



Single cell mass-based biomarkers for functional precision medicine

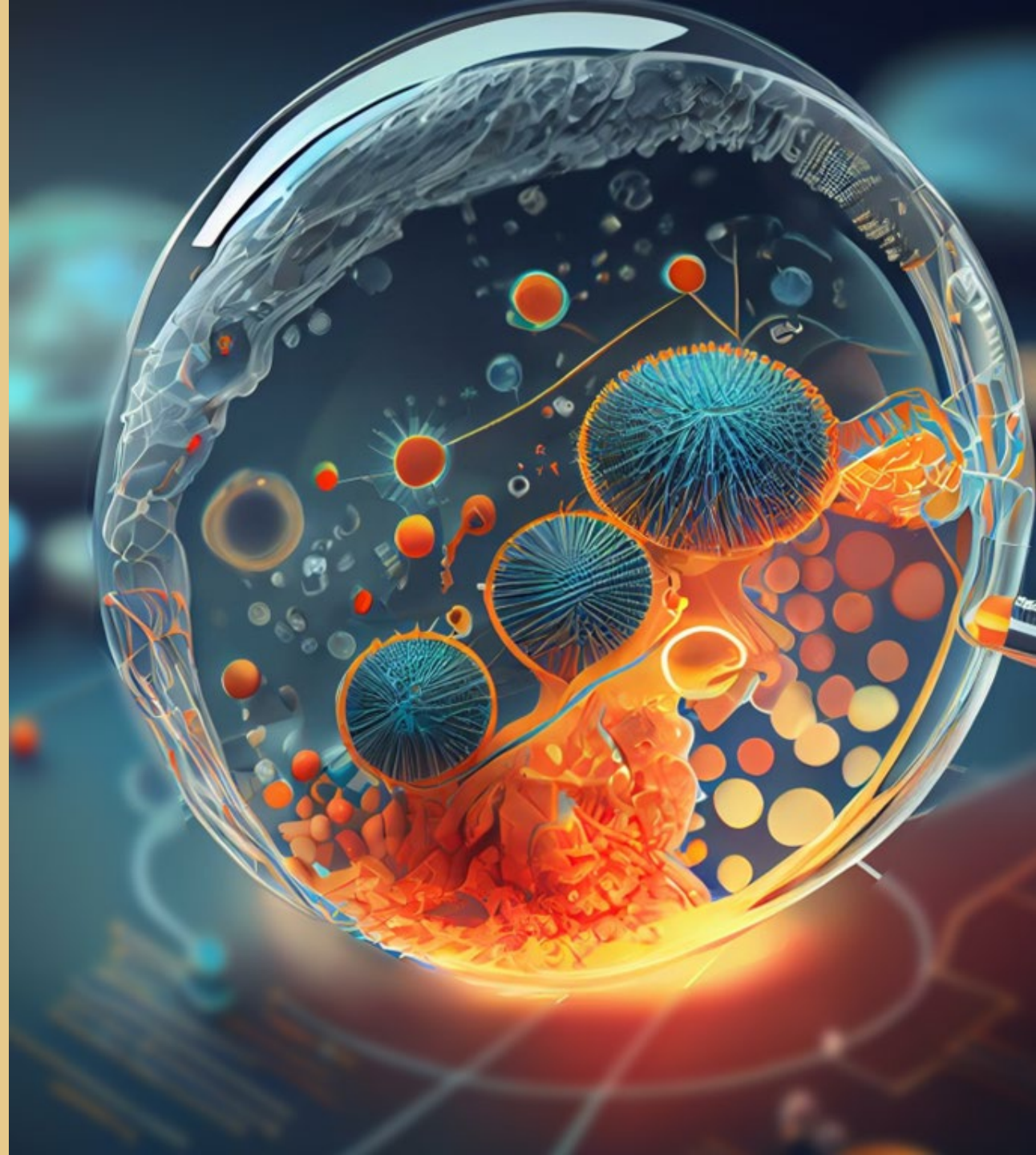
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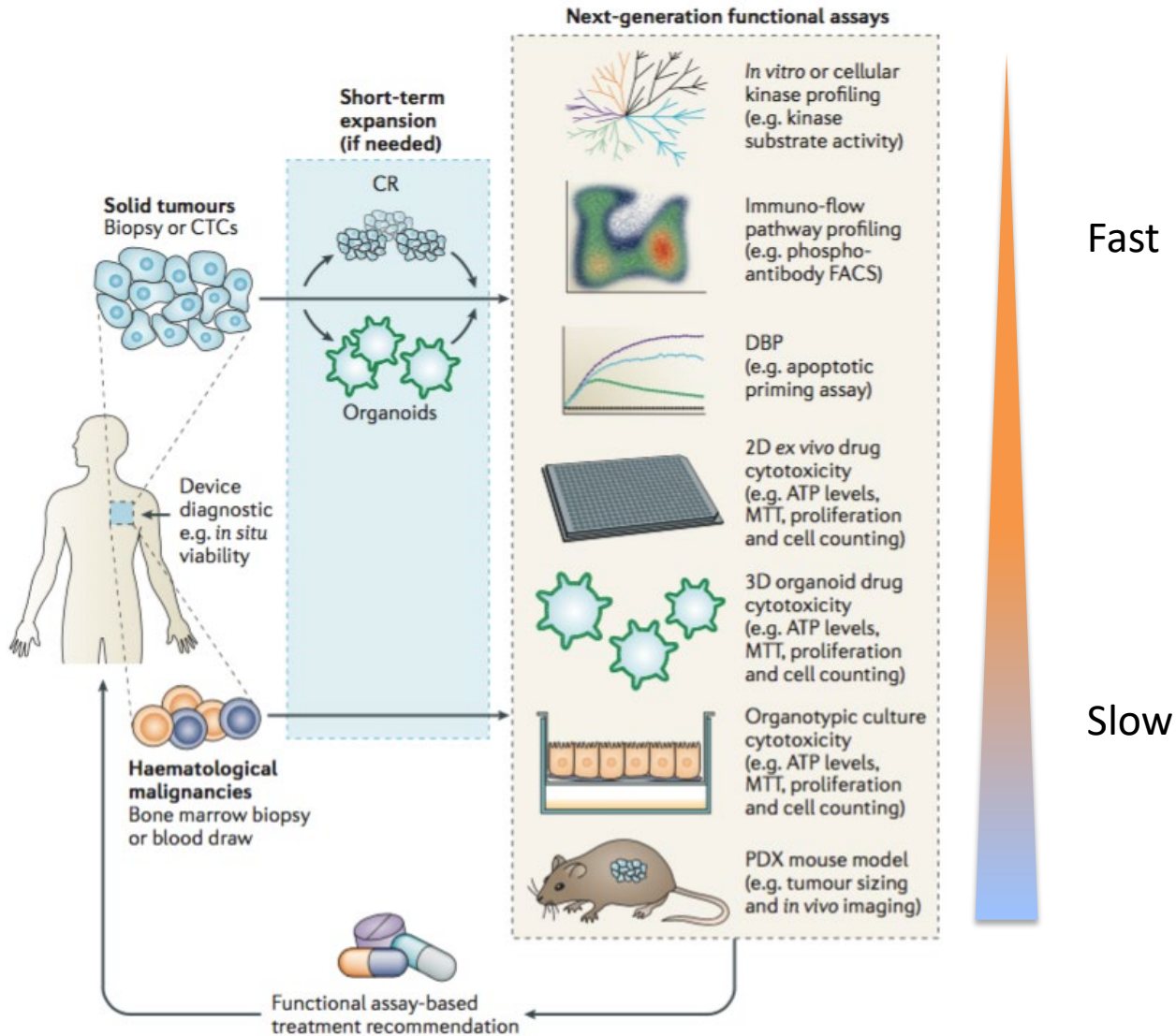


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Functional precision medicine technologies in cancer

Next-generation functional diagnostics



Diverse FPM Technologies with wide ranging pros and cons – many may not be easy to clinically scale

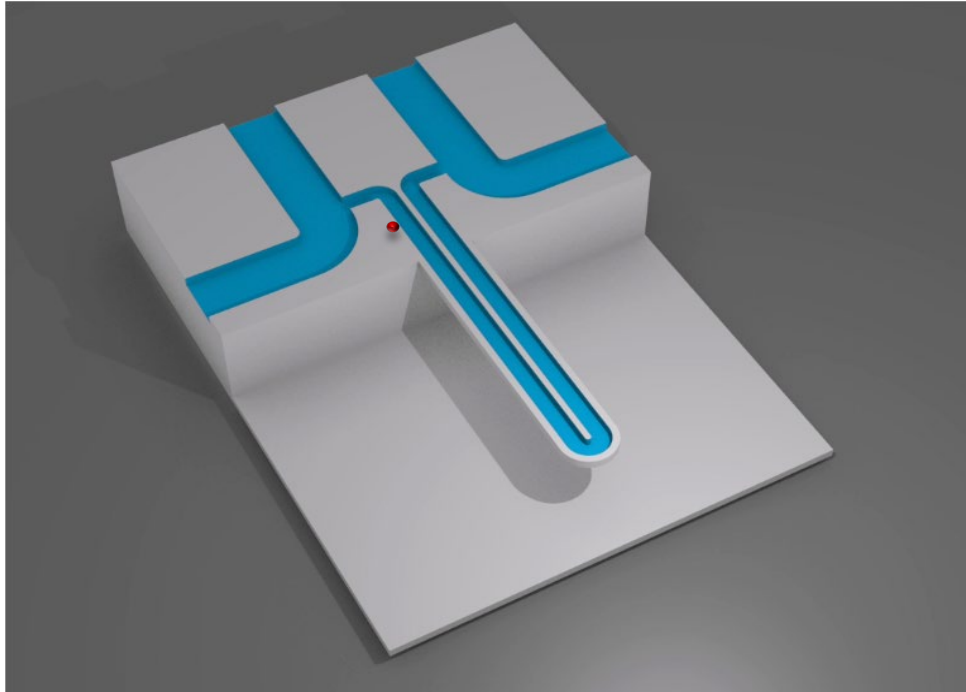
Can we develop new technologies with potential for easier FDA approval and pathology lab implementation?

Wish list

- Low cell budget
- Rapid results
- High content data
- Scalable and low-touch

Suspended Microchannel Resonator (SMR) Technology

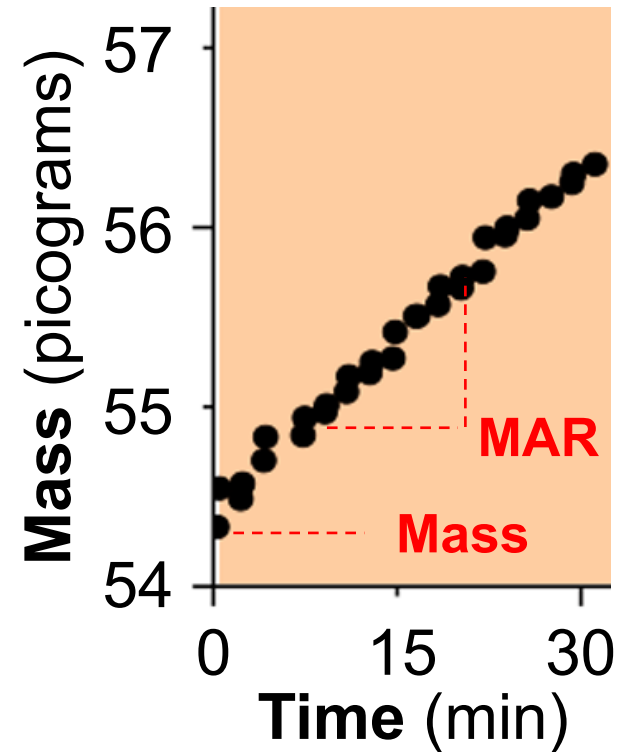
SMR – Culture Conditions of Media/Temp/Gas Controlled within Device



Burg et al. Nature 2007

The SMR can weigh floating **live** cells with a precision near 0.01% of the cell mass

Mouse lymphoblast cell



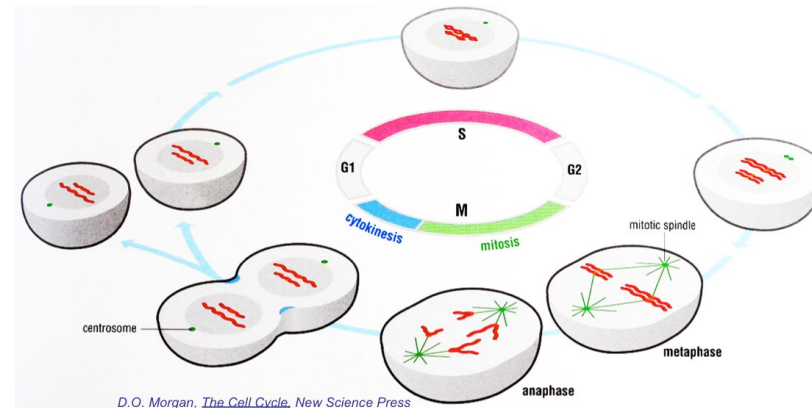
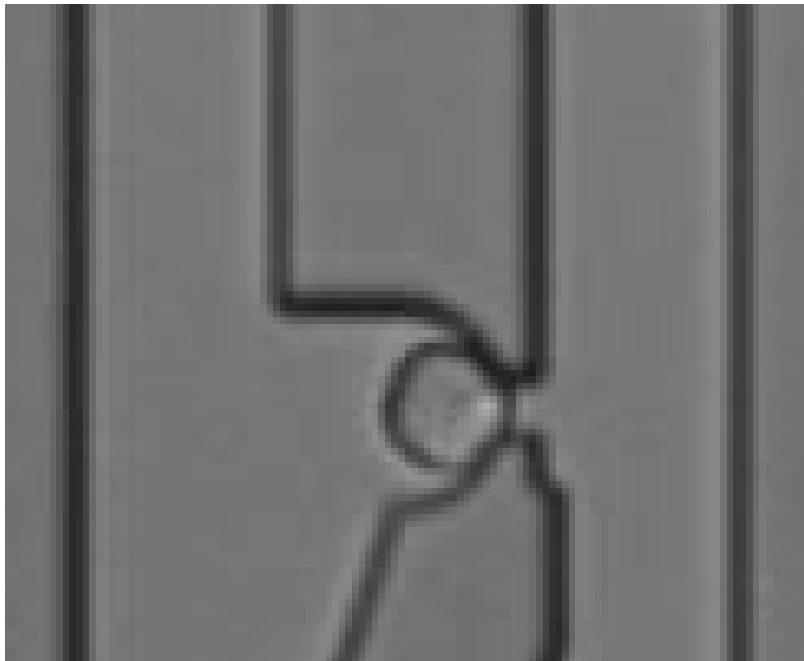
Manalis Koch/ MIT

Cancer is....

Two separate processes often viewed as one...

Cell growth
Accumulation of mass

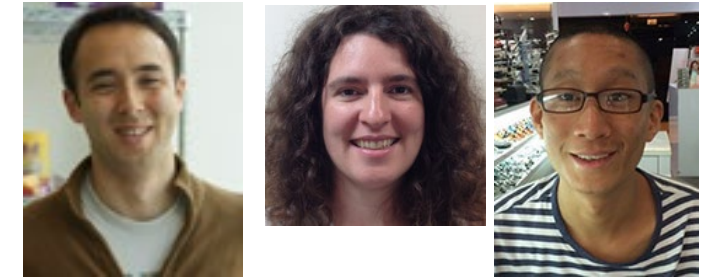
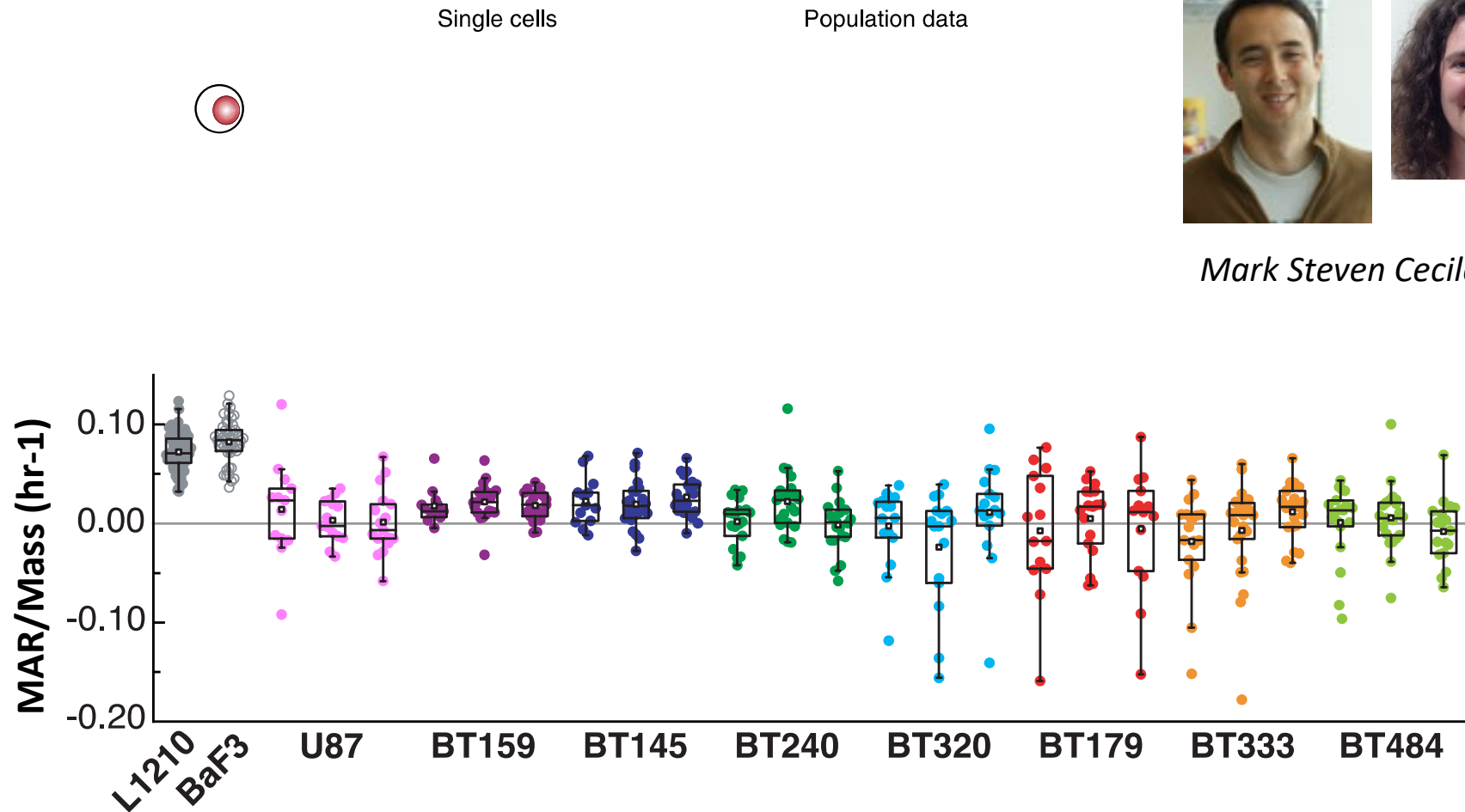
Cell division cycle
Genome duplication



Fundamental to growth and division is that a cell **MUST** accumulate nutrients (e.g. glucose) to prepare for division

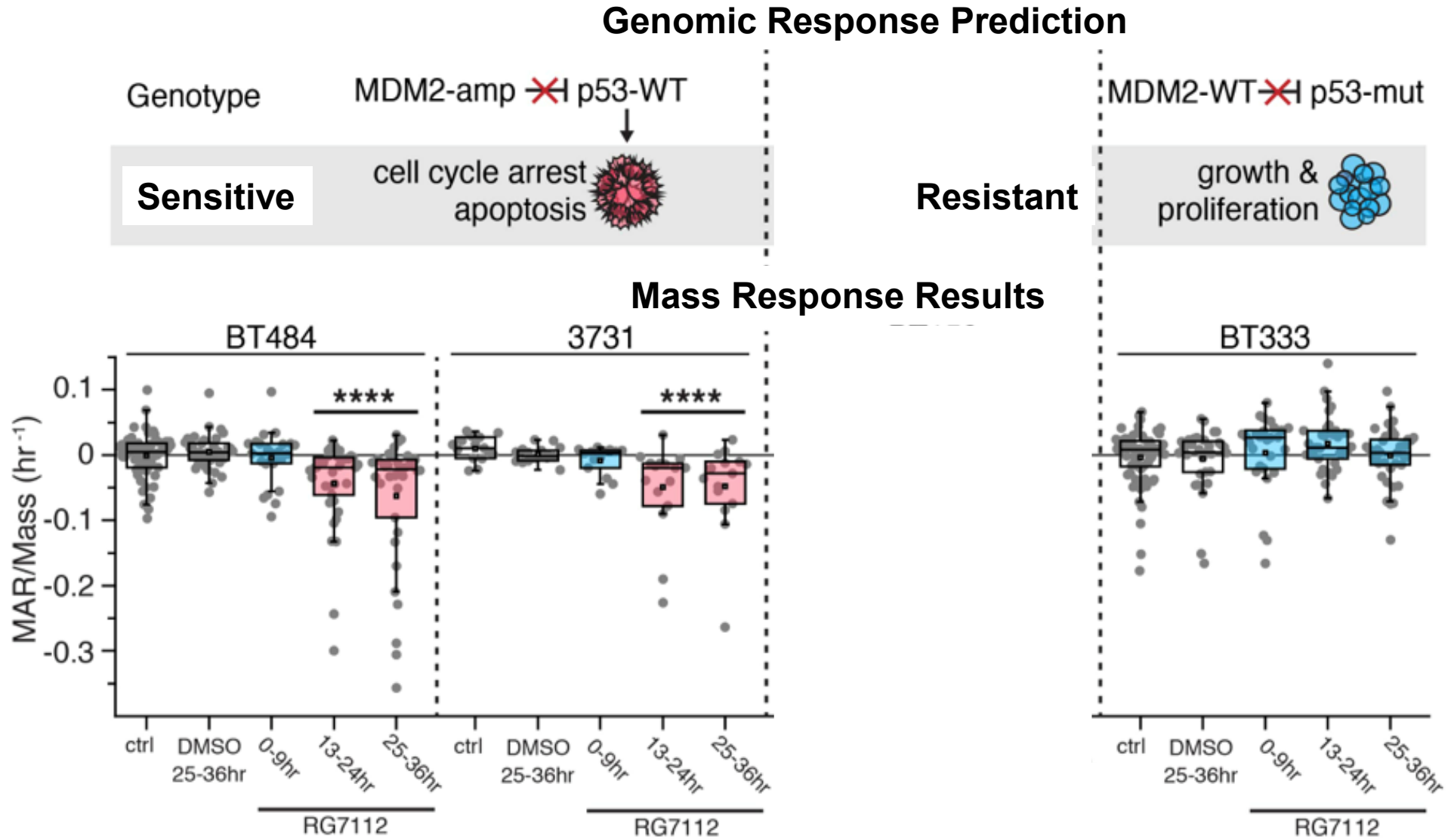
Single cell mass accumulation rate reveals growth heterogeneity within and across patient derived models

Ligon Lab Collection of GBM 3D Neurospheres/Organoids)

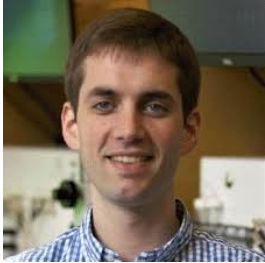


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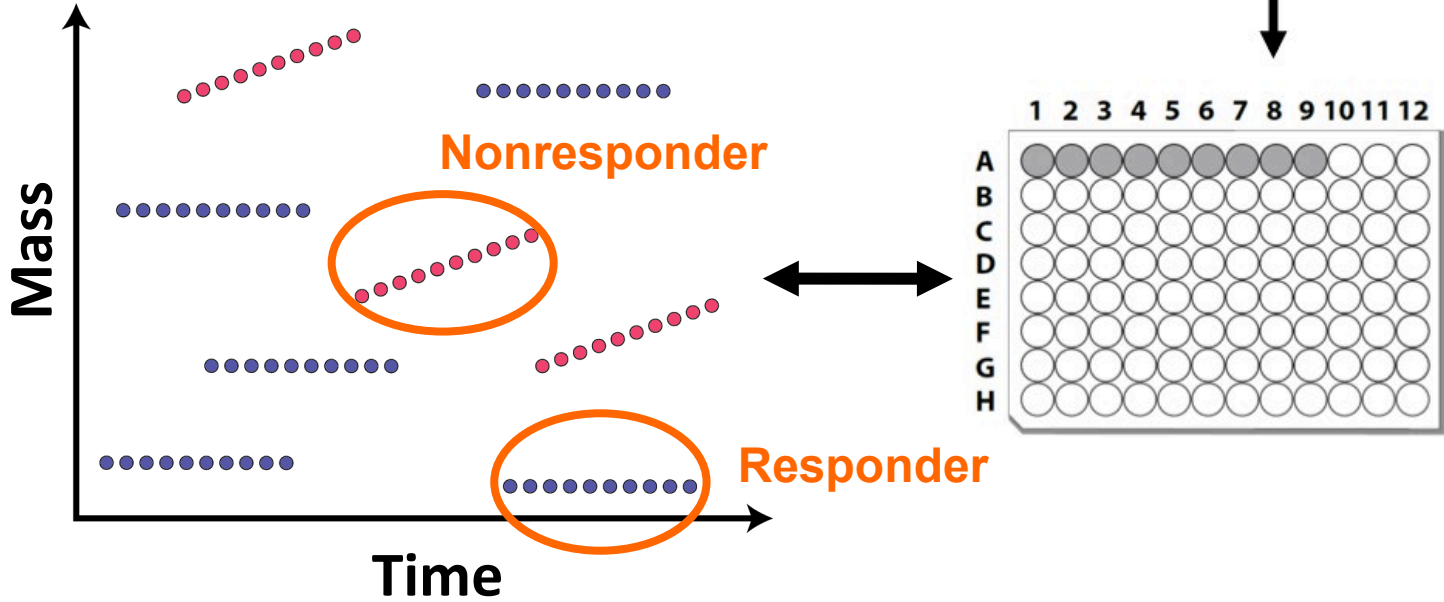
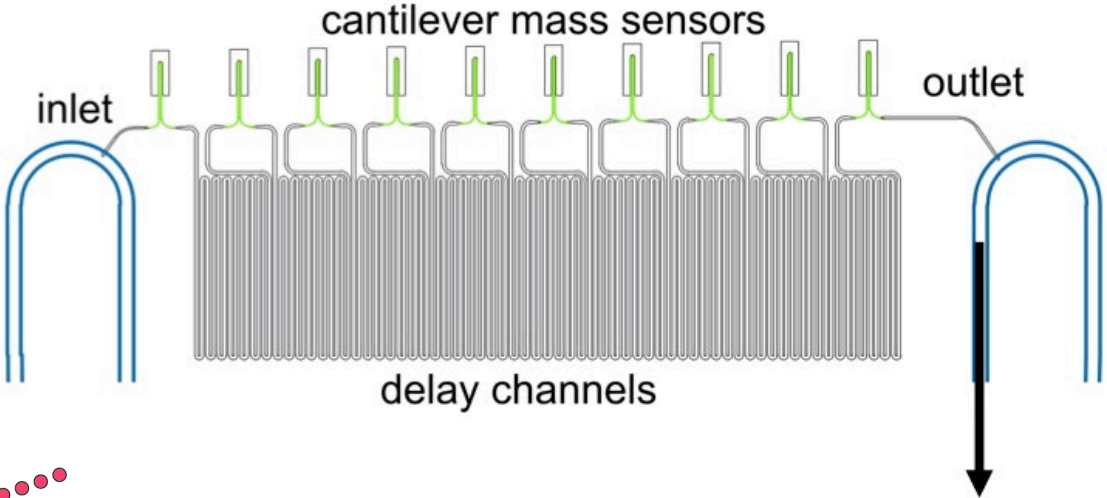
Single cell mass biomarker aids prediction of MDM2i targeted therapy drug response in GBM models



Serial SMR design allows sorting and linking scRNA-seq to MAR following *ex vivo* drug treatment



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Compare gene expression in responding and non-responding cells linked to their functional response



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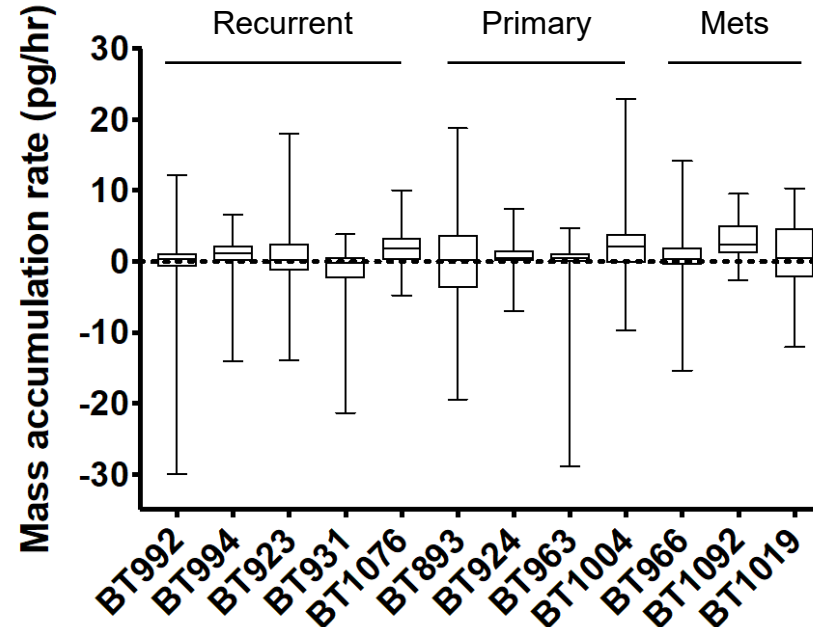
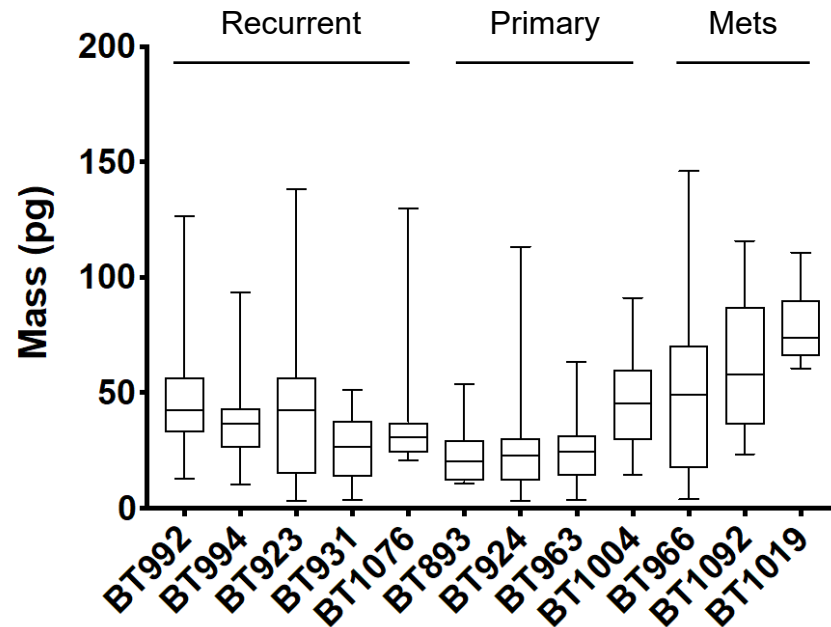
A microfluidic platform enabling single-cell RNA-seq of multigenerational lineages

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Single-cell Mass/MAR in Freshly Isolated CNS Tumor Samples

- *IDH*-mutant high-grade glioma
- *IDH*-wild type glioblastoma
- NSCLC
- Breast

Measurements at 18-36 hours after surgery



Real world lesson learned:

Serial assays feasible but clinical samples inherently challenging to implement due to physical clogs and debris

Parallel SMR Array approach enables retrospective clinical-scale mass biomarker testing of patient models



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Single mass snap-shot on multiple cells

AKA - Mass Blaster!

Question: Can single cell mass biomarker predict response to relevant SOC and trial drugs in GBM patient derived spheroids/organoids?

Ex vivo cell mass response predicts longer overall survival in GBM patients

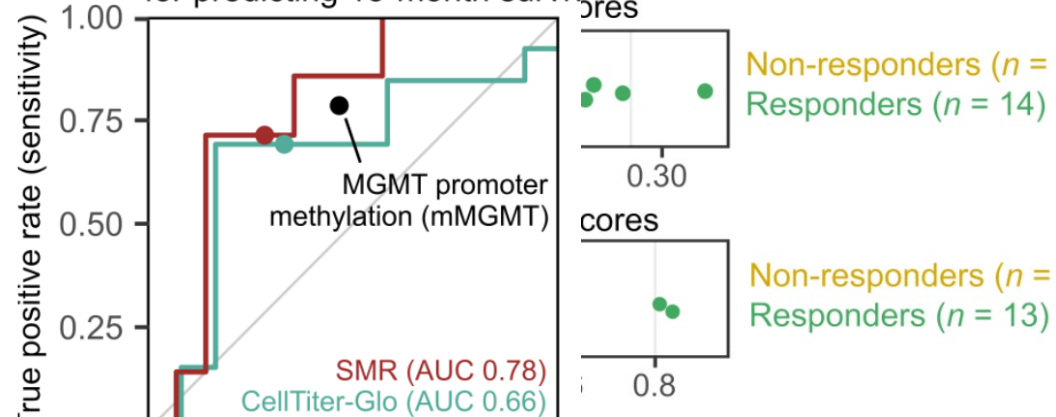
Patient 1
Response

Patient 2
No Response

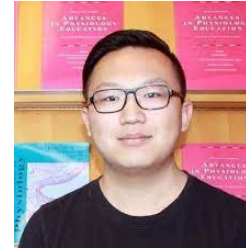
A Patient cohort description

69 models were derived from patient
MGMT promoter methylation status
 68/69 models have known MGMT promoter methylation status
 42/69 models have methylated MGMT promoter
 26/69 models have unmethylated MGMT promoter
MMR mutation status
 64/69 have wild-type MMR
 5/69 have MMR mutations (31%)
Diagnosis
 45/69 patients were newly-diagnosed
 24/69 patients had recurrent disease
Treatment
 32/45 newly-diagnosed patients received temozolomide
 5/45 newly-diagnosed patients received temozolomide and radiotherapy
 8/45 newly-diagnosed patients received temozolomide and radiotherapy
Overall survival duration

A Receiver operator characteristics for predicting 15-month survival



Capturing scDensity+Mass is achievable using in-line fluorescent imaging



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scDensity is a highly sensitive functional biomarker of lymphocyte state

Evaluation for potential I/O biomarker of response to PD1i and others agents

scDensity response in absence of detectable scMass response predicts in vivo response to chemotherapy in PDAC PDX

PDAC PDX
In vivo Response

PDAC PDX

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Future validation of screening in PDX ex vivo as “replacement” for expensive in vivo preclinical studies

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