An integrated analysis platform for experimental and clinical data in modern cancer research studies

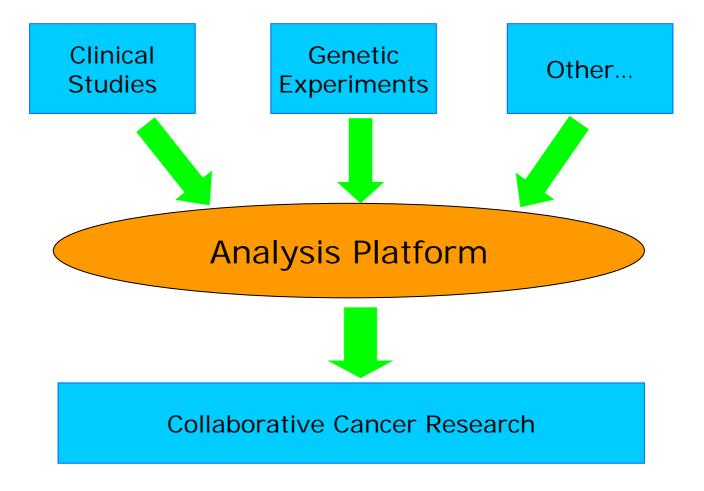
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Objective





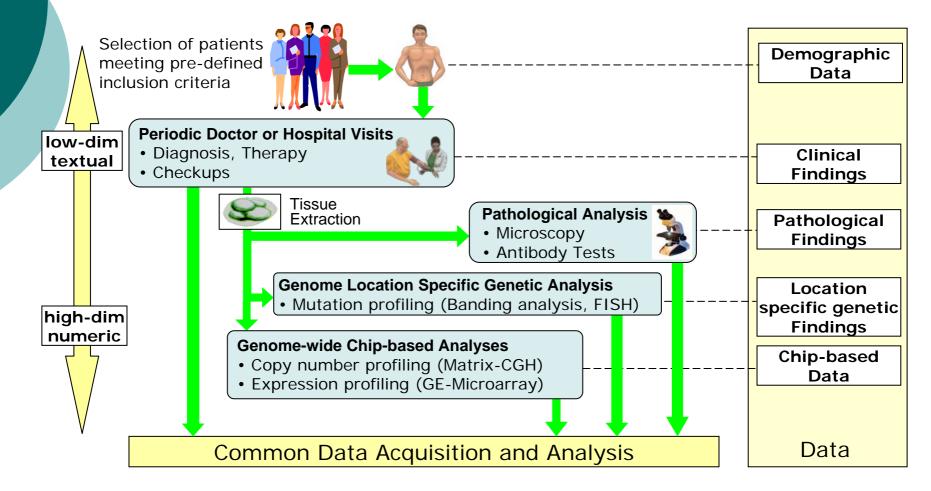
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Collaborative Cancer Research

- Clinical Studies
 - Find best treatment
 - Find factors that predict prognosis
 - Improve diagnostic accuracy
- Recent development: Combination of clinical and molecular-biological data including high throughput techniques, e.g. microarrays
- Collaborative Cancer Research Studies
 - Molecular Mechanism in Malignant Lymphoma with about 500 patients
 - German Glioma Network
- 10-20 network partners



Study Environment and Resulting Data





Requirements

- Data acquisition during complex workflows running in different hospitals and labs
 - Uniform data specification (metadata, values)
 - Autonomous data input (online data input)
- Data integration
 - Patient-related findings + chip-based data
 - Publicly available molecular-biological annotations
- Privacy aspects: Protect patients' privacy
- Comprehensive data analysis support
- Build on existing software for data management and analysis



Selected Available Solutions

- Special solutions for clinical study management
 - Examples: <u>eResearch Network</u>, Oracle Clinical, ...
 - No support for array-based experimental data
- Specific systems maintaining data of molecular-biological experiments
 - Examples: ArrayExpress, GEO, SMD, GeWare, ...
 - Focused on microarray data, but no support for clinical annotations
- caBIG: Grid infrastructure developing by NCI
 - Comprehensive software collection e.g. caGrid-Browser, caArray
 - In development process (at time of decision)

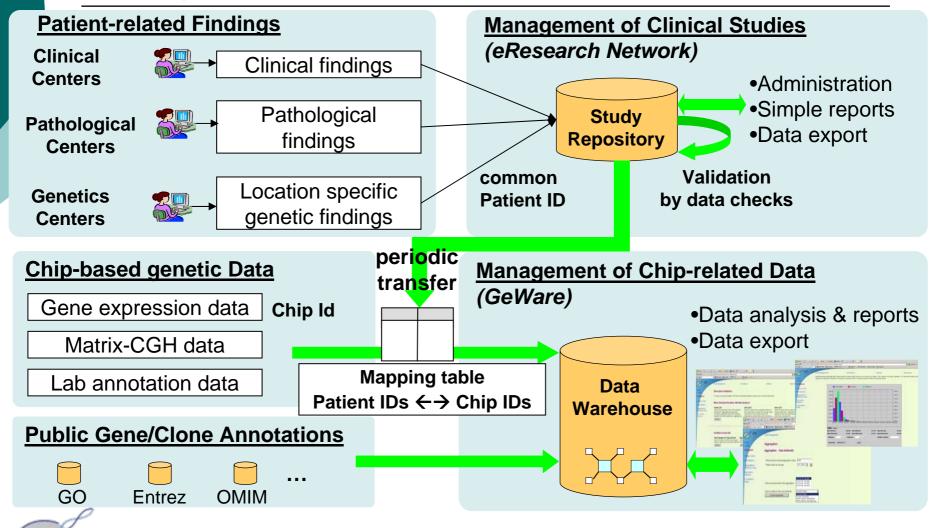


Genetic Data Warehouse

- Handling, analysis and storage of large chip-based genetic data
 - Microarray-based gene expression data (Affymetrix)
 - Matrix-CGH data (Laboratory)
- Contains about 1700 preprocessed chips, thereof about 200 in MMML
- Integrate clinical data from eResearch Network
- Integrate public annotation data using SRS
- Coupling with statistic tool R for powerful and flexible analysis
- Web-Client Application using JavaServlets www.izbi.de/GEWARE



Integration Architecture

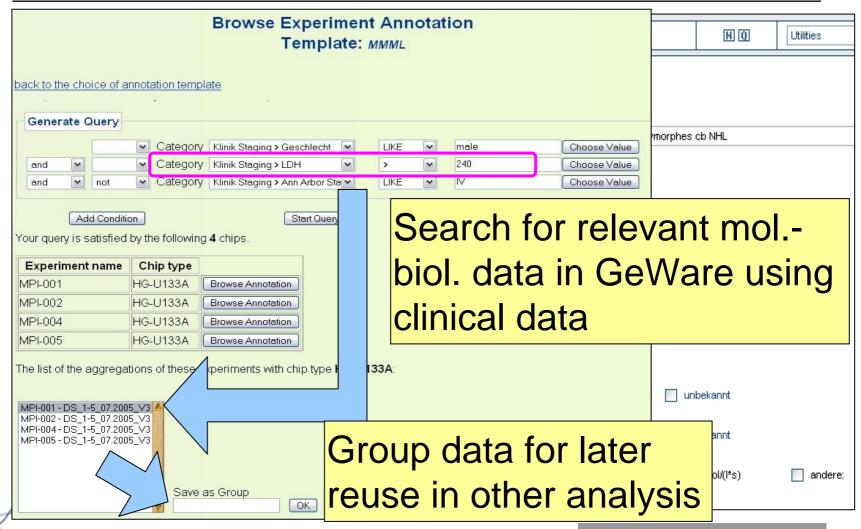


Linking Patient Data

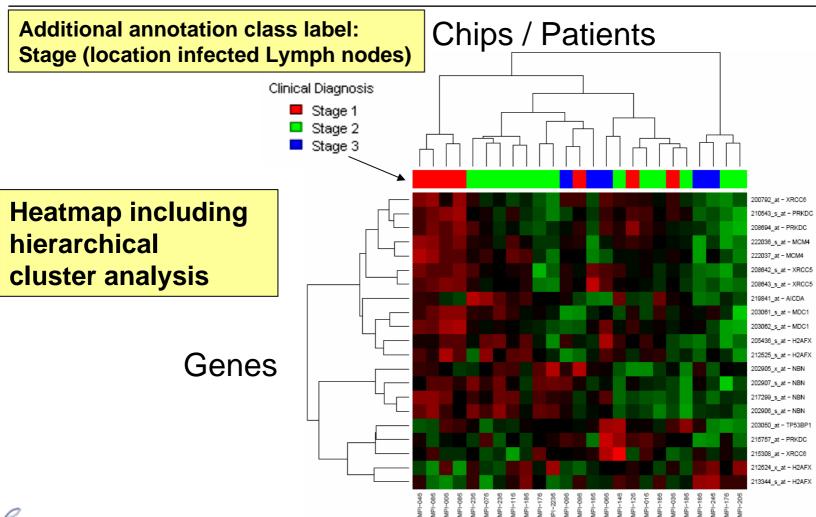
- Goal: Utilization of uniform and comprehensive annotation for later analysis
- Focus-dependent annotation data in different clinical studies, e.g. Lymphoma
- Annotation templates
 - Collections of parameters for which the annotation values has to be captured
 - Definition of MI AME-compliant templates
 - Generic management of metadata and values
- Controlled vocabularies (predefined terms)



Combined Analysis (1)



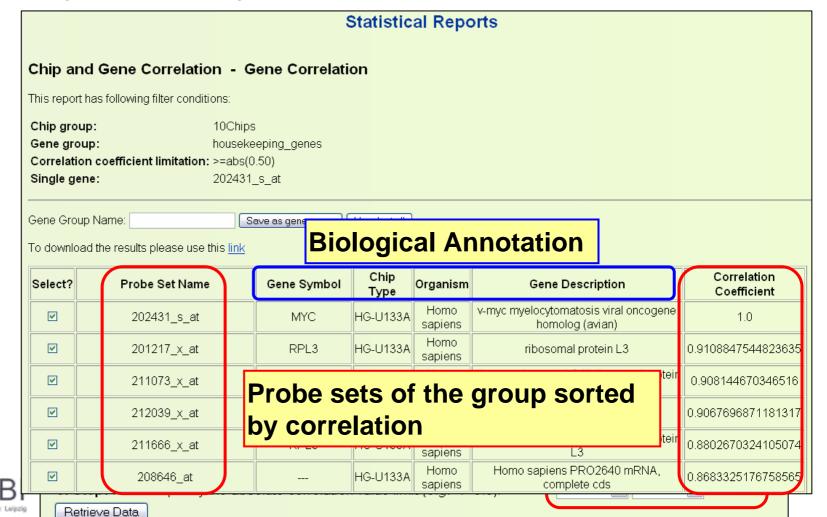
Combined Analysis (2)





Combined Analysis (3)

Report example



Conclusions

- Analysis platform integrating clinical and molecular-biological data
- Build on two existing systems
 - Uniform and autonomous input of findings in eRN
 - Considering privacy aspects: pseudonymous patient ID
 - Management of molecular-biological data in GeWare
 - Periodic data transfer by using a mapping table
 - Combined data analysis in GeWare
- Application in large collaborative cancer research studies



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