

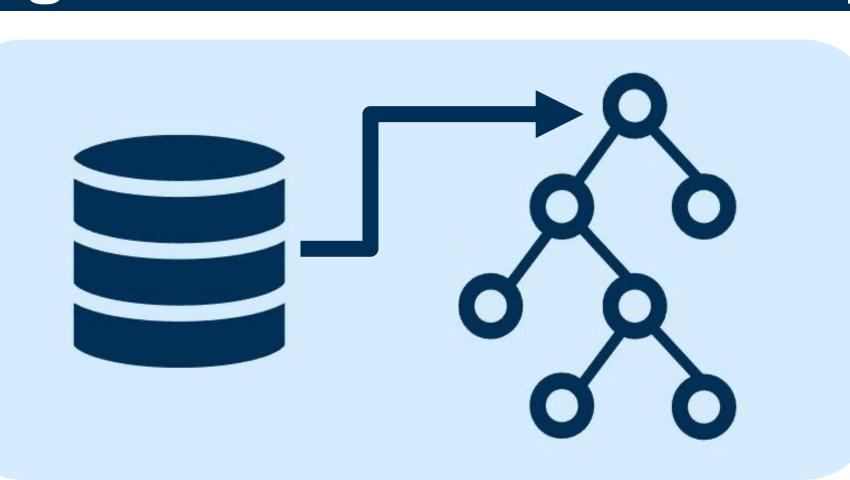
The Data Bridge: Developing Hierarchal Visualization Software to Connect Data Collection and Analysis

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Introduction

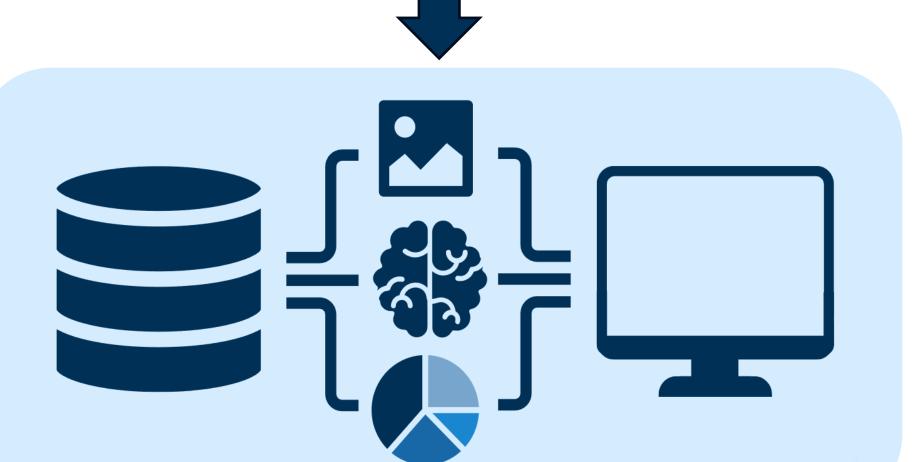
- LIMS: The central Allen Institute database for storing images and associated metadata
 - Can make queries to display data with no organizational structure
 - Difficult to see the dissection process
 - Cannot easily see missing or incomplete data
- My Project Goals:
 - Create a tool that connects to LIMS and displays a sorted hierarchy of data that better illustrates the process of data collection and brain dissection

Figure 1: Software Development Process



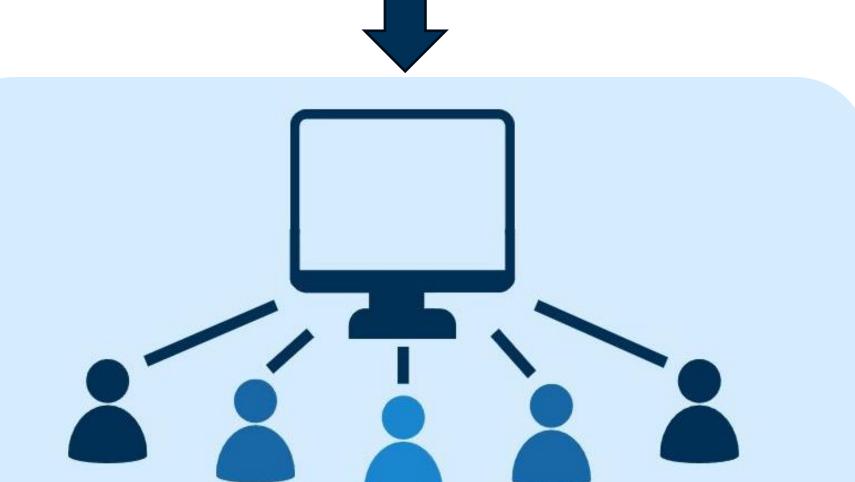


Establish a backdoor connection to LIMS to build the data hierarchy





Code functions to query LIMS and retrieve the desired metadata, joining several data tables into one





Develop the templates for each webpage using the Flask html framework, displaying the data in a friendly UI

Figure 2: Code Structure

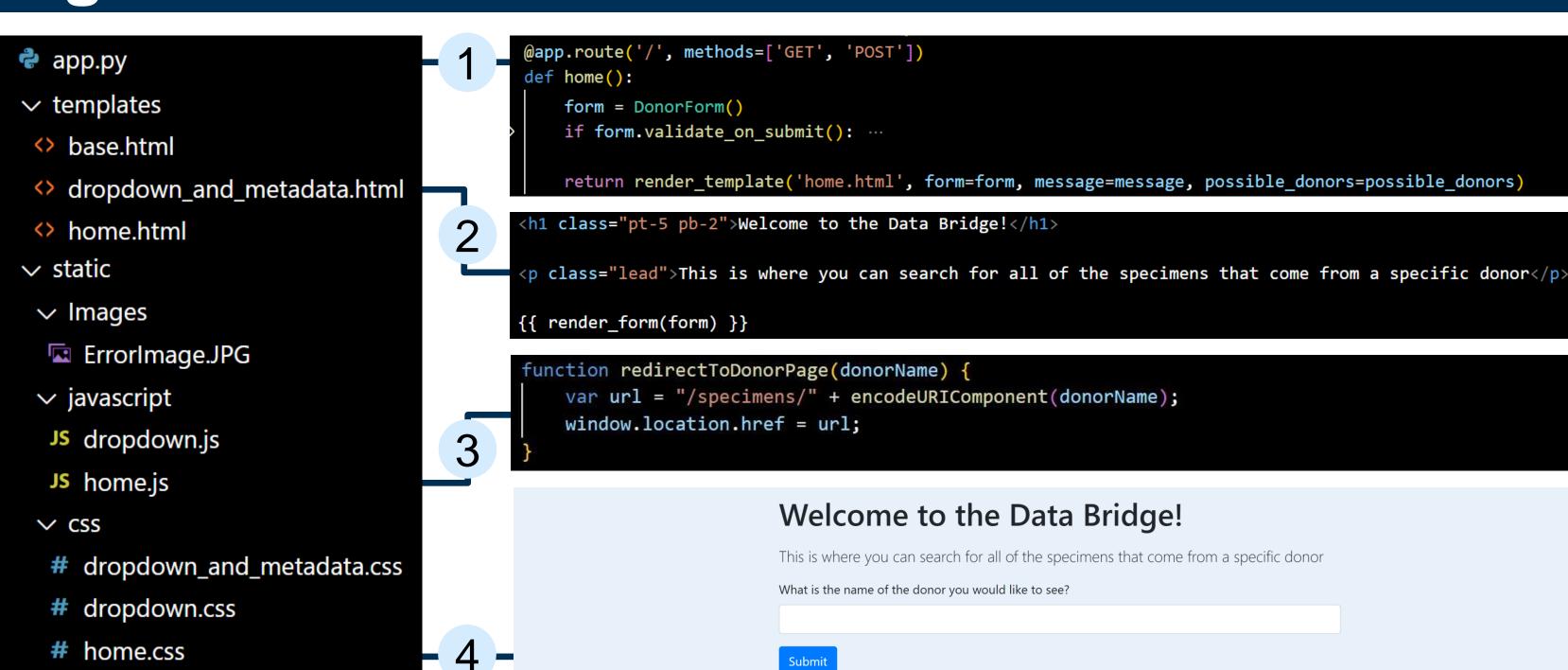
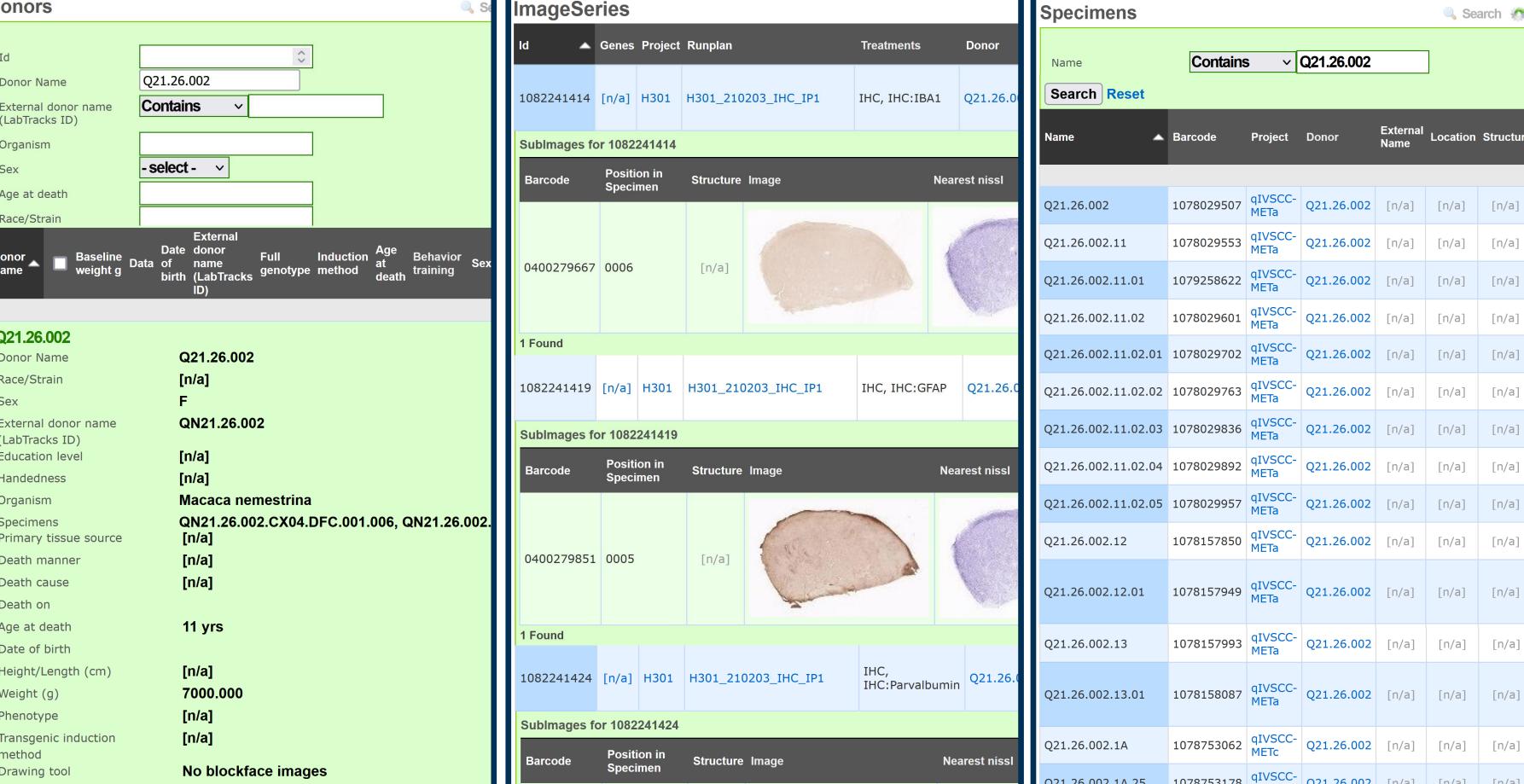


Figure 3: LIMS - Donor Q21.26.002



Donor data is separate from specimen data, with all specimens printed in an unorganized list

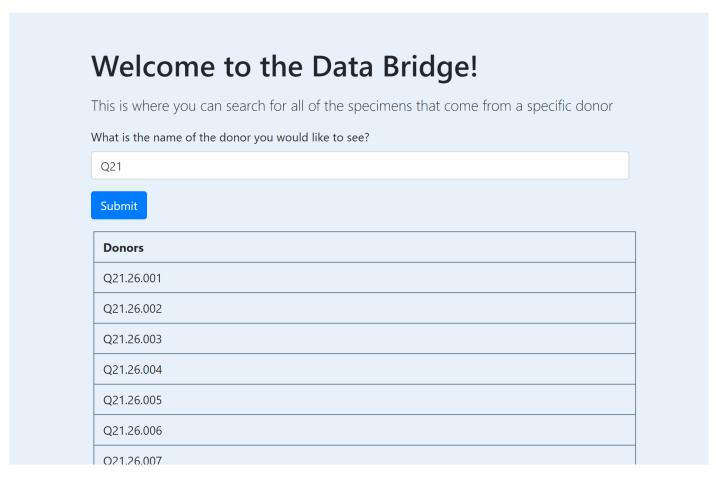
Stain images for the same specimen are displayed disjointly and do not include blockface images

Specimens for a donor are shown in a grid and do not easily show the relationship between them

Specimen Information

Q21.26.002.12 1078157850 qIVSCC-METa Q21.26.002 [n/a] [n/a] [n/a]

Figure 5: Standout Features

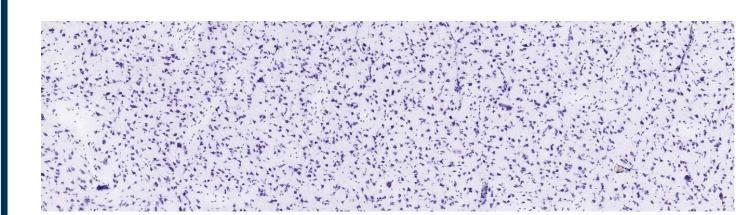


donor's full name or wants to see all relevant donors of a certain species, the partial search feature will display all donors that match the given search. The provided table is sorted alphabetically for straightforward user navigation. Lightbox Image Carousel: By clicking

Partial Search: If a user doesn't know a



an image, a lightbox image carousel will appear, displaying an image in full-view with the ability to scroll through all images associated with a specimen. Users can also download images and view their associated tags (i.e. stain types for stain images).



Zoomable Images: Images retain high resolution and zoomability, allowing users to analyze cells and other relevant data.

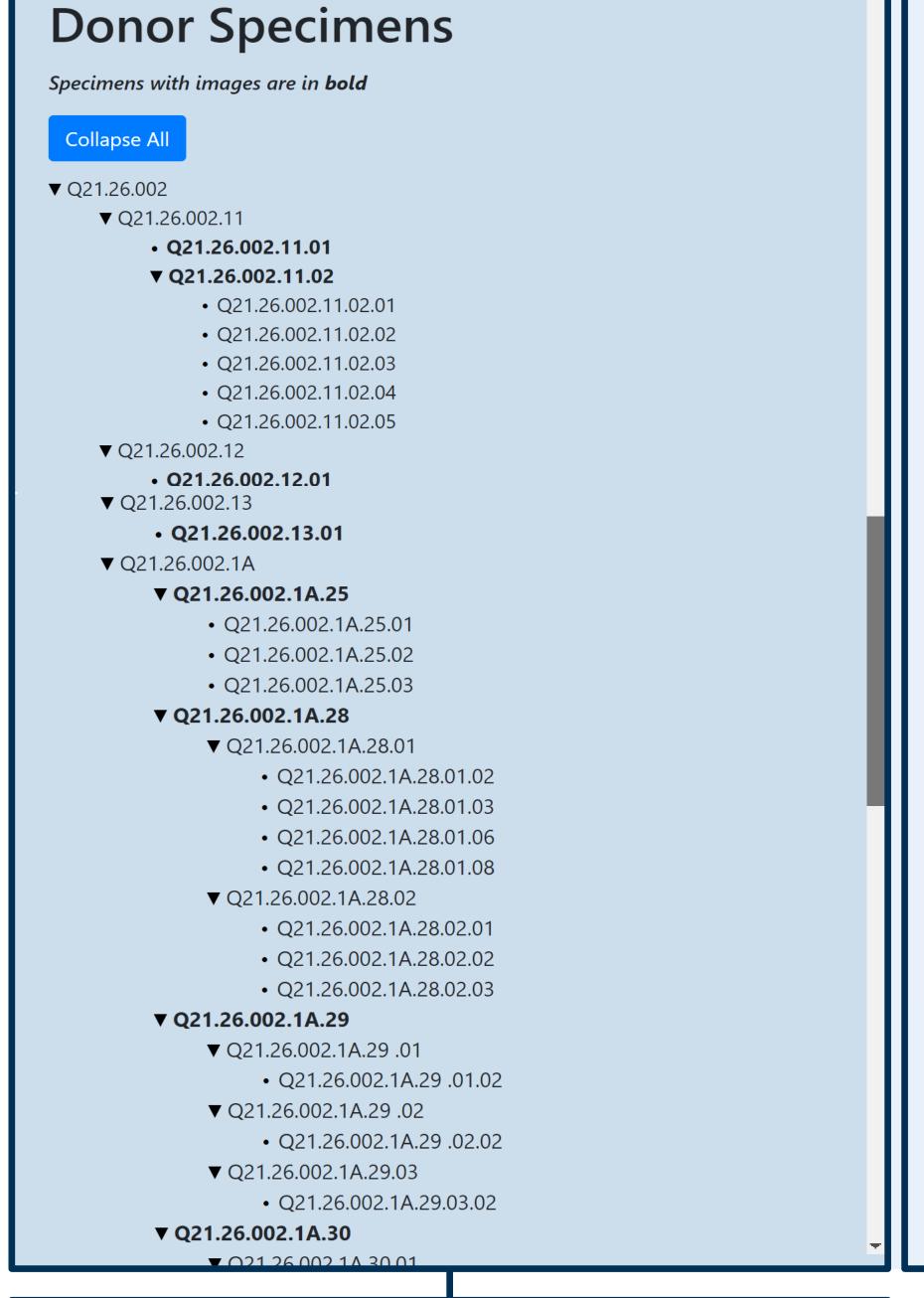
Project Takeaways

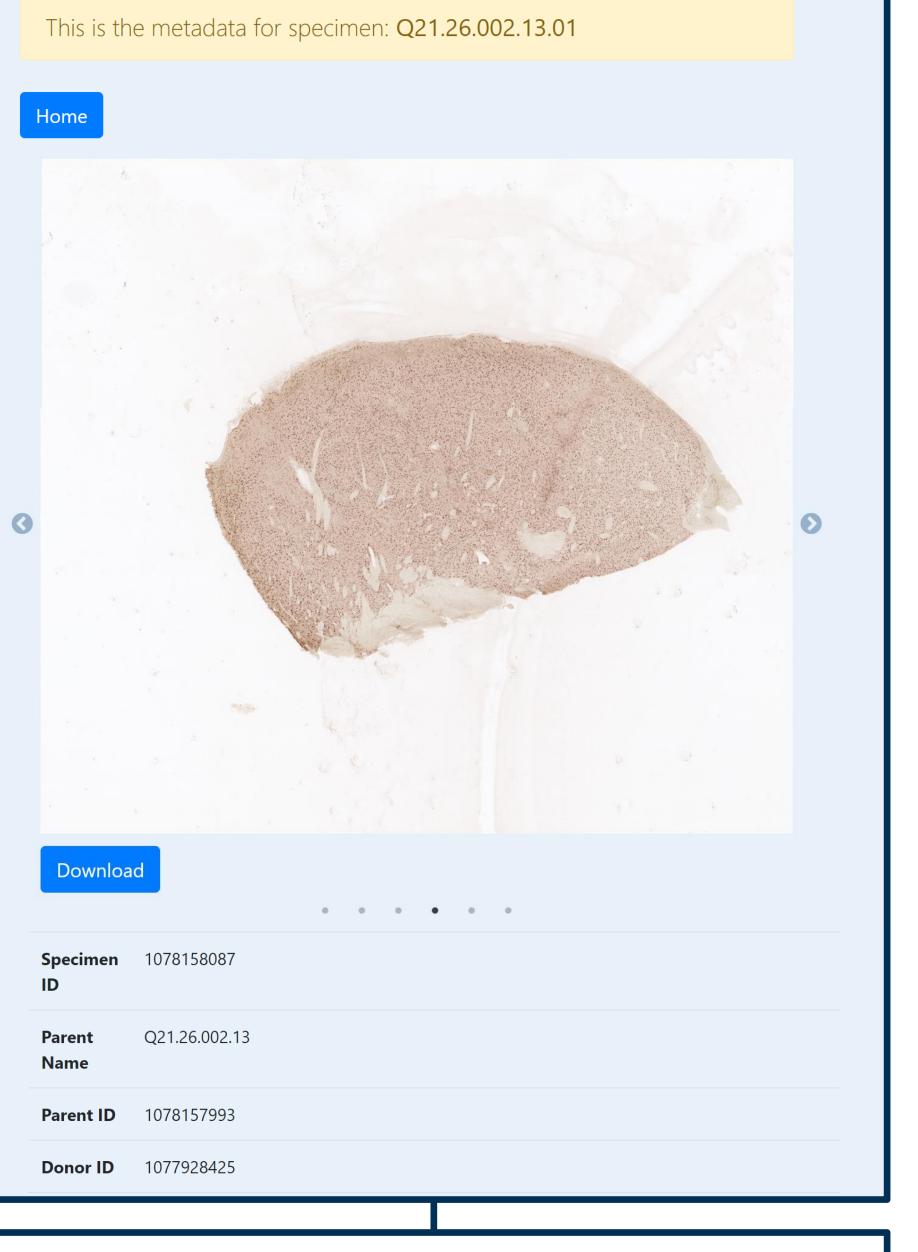
- Decreases data search time by 75.7953%
- Joins data from at least three separate LIMS data tables into a single webpage
- Key Features
 - Partial Search: ability to search part of a donor name and get all possible matches in alphabetical order
 - Expand/Collapse All button: opens and closes the entire specimen dropdown
 - Image Lightbox: opens the image carousel in full view
 - Download Button: can download images directly to the local machine with the original file name
 - Zoomable Images: images retain their .aff (Allen File Format) properties and can be zoomed in to inspect cells of stained images
 - Metadata table: the most pertinent specimen information is pulled from LIMS and displayed for each specimen (i.e. parent id, plane of section, storage directory, etc.)
- Future Applications/Development:
 - Encode additional features such as metadata export, specimen name search, and more
 - Connect to the Specimen Portal to populate and upload data directly (aka bridging the gap between LIMS and the Specimen Portal)

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Figure 4: Data Bridge - Donor Q21.26.002





An expandable data hierarchy, illustrating the relation between donor specimens and showing where data is disconnected in LIMS

All metadata for each specimen is displayed, including all image types (blockface, stain, etc.) and both donor and specimen information