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**Co-Clinical Quantitative
Imaging of Small Cell
Neuroendocrine Prostate Cancer
Using
Hyperpolarized ^{13}C MRI**

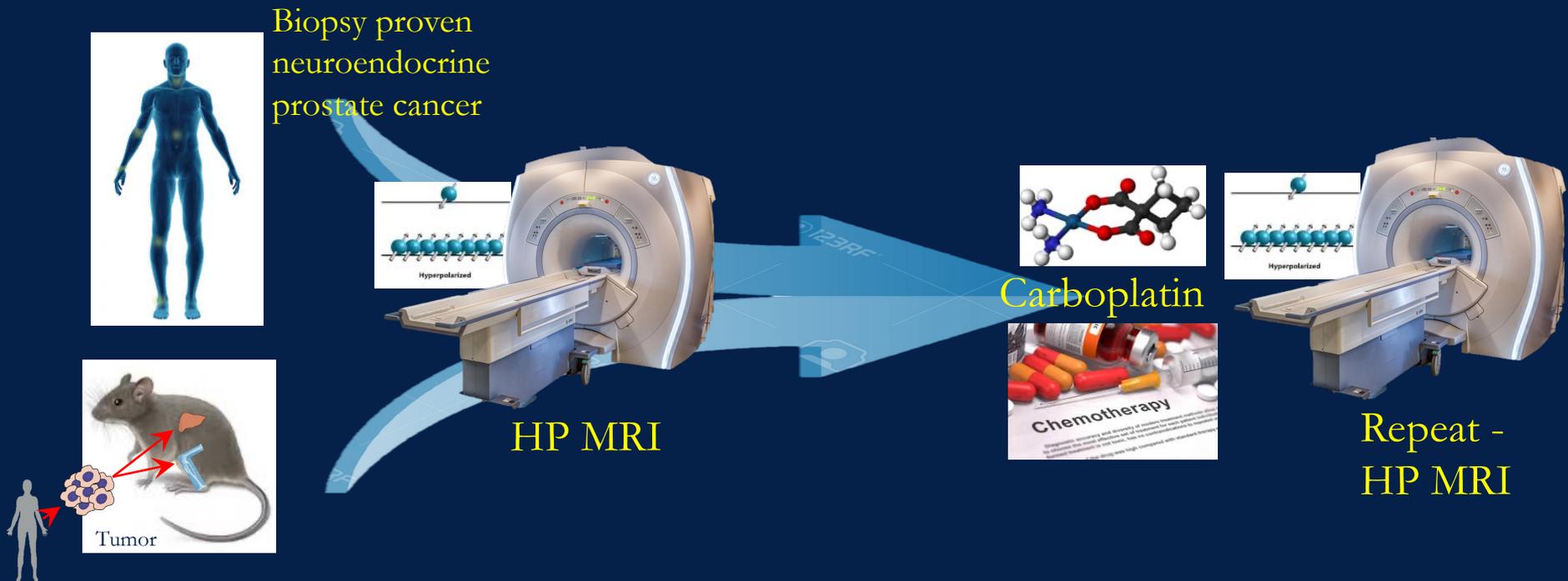
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U24 - Oncology Co-Clinical Imaging Research Resources to Encourage Consensus on Quantitative Imaging Methods and Precision Medicine

This co-clinical study is aimed at developing comparable optimal murine HP ^{13}C MRI protocols in realistic and representative models of small cell neuroendocrine prostate cancer bone and liver metastases to inform on therapeutic response using quantitative metrics to populate an online resource.



UCSF Team

- Imaging protocols - **TCIA**

Clinical trial

Drs. Kurhanewicz, Aggarwal & Ohliger

Preclinical trial

Drs. Peehl & Sriram

- PDX models of metastases
- Integration of imaging & biological data - **OMF**

Informatics

Drs. Larson, Sriram & Crane

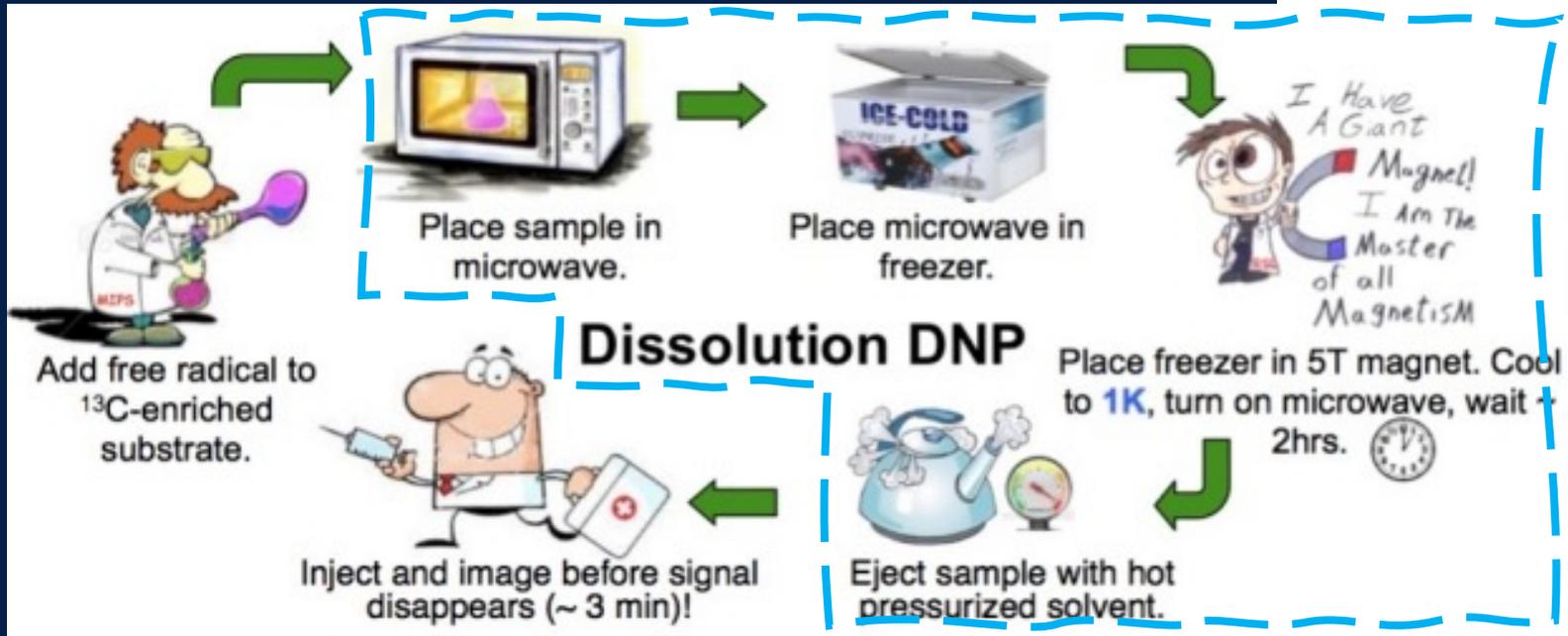
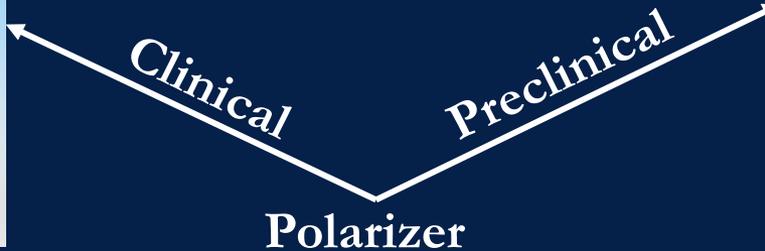
Quantitative Imaging methods

Drs. Larson & Sriram

- Online data and analysis portal - **CIRP**

- Optimized imaging routines
- Modeling toolbox - **QIN**

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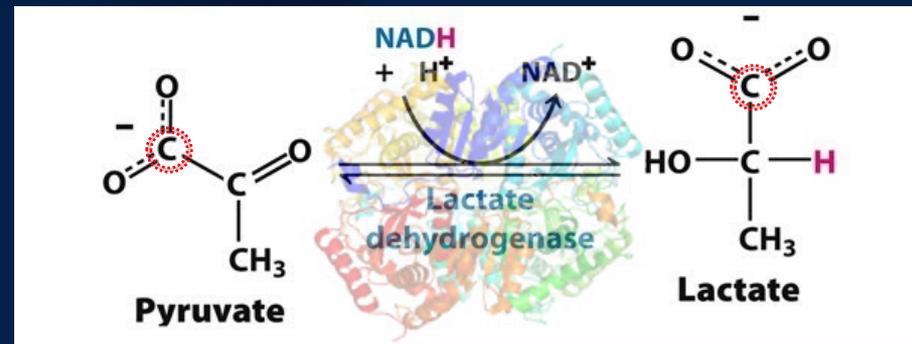
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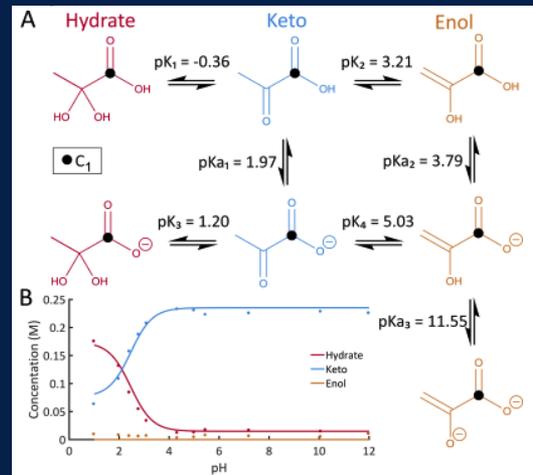
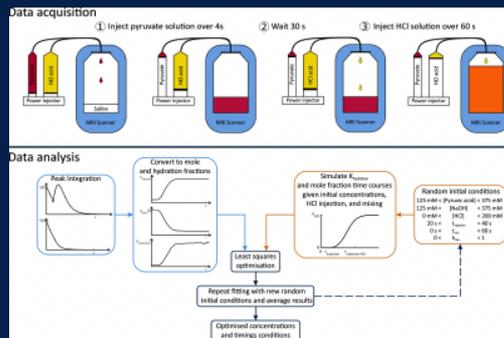


- Rapid dissolution methods
- Over 50,000- fold enhancement
- T_1 – dependent signal decay
- Enables observation of dynamic enzymatic conversion

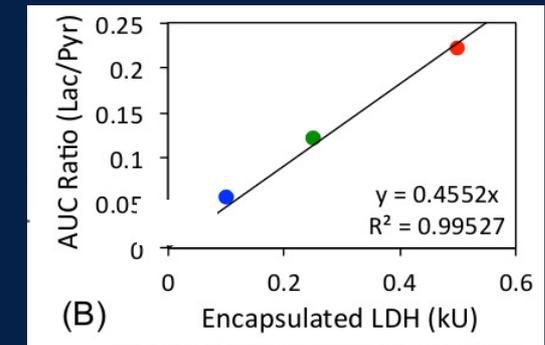
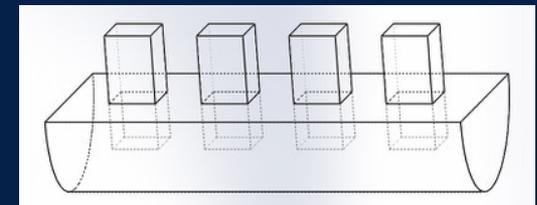


Project 1: Development of phantoms for testing rigor and reproducibility of hyperpolarized signal and kinetic modeling

Chemistry based



Enzyme based



Phantom layout with varying concentrations of enzyme, B) Measurement of hyperpolarized signal in LDH trapped alginate microspheres with 0.1 (blue), 0.25 (green) and 0.5 (red) kUnits.

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ROKET: a Robust Keto Enol Tautomerisation phantom for multi-site, multi-vendor hyperpolarized ^{13}C studies

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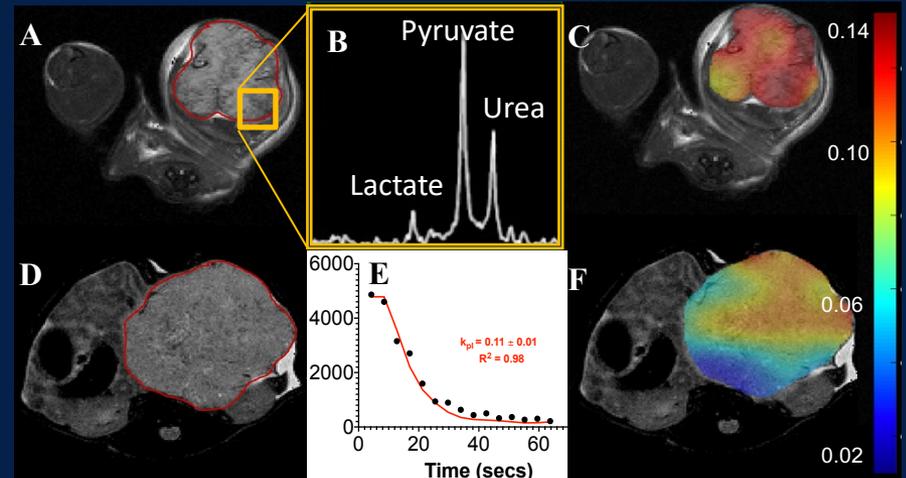
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- Goal : Develop and test phantoms in clinical and preclinical polarizers for repeatability
- Encompasses:
 - 3D printing
 - Basic biochemistry – enzyme kinetics isoforms, keto-enol tautomerization
 - Hyperpolarized ^{13}C MRI
 - Kinetic Modeling

Data Analysis

- Inputless unidirectional model to calculate k_{PL} the apparent rate of conversion of pyruvate to lactate. Optimization of model and its parameters
 - Multi-compartment model
 - Inclusion of vascular input function
 - Impact of T1 values used for modeling
- Reproducibility
 - Robustness of model parameters using phantom
 - Evaluate intra and inter tumor variability



Imaging of patient-derived LuCaP93 SCNC cells in the murine tibia and liver. (A,D) T_2 -wt MRI shows the tumor in the left limb and liver (outlined in red). (B) HP spectroscopic imaging shows the injected HP pyruvate and urea signal and the HP lactate produced from pyruvate in tumor voxel (orange square). (E) Lactate signal dynamics observed in the liver tumor over time (black dots) was fitted using inputless model (red line) to yield a k_{PL} of 0.11 s^{-1} in the liver. (C,F) Calculated k_{PL} map overlaid on the tumor.