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31P and 1H MRS and MRI in skeletal muscle: A rather technical view

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Abstract

The structure, function and metabolism of skeletal muscle can be investigated by MR imaging and spectroscopy. 31P MRS applied to exercising muscle is particularly interesting, as it can give access to time-resolved concentration estimates of high-energy metabolites. This can be combined with complementary information obtained from 1H MRS and MRI, which ideally should be acquired simultaneously, and from the same volume. I will give a brief overview of our previous work, highlight some of the MR-methodical and technical challenges, in particular in the detection of intramuscular lactate, and show our most recent developments in RF hardware and pulse-sequence design related to these questions.

Biosketch

Assoc. Prof. Martin Meyerspeer holds a PhD in Physics and is specialised in in vivo Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy. His main research interests are development of pulse sequences and protocols for multi-nuclear NMR spectroscopy and NMR imaging at ultra-high field, data acquisition and processing. A special focus is dynamic and localized ³¹P MR spectroscopy of exercising muscle.