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Employment

Novo Nordisk Foundation Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Department of Physiology, Anatomy & Genetics, University of Oxford, April 2017 – 2020

Junior Research Fellow in the Medical Sciences

Wadham College in the University of Oxford, 2017 – 2020

Stipendiary Lecturer in Physics

St. Hugh's College in the University of Oxford, October 2015 – 2018

EPSRC Doctoral Prize Fellow

Departments of Physics and Physiology, Anatomy & Genetics,
University of Oxford, October 2015 – April 2017

Education

DPhil, Condensed Matter Physics and the Life Sciences' Interface Doctoral Training Centre

"Dynamic Nuclear Polarisation as a Probe of Metabolism in Pathophysiology"

University of Oxford, 2011–2016.

Departments of Physics; Physiology, Anatomy, and Genetics; and Radiation Oncology Biology.

I am an **interdisciplinary medical physicist** who is experienced in MRI, NMR, and Hyperpolarised Magnetic Resonance research. My doctorate focussed on the technical development and application of a low-temperature physical technique, Dynamic Nuclear Polarisation, to image the chemical reactions that energetically power life at world-leading spatiotemporal resolution. The main technical development was awarded national and international prizes, and was received by the journal *Magnetic Resonance in Medicine* with reviewers' comments *'thanking the authors for an excellent contribution to the field'*.

Submission 28/9/15, *viva voce* examination 7/12/15, leave to supplicate granted 30/1/2016, graduation 30/9/16.

Supervised by Damian Tyler, Nicola Sibson, Stephen Tucker, and the late Harry Jones.

Associate Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy

Postgraduate teaching qualification.

Awarded 30/9/14 (Recognition Reference PR070128)

MPhys (Hons Oxon.) Physics, St. Hugh's College in the University of Oxford, 2007-2011.

Examiners' Best-in-Year Commendation for laboratory work, 2008, 2009, 2010.

Exhibitioner & Scholar, St. Hugh's College

Awards and Prizes

- International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine, *Summa Cum Laude* [gold] abstract award, 2017
- Divisional Commendation for Excellence, Mathematical, Physical & Life Sciences Division, University of Oxford, 2016
- International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine, Hyperpolarized Media Study Group, Abstract prize, 2016
- International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine, Young Investigator Award, Finalist (co-author), 2016
- International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine, Hyperpolarized Media Study Group Young Investigator Award, *Finalist*, 2015, 2016
- Nicholas Kurti Prize for Condensed Matter Physics, 2015
- British Chapter of the International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine, Oral Presentation Prize, 2015
- EPSRC Doctoral Prize Fellowship, 2015-16
- University of Oxford Doctoral Training Centres 4th-year Award, 2015

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

1. Ashbourn, J. M. A., **Miller, J. J.**, Reumers, V., Baekelandt, V., & Geris, L. (2012). A mathematical model of adult subventricular neurogenesis. *Journal of the Royal Society Interface*, rsif.2012.0193. doi:10.1098/rsif.2012.0193
2. Van Schepdael, A., Ashbourn, J. M. A., Beard, R., **Miller, J. J.**, & Geris, L. (2013). Mechanisms of cell migration in the adult brain: modelling subventricular neurogenesis. *Computer Methods in Biomechanics and Biomedical Engineering*, 1-10. doi:10.1080/10255842.2013.773979
3. Lakhal-Littleton, S., Wolna, M., Carr, C A., **Miller, J J.**, Christian, H C., Ball, V., Santos, A., Diaz, R., Biggs, D., Stillion, R., Holdship, P., Tyler, D J., Clarke, K., Davies, B., Robbins, P A. (2015) Cardiac Ferroportin Regulates Cellular Iron Homeostasis and is important for Cardiac Function. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America (PNAS)*, 112, 3164-9. doi:10.1073/pnas.1422373112
4. Seymour, A M L., Giles, L., Ball, V., **Miller, J J.**, Clarke, K C., Carr, C A., Tyler, D J. (2015) In vivo Assessment of Cardiac Metabolism and Function in the Abdominal Aortic Banding Model of Compensated Cardiac Hypertrophy. *Cardiovascular Research*, ccv101-, doi:10.1093/cvr/cvv101.
5. Lau, A Z., **Miller, J J.**, Robson, M D., Tyler, D J. (2015) Cardiac perfusion imaging using hyperpolarized ¹³C urea using flow sensitizing gradients. *Magnetic Resonance in Medicine*, doi: 10.1002/mrm.25713.
6. **Miller, J J.**, Lau, A Z., Teh., I., Schneider, J., Kinchechsh, P., Smart, S., Ball, V., Sibson, N R., Tyler, D J. (2015) Robust, high resolution three-dimensional hyperpolarised metabolic imaging of the healthy rat heart at 7 T. *Magnetic Resonance in Medicine*, doi: 10.1002/mrm.25730.
7. Lewis, A J M., McCullum, C., **Miller, J J.**, Rider, O., Neubauer, S., Heather, L., Tyler, D J. (2016) Assessment of Metformin induced changes in cardiac redox state using hyperpolarized [1-¹³C] pyruvate, *Journal of Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance*, doi: 10.1186/1532-429X-18-S1-O24.
8. Lau, A Z., **Miller, J J.**, Tyler, D J. (2016) Mapping of intracellular pH in the in vivo rodent heart using hyperpolarized [1-¹³C]pyruvate. *Magnetic Resonance in Medicine*, doi: 10.1002/mrm.26260

9. Lau, A Z., **Miller, J J.**, Tyler, D J. (2016), Simultaneous assessment of cardiac metabolism and perfusion using co-polarized [$1-^{13}\text{C}$]pyruvate and ^{13}C -urea, *Magnetic Resonance in Medicine*, doi: 10.1002/mrm.26106.
10. Hansen, E S., **Miller, J J.**, Kim, S., Geferath, M., Morrell, G., Laustsen, C. (2016) Fast Padé Transform accelerated CSI for Hyperpolarized MRS, *Tomography*, Vol. 2, Issue 2, pp. 117-124, doi: 10.18383/j.tom.2016.00154.
11. Lewis, A J M., **Miller, J J.**, McCullum, C., Rider, O., Neubauer, S., Heather, L., Tyler, D J. (2016) Assessment of Metformin Induced Changes in Cardiac and Hepatic Redox State Using Hyperpolarized [$1-^{13}\text{C}$] Pyruvate. *Diabetes*, 65 (12), 3544-3551.
This article was also the subject of an editorial in Diabetes, c.f. Diabetes 2016 Dec; 65(12): 3529-3531.
doi: 10.2337/dbi16-0055
12. Le Page, L., Ball, D., Ball, V., Dodd, M., **Miller, J J.**, Heather, L., Tyler, D J. (2016) Simultaneous in vivo assessment of cardiac and hepatic metabolism in the diabetic rat using hyperpolarised magnetic resonance spectroscopy. *NMR in Biomedicine*, 29(12): 1759-1767, doi: 10.1002/nbm.3656
13. **Miller, J J.**, Cochlin, L E., Clarke, K C., Tyler, D J. (2017), Weighted Averaging in Spectroscopy Studies, *Magnetic Resonance in Medicine*, *accepted, in press, early online view*, doi: 10.1002/mrm.26615.
14. Lewis, A., **Miller, J J.**, Rider, O., Choudhury, R., Neubauer, S., Carr, C., Tyler, D J. (2017) Hyperpolarised MRI of cardiac inflammation and repair. *The Lancet*, 389, S62. doi: 10.1016/S0140-6736(17)30458-0.
15. **Miller, J J.**, Lau, A Z., Nielsen, P M., McMullen-Klein, G., Lewis, A J., Jespersen, N R., Ball, V., Gallagher, F A., Carr, C A., Laustsen, C., Bøtker, H E., Tyler, D J., Schroeder M. A. (2017): Hyperpolarized [$1,4-^{13}\text{C}_2$]Fumarate Enables Magnetic Resonance-Based Imaging of Myocardial Necrosis. *Journal of the American College of Cardiology Cardiovascular Imaging*, *Accepted, in press.*
16. **Miller, J J.**, Lau, A Z., Tyler, D J. (2017): Susceptibility-Induced Distortion Correction in Hyperpolarized Echo Planar Imaging, *Magnetic Resonance in Medicine*, *accepted, early view online*, doi: 10.1002/mrm.26839.
17. **Miller, J J.**, Ball, D. R., Tyler, D. J, Lau, A. Z. (2017) Hyperpolarized Ketone Body Metabolism in the Rat Heart, *NMR in Biomedicine*, *in review.*
18. Stubbs, B. J.; Cox, P. J.; Rhys, E. D.; Santer, P.; **Miller, J J.**; Magor-Elliot, S.; Hiyama, S.; Stirling, M.; Clarke, K. (2017): On the metabolism of exogenous ketones in humans. *Frontiers of Physiology*, *Accepted, in press.*
19. Lewis, A., **Miller, J J.**, Lau, A Z., Kurtis, K C., Rider, O., Choudhury, R., Neubauer, S., Cunningham, C., Carr, C A., Tyler, D J. Non-invasive Immuno-metabolic Cardiac Inflammation Imaging Using Hyperpolarized Magnetic Resonance. *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*. *In review.*

Peer-Reviewed Conference proceedings

1. *4th International Dynamic Nuclear Polarisation Symposium (Helsingør, 2013)*: Hyperpolarised cardiac imaging with spectral-spatial EPI. **Miller, J J.**, Lau, A Z., Tyler, D J.
2. *Biomedical Imaging Festival (2013, Oxford)*: Metabolic Imaging with Hyperpolarised Spectral-Spatial EPI, **Miller, J J.**, Lau, A Z., Tyler, D J.
3. *International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (June 2015, Toronto)*: High resolution hyperpolarized metabolic imaging with three-dimensional spectral-spatial EPI at 7T. **Miller, J J.**, Lau, A Z., Tyler, D J.

4. *International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (June 2015, Toronto)*: Hyperpolarized ketone body metabolism in the in vivo rat heart. Lau, A Z., **Miller, J J.**, Tyler, D J.
5. *International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (June 2015, Toronto)*: The acute effects of metformin on cardiac and hepatic metabolism: a hyperpolarized [1-¹³C]pyruvate magnetic resonance spectroscopy study. Lewis, A L., McCullum, C., **Miller, J J.**, Heather, L., Tyler, D J.
6. *International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (June 2015, Toronto)*: Flow-sensitizing gradients for first-pass perfusion imaging using hyperpolarized ¹³C urea in the rat heart. Lau, A Z., **Miller, J J.**, Tyler, D J.
7. *International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (June 2015, Toronto)*: Ferroportin Regulates Cardiac Iron Homeostasis. Lakhal-Littleton, S., **Miller, J J.**, Wolna, M., Carr, C A., Ball, V., Santos, A., Diaz, R., Biggs, D., Tyler, D J., Clarke, K., Davies, B., Robbins, P A.
8. *International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (June 2015, Toronto)*: The effects of gadolinium on the hyperpolarization of [1-¹³C]pyruvate at 3.35 T and 5 T. Dodd, M S., **Miller, J J.**, Tyler, D J.
9. British Chapter Symposium of *International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (2015, Stevenage)*: High resolution hyperpolarized metabolic imaging with three-dimensional spectral-spatial EPI at 7T. **Miller, J J.**, Lau, A Z., Tyler, D J.
10. *International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (May 2016, Singapore)*: In vivo 3D mapping of intracellular pH using hyperpolarized [1-¹³C]pyruvate in the rodent heart, Lau, A Z., **Miller, J J.**, Tyler, D J.
11. *International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (May 2016, Singapore)*: Simultaneous assessment of cardiac metabolism and perfusion using co-polarized [1-¹³C]pyruvate and ¹³C-urea. Lau, A Z., **Miller, J J.**, Robson, M. D., Tyler, D J.
12. *International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (May 2016, Singapore)*: Using hyperpolarised ¹³C-MRS to explore murine skeletal muscle metabolism during exercise. Curtis, MK., Stubbs, B J., Ball, V., Cochlin, L E., **Miller, J J.**, O'Neil, D., Clarke, K C., Robbins, P A., Tyler, D J.
13. *British Society for Cardiovascular Research, Leeds, 2016*: Metformin and the cardiac and hepatic redox state. Lewis, A J M., **Miller, J J.**, McCullum, C., Rider, O., Neubauer, S., Heather, L., Tyler, D J.
14. *International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (April 2017, Hawaii)*: Hyperpolarized [1,4-¹³C₂]Fumarate is a probe of necrosis in myocardial infarction. **Miller, J J.**; Lau, A Z.; McMullen-Klein, G.; Lewis, A.; Ball, V.; Carr, C A.; Gallagher, F.; Tyler, D J.; Schroeder, M.
15. *International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (April 2017, Hawaii)*: Bounded rate constant estimation in hyperpolarised [1-¹³C]pyruvate experiments by a Delayed-rejection Adaptive Metropolis Markov-Chain Monte Carlo (DAM-MCMC) Method. **Miller, J J.**; Lau, A Z.; Tyler, D J.
16. *International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (April 2017, Hawaii)*: The use of weighted averaging in spectroscopy studies improves statistical power. **Miller, J J.**; Cochlin, L E.; Tyler, D J.; Clarke, K.
17. *International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (April 2017, Hawaii)*: Metabolic Changes in the Heart Precede Functional Changes in a Rat Model of Doxorubicin-Induced Cardiotoxicity. Timm, K N.; **Miller, J J.**; Savic, D.; Ball, V.; Giles, L F.; Chong, C-R.; Dodd, M S.; Tyler, D J.
18. *International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (April 2017, Hawaii)*: Demonstrating the Randle Cycle in Vivo: Assessment of Physiological Alterations in Human Cardiac Metabolism Using Hyperpolarised ¹³C MR Spectroscopy. Tyler, D J.; Rider, O.; Dodd, M S.; Lau, A Z.; Lewis, A L.; **Miller, J J.**; Peterzan, M.; Trumper, C.; Neubauer, S.

19. *International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (April 2017, Hawaii)*: Transport across the blood-brain-barrier may be limiting for hyperpolarized [$1-^{13}\text{C}$]pyruvate neuro-oncology studies. **Miller, J J.**; Larkin, J.; Fisher, K.; Ball, V.; Ray, K.; Serres, S.; Tyler, D J.; Lau, A Z.; Sibson, N R.
20. *International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (April 2017, Hawaii)*: Ferumoxytol as a blood-pool T2 relaxation agent for 7T phosphorus spectroscopy. **Miller, J J.**; Tyler, D J.; Ball, V.; Rider, O.; Rodgers, C.
21. *Global Cardio-Oncology Summit, September 2017, London, UK*: Hyperpolarized ^{13}C magnetic resonance spectroscopy reveals real-time metabolic flux changes in a rat model of doxorubicin-induced cardiotoxicity. Timm, K N.; **Miller, J J.**; Ball, V.; Henry, J A.; Savic, D.; Dodd, M S.; Tyler, D J.
22. *British Society for Cardiovascular Research Autumn Meeting, September 2017, Oxford, UK*: Hyperpolarised Ketone Body Metabolism in the Rat Heart. **Miller, J J.**; Ding, Y B.; Ball, D R.; Lau, A Z.; Tyler, D J.

Books

1. "Myocyte Metabolic Imaging with Hyperpolarized MRI", invited chapter in the reference text *Protocols and Methodologies in Basic Science and Clinical Cardiac MRI*, ed. Constantinides, Springer, 2018, ISBN 978-3-319-53000-0.
- * *Acknowledgment in Particle Physics in the LHC Era, Oxford Master Series, 2016, by Barr, Devenish, Walczak, and Weidberg*

Competitive funding secured

Guarantors of Brain, Travel Grant to ISMRM 2017, £1 000, April 2017.

Novo Nordisk Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship, Salary & Consumables, £210,446.03

NVidia Corporation, Academic Collaboration Programme, Equipment gifts, £3,503.55, October 2016.

EPSRC Doctoral Prize Fellowship, Salary & Consumables, £40 462, 2015-16.

John Fell Fund, Consumables, £23 142.45, 2013-15.

Institute of Physics, Research Student Conference Fund, £300, June 2015.

Barbinder Watson Fund, Travel grant, £500, June 2015.

EPSRC Travel Grant, Travel grant, £1 000, June 2015.

British Society for Cardiovascular Research Travel Grant, Travel grant, £300, June 2013.

Nuffield Foundation Undergraduate Research Bursary, Stipend, £1 440, June 2010

Teaching experience

Tuition

CP1, CP2: Special relativity, classical mechanics, optics and electromagnetism for first year undergraduate Physicists, *St. Hugh's College*, 2015 —

A2: Electromagnetism for second year undergraduate Physicists, *St. Hugh's College*, 2015 —

B1: Departmental biophysics tutor for third year undergraduate Physicists, 2011 —
The colleges of St. Hugh's, Brasenose, Oriel, Queen's, Magdalen, New, St. Catherine's, St. John's and Jesus.

Department of Biochemistry Mathematics and Statistics tutor for first year undergraduates, 2012 —

Magnetic Resonance Imaging to first year graduate students, 2012 —

Course Design

Department of Biochemistry: Re-wrote undergraduate biochemistry statistics syllabus; changes approved by departmental teaching committee; lecturing first-year undergraduates in Michaelmas 2017

Life Sciences Interface & Systems Biology DTC “Magnetic Resonance Imaging” module, writing problem sheets with Prof. Damian Tyler. (2012–14)

Radiofrequency Pulse Design, Oxford-Nottingham Biomedical Imaging Doctoral Training Centre, course to first-year graduate students (2015–16).

Third-year undergraduate Biophysics, writing problem sheets with Prof. Ard Louis (2015–)

Lecturing

Statistics to first year undergraduate biochemists (October 2017)

Bloch Simulation at the Oxford-Notting Biomedical Imaging Doctoral Training Centre, course to first-year graduate students (Jan. 2015, 2016).

British heart Foundation Oxford Centre for Research Excellence, lectures on Hyperpolarised Magnetic Resonance to clinical trainees (Jan. 2017)

Other

Admissions:

Interviewing prospective undergraduate physicists, 2015 —

Marking the Physics Aptitude Test, 2014 —

Demonstrating:

Computing to second year physicists (2012-13), first year graduate students (2013-14);

Magnetic Resonance Imaging to graduate students, 2012 —

Scientific Outreach

Communicating science and mathematics is a passion of mine. I have won awards for my outreach activities, finishing second in a national competition called ‘I’m a Scientist, Get me out of here!’ in 2013, during which I communicated with ~75 000 people. I have also been interviewed on BBC Radio Oxfordshire describing my research and motivations (2013), taken part in BBC Stargazing Live! (2013, 2014, 2016) and participated in approximately thirty outreach events nationally.

Miscellaneous

Professional memberships

Member of the Institute of Physics

Member of the Institute of Physics and Engineering in Medicine

Trainee Member of the International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine

Hobbies

As a semi-professional musician, I enjoy both secular and sacred choral singing to a high standard. I am a bass, an organist, pianist, and have a small discography. I have been broadcast singing with various groups on BBC Radio 3, and additionally enjoy occasionally directing small groups of musicians both at home and abroad.

References

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