Semantic Web Development in Traditional Chinese Medicine

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What's TCM?

TCM Semantic Web

TCM Ontology Engineering

TCM Semantic Search Engine (DartGrid System)

Semantic Graph Mining for biomedical network analysis

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- Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) is an ancient medical system that accounts for around 40% of all health cares delivered in China.
 - Preventive Medicine
 - Take medicine as like a daily nutrition supplement or part of food to maintain the balance of the whole body system.
 - Personalized Medicine
 - Treatment can be completely different for people with respect to their gender, age, health condition although they have very similar symptoms.
 - Empirical Medicine
 - The effect of many TCM drugs are based on more one thousand years of practices, whereas they do not know the specific underlying mechanism.

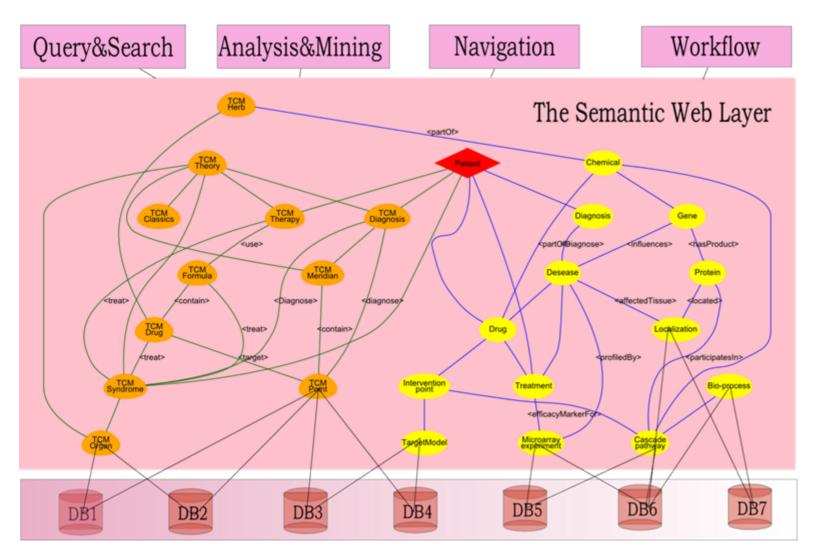
TCM Knowledge

- TCM theories derive from many knowledge sources including the theories of Yin-Yang, Chinese five elements, the human body channel system, Zang Fu organ theory, holistic connections, mind-body intervention, and many others.
- TCM practice includes diagnosis and treatments theories such as herbal medicine and , massage and cupping, acupuncture and meridians.

TCM Semantic Web Project

A project in collaboration with China Academy of Traditional Chinese Medicine.

The ultimate vision of the TCM Semantic Web



The Subprojects

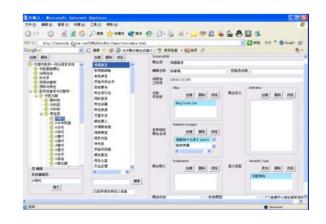
- TCM Ontology Engineering (2001-current).
- The DartGrid Data Integration System (first started in 2002)
- Integrating legacy relational database into Semantic Web
 - DartMapper: Visulized relational-2-RDF Mapper (2003-2005)
 - DartQuery: SPARQL2SQL Query Rewriter and a Form-based SPARQL query builder (2003-2006)
 - DartSearch: Semantic Search. (2005-current)
- Semantic Data Analysis and Data Mining for Semantic Web
- DartSpora: semantic data analysis engine (2007-current)
- Semantic Graph Mining for biomedical network analysis. (2007current)

TCM Ontology Engineering

TCM Ontology Engineering

- A effort participated by more than 100 persons from over 30 TCM research institutes located in different parts of China
- Scale
 - More than 20,000 classes and 100,000 instances defined in the current ontology
- Service Web APIs for ontologybased applications.

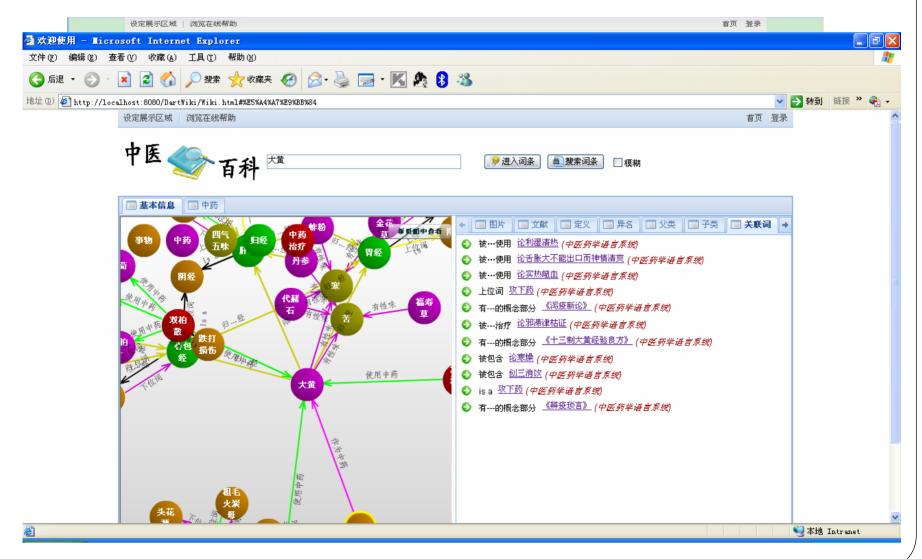




The current TCM ontology contains 15 major categories for each sub-domain.

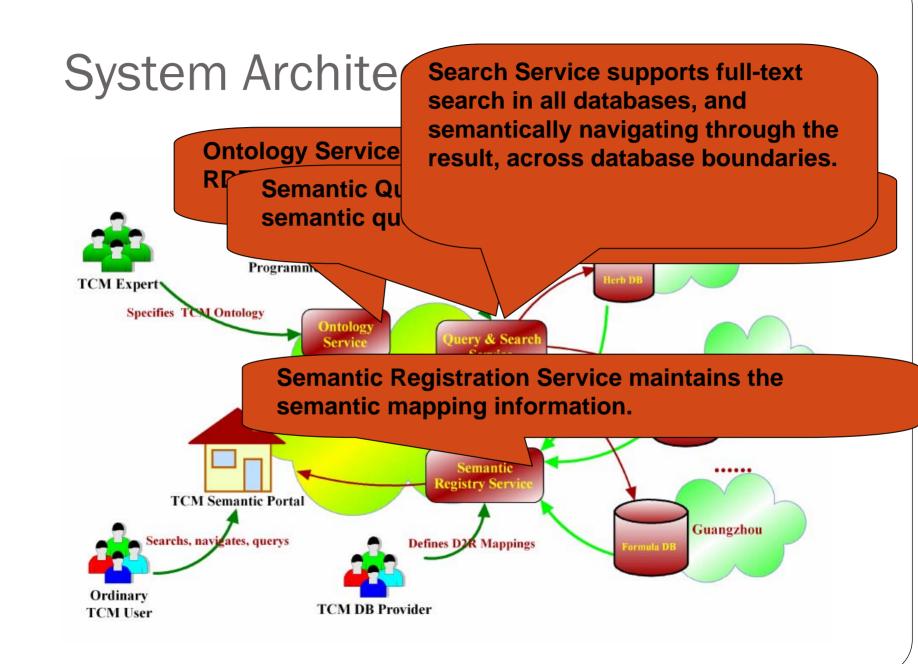
Categories	Concepts	Individuals
Pathogeny and pathogenesis and diagnosis	65	4939
Geography	948	86
Pharmacology of TCM medical formulae	158	11677
Disease	308	6516
Humanities	1680	10448
Health care management	303	1300
Medicinal plant and animal	719	14804
Informatics and philology	216	21089
Prevention and life-cultivation	163	69
Acupuncture	716	1647
Therapeutic principles and treatments	108	1997
Traditional Chinese Drugs	1572	3624
The basic theory of TCM	3313	1725
The doctrines of TCM and relevant sciences	1352	219
Natural science and physics	217	240

Ontology visualization and query engine

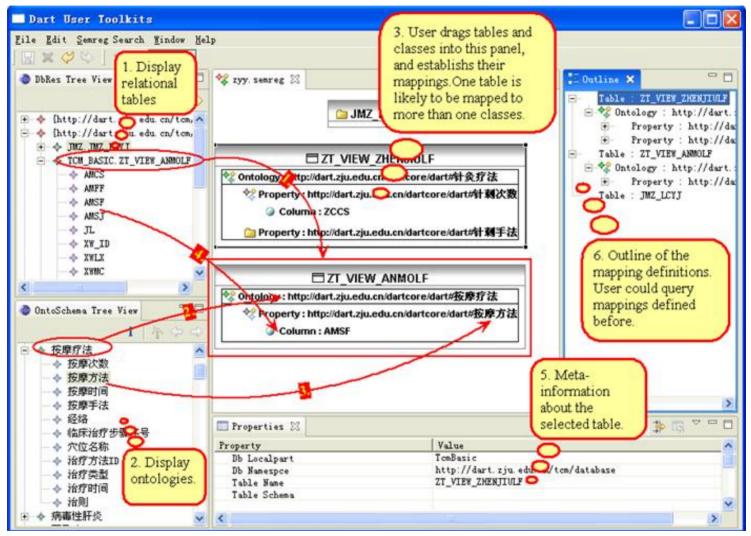




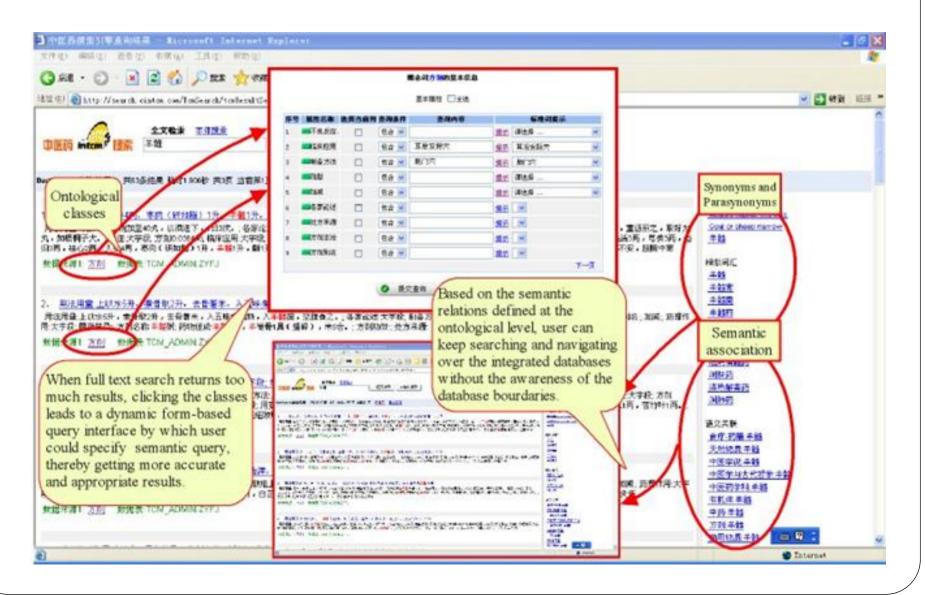
A semantic search engine build upon a lot of relational databases.



Visualized Mapper



Semantic Search Portal Version 1



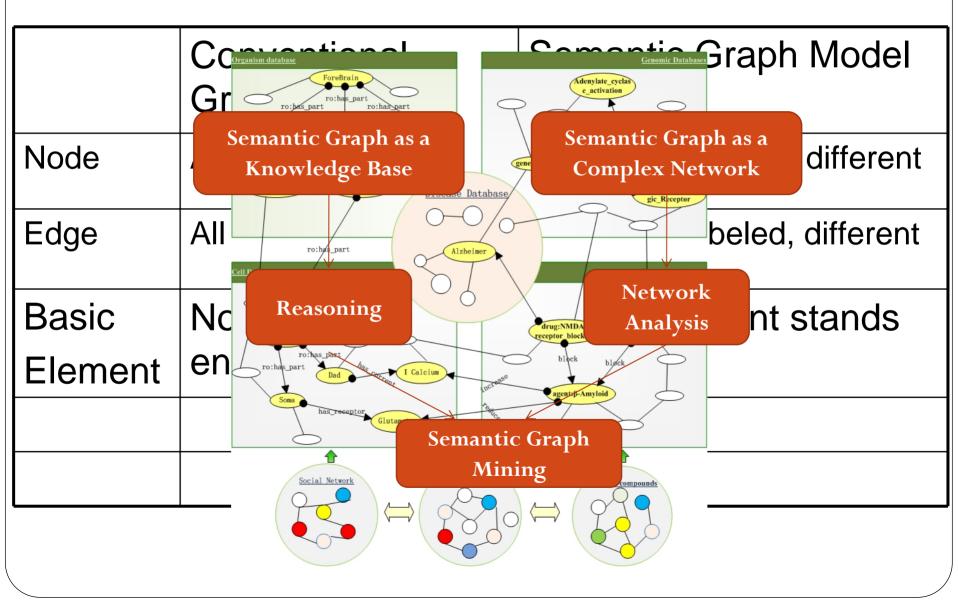
Semantic Search Portal Version 1

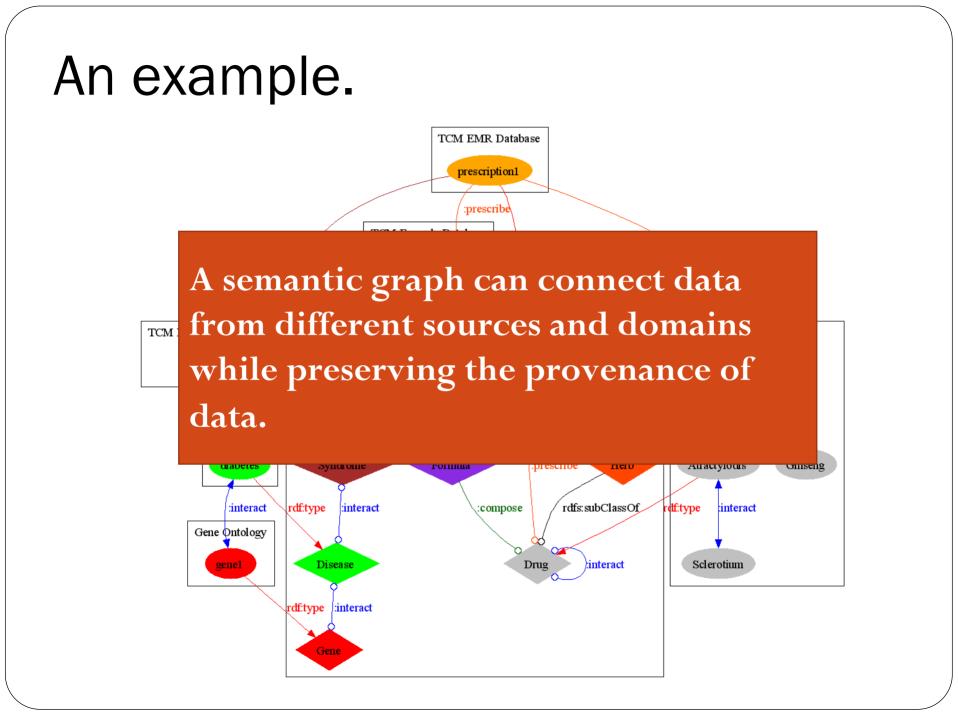
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作者:李军林:李家实:王爱芹 摘要:利用 <mark>大黄</mark> 及其易混品藏边 <mark>大黄</mark> 粉末中草酸钙簇晶数目差异,鉴别 <mark>大黄</mark> 与藏边大 黄,方法简便,准确性高。 刊名:中药材 年份: 1996	其他
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作者:常军民,高宏,张煊,赵军,堵年生 摘要:目的:测定枝穗 <mark>大黄中大黄</mark> 素和 <mark>大黄</mark> 酚的含量。方法:采用IFPLC测定。结果:枝穗 <mark>大黄中大黄</mark> 素和 <mark>大黄</mark> 酚的平均含量分别为0.04%和0.23%;加样回收率 <mark>大黄</mark> 素为99.2% , 大黄酚为100.7%。结论:所用方法快速、灵敏、准确,样品处理简单。 刊名:华西药学杂志 年份:2003	中医理论
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Semantic Data Analysis for TCM

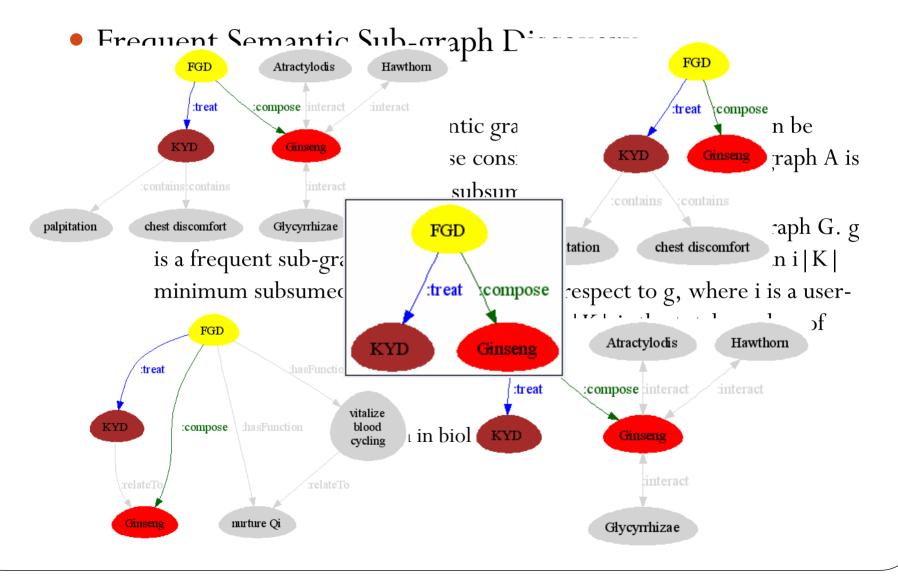
What kinds of new connections can be discovered or mined from this huge web of data?

Graph vs Semantic Graph





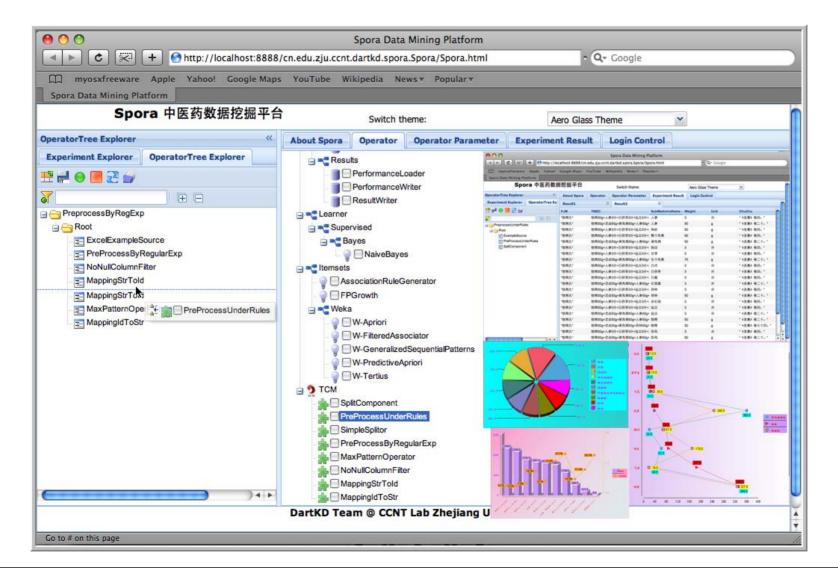
An example



Semantic data analysis

- Semantic graph contains richer information than normal graph.
- It is based upon the integration capability of semantic web.
- Much more meaningful mining results:
 - Discover the facts directly.
 - Find more meaningful associations among entities.
 - Calculate the network parameters in a more accurate way.
- Ontological reasoning can be leveraged to further facilitate the mining process.
- We need good tools to help do so.

DartSpora: a interactive mining engine for TCM



Summary

- A Web of Data means a lot to us.
- It can enable fancy ways of searching and browsing the daunting online information space.
- It can also finally unleash the potential underlying disparate data sources to greatly facilitate and advance the data mining and knowledge discovery technology.
- But we need powerful tools to help us to achieve the goal.

Summary:

Key Benefits of Semantic Web for TCM

- Fusion of data across many scientific discipline
- Easier recombination of data
- Querying of data at different levels of granularity
- Capture provenance of data through annotation
- Data can be assessed for inconsistencies
- Integrative knowledge discovery from large-scale semantic graph formed by integrating cross-institutional, cross-dispinaries data sources.

Thanks for your time!