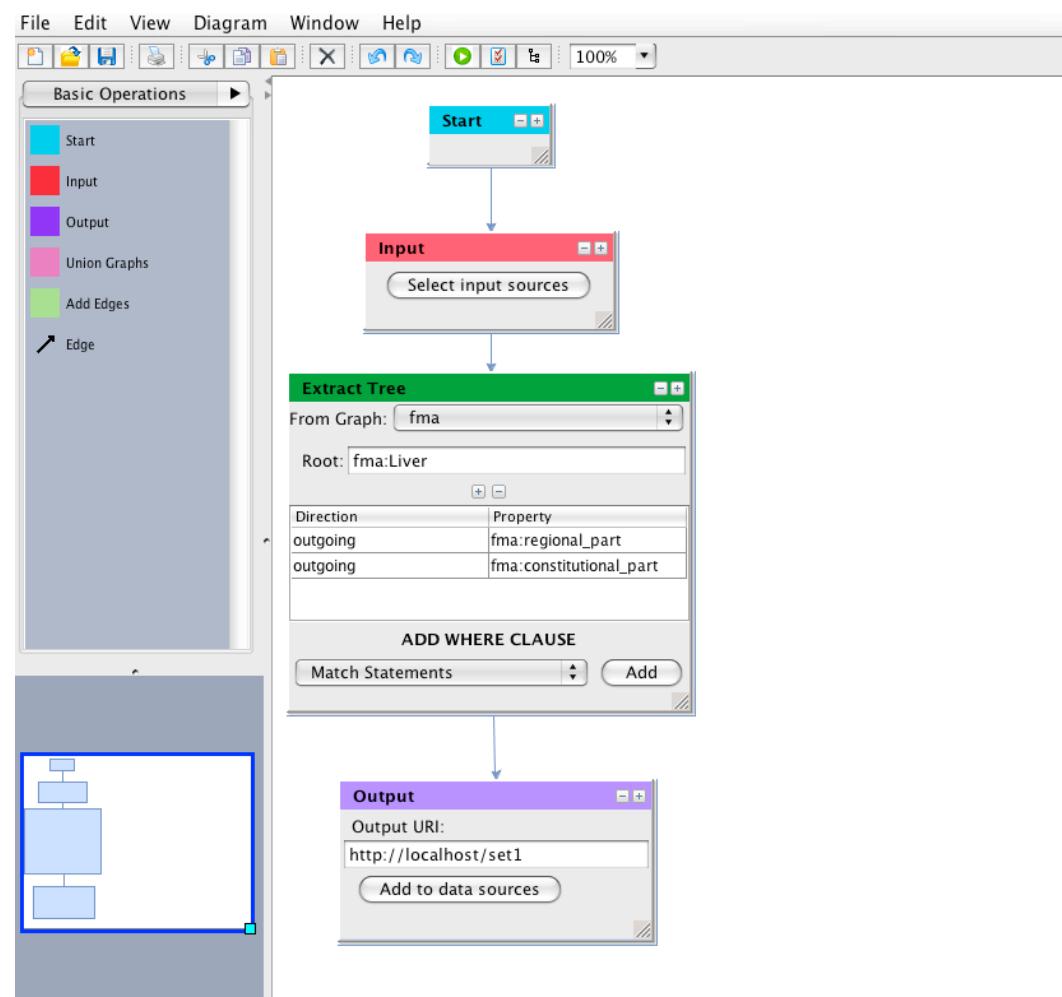


# Recursive Liver Parts in IML

```
PREFIX fma: <http://sig.biostr.washington.edu/fma3.0#>
PREFIX rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#>
PREFIX owl: <http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#>
PREFIX holder: <http://localhost/holder#>
PREFIX VSparQL: <java:vsparql.ext.#>
PREFIX rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>

INPUT
<http://sig.biostr.washington.edu/fma3.0>{
EXTRACT_TREE { fma:Liver [ forward (fma:regional_part) , forward (fma:constitutional_part) ] }
GRAPH <http://sig.biostr.washington.edu/fma3.0>
}
OUTPUT <http://localhost/set1>
```

# Graphical User Interface over IML



# Generated IML and Results

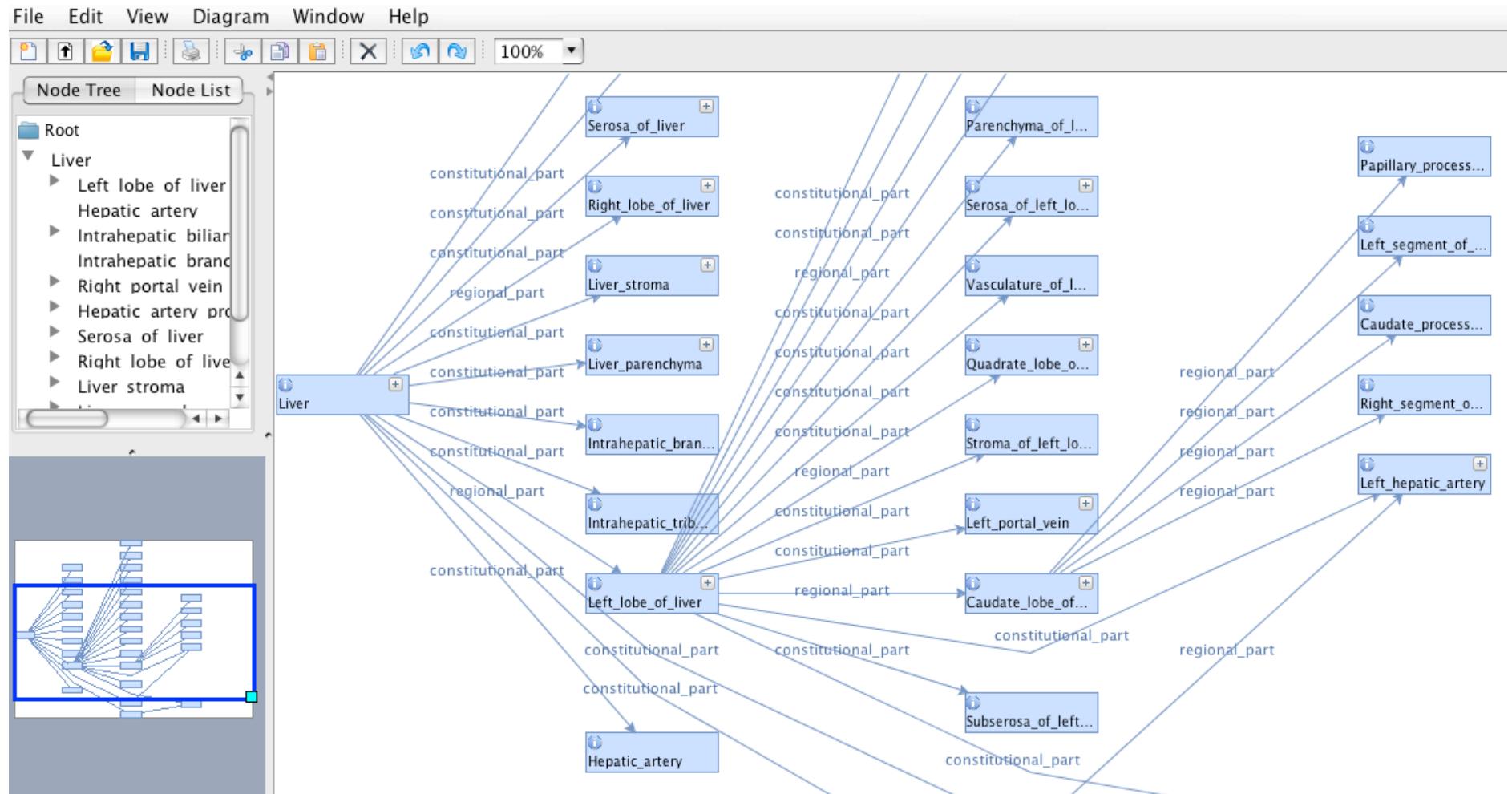
PREFIX fma: <http://sig.biostr.washington.edu/fma3.0#>  
PREFIX rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#>  
PREFIX owl: <http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#>  
PREFIX holder: <http://localhost/holder#>  
PREFIX VSParQL: <java:vsparql.ext.#>  
PREFIX rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>

INPUT  
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}  
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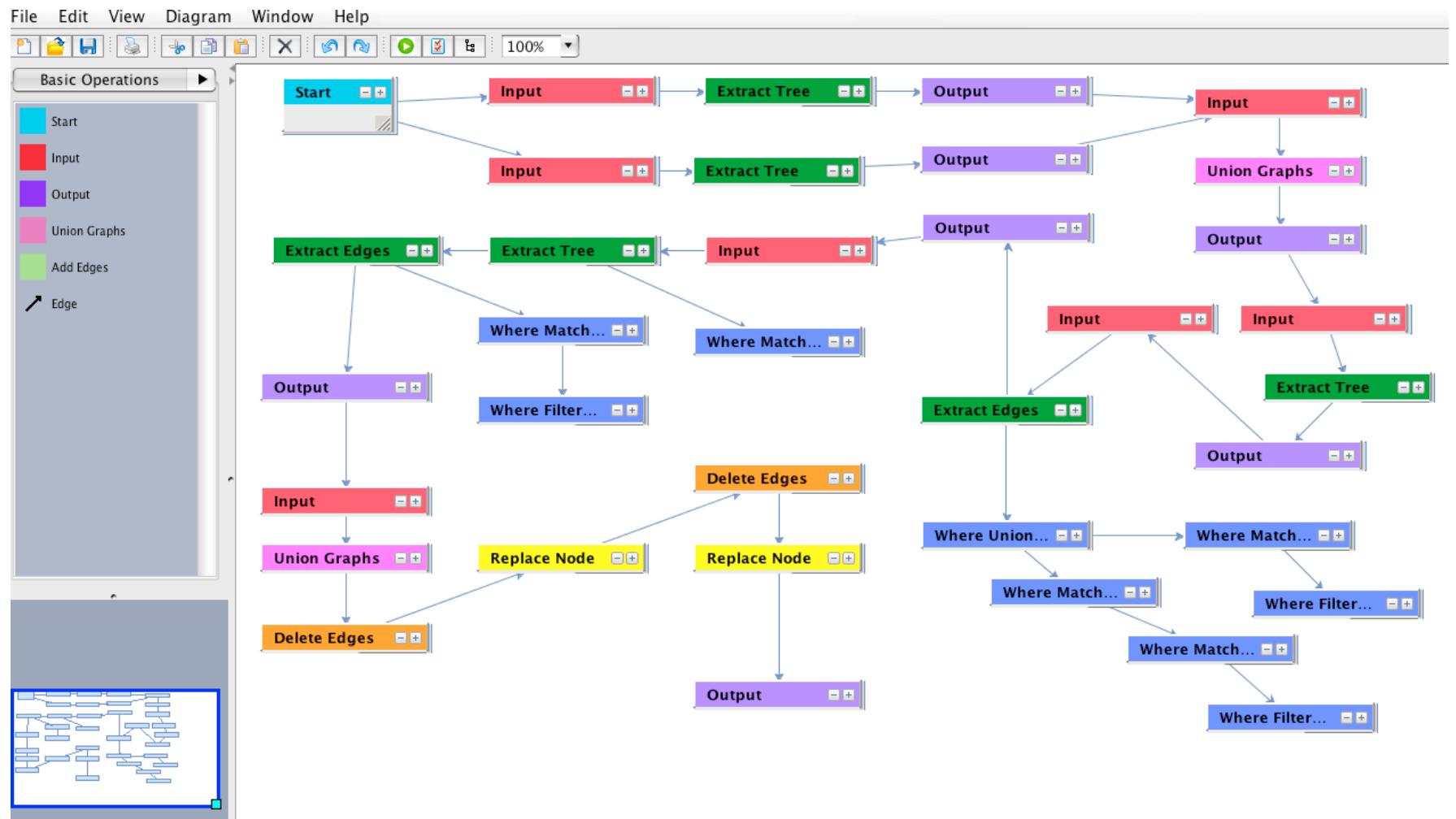
Generated Query

```
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  xmlns:owl="http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#"
  xmlns:holder="http://localhost/holder#"
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  xmlns:fma="http://sig.biostr.washington.edu/fma3.0#>
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```

# Visualize Results



# More Complex Views



# Views current work

- Optimization of query execution
- Evaluate on use cases
- Examine other query languages
- View Query Manager

# Projects

- Foundational Model of Anatomy
- Ontology Views
- Data management
- Data integration
- Visualization

# Data Management

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# Driving applications

- Institute of Translational Health Sciences (ITHS)
- UW Neuroproteomics Center
- UW Interdisciplinary Brain Imaging Center (IBIC)

# ITHS

 **ITHS**  
Institute of Translational Health Sciences

**UW Seattle  
Institute of Translational Health Science (ITHS)**

**Wennberg R21: Risk factors for encephalopathy in newborns with severe hyperbilirubinemia**

This application was designed to collect and report data for a specific research project. Please cite Institute of Translational Health Science (ITHS) grant support (UL1 RR028214 from NCRR/NIH) in publications relating to this project. Please also cite the REDCap project when publishing manuscripts (citation information and template methods language are available here). Contact Joshua Franklin for additional details or help with this application.

Current Users		Expires
aleksandr (aleksandr yakovlevich aravkin)		10/01/2010
amiraelshenawy (AMIRAL SHENNAWY)		10/01/2010
bhutani (Vinod Bhutan)		10/01/2010
brinkley (Jim Brinkley)		never
dstevenson (David Stevenson)		10/01/2010
imanisk (Iman Iskander)		10/01/2010
isoud (Iman Seoud)		10/01/2010
jdfest (Jeff Fest)		10/01/2010

**Database Statistics**

Records in database	0
Data exports	1
Logged events	20
Most recent activity	10/20/2009 10:23
Database status	In Production

**Video Tutorials**

- [Icon] General Overview of Database Creation (5 min)
- [Icon] The Data Dictionary (12 min)
- [Icon] The Database "Applications" Menu (11 min)

**Demographic And Family History**

- Birth History
- Infant History
- Admission Assessment
- Bind 1
- Bind 2
- Bind 3
- Bind 4
- Bind 5
- Bind 6
- Automated Auditory
- Brainstem Response 1
- Automated Auditory
- Brainstem Response 2
- Automated Auditory
- Brainstem Response 3
- Discharge Hearing
- Lab
- Bilirubin
- Hospital Course And
- Outcome Of Clinical Care

**General Information**



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**Stevens Lab**

PLE 022 FAMILIES SUBJECTS SEARCH CONFIGS

**Aliquot Info**

Family: FS 119  
Subject: PLE 022A  
Sample: 2003-01-06

Aliquot type	WB
Aliquot label	1
Box	33
Row	D
Col	1
State	ALL_USED
Aliquot used by	
Aliquot used date	1976-06-06

Comments:  
sample used prior to CHRMC move

## RedCap Electronic Data Capture



RedCap/Rlab “Baby Shower” with Stevens Lab

## Rlab Freezer Management

# caTissue at ITHS

caTissue Suite v 1.1

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Edit Specimen Collection Group View Surgical Pathology Report View Annotation Consents

Collection Protocol: CP Prostate Cancer

Participant (Protocol ID): Register New

Butterworth , Job (N/A)  
Doe , John (N/A)  
Fruit , JuJu (N/A)

Specimen Details for Doe , John (N/A)

IT3.0: CP Prostate Cancer Label: 10-21-  
1

Edit Specimen Collection Group

\* Collection Protocol Title: CP Prostate Cancer

\* Specimen Group Name: CP Prostate Cancer\_1\_1

\* Study Calendar Event Point: 3.0,CP Prostate Cancer Days

Offset: 0

\* Clinical Diagnosis: Not Specified

Medical Record Number: -- Select --

\* Activity Status: Active

\* Participant Name (Protocol ID): Doe, John(N/A)

Barcode:

\* Collection Site:

\* Clinical Status: Not Specified

Surgical Pathology Number:

\* Collection Status: Pending

Comments:

Events

Collected Received

\* Collector: Admin, Admin

\* Date: 10-21-2010 [MM-DD-YYYY]

\* Time: 18 Hr. 33 Min.

\* Procedure: Use CP Defaults

\* Container: Use CP Defaults

\* Receiver: Admin, Admin

\* Date: 10-21-2010 [MM-DD-YYYY]

\* Time: 18 Hr. 33 Min.

\* Quality: Use CP Defaults

Comments:

Add Multiple Specimens

Number of Specimen(s): 0

Specimen entry based on collection protocol

Print Labels

Submit Add Specimen Add Multiple Specimens Delete

# UW Neuroproteomics Center

Neuroproteomics LIMS

Home Account Admin

Welcome Jim Brinkley! Logout Return

New Project Upload Data List Uploads

Recent pages: View Project -> Change Information -> Internal Front Page -> View Project -> Sequest Results

### Sequest Results

Project ID: 5 Experiment ID: 38 Program: SEQUEST

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Min. RT	<input type="text"/>	Max. RT	<input type="text"/>	Min. Obs. Mass	<input type="text"/>	Max. Obs. Mass	<input type="text"/>
Max. XCorr Rank	<input type="text"/> 1			Min. DeltaCN	<input type="text"/>	Min. Sp	<input type="text"/>
Min. XCorr (+1)	<input type="text"/>	Min. XCorr (+2)	<input type="text"/>	Min. XCorr (+3)	<input type="text"/>	Min. XCorr (>3)	<input type="text"/>
Peptide	<input type="text"/>			Modified peptides	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unmodified peptides	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Exact:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
File(s)	<input type="text"/>			Enter comma-separated file names			

**Update**

# Results: 12685 # Results (filtered): 12685

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 >> Last Page 1 of 254

File	Scan	Charge	Obs. Mass	RT	XCr	XCorr	dCN	e-value	Peptide	Protein
2010_Feb_08_cost_plus_34	3395	2	1419.91	1311.3	1	0.94	0.13500	2.9	L.KNIVKVIRPQPK.Q	IPI00375174 (2) IPI00889592
2010_Feb_08_cost_plus_34	7991	3	1820.13	2916.95	1	1.39	0.08900	0.3	R.TLYTDIAIGLLKKIQK.K	IPI00030288 (3) IPI00513682 IPI00642913
2010_Feb_08_cost_plus_34	12430	1	898.61	4488.56	1	0.83	0.32000	0.3	K.SLVLRVVL.V	IPI00377045 (3)
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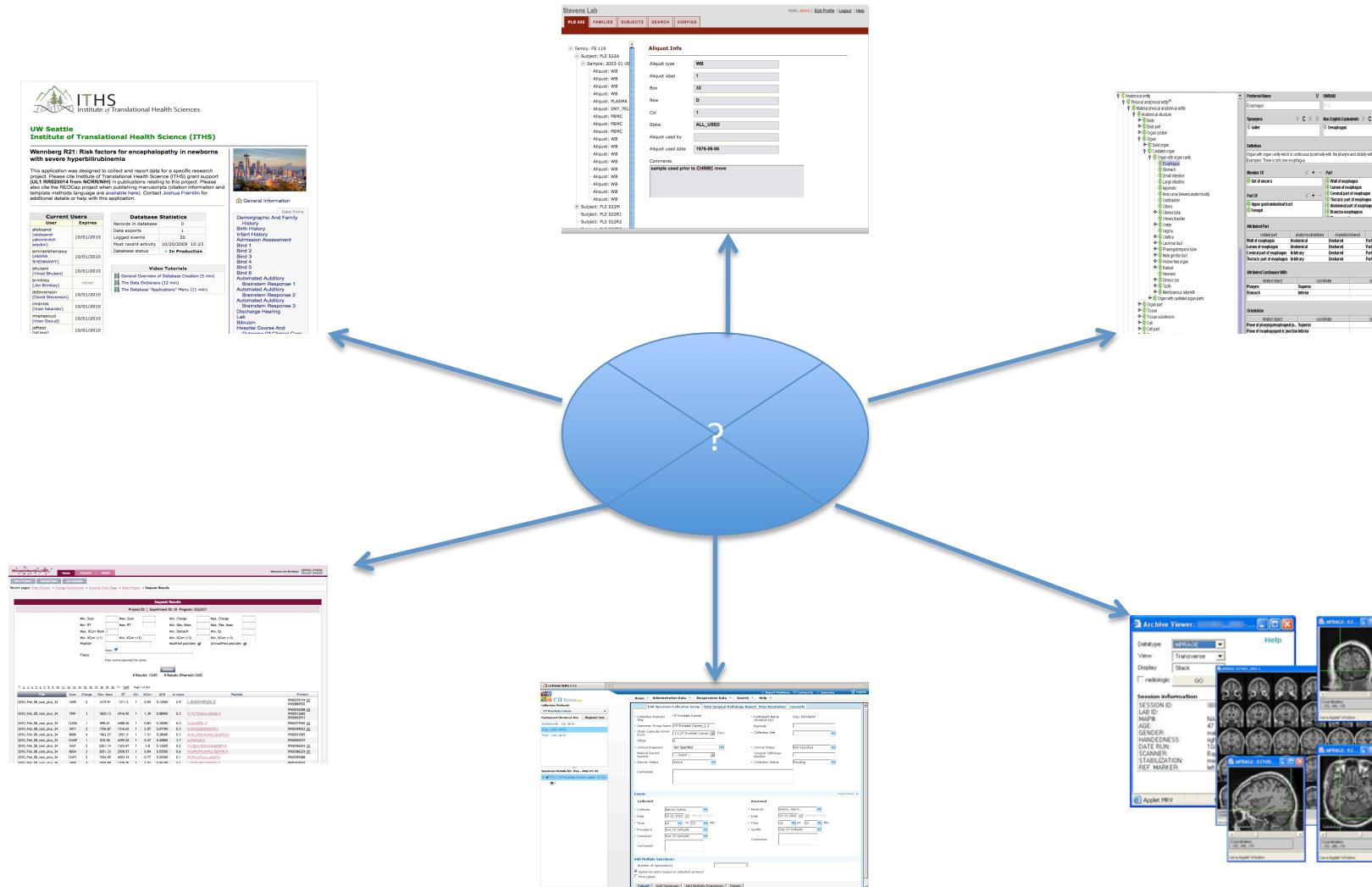
# XNAT at IBIC



# Data management challenges/future work

- Build versus buy
- Incorporating common terminology for later data integration
- Reducing the time to develop custom applications

# How to link together



# Projects

- Foundational Model of Anatomy
- Ontology Views
- Data management
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- Visualization

# Data Integration

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# Lightweight Distributed Queries



# Intelligent Queries over BIRN Data using the Foundational Model of Anatomy and a Distributed Query-based Data Integration System

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## Summary

- The goal is to demonstrate the use of an ontology and a distributed query-based data integration system to perform “intelligent” queries over distributed functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) data.

- The fMRI data come from a study of schizophrenic (sz) versus healthy subjects performing a simple motor task.
  - The ontology is a neuroanatomical view of the Foundational Model of Anatomy (FMA). The distributed query system is called DXBrain.

- The question is whether the distribution of fMRI activations in various brain regions varies between healthy and sz individuals.

- \*Image data are retrieved from BIRN (Fig 1), spatially normalized to a common coordinate system, and analyzed for contiguous clusters of activation, each of which is summarized by the point of maximal activation. This point is automatically annotated with an anatomical label by the Internet Talairach demon. A summary set of activations are provided in a spreadsheet, which is converted to XML and made web accessible (Fig 5).

- In DXBrain an XQuery (Fig 2) first queries the FMA to find the parts of a given region (the DLPFC) and their associated Talairach labels as represented in the FMA (Fig 3), simplifies the resulting list (Fig 4), retains only those that are annotated by a label in the list, divides the retained sites into healthy and sz, adds a distinguishing color to each site (Fig 5), and displays the results using our MindGlobe visualization (Fig 6).

- All these processes, including the imaging pipeline, can be automated and run over multiple data sources on the Internet, using neuroanatomical and other semantic information from ontologies to reduce the need for manual search, and to facilitate knowledge discovery.

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Fig 1. Example fMRI data from the Biomedical Informatics Research Network (BIRN). Regions of activations are in red.

**Fig 3.** Embedded vSparQL query to the FMA to find the parts of the Dorsolateral prefrontal cortex (DLPFC) and their associated Talairach labels. Results of this query are shown on the right. The part in bold matches the bold terms in Figs 4 and 5.

**Fig 4.** Create simplified list of Talairach labels corresponding to the DLPFC. The label in bold matches the example site shown in Fig 5.

Fig 5. Retrieve summary data, keep only those that are in the DLPFC, divide into two diagnostic groups, add distinguishing colors. Above shows an example activation site from summary BIRN data that is located in the DLPFC. Elements added by the XQuery are bold. `<fmtata>` is added to show the automatic match with the FMA. The BIRN summary data has 1741 such activation sites.

Region	Filtered	Healthy (Red)	Schizophrenic (Yellow)	Anterior View	Superior View
Dorsal lateral prefrontal cortex	55	25	30		
Brodmann area 6	213	107	106		
Frontal lobe	575	288	287		

Fig 6. Summary of retrieved data. Each row shows a region, the number of sites retained after removing sites not in the region (Filtered), the number of healthy sites in the filtered data, and the number of schizophrenic sites. Images show sites superimposed on the Colin standard atlas brain. Sites do not always fall on the brain surface because the spatial normalization is coarse. For this simple motor task there is no significant difference in distribution.

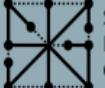
# View Query Manager

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# A tool for creating, managing and querying views over the web

- Many web representations
  - XML, RDF, OWL
- Many query languages and Interfaces
  - SparQL, vSparQL, XQuery, DL-Query ...
- Common foundation is XML
- Allow user to choose the sources and query language

# Distributed XQuery



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**Title**  
AMIA 2010: BIRN data: Healthy vs schizophrenic activations confined to a specified region of the brain

**Description**  
Determine parts of a given structure. Retrieve summary BIRN fmri activations, retain only those that have been annotated by the Talairach demon (TD) to be in the given structure. Divide into healthy vs schizophrenic, and set color of display spheres to be different for each type of population. Also shows automatic matching of TD labels with FMA labels. This is

**Query**

```
(:::::::::::Healthy versus Schizophrenic activations confined to a specified region of the brain:::::::::::)
declare namespace fma="http://sig.uw.edu/fma#";
declare namespace rdf= "http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#";
declare namespace rdfs="http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#";

(:::::::::::Set parameters. These could be set by a GUI ::::::::::::::::::::)
let $h_color := 'Red'
let $s_color := 'Yellow'
let $shape := 'BIG_SPHERE'
let $size := '1.75'

(:::::::::::Embedded query to ontology web service to find parts of the Dorsolateral prefrontal cortex - DLPFC ::::::::::::)
let $wsdlURL := "http://ontviews.biostr.washington.edu:8080/VSparQL_Service/wsdl/VSparQLService.wsdl"
let $serviceName := "VSparQLService"
let $methodName := "executeQuery"

let $query :=
"PREFIX rdfs:<http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#>
PREFIX rdf:<http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>
PREFIX owl:<http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#>
PREFIX gleen:<java:edu.washington.sig.gleen.>
PREFIX fma:<http://sig.uw.edu/fma#>
PREFIX tmp:<http://sig.biostr.washington.edu/tmp#>
PREFIX apf: <java:com.hp.hpl.jena.query.pfunction.library.>
```

**Language** [DXQuery](#) ▾ [Execute](#)

# Search over any Bioportal Ontology

Graph Search

User	URI	Name	Language	isPublic
BioPortal	<a href="http://sig.uw.edu/biop">http://sig.uw.edu/biop</a>	Subcellular Anatomy Ontology (SAO)	OWL	true
BioPortal	<a href="http://sig.uw.edu/biop">http://sig.uw.edu/biop</a>	Ontology for disease genetic interaction (ODGI)	OWL	true
BioPortal	<a href="http://sig.uw.edu/biop">http://sig.uw.edu/biop</a>	Comparative Data Analysis Ontology (CDAO)	OWL	true
BioPortal	<a href="http://sig.uw.edu/biop">http://sig.uw.edu/biop</a>	RNA ontology	OWL	true
BioPortal	<a href="http://sig.uw.edu/biop">http://sig.uw.edu/biop</a>	Ontology of Clinical Research (OCR)	OWL	true
BioPortal	<a href="http://sig.uw.edu/biop">http://sig.uw.edu/biop</a>	Parasite Life Cycle	OWL	true

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# Value sets over OCRe

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**Title**  
OCRe telecommunication value set over Bioportal version of OCRe

**Description**  
A simple of example of a query generated value set from OCRe, in this case values are chosen as all instances of [http://purl.org/net/OCRe/research.owl#Telecommunication\\_scheme](http://purl.org/net/OCRe/research.owl#Telecommunication_scheme)

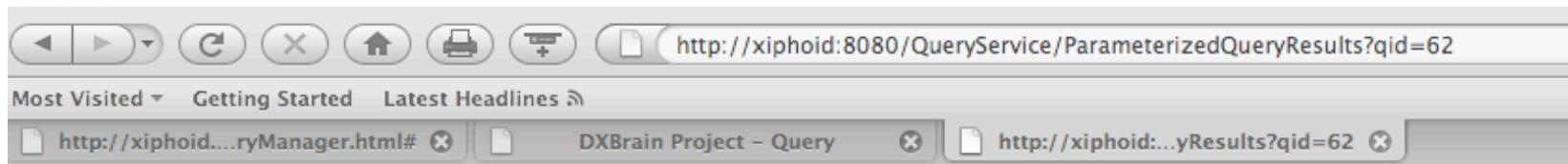
**Query**

```
PREFIX rdfs:<http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#>
PREFIX rdf:<http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>
PREFIX research: <http://purl.org/net/OCRe/research.owl#>
PREFIX valset:<http://sig.uw.edu/valueset#>

CONSTRUCT {valset:set valset:hasMember ?x.}
FROM <http://rest.bioontology.org/bioportal/ontologies/download/44678>
WHERE
{
  ?x rdf:type/rdfs:subClassOf* research:Telecommunication_scheme
}
```

Language [VSpaQL](#) ▾ [Execute](#)

# Value Set Service



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <http://xiphoid:8080/QueryService/ParameterizedQueryResults?qid=62>. The browser interface includes standard buttons for back, forward, and search, along with tabs for 'Most Visited', 'Getting Started', 'Latest Headlines', and three specific query results.

```
<rdf:RDF
    xmlns:OCRe-Start-Here="http://purl.org/net/OCRe/OCRe-Start-Here#"
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    xmlns:research="http://purl.org/net/OCRe/research.owl#"
    xmlns:xsp="http://www.owl-ontologies.com/2005/08/07/xsp.owl#"
    xmlns:owlapi="http://www.semanticweb.org/owlapi#"
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    xmlns:valset="http://sig.uw.edu/valueset#"
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    xmlns:study_protocol2="http://purl.org/net/OCRe/study_protocol.owl#"
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    xmlns:owl="http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#"
    xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#"
    xmlns:swrl="http://www.w3.org/2003/11/swrl#"
    xmlns:ontologies="http://purl.org/net/OCRe/"
    xmlns:owl2="http://www.w3.org/2006/12/owl2#"
    xmlns:rdfs="http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#" >
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    <valset:hasMember rdf:resource="http://purl.org/net/OCRe/OCRe-Start-Here#mailto"/>
    <valset:hasMember rdf:resource="http://purl.org/net/OCRe/OCRe-Start-Here#x-text-fax"/>
    <valset:hasMember rdf:resource="http://purl.org/net/OCRe/OCRe-Start-Here#http"/>
</rdf:Description>
</rdf:RDF>
```

# View Query Manager Further Work

- Additional query languages
- Graphical user interfaces
- Results visualization
- Optimize execution time
- Views over views
- Deliver to NCBO

# Projects

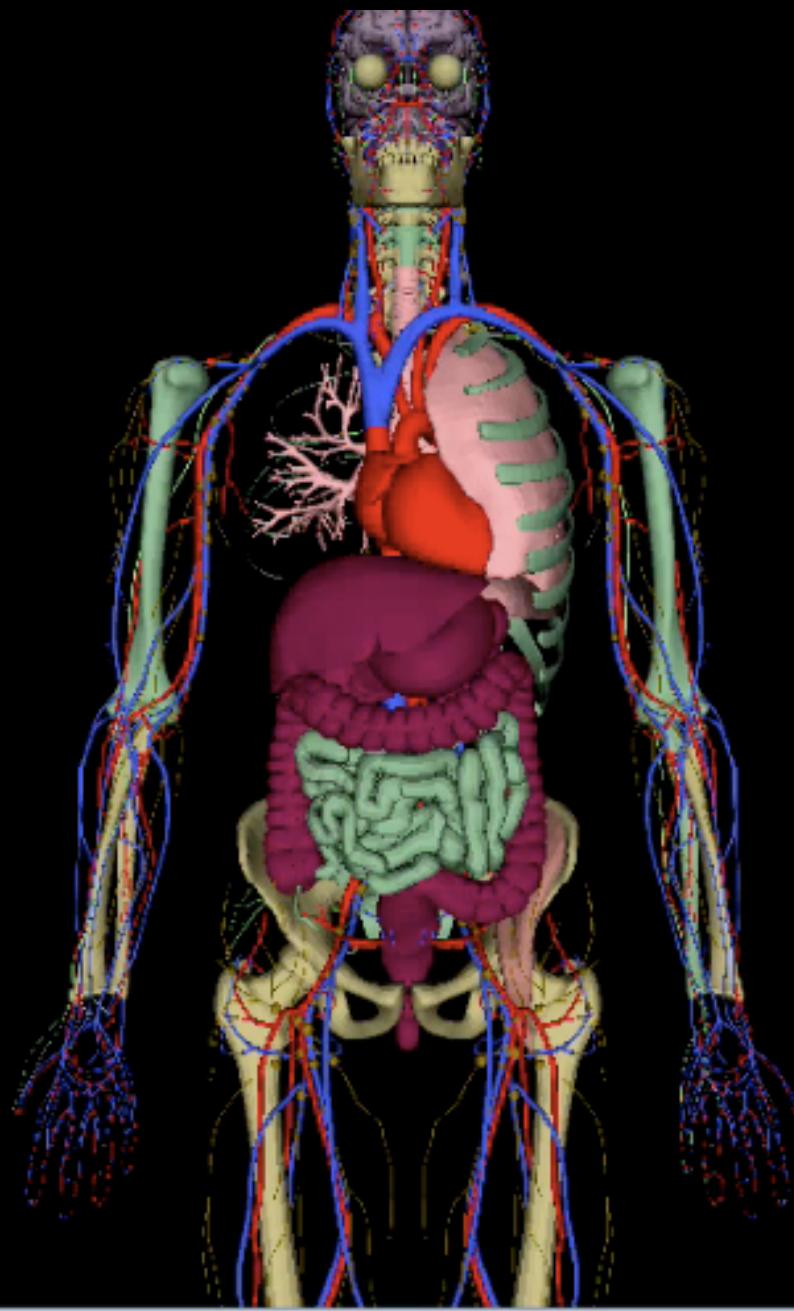
- Foundational Model of Anatomy
- Ontology Views
- Data management
- Data integration
- Visualization

# Visualization

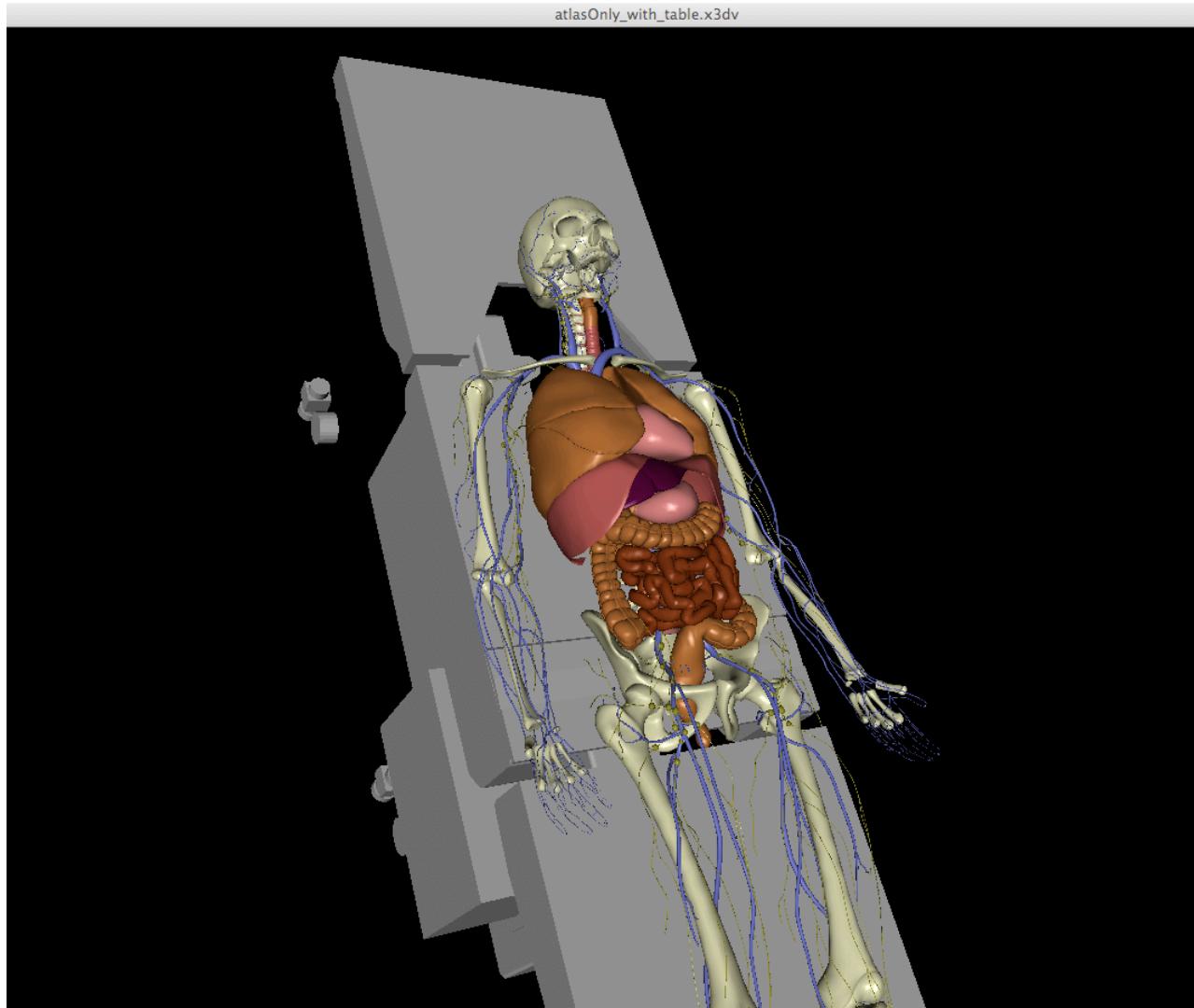
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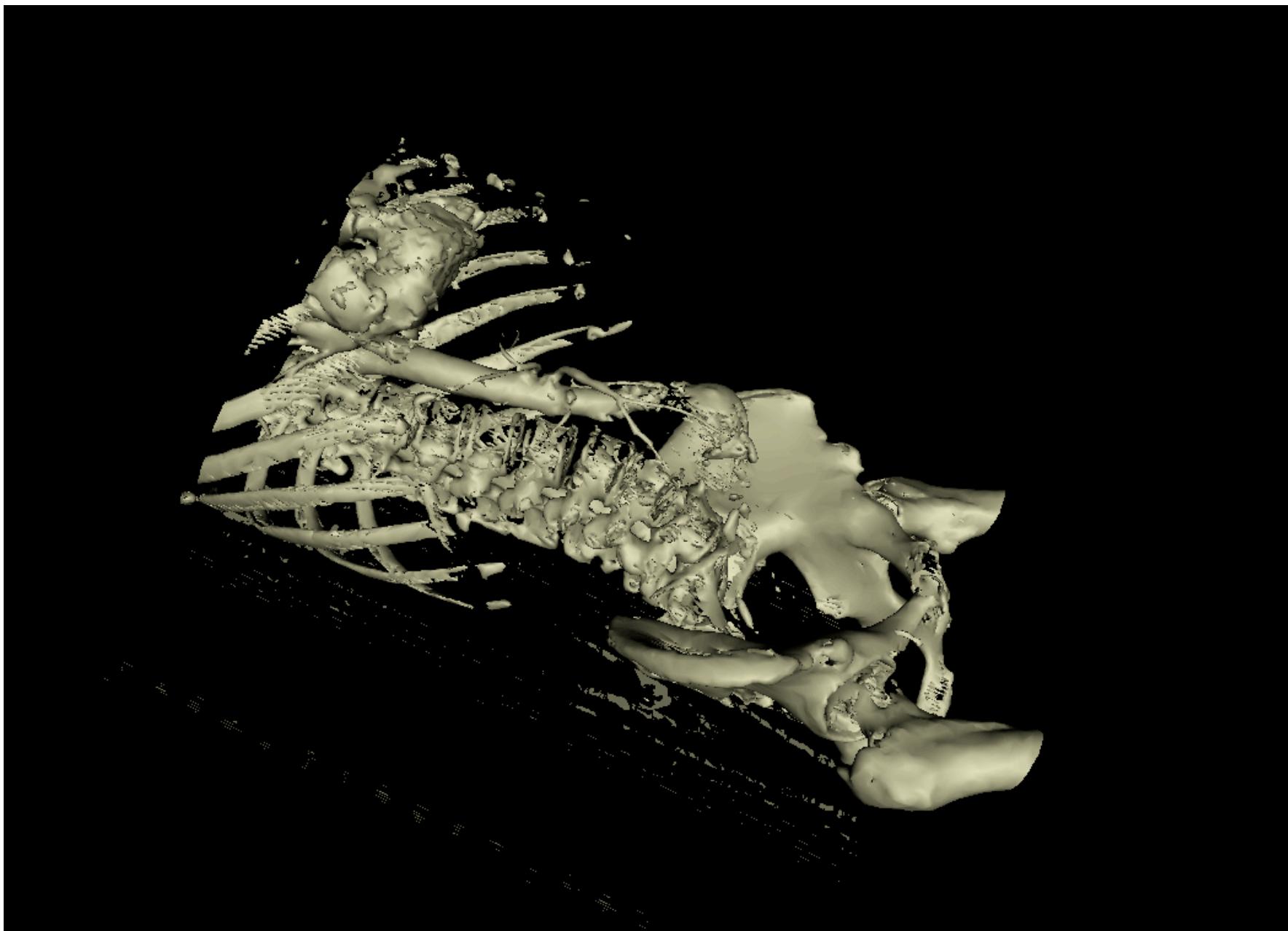
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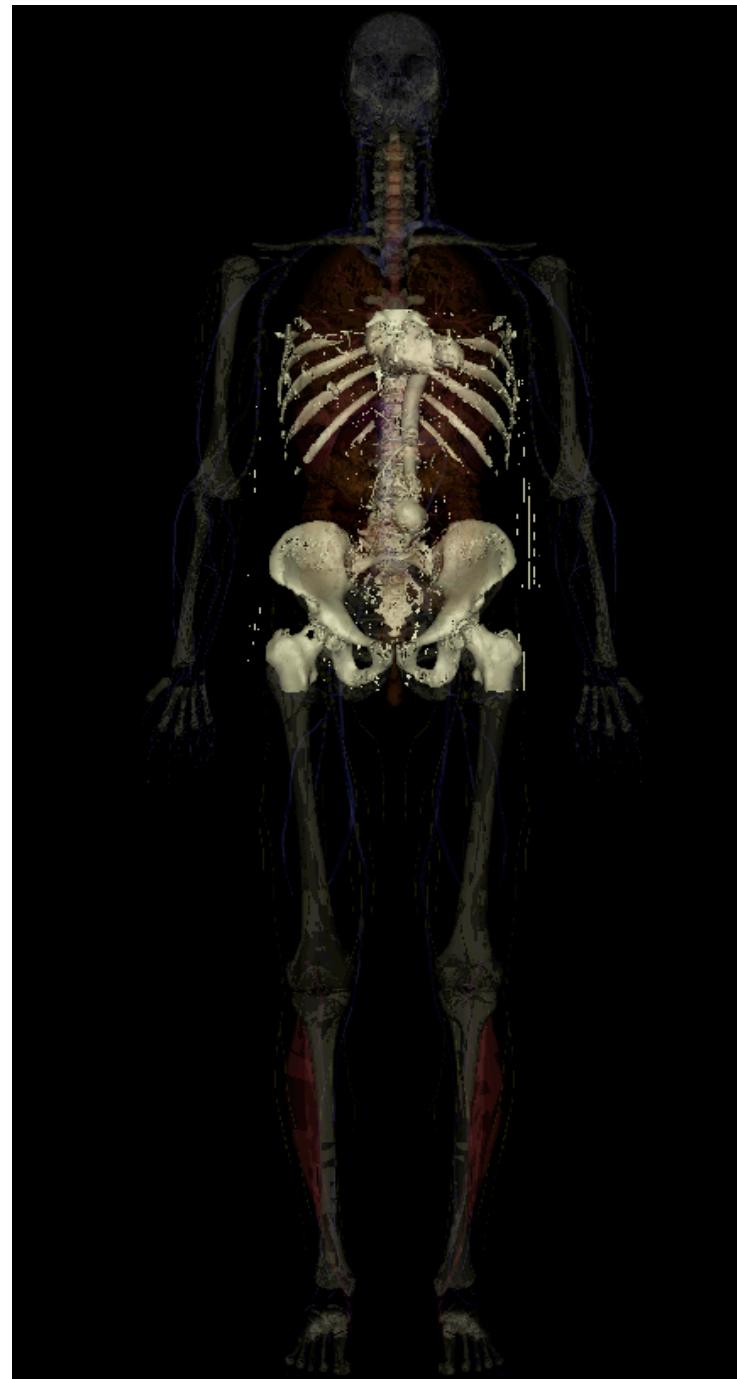
- Collaboration with ISIS
- Uses Biolucida

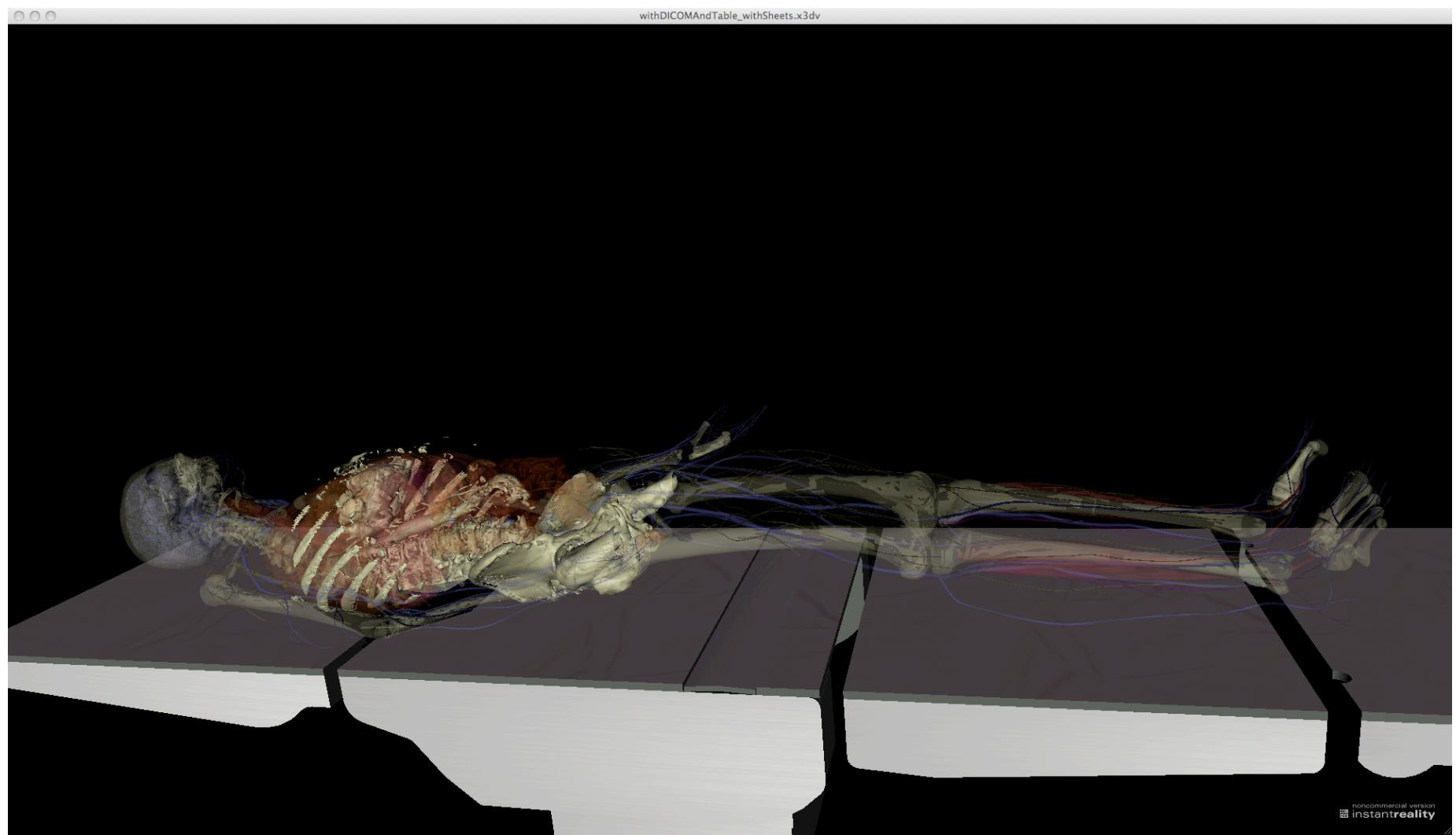


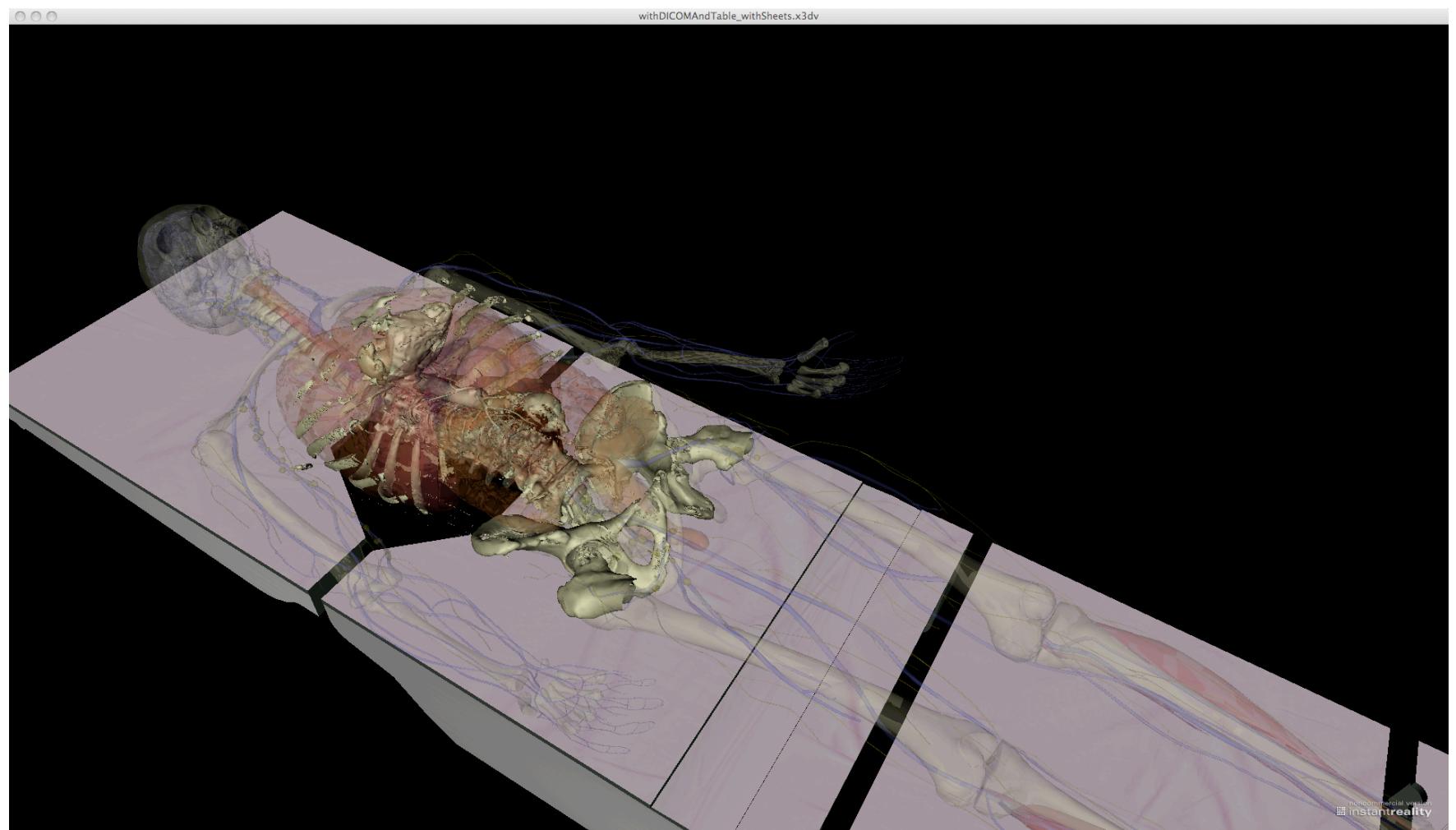
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# Projects

- Foundational Model of Anatomy
- Ontology Views
- Data management
- Data integration
- Visualization

# Foundational Model of Anatomy: Challenges

- Representing development
- Conversion to OWL 2
- Modularity
- How to allow multiple contributors while also maintaining principles

# Ontology Views: Challenges

- Incorporating semantics
- User interface and results visualization
- Response time

# Data Management: Challenges

- How to create a custom data management tool for little cost
- How to utilize standards and ontologies from the outset

# Data integration: Challenges

- How to make it lightweight
- How to ensure interoperability
- Privacy and security
- Scalability and response time
- Integration with larger efforts
- Usability

# Visualization: Challenges

- Integration with other tools
- Content creation
- Usability

# Funding

- Ontology views
- RadLex
- OcRE
- UW Neuroproteomics Center
- ITHS
- ISIS
- caBIG
- NLM fellowships
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- IBIC

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