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# **MRI Imaging Biomarkers for Diabetic Complications**

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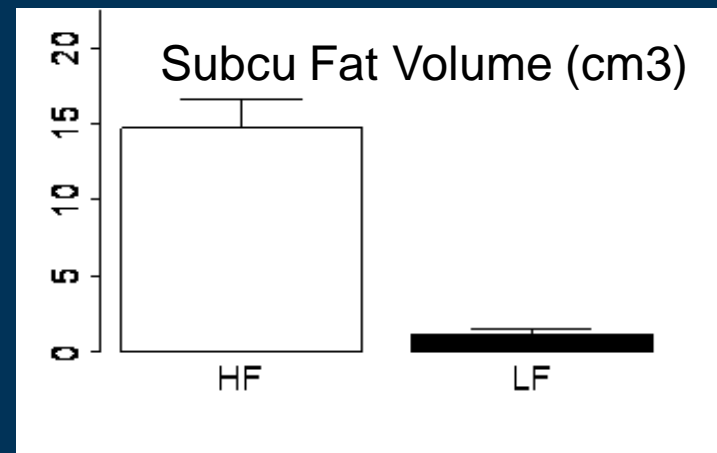
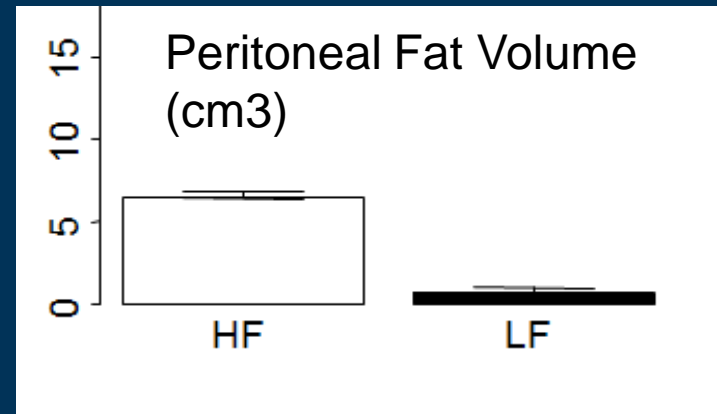
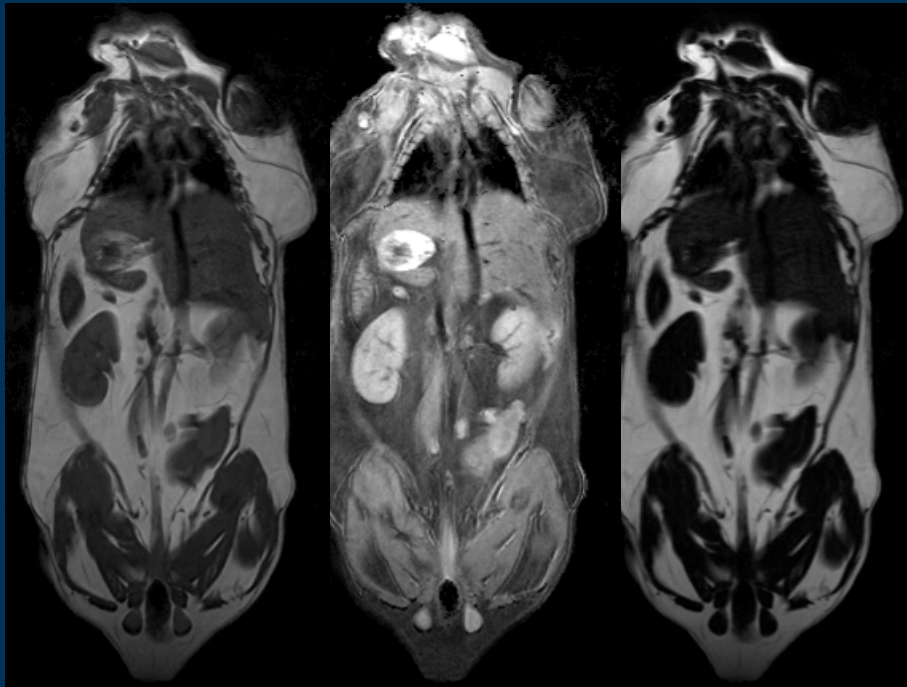
• **Motivation**

• Detection, staging, and understanding of Diabetic complications such as nephropathy and liver disease would benefit from quantitative / non-invasive imaging assessments.

• **Aims**

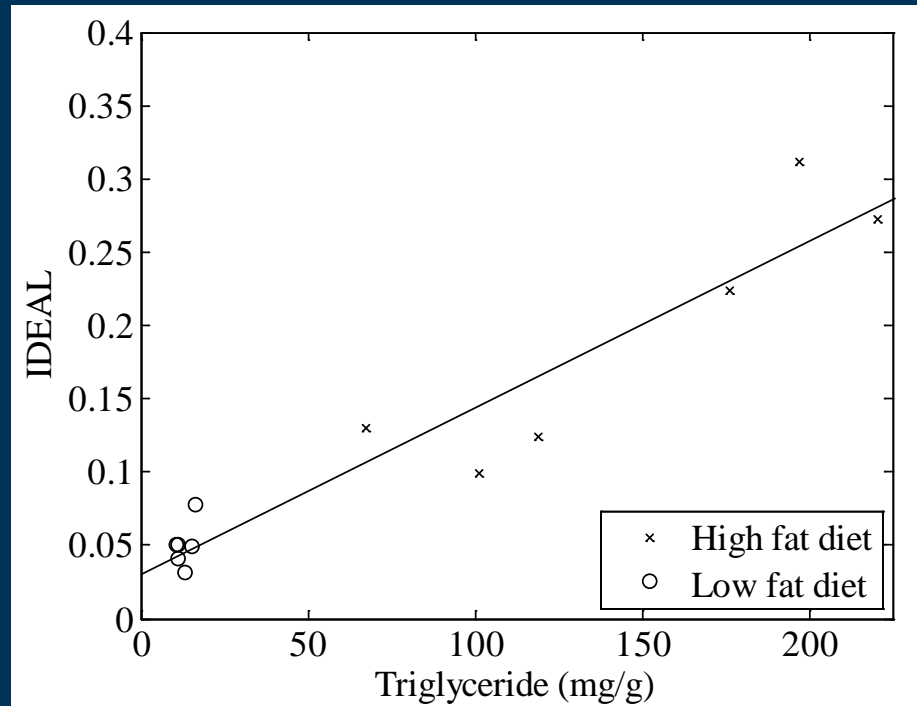
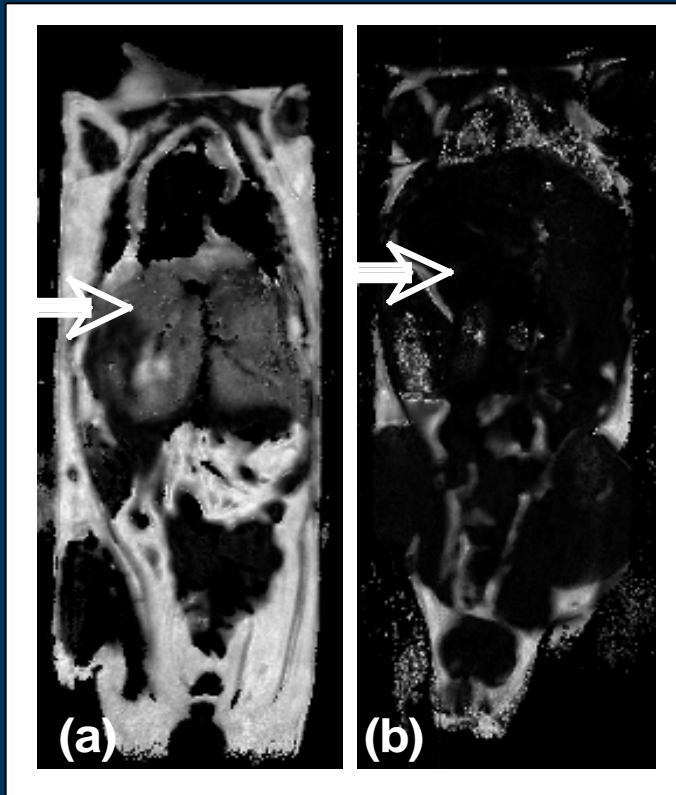
1. Optimize MRI techniques for assessments of
  - Adipose tissues and hepatic lipids
  - Renal and hepatic fibrosis
2. Longitudinal evaluate DN and NAFLD progression in dbdb and other mice.

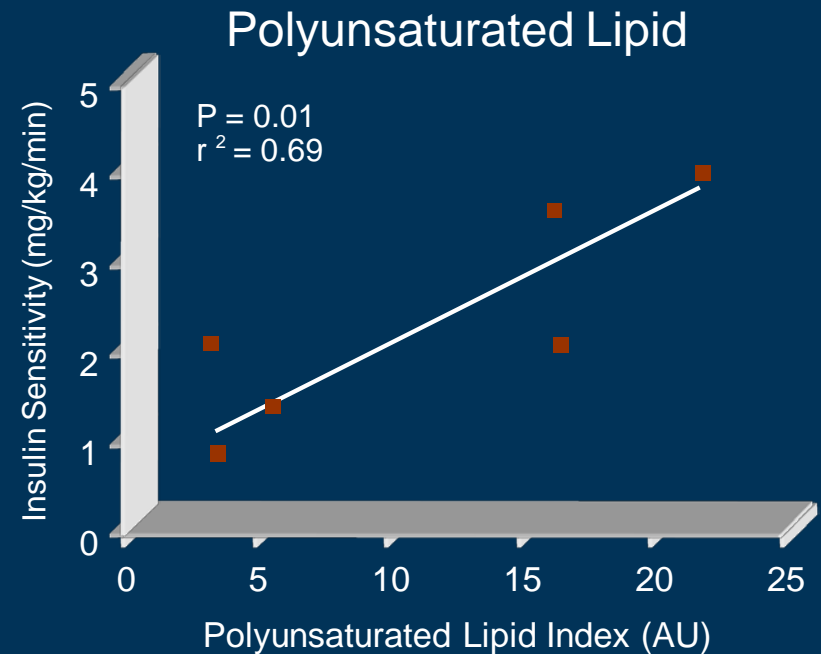
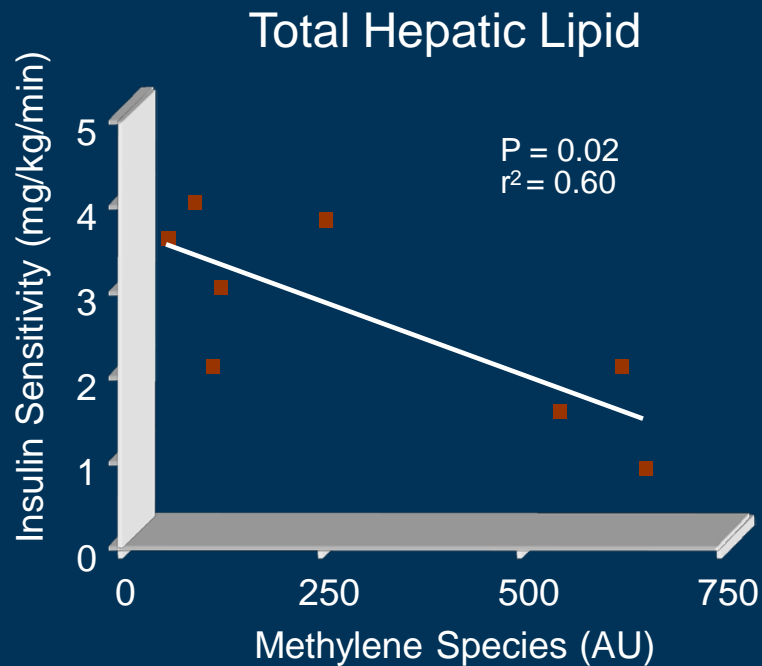
MR Image Water Image Fat Image



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# Hepatic Fat Fraction by MRI



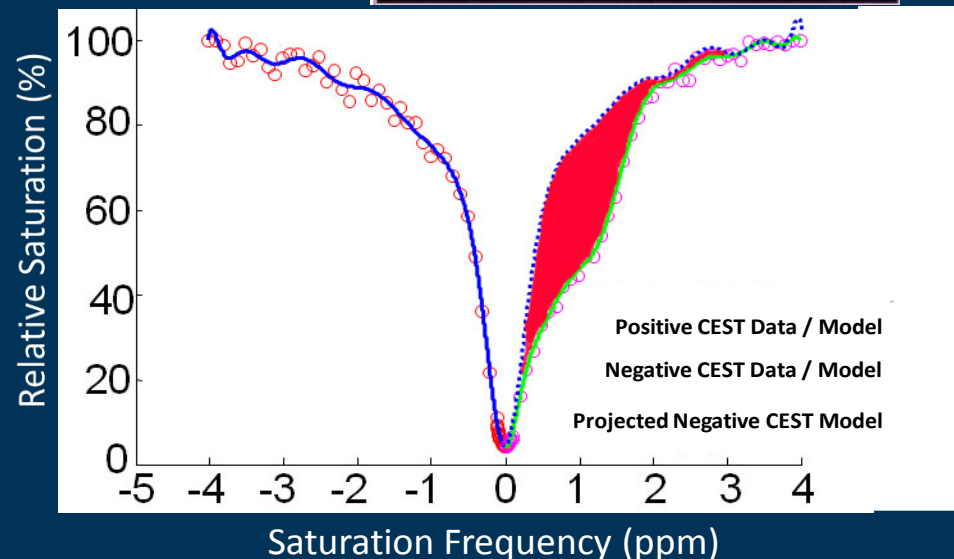
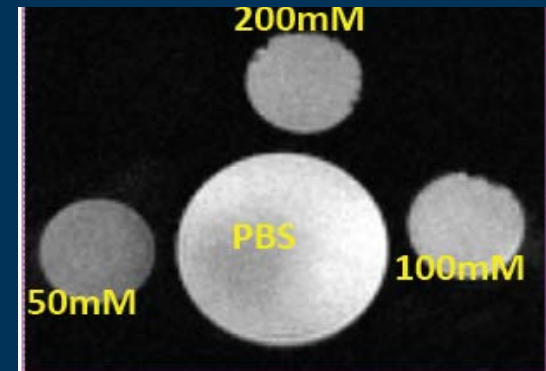


### • Saturation Transfer - MRI

- Similar to NMR spectroscopy
- Measures interaction / ionic exchange
- Macromolecules (many exchanges sites!)

### • Applications

- Glycogen, pH
- ATP depletion / repletion
- Collagen
- Fibrosis
- Contrast Agents (PARACEST)



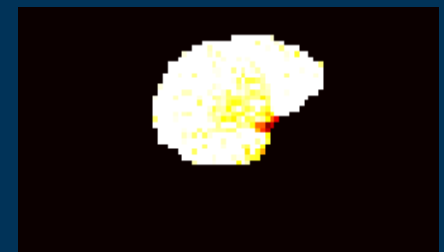
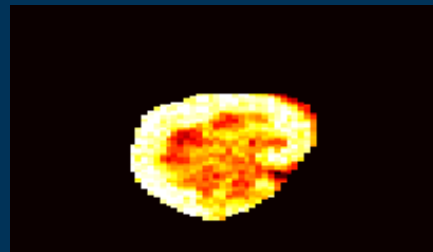
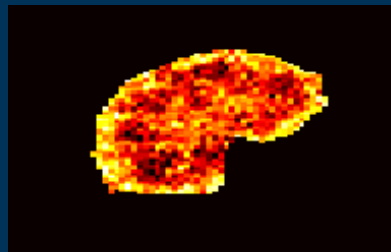


Initial Results with MT MRI (ARPKD Rat Model)

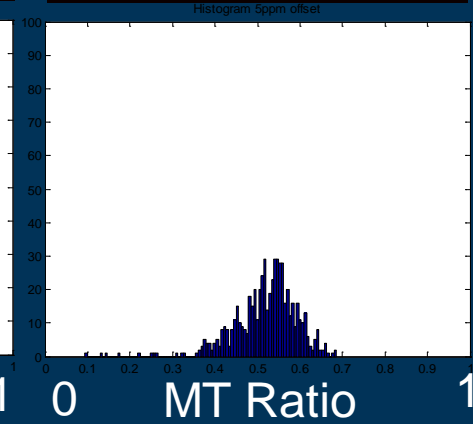
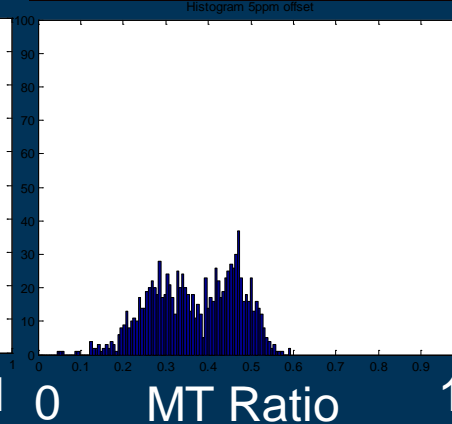
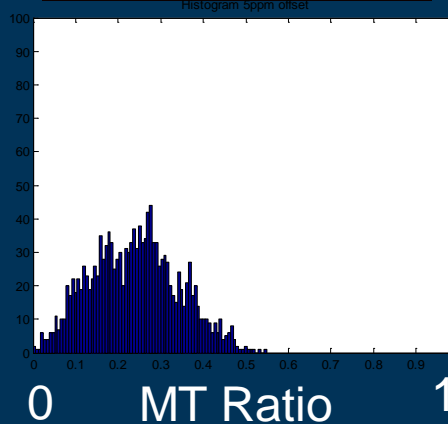
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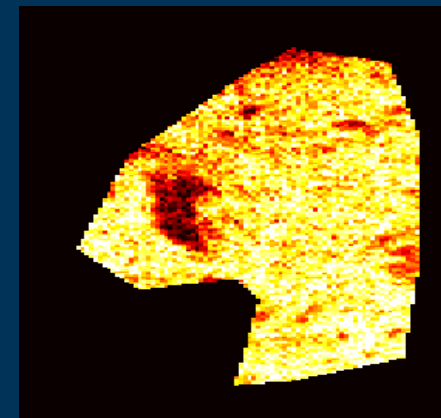
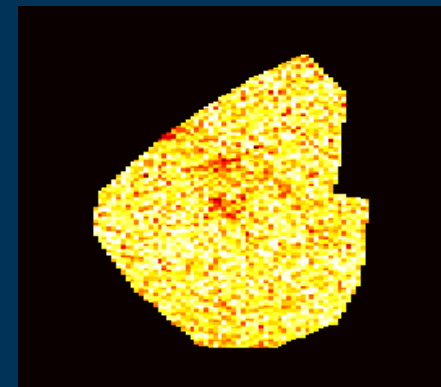
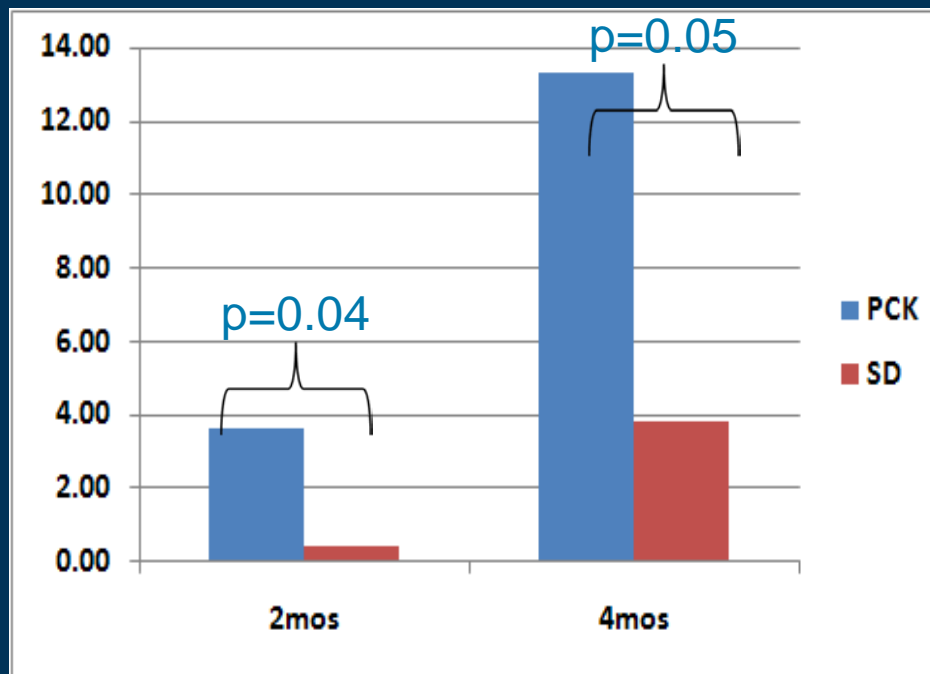
MTR  
Maps



Histograms



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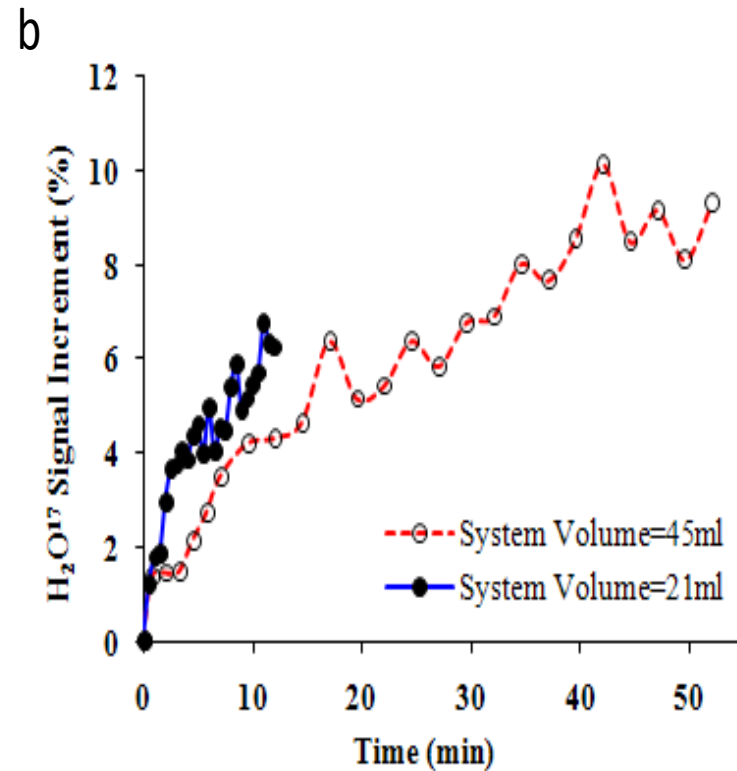
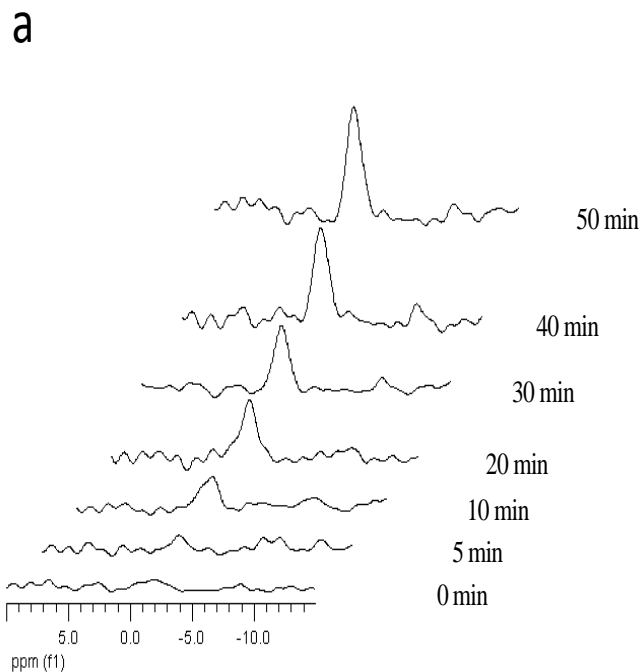






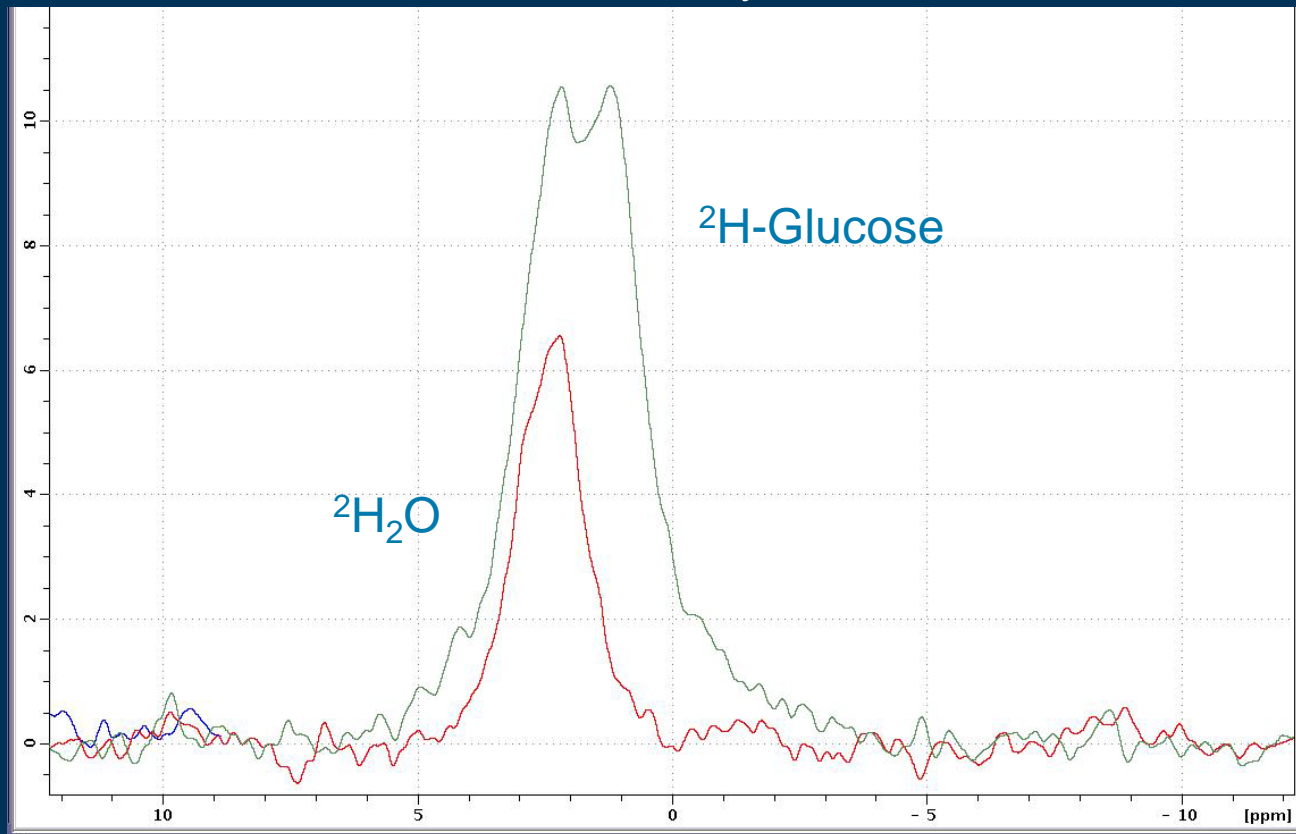
# Cardiac Metabolism And Function

## Mitochondrial water generation by $^{17}\text{O}$ MRS



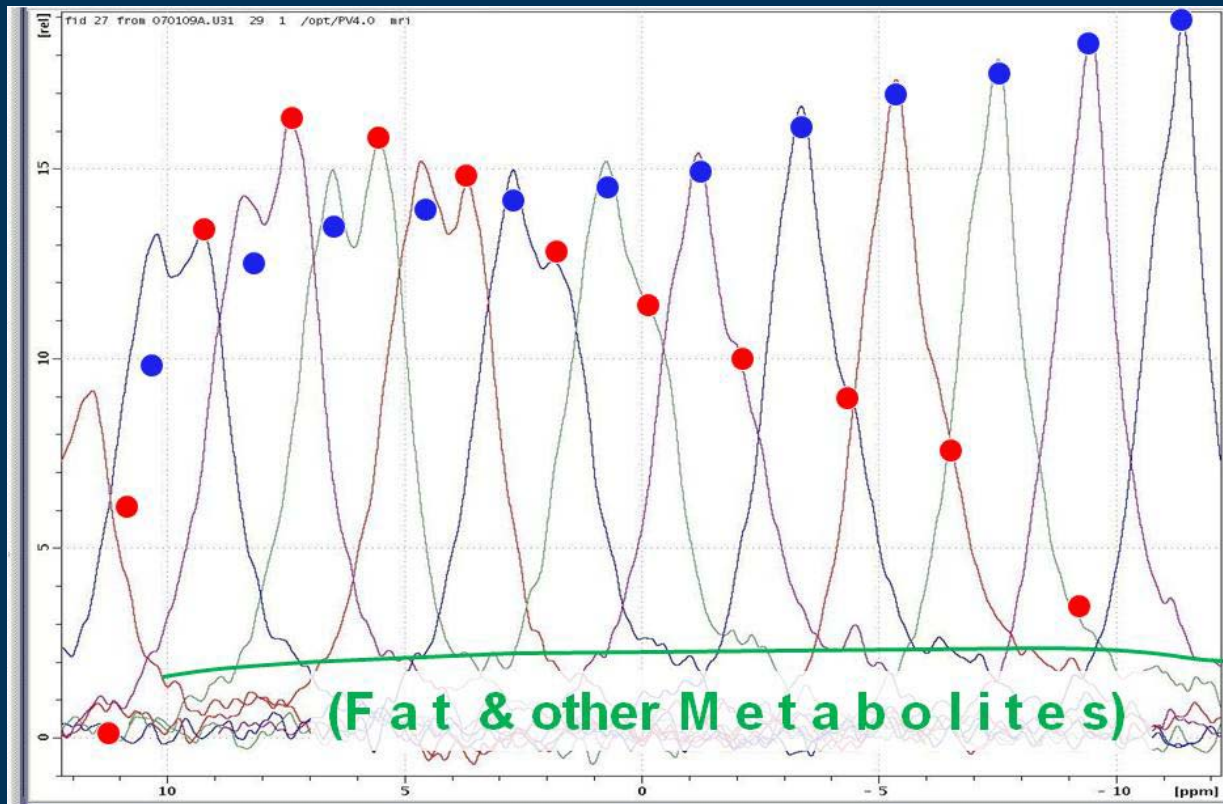


## Glucose Metabolism by $^2\text{H}$ MRS





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