

The challenge for biologists, biochemists, and engineers: Translate biochemistry to metabolic fluxes







- Fluxes describe the ultimate function of metabolic enzymes
- This is where metabolomics/analytical chemistry meets cell biology
- Metabolite level measurements only get you so far

 $A + B \leftrightarrow C \rightarrow D$

Use isotopic tracers

Analyze data as a system \rightarrow MODELING!!!



Studying metabolism for flux sake

- Targeting metabolism in cancer (Grassian et al. Canc Res 2014; Svensson et al. Nat Med 2016; Parker et al. Met Eng 2017) 1.
- Cellular compartmentalization and redox metabolism (Lewis et al. Mol Cell 2014; Vacanti et al. Mol Cell 2014) 2.
- 3. Metabolic changes during iPSC growth/differentiation (Badur et al. Biotech J. 2015; Zhang et al. Cell Rep 2016)
- Regulation of macrophage metabolism (Cordes et al. JBC 2016) 4.
- Understanding adipose tissue metabolism and physiology in the context of T2DM (Green et al. Nat Chem Bio 2016) 5.

Our approach to study cell physiology and metabolism



- O = Carbon atom
- = ¹³C atom

Reprogramming of TCA metabolism under hypoxia



Hypoxic and pseudohypoxic cells exhibit increased reductive carboxylation flux

Glutamine

- Compartmentalization of metabolic processes is critical for cell function (but complicates analysis)
- Redox metabolism is perturbed by hypoxic stresses

Metallo et al. Nature (2012), Mullen et al. Nature (2012), Scott et al. JBC (2011), Wise et al. PNAS (2011)

Redox metabolism is highly compartmentalized



Eukaryotes are highly compartmentalized

¹³C tracing and metabolomics <u>cannot</u> resolve compartment-specific metabolism How are NADPH and NADH regenerated in the cytosol and mitochondria?



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Tracing the oxidative PPP with [²H]glucose





w/ Matt Vander Heiden (MIT) Lewis et al. *Molecular Cell* 2014

Tracing the oxidative PPP with [²H]glucose





Number of isotopes per molecule



Contribution of the oxidative PPP to NADPH pools





NADH shuttles and mitochondrial metabolism regenerate NAD⁺ for glycolysis





Do kinetic isotope effects affect results?

- Deuterium lowers rates in enzyme reactions (in vitro)
- Is this relevant to tracing through metabolic networks?
 - Allow "H" and "D" to compete by diluting
 - Compare labeling



(L)2HG and (D)2HG have different origins and are labeled distinctly via 2H tracers





MDH and LDH generate (L)2HG from NADH Oncogenic IDH1 generates 2HG from cytosolic NADPH 2HG is distinctly labeled by these tracers

Can we probe NADPH metabolism in mitochondria?



Using 2-HG production as a reporter of compartment-specific NADPH pools



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NADH trace (via glycolysis)



Cytosolic NADPH trace (via oxidative PPP)



Can we use this reporter to annotate compartment-specific metabolic pathways? Folate-mediated one carbon metabolism



Tibbetts and Appling, Ann. Rev. Nutr. 2010

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Discerning compartment-specific serine metabolism using cofactor tracing



NADPH produced from serine only observed in mitochondria

Discerning compartment-specific serine metabolism using cofactor tracing and mIDH reporters



2010

Serine, glycine, and folate-mediated one carbon metabolism generate mitochondrial reducing equivalents

Discerning compartment-specific serine metabolism using cofactor tracing



Cytosolic reactions consume NADPH/produce serine NADPH from the oxidative PPP appears on serine

Resolving compartment-specific NADPH metabolism using 2H tracers and mutant IDH





- 2H tracers allow for quantitation of NAD(P)H metabolism
- Oncogenic IDH1 and IDH2 used as reporters for compartment-specific NADPH labeling

Lewis et al. Mol Cell 2014

How is NAD(P)H metabolism reprogrammed under hypoxia?





Oxidation of GAPDH under hypoxia leads to increased loss of isotope

Increased exchange flux at TPI/aldolase

Hypoxia increases flux through the oxidative pentose phosphate pathway





GAPDH oxidation leads to increased (15-40%) oxidative PPP contribution to NADPH pools

Hypoxic induction of reductive carboxylation is mediated by cytosolic oxPPP flux and IDH1



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