





A Linked Data Approach to Help Identify Therapeutic Targets for Cancer

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Objective

To integrate data derived from biological experimental results with public biomedical data sources such as Diseasome, DrugBank and KEGG.

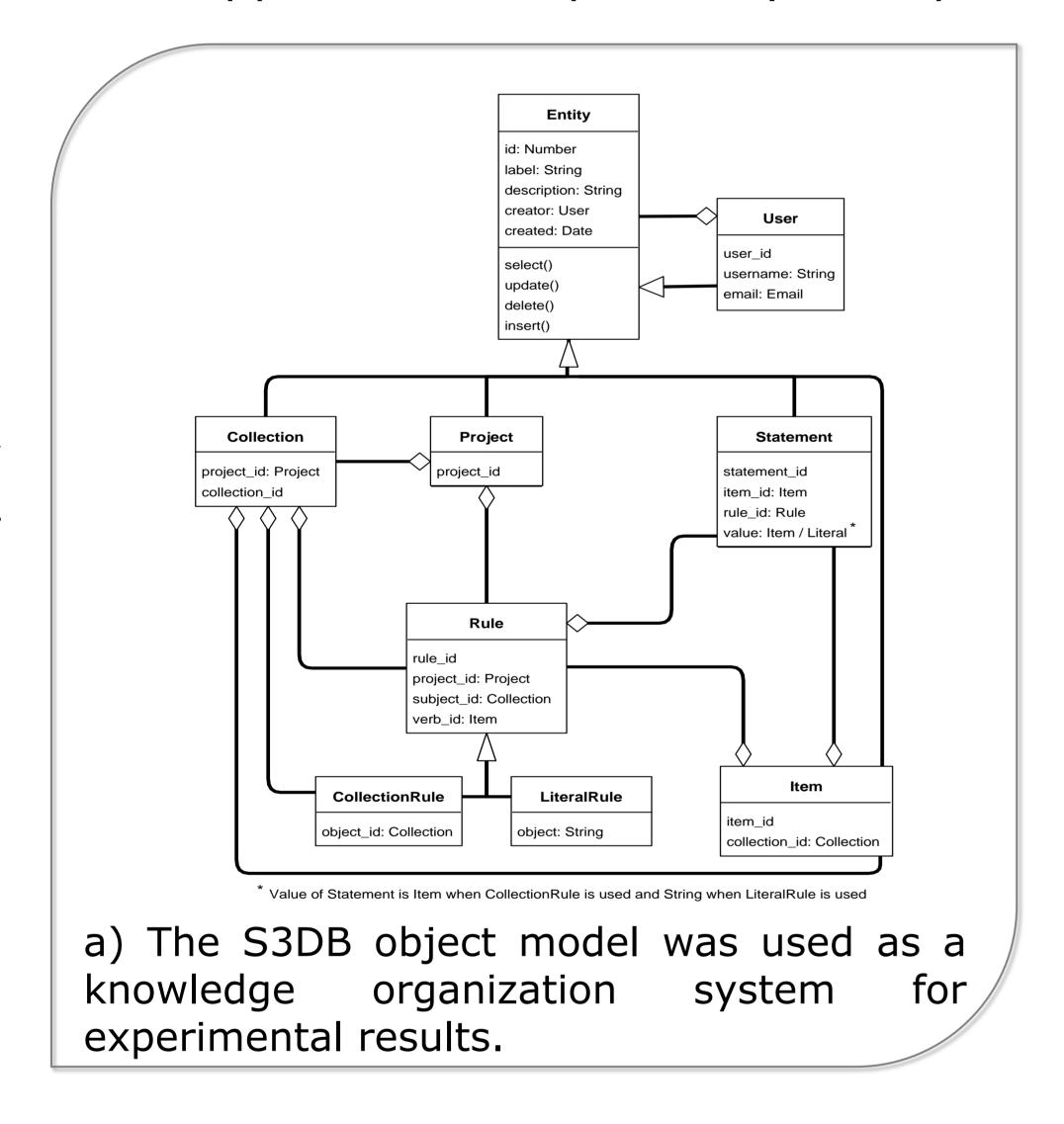
Challenges

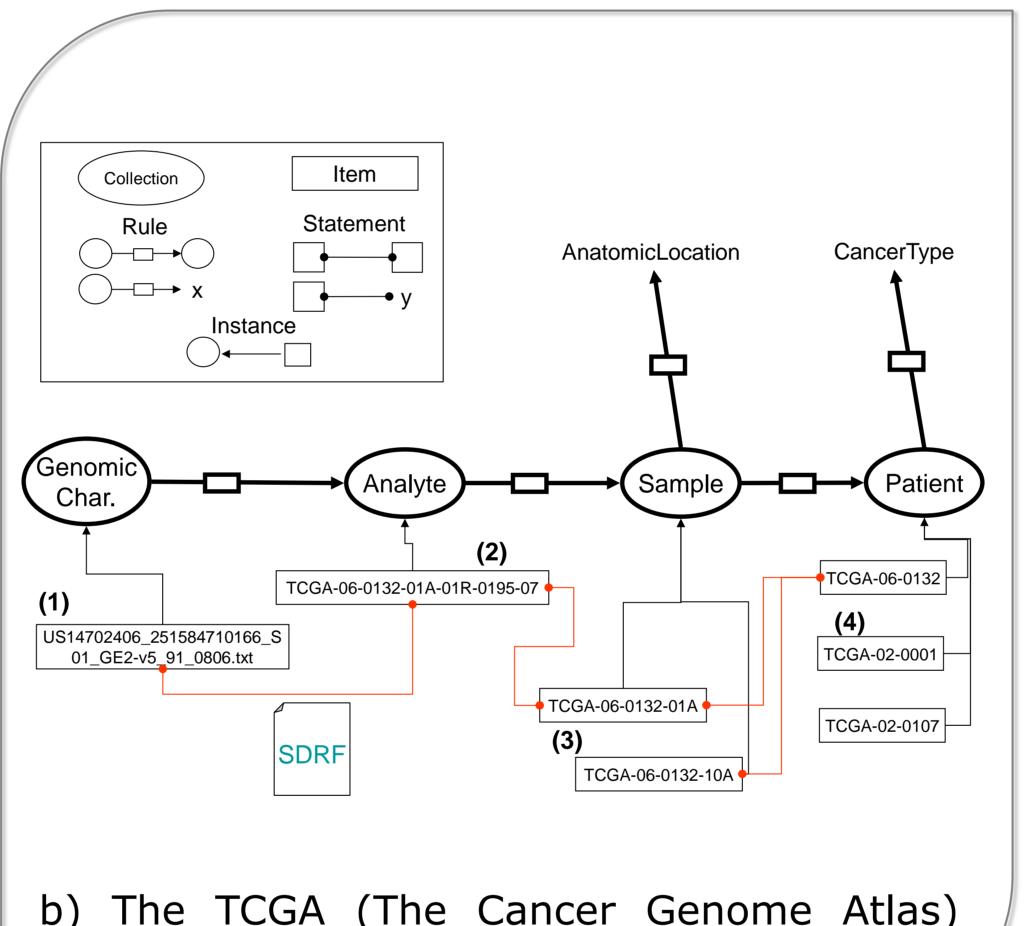
Integrating the biological knowledge needed to identify cancer "driver" mutations remains a challenge due to:

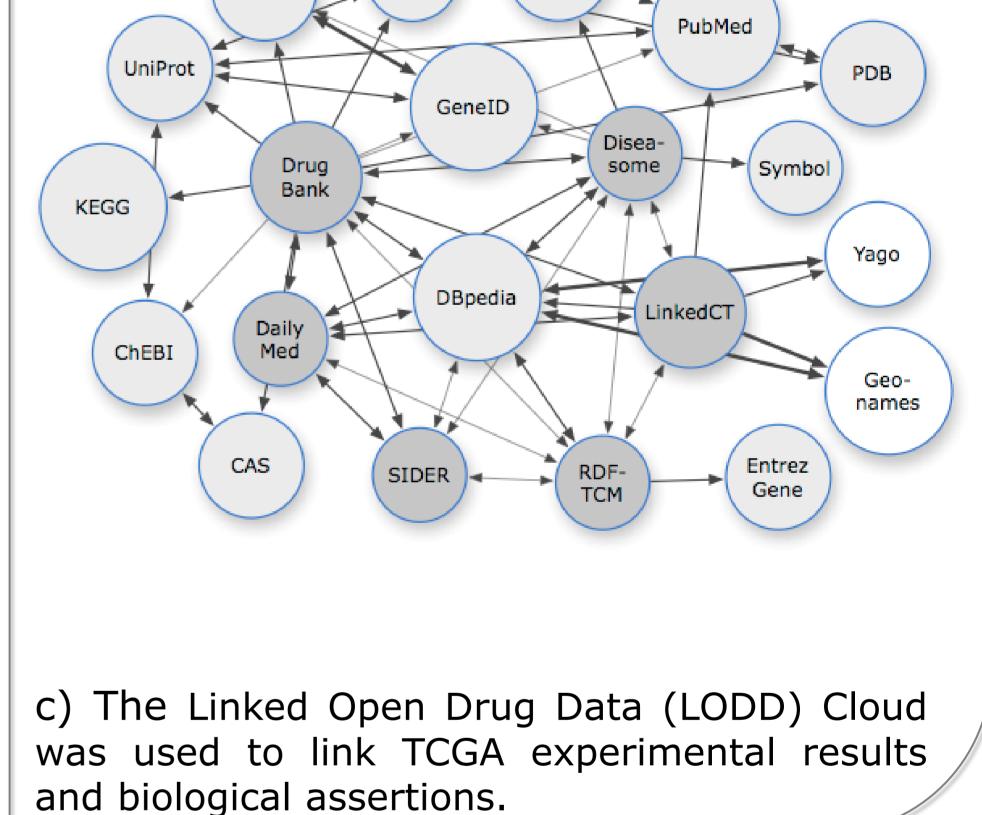
- 1) Heterogeneous experimental data
- 2) Distributed biomedical data sources
- 3) Controlled access clinical information

Methods

Our approach to help identify therapeutic targets for cancer required the interoperation between three components:



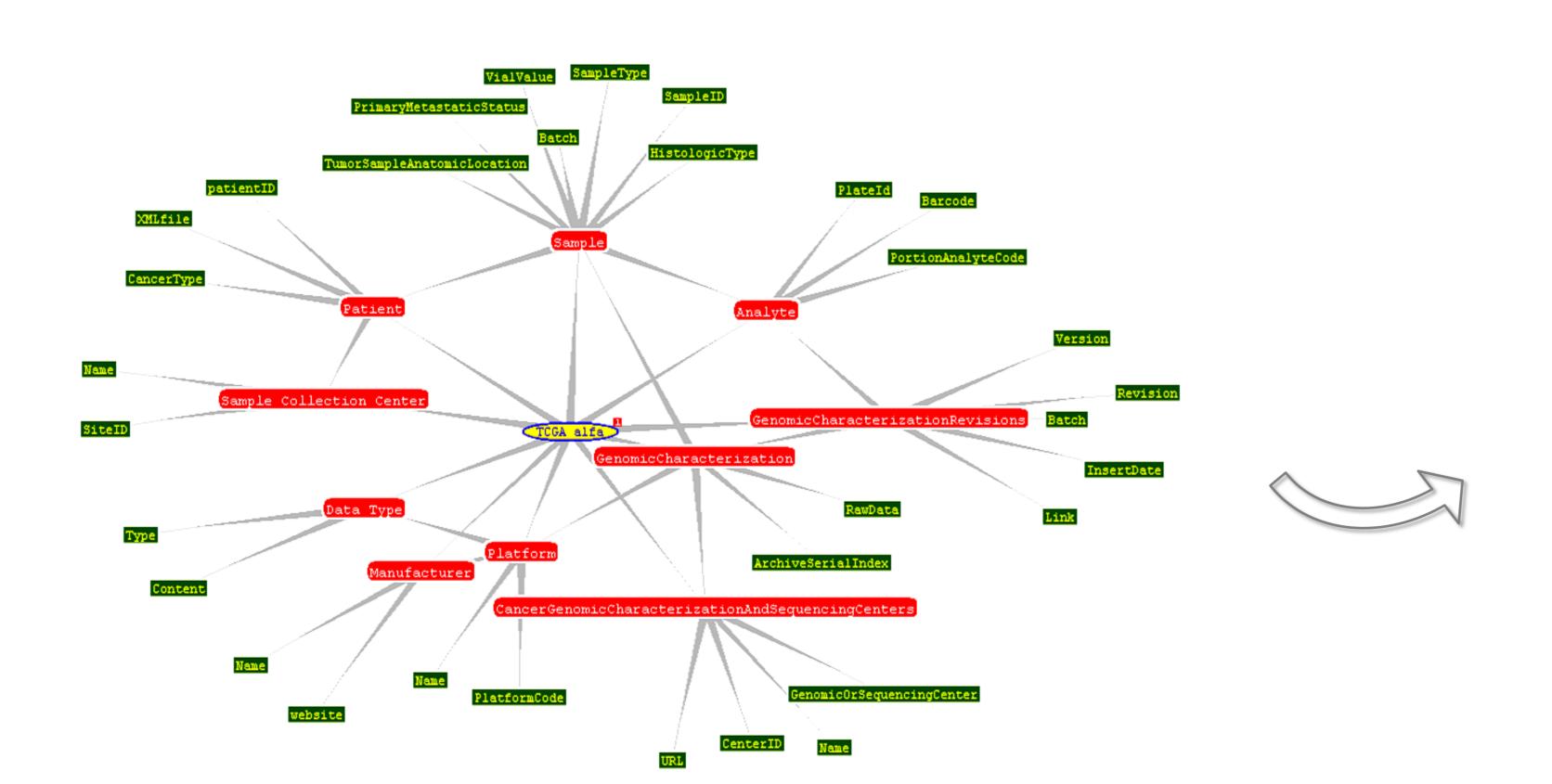


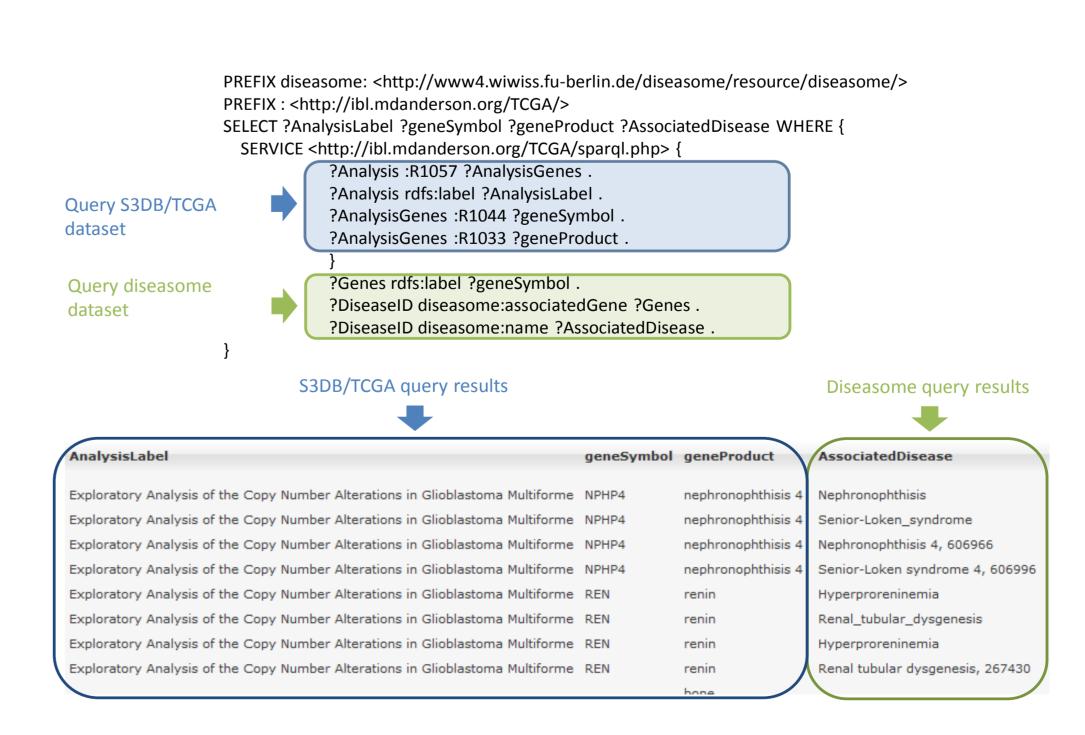


b) The TCGA (The Cancer Genome Atlas) data model was identified by domain experts using S3DB.

Results

Linking experimental results with biological knowledge in the LODD cloud enabled biology domain experts to easily identify relevant cancer "driver" mutations.





S3DB Model published in Public Library of Science (PLoS) One, BMC Bioinformatics and Nature Biotechnology TCGA Ontology published in Journal of Biomedical Informatics









