MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING & SPECTROSCOPY



Top image, three panels: Imaging in vivo macrophage tumor infiltration tumors with 19F MRI. Panel A: 1H anatomical image; Panel B: 19F MRI of labeled macrophage; Panel C: Overlay of panels A and B depicting macrophage tumor infiltration. The advantages of 19F MRI include a high spatial resolution not afforded by other in vivo imaging modalities. Mouse tumor model courtesy of Dr. Rita Serda.

A state-of-the-art Bruker BioSpec® 9.4T horizontal bore MRI scanner is equipped to perform a wide variety of magnetic resonance imaging and spectroscopy studies on small animals (mice and rats) for non-invasive, high resolution longitudinal imaging for translational research. This elegant system allows for:

- Pristine anatomical assessments
- Cerebral blood flow
- Diffusion tensor imaging (DTI)
- Perfusion imaging
- 31P spectroscopy of metabolites
- 1H spectroscopy of metabolites
- 13C spectroscopy of metabolites
- MRI contrast agent assessments
- Diffusion imaging
- Amyloid beta plaque imaging
- Longitudinal tumor volume assessments
- Angiography
- Muscle imaging
- Magnetization transfer contrast (MTC) to assess white matter damage
- In Utero Imaging in Rats and Mice
- CEST Imaging Chemical Exchange Saturation Transfer





Tagged cardiac MRI for stress/ strain calculations



A: Imaging amyloid beta plaques in the mouse brain B: Control mouse; Tg2576 mouse model of Alzheimer's disease

- Cardiac Imaging EDV, ESV and EF Assessments
- Cardiac Imaging Anatomical Assessments
- Cardiac Imaging Stress/Strain Calculations
- Cardiac Imaging In vivo Ca2+ influx changes in Myocardium
- Fat Assessment
- 19F MRI Imaging Inflammation
- 19F MRI Imaging tagged cells (e.g. lymphocytes)
- Dynamic Contrast Enhancement (BBB. tumor and placenta permeability)



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