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Current State of Amyloid PET Imaging

Mechanistic/observational/descriptive research (academic)

Often part of multimodal assessment

Natural history studies include staging, longitudinal, early detection, prognosis

Usually quantitative

Some standardization – ADNI approach of image smoothing to common resolution, centiloids

Clinical applications

Limited to date based on payment

Visual interpretation

Limited motivation for early detection, staging or longitudinal observation

What Do We Need From Quantitation?

Reliability and validity

Thresholds – categorize as positive/negative

Sensitive or specific?

Longitudinal change

How precise vs how costly?

Complexity is greater than assigning positive/negative

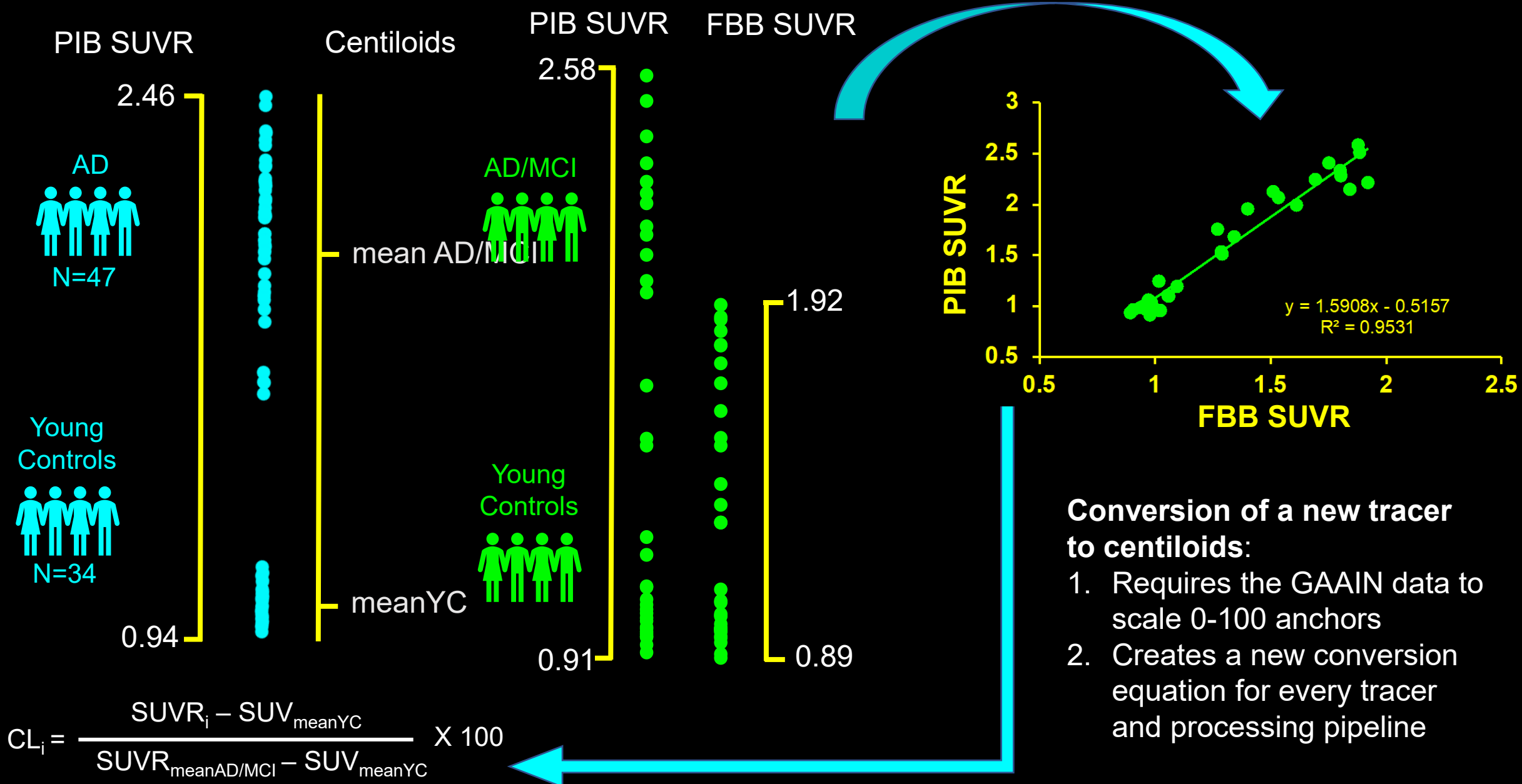
Interoperability/standardization

Across tracers, scanners, analysis methods

GAAIN Data Set

New Pipeline/Tracer (GAAIN ¹⁸F Data)

PIB processed with GAAIN method



Conversion of a new tracer to centiloids:

1. Requires the GAAIN data to scale 0-100 anchors
2. Creates a new conversion equation for every tracer and processing pipeline

What is a “Positive” Amyloid Scan?

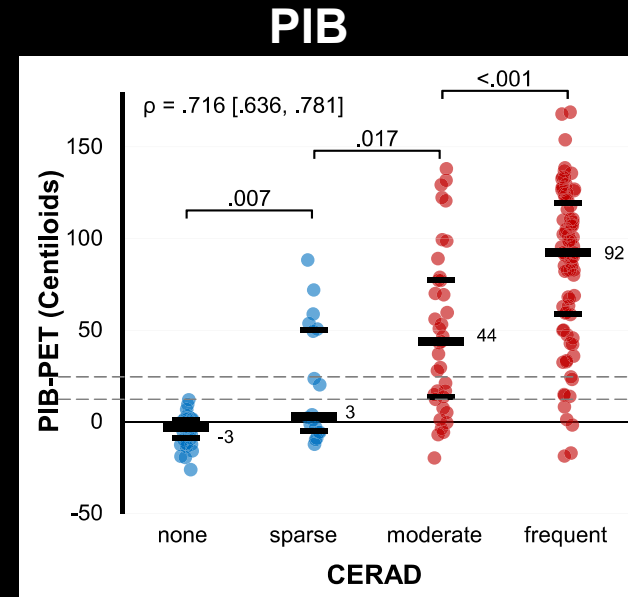
Comparison of quantitation with pathology:
ROC for none/sparse vs moderate/frequent CERAD plaque score

Many tracers have been correlated with pathology and thresholds established

In general, similar sensitivity/specificity for detection of amyloid plaques

Other approaches:

2-3 SD above young controls or clearly negative normal
Gaussian mixture modeling to differentiate positive/negative
K-means or other clustering methods
Comparison with CSF or visual read
Prediction of disease progression



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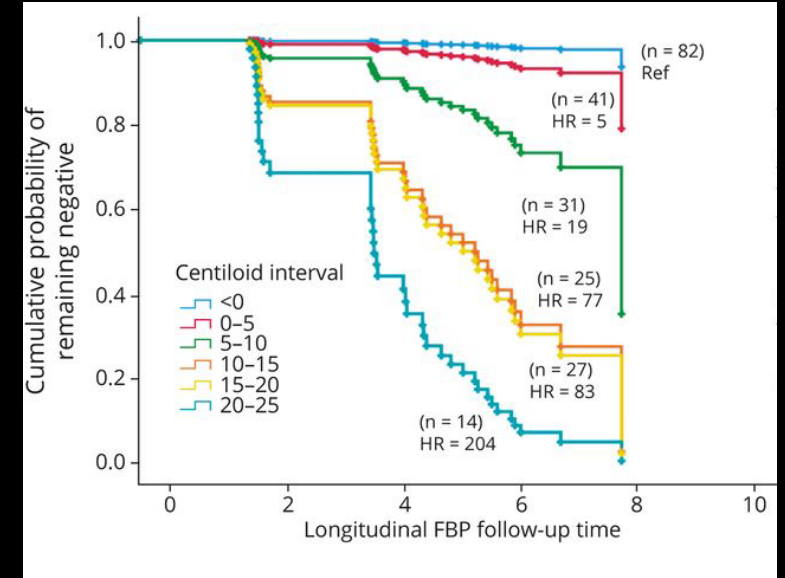
12.2 CL for
CERAD Plaques
Sensitivity 89
Specificity 86

Thresholds Don't Tell the Whole Story

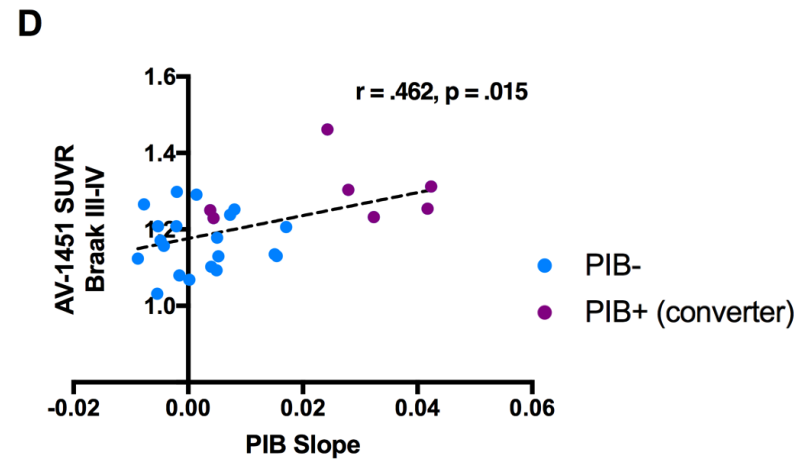
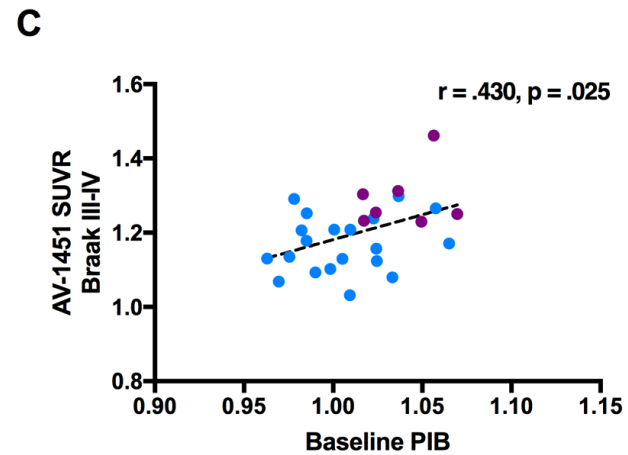
Many individuals below threshold are accumulating β -amyloid

Increasing brain amyloid, even in amyloid negative individuals, are associated with cognitive decline

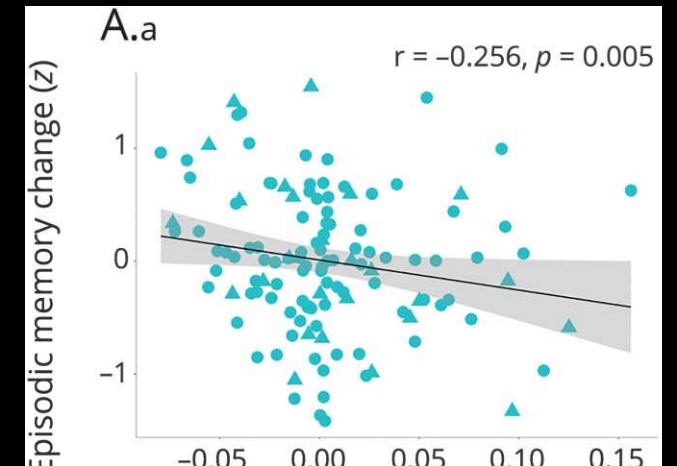
Individuals below threshold with higher $A\beta$ PET levels deposit more tau over time



Jagust & Landau, *Neurology* 2021



Leal et al *J Neuroscience* 2018



Farrell et al *Neurology* 2018

Many Remaining Questions

Do centiloids solve the standardization problem?

Instrument differences unaddressed

Pipeline dependent

How much precision is necessary?

Different applications have different requirements

Defining positivity vs longitudinal tracking

Can quantitation be applied and standardized at scale?



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The case for quantitation in amyloid PET: Preclinical Alzheimer's disease

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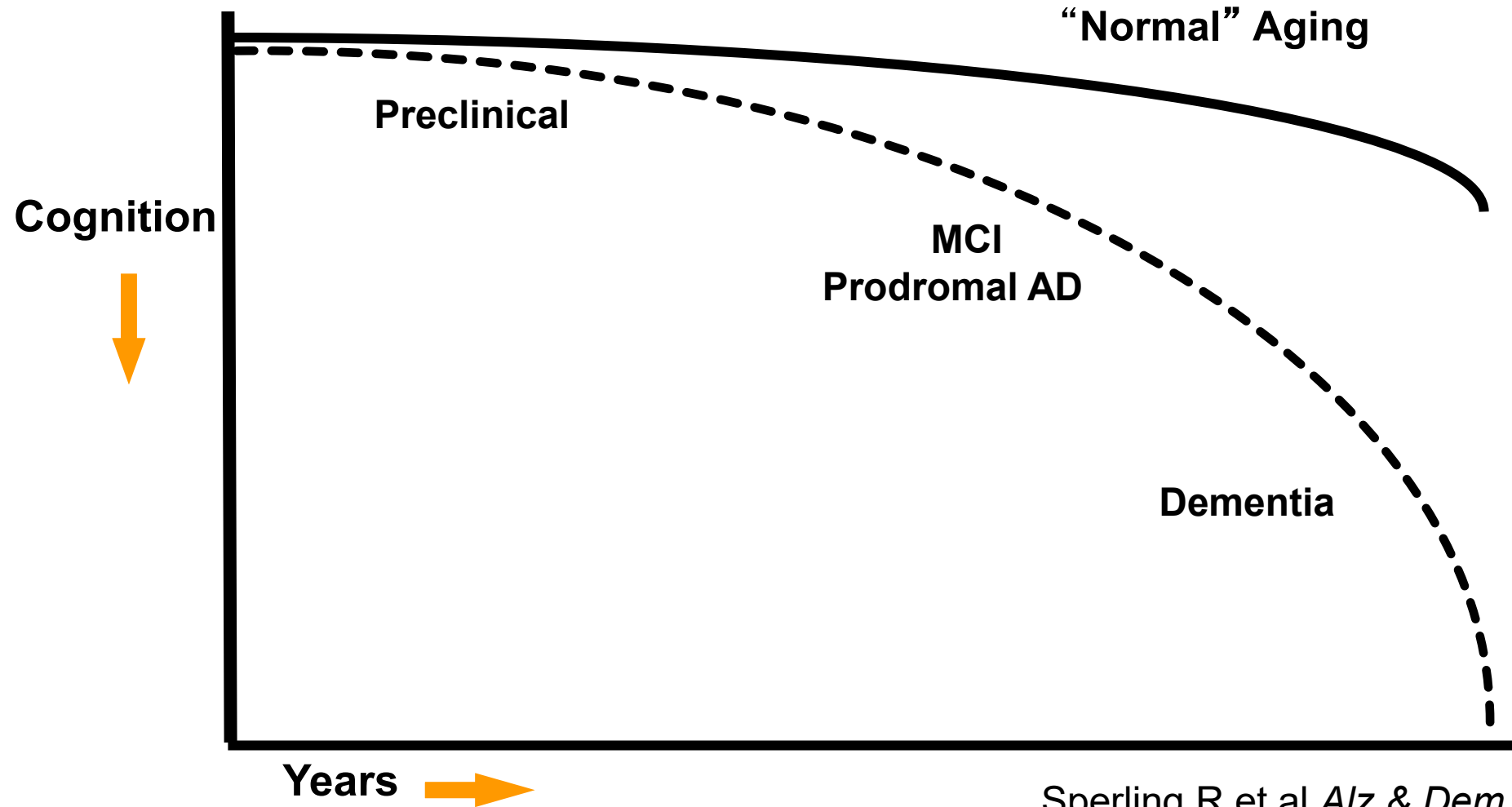
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The continuum of Alzheimer's disease

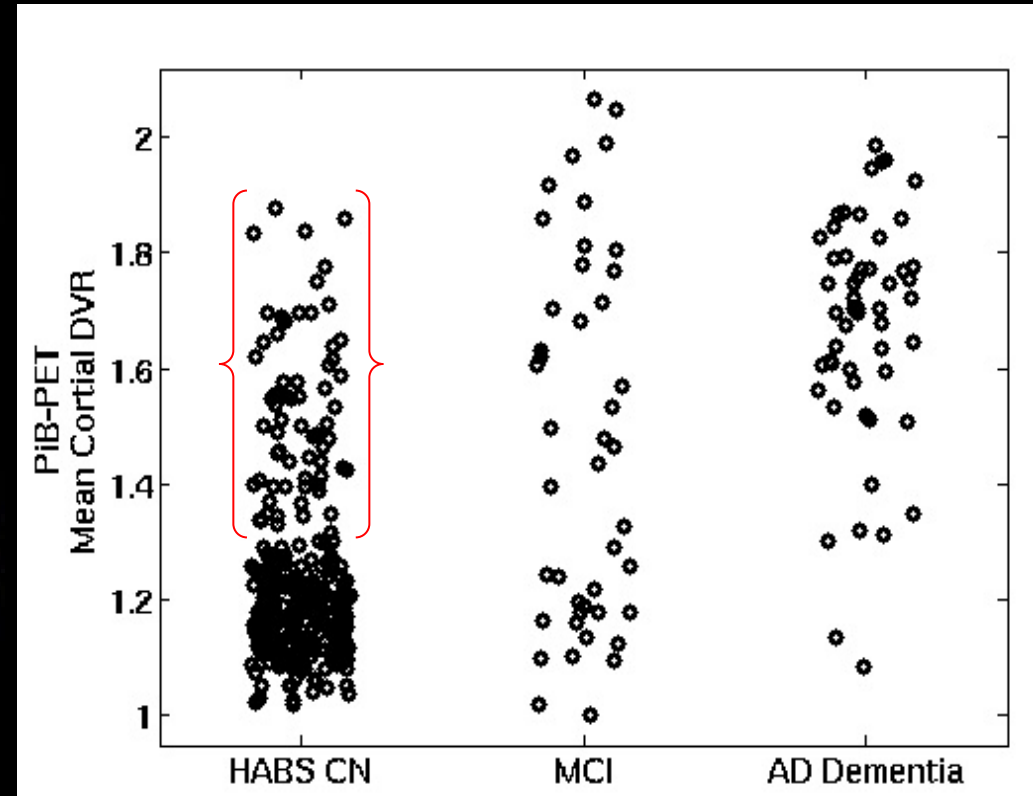
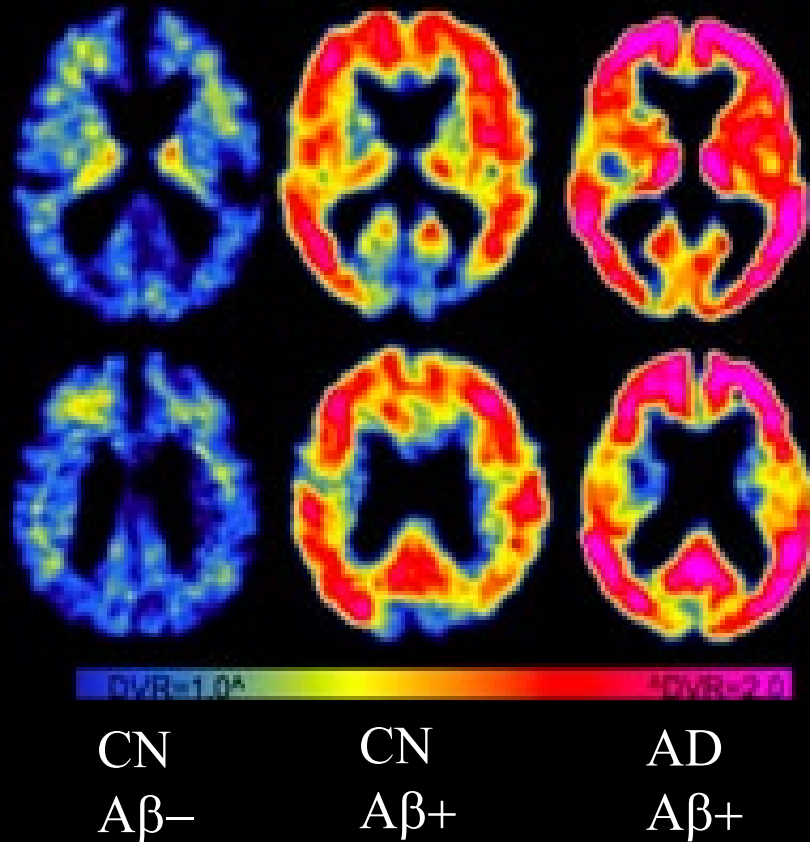


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NIA-AA Preclinical Workgroup
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Quantitative Amyloid PET

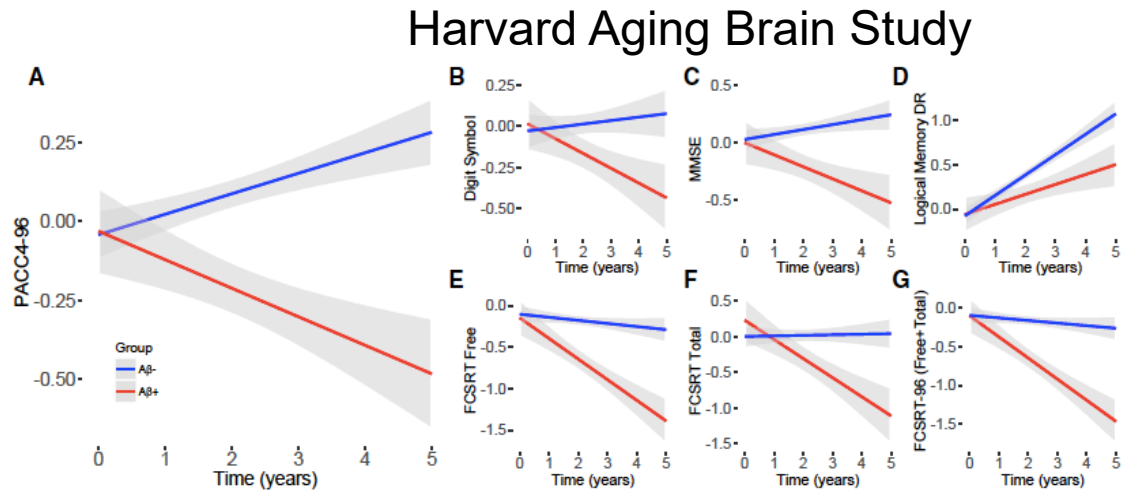
- Likely most important in detection and monitoring of early amyloid- β accumulation
- Clinically impaired patients typically already entering plateau phase of amyloid- β accumulation – visual read may be adequate for most (but perhaps not all) cases
- Preclinical AD typically in rapid accumulation phase of amyloid- β begins well prior to “positivity” on visual read
 - Tau accumulation and early cognitive decline in parallel
- Quantitative approach critical for selection for trials and monitoring outcomes in preclinical AD
 - Potential for tailored dosing strategies

PET Amyloid Imaging Across the Clinical Spectrum of AD



Harvard Aging Brain Study

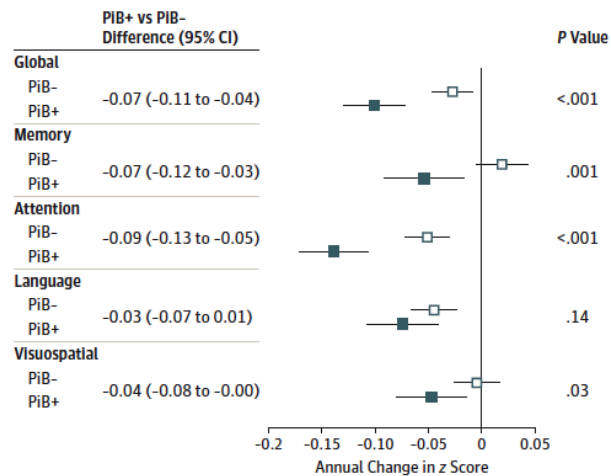
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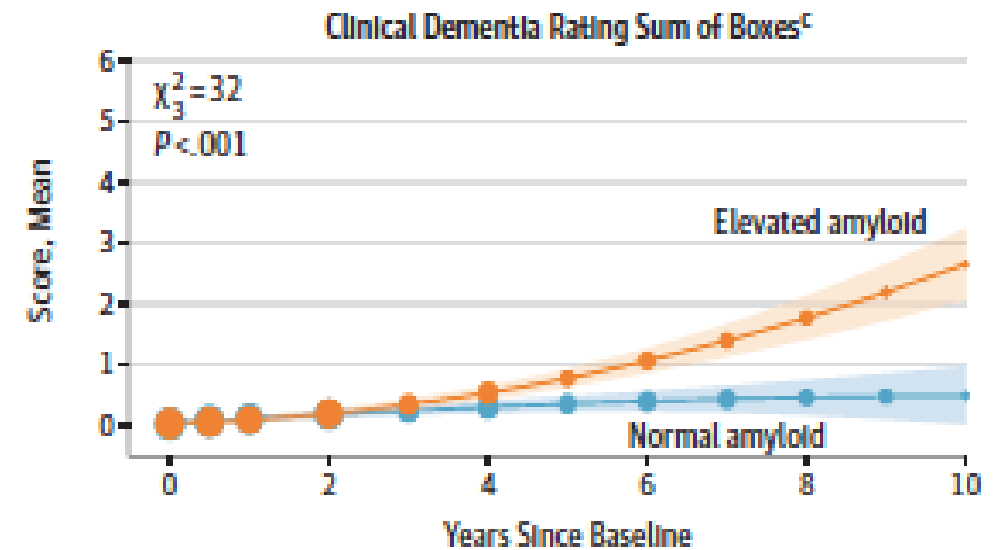
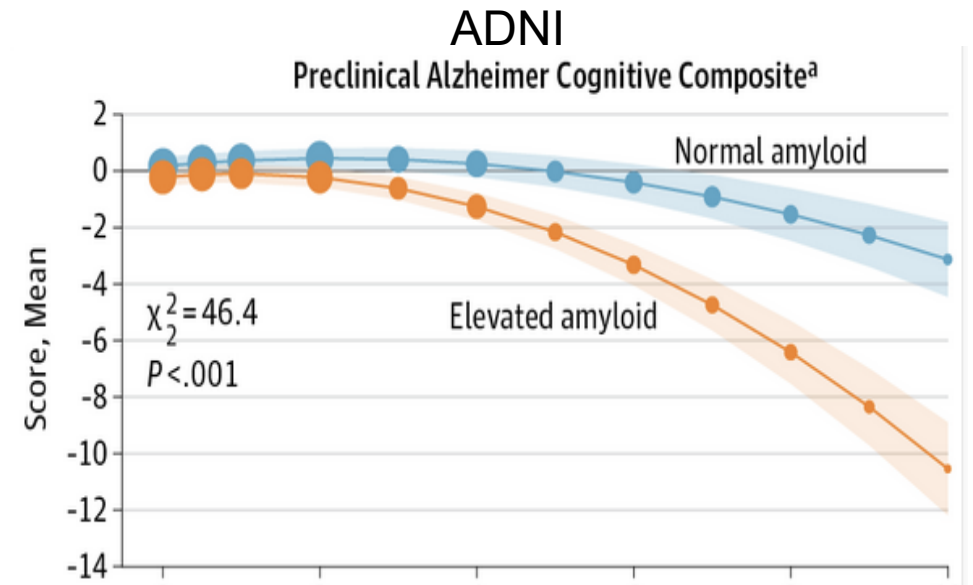
Mormino E et al. *Alz & Dementia* 2017

Mayo Clinic Study of Aging

Figure 1. Cognition and Amyloid Status

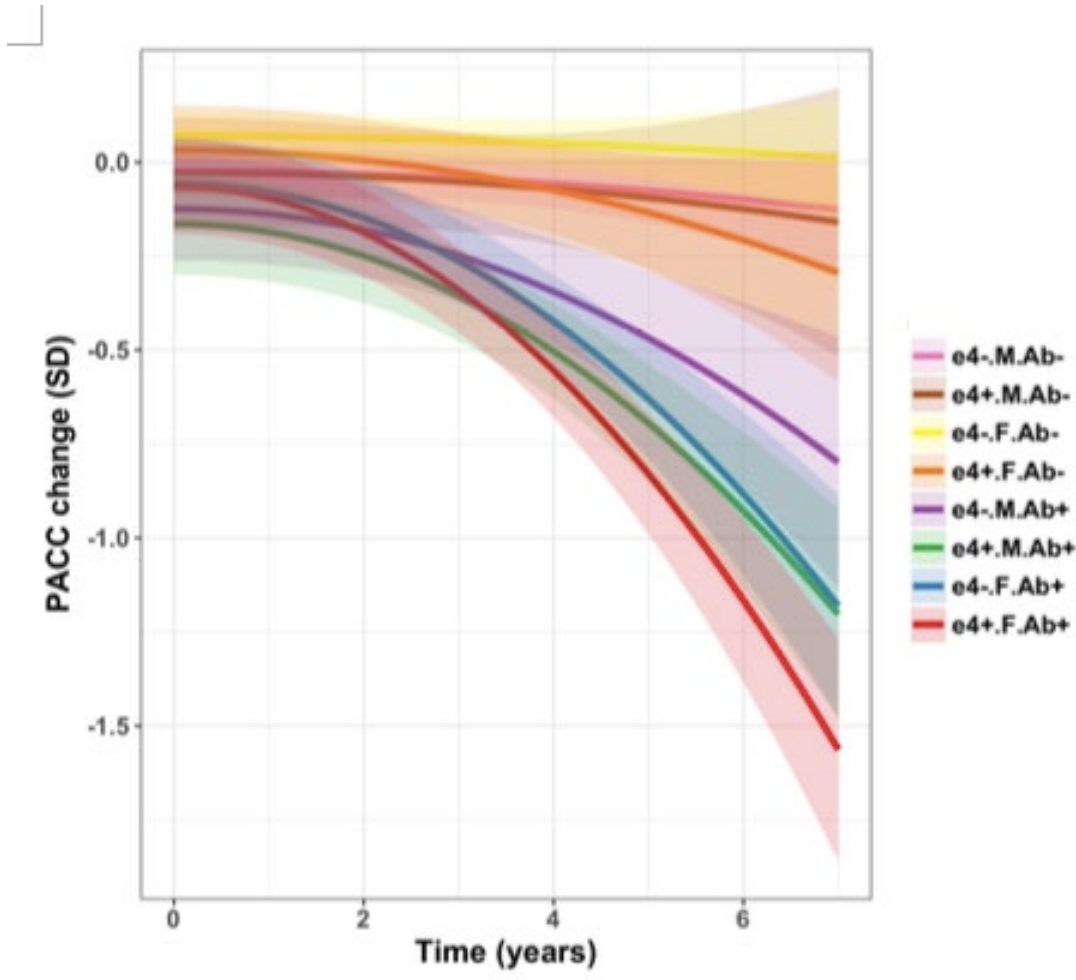
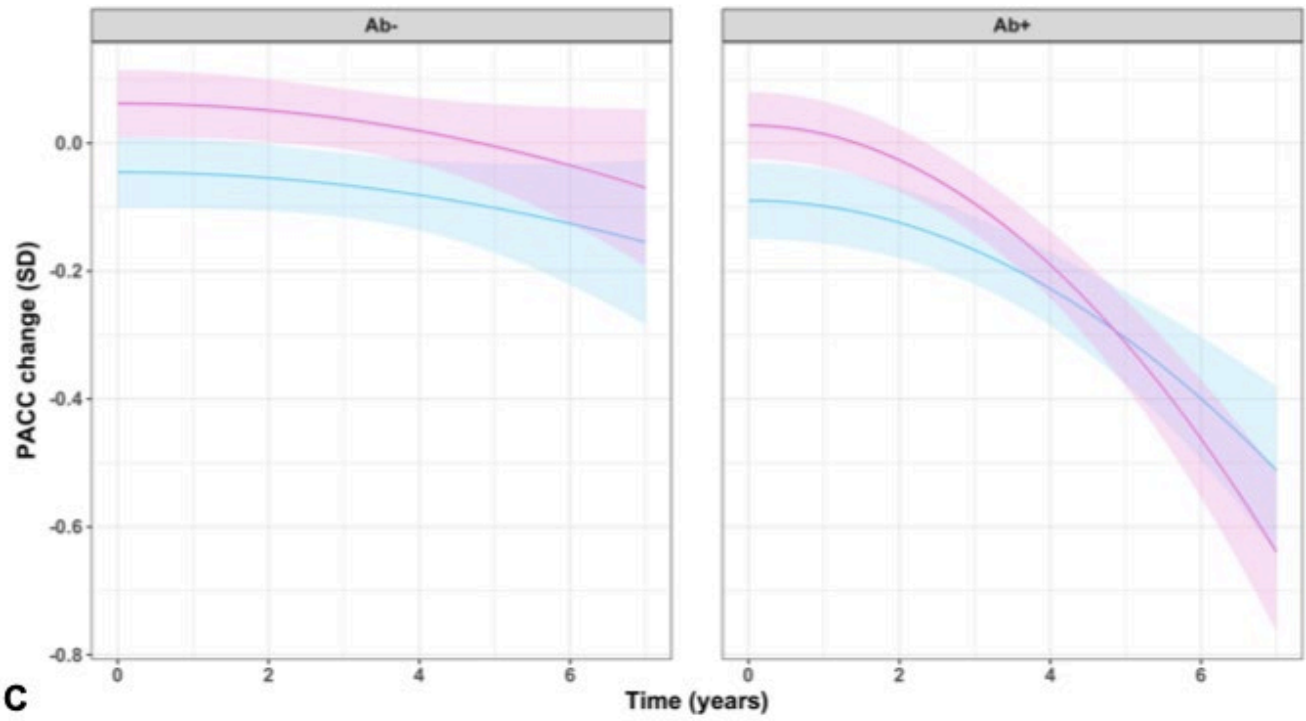


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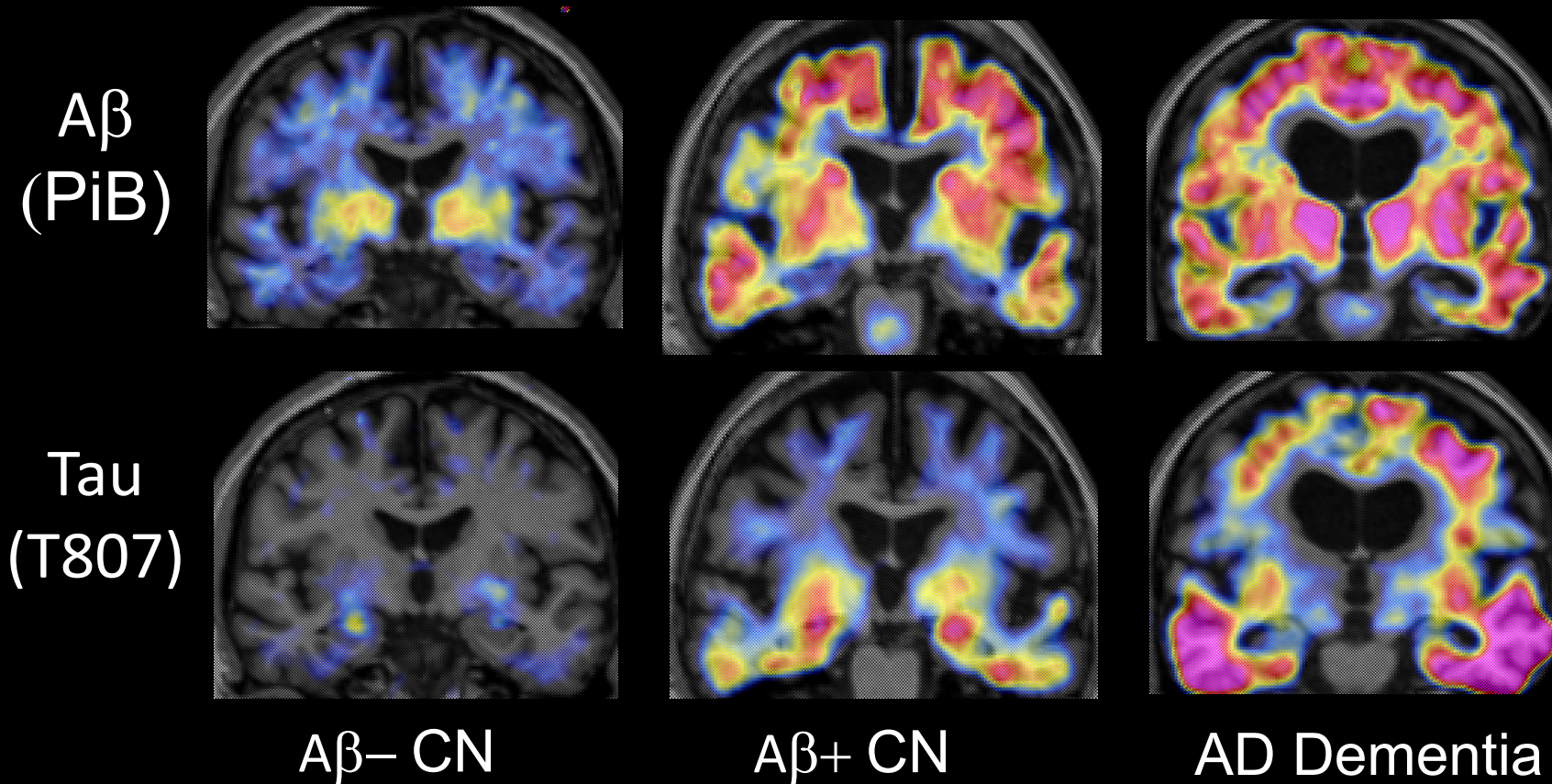
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Amyloid x APOE x Sex Effects on Cognitive Decline

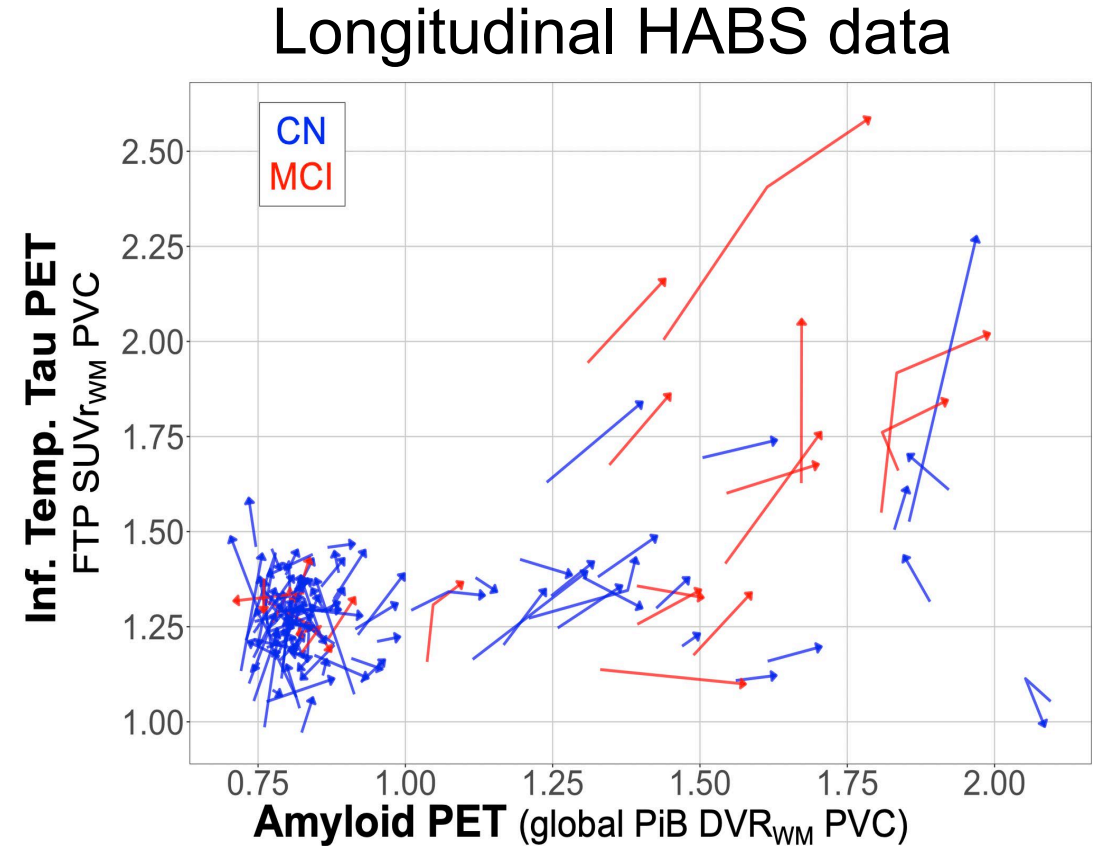
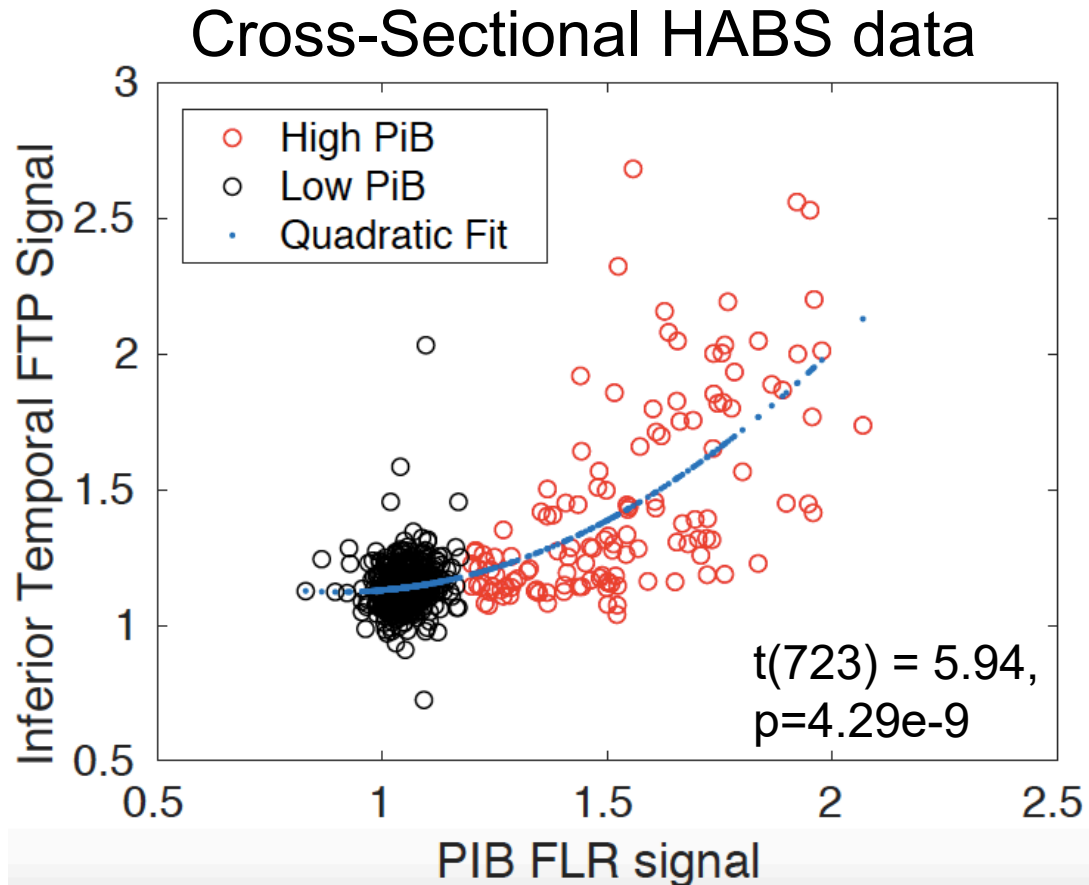


Harvard Aging Brain Study Study (HABS)
 Australian Imaging Biomarker Lifestyle (AIBL)
 Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative (ADNI)

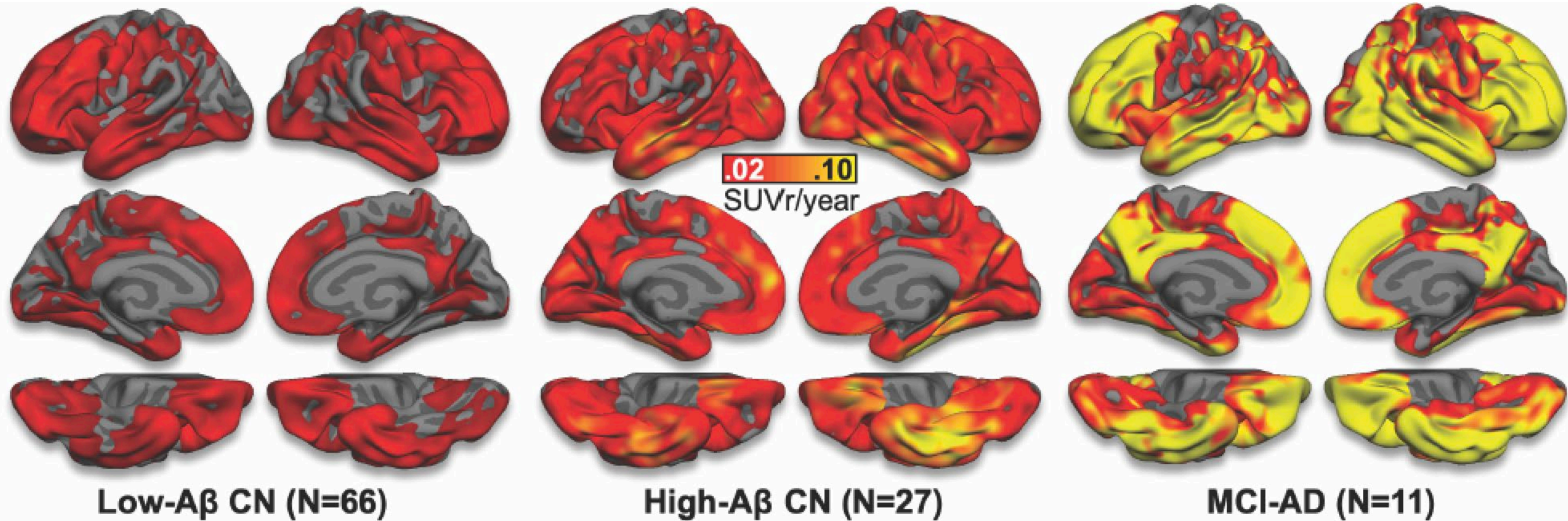
Amyloid and Tau PET Imaging



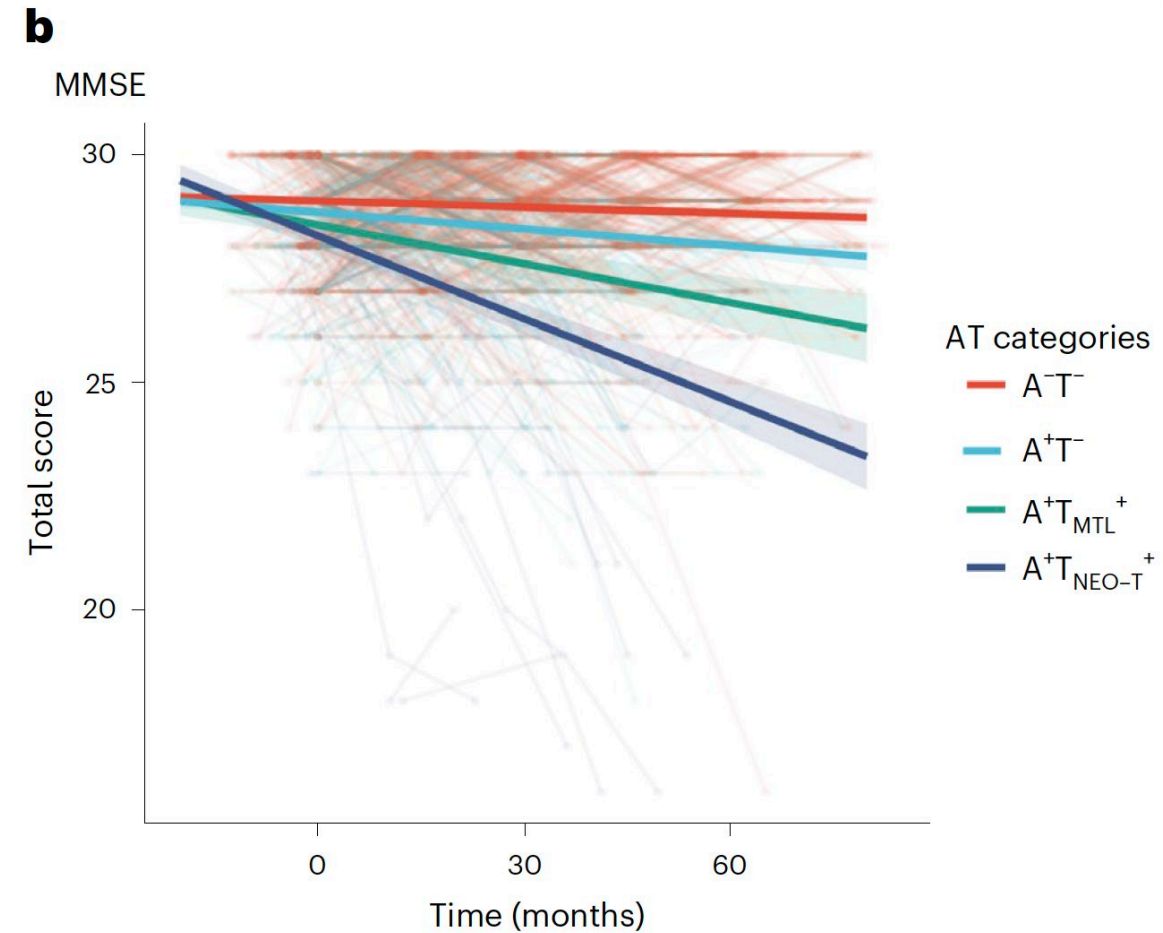
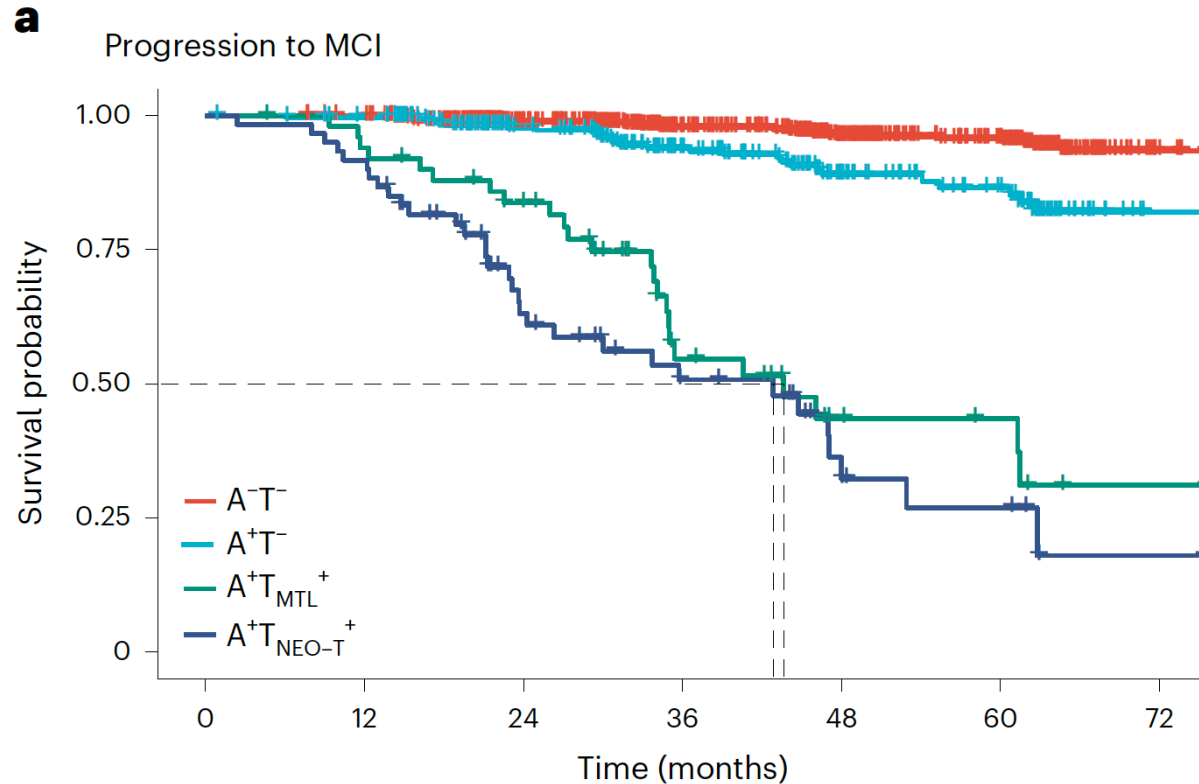
Is there a critical level of Amyloidosis associated with rapid Tau accumulation (“ca-tau-strophe”)?



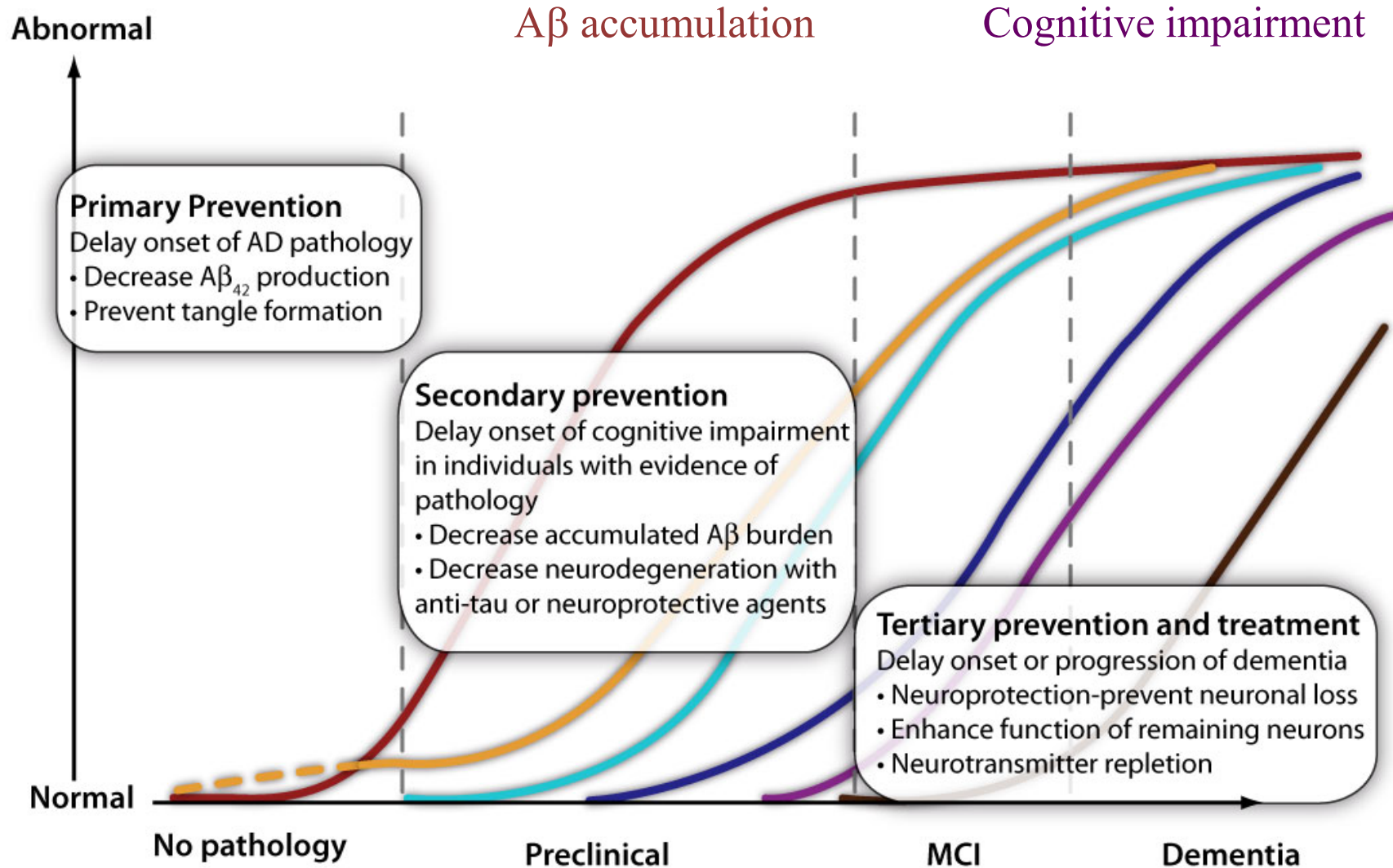
Tau Accumulation *In Vivo* - Annual change in Tau PET



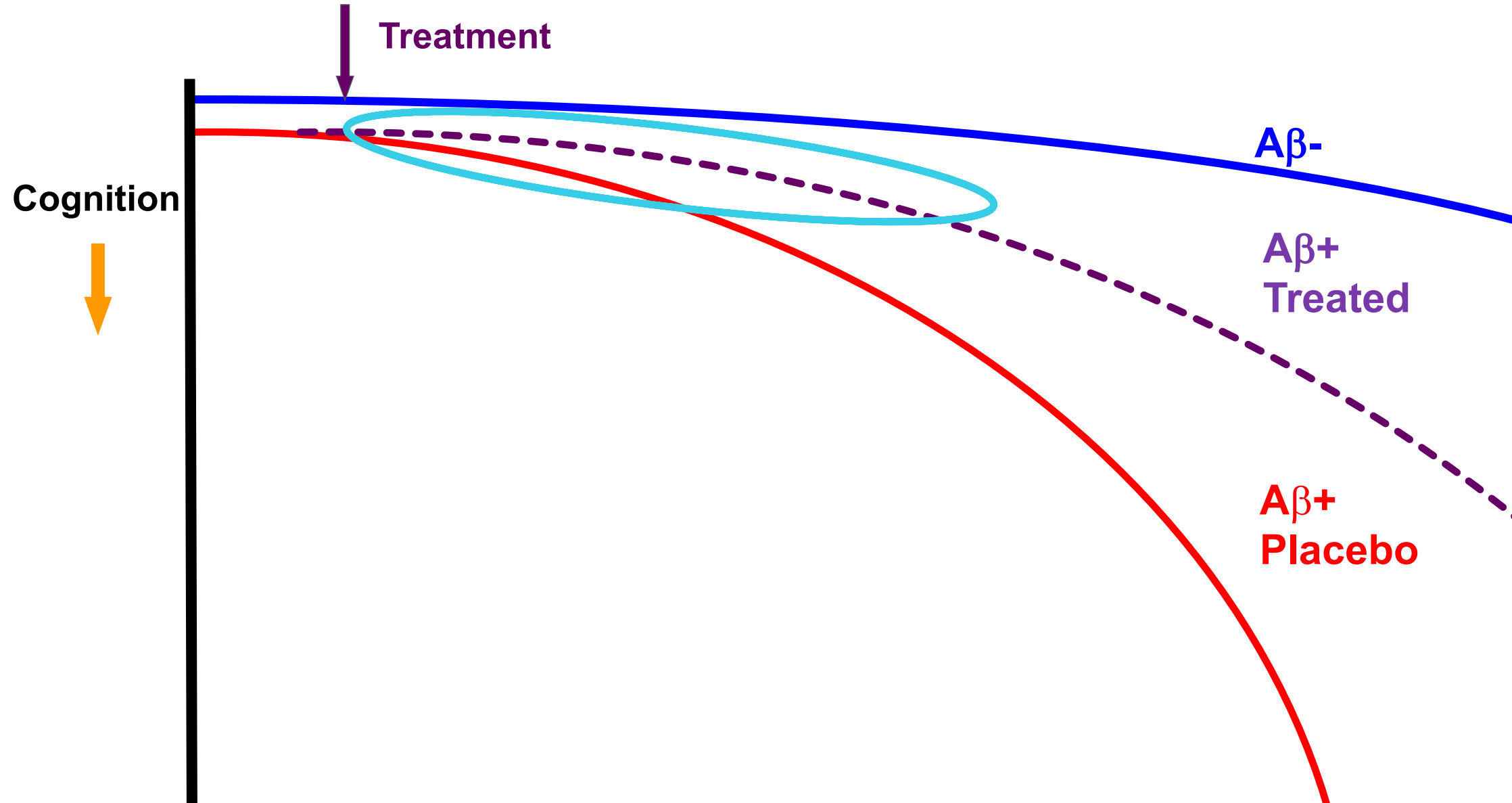
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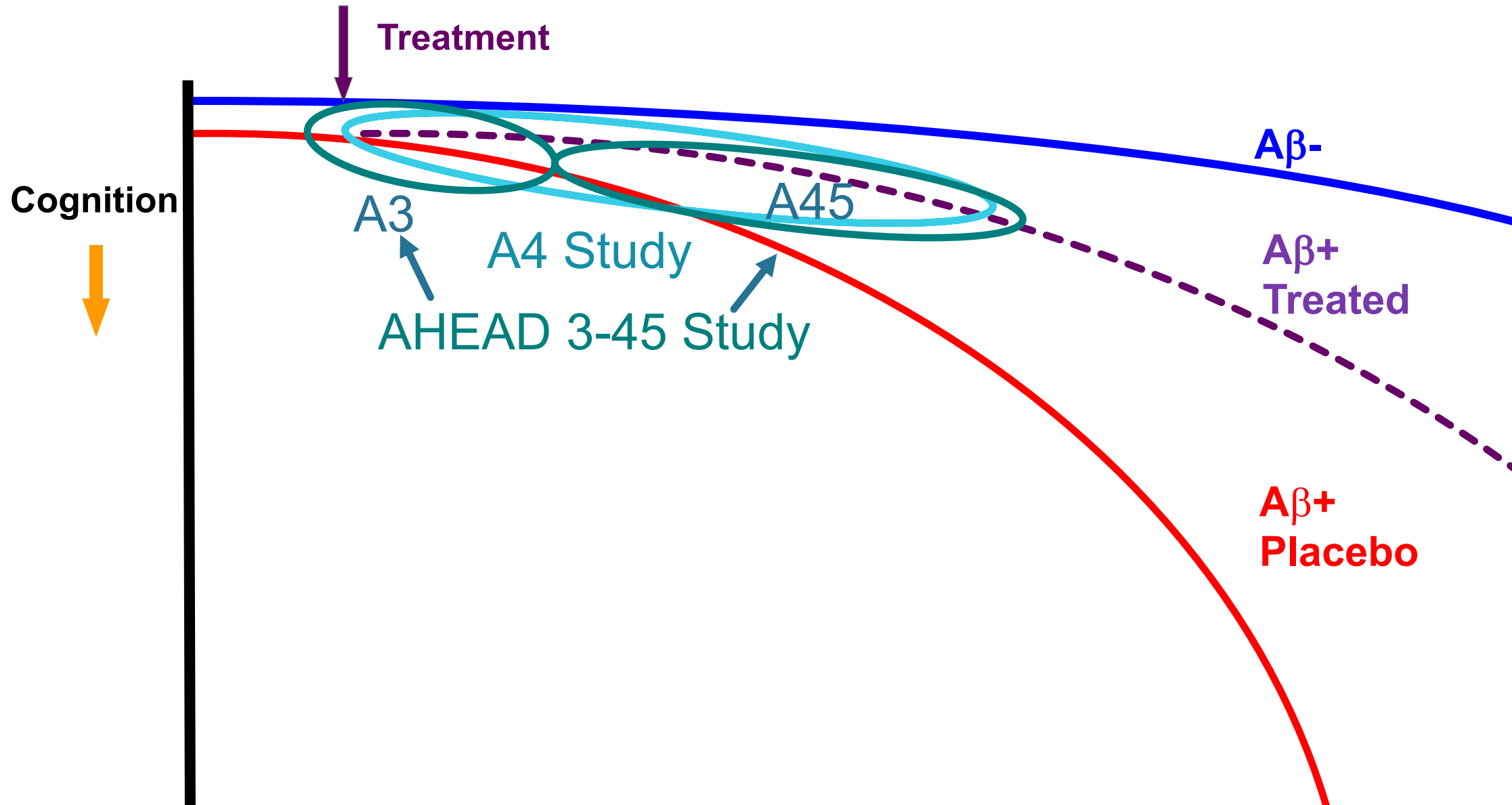
Testing the Right Target and Right Drug at the Right Stage of Alzheimer's Disease



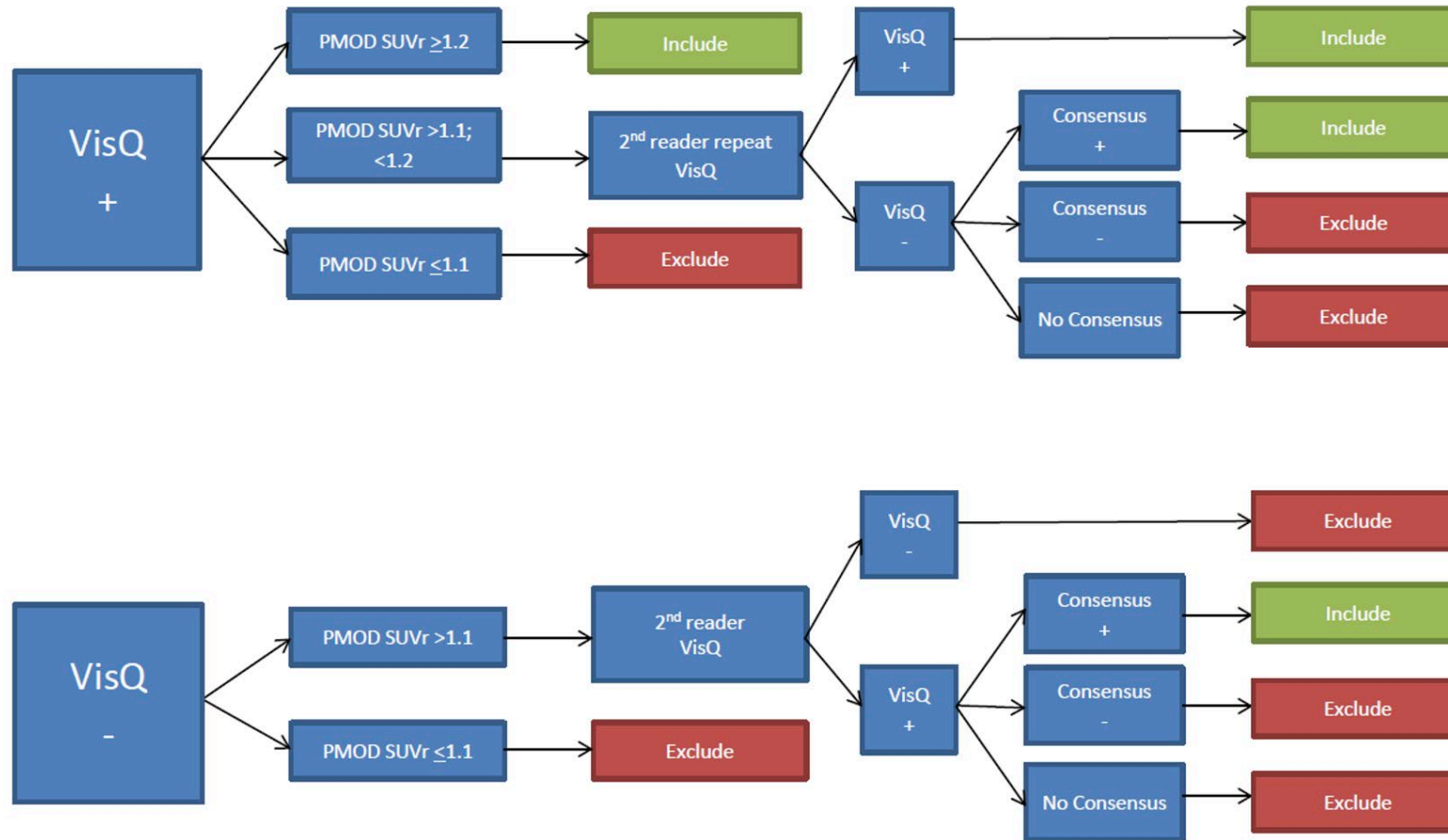
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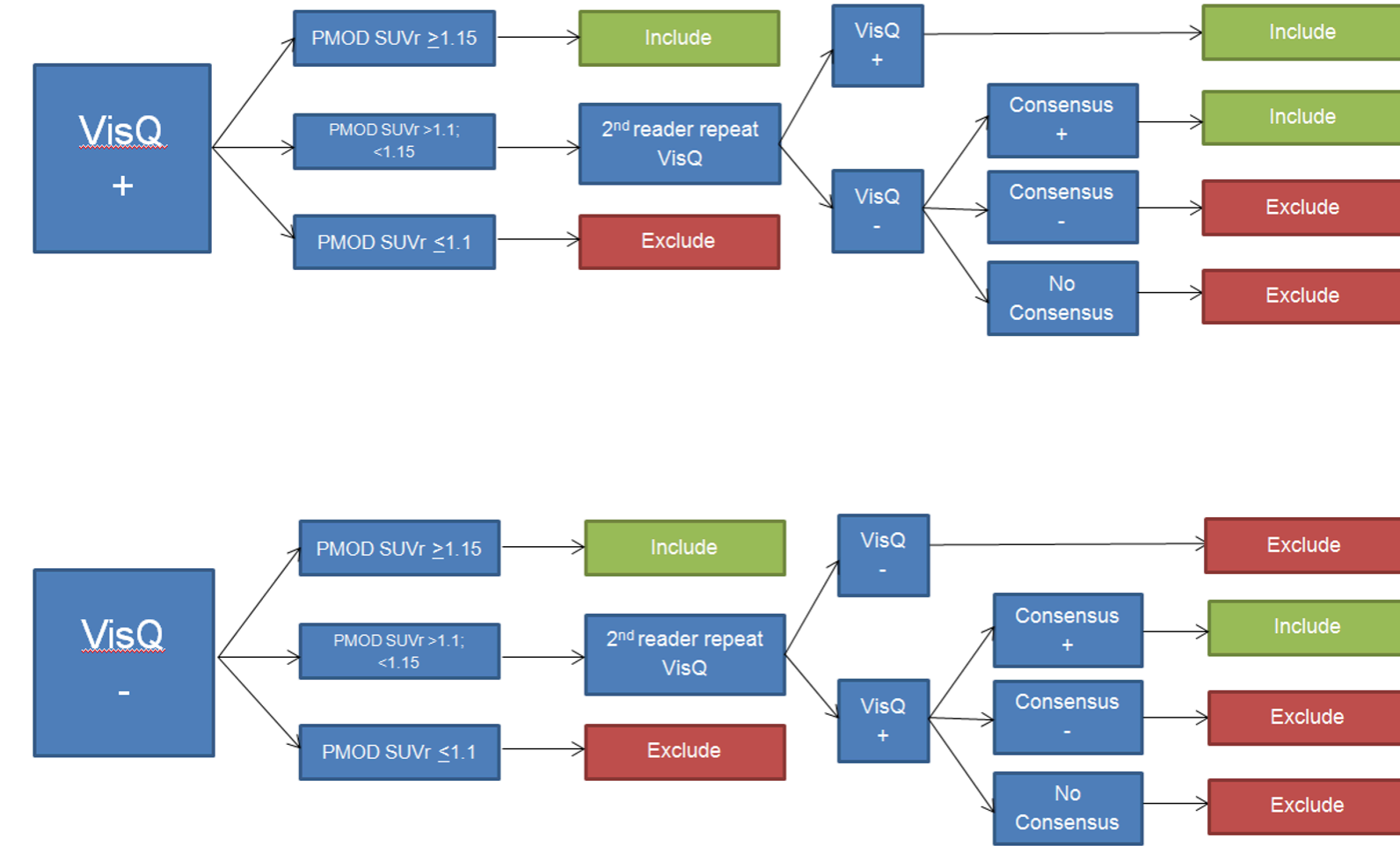


Initial A4 Study Amyloid PET algorithm



A4 Study | VisQ + Quant Eligibility Algorithm (Study Start to 18-Dec-2014).

Revised A4 Study Amyloid PET algorithm



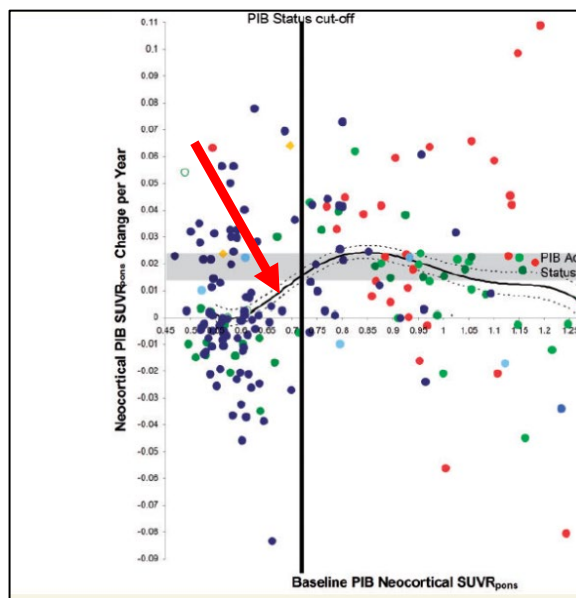
A4 Study: VisQ + Quant Eligibility Algorithm (18-Dec-2014 to Current)

A4 Study Amyloid Eligibility Determination

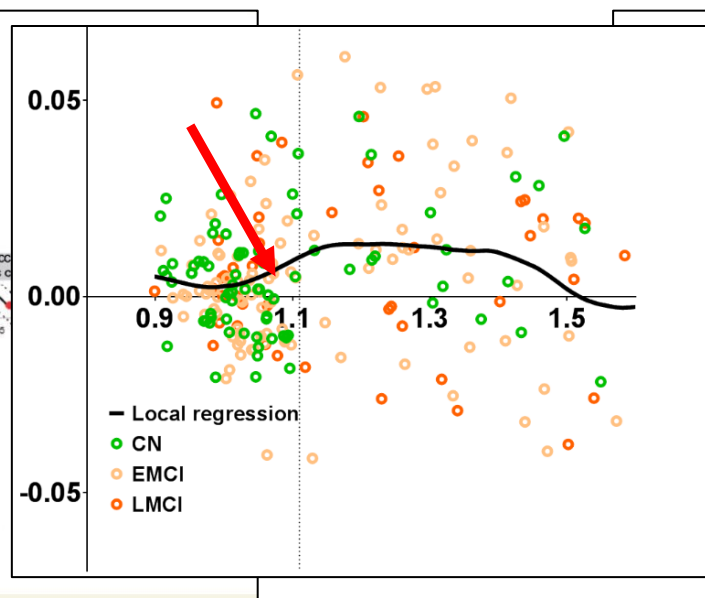
- Based on screening algorithm 1323/4486 (29.5%) were characterized as $A\beta$ positive (eligible to continue screening)
 - Mean SUVR of $A\beta+$ = 1.33
- Of those overall $A\beta+$ 663/1323 (50.1%) were visual read positive
- Of those overall $A\beta+$ 12/1323 (0.1%) were visual read positive but SUVR < 1.15
- In the tau PET substudy (all $A\beta+$ N=392), 56% already have substantial neocortical tau deposition

Optimal Time to Intervene to Prevent A β Accumulation

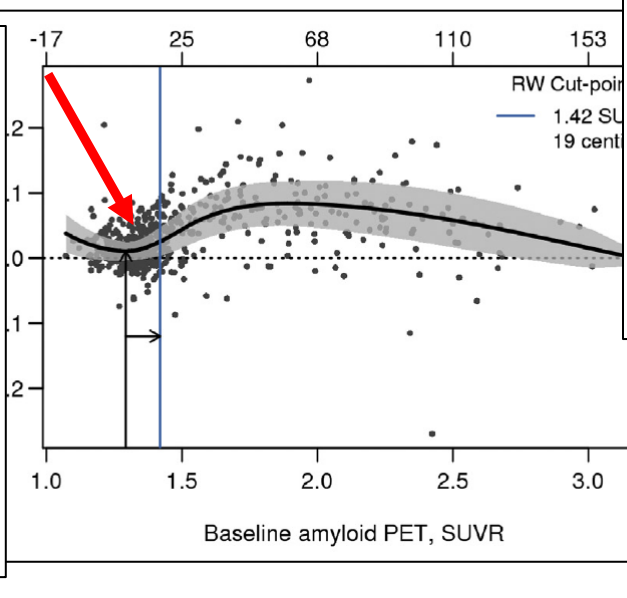
Targeting Interval of Rapid Acceleration (Rationale for A3 Trial)



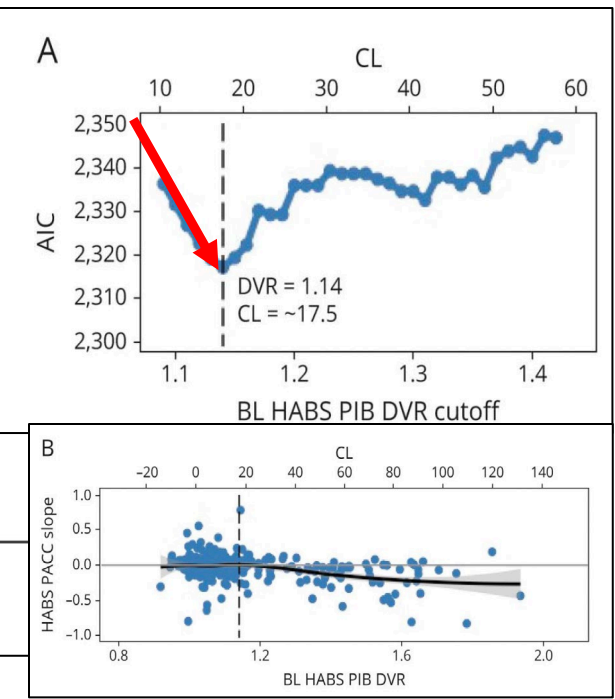
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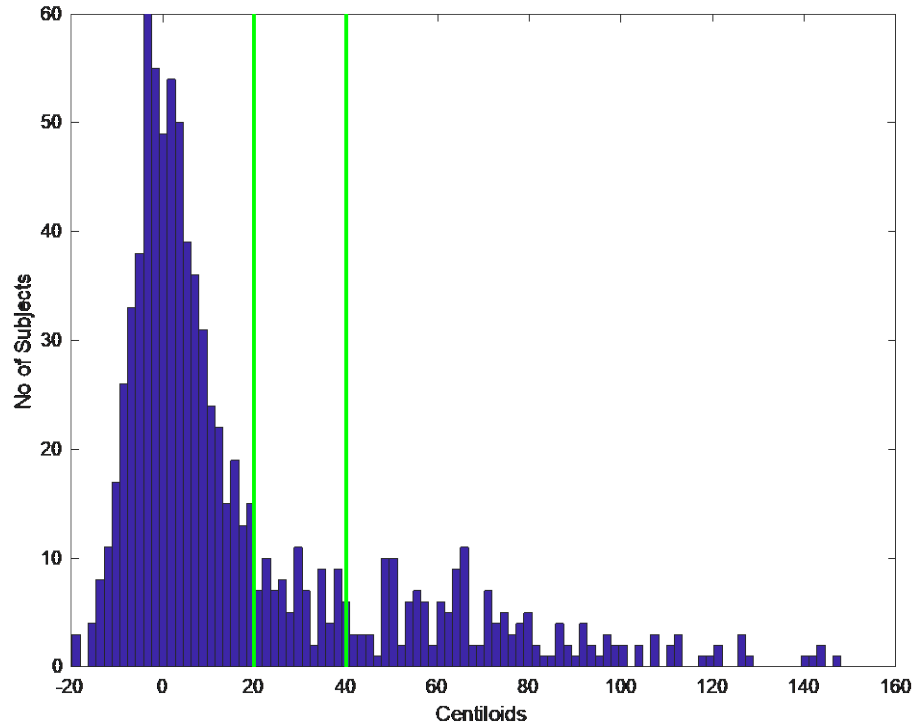
ADNI data
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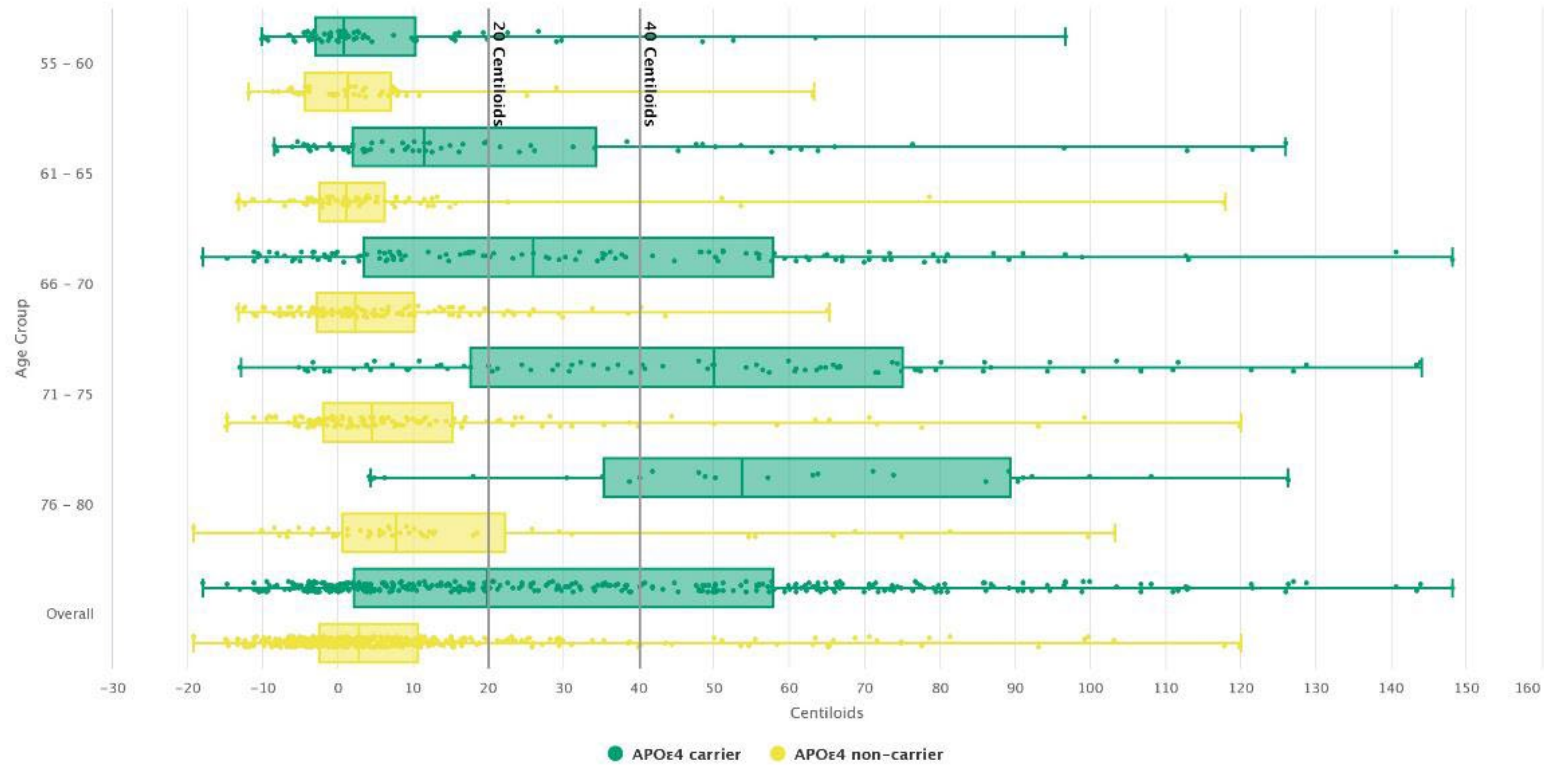
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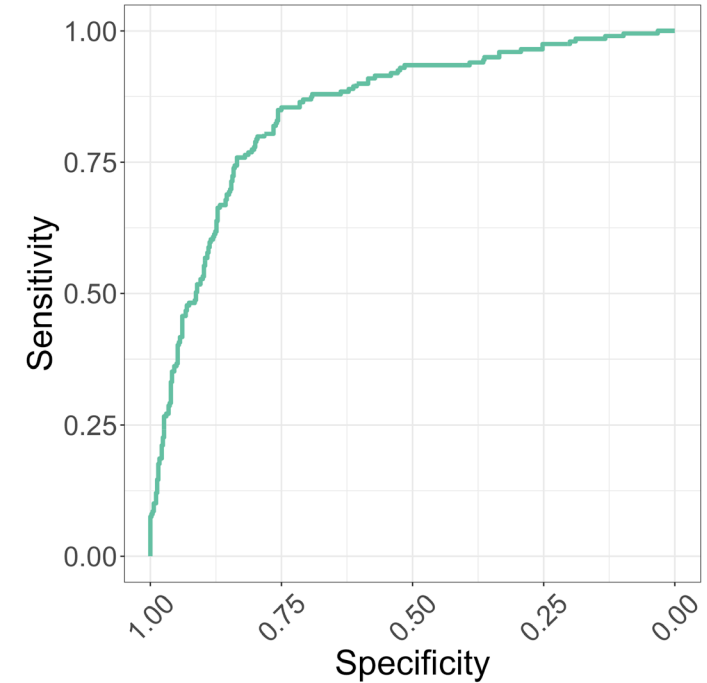
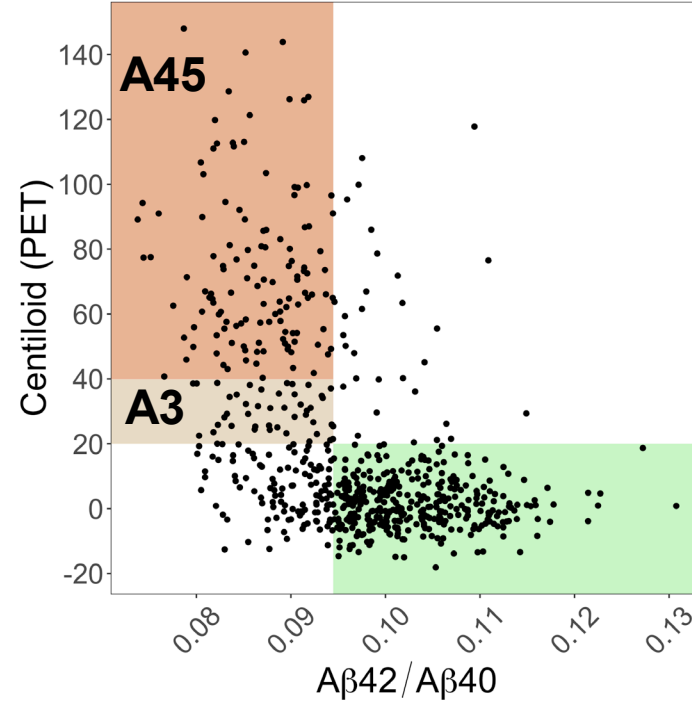
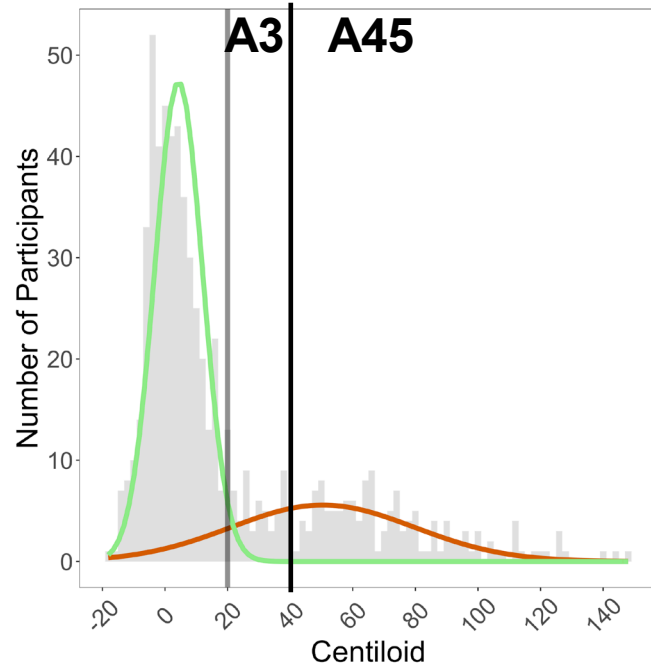


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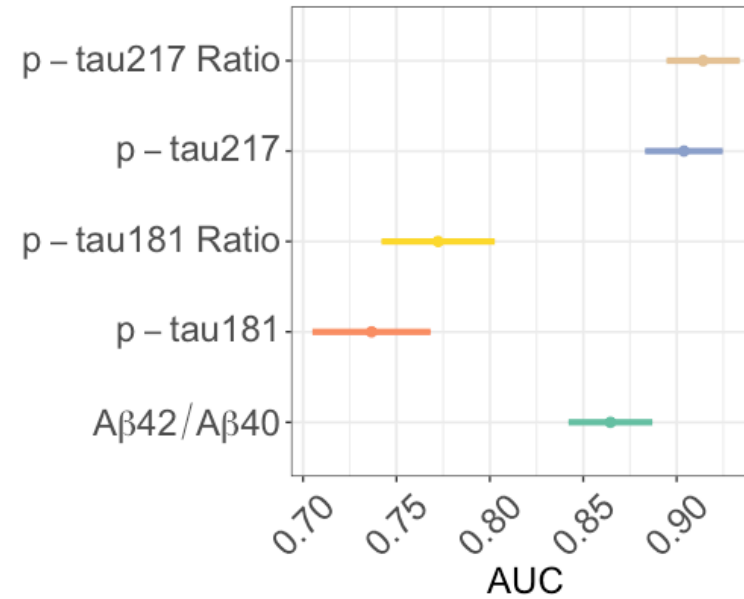
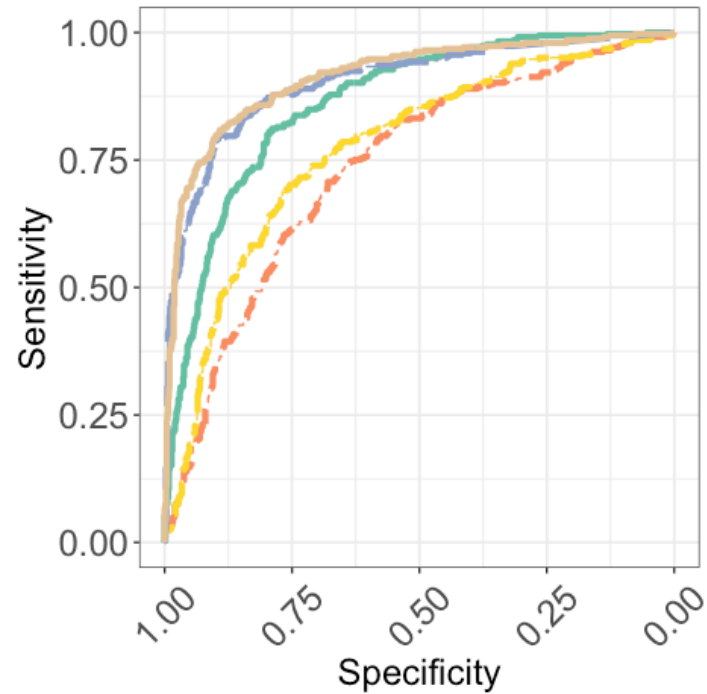
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Plasma A β 42/40 Ratio by Amyloid PET (N=659)



| Biomarker | AUC | Cut Point | Accuracy | Youden | Sensitivity | Specificity | PPV | NPV |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|----------|--------|-------------|-------------|------|------|
| Plasma A β 42/A β 40 | 0.851 (0.818, 0.883) | 0.094 | 0.78 | 0.61 | 0.85 | 0.76 | 0.60 | 0.92 |

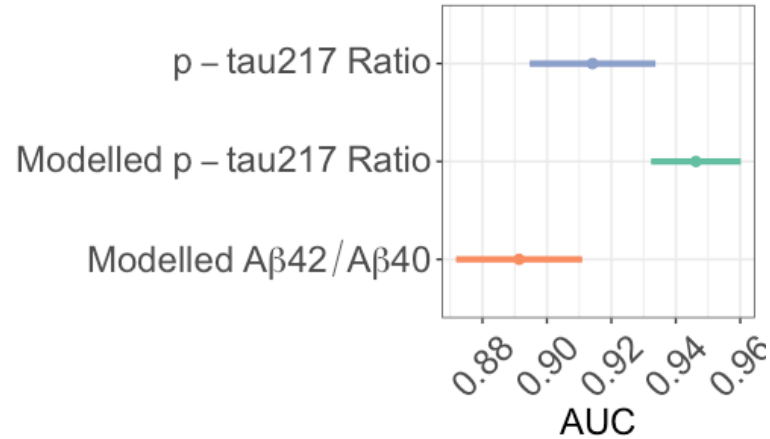
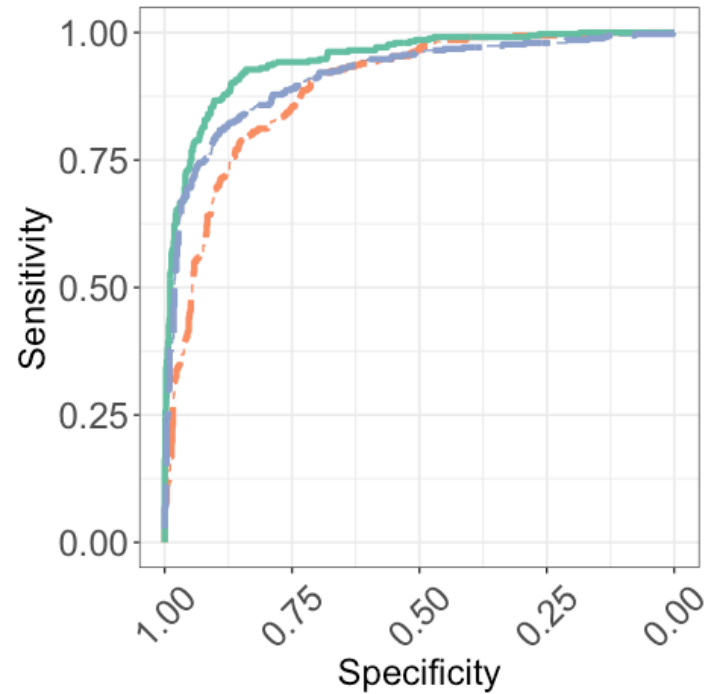
ROC Analyses for Identifying Amyloid PET >20CL (N=1085)



Predictor — Aβ42/Aβ40 — p-tau181 — p-tau217 — p-tau181 Ratio — p-tau217 Ratio

| Predictor | N | AUC | Cut Point | Accuracy | Youden | Sensitivity | Specificity | PPV | NPV |
|----------------|------|----------------------|-----------|----------|--------|-------------|-------------|-------|-------|
| Aβ42/Aβ40 | 1085 | 0.865 (0.842, 0.887) | 0.095 | 0.796 | 0.601 | 0.812 | 0.789 | 0.642 | 0.900 |
| p-tau181 | 1085 | 0.737 (0.705, 0.768) | 9.395 | 0.688 | 0.387 | 0.707 | 0.680 | 0.507 | 0.833 |
| p-tau217 | 1085 | 0.904 (0.883, 0.925) | 1.214 | 0.860 | 0.685 | 0.794 | 0.891 | 0.772 | 0.903 |
| p-tau181 Ratio | 1085 | 0.772 (0.742, 0.803) | 16.462 | 0.743 | 0.456 | 0.687 | 0.769 | 0.581 | 0.840 |
| p-tau217 Ratio | 1085 | 0.914 (0.895, 0.934) | 1.554 | 0.865 | 0.701 | 0.809 | 0.892 | 0.777 | 0.909 |

Modeled plasma ratios to predict Amyloid PET >20CL (N=1085)



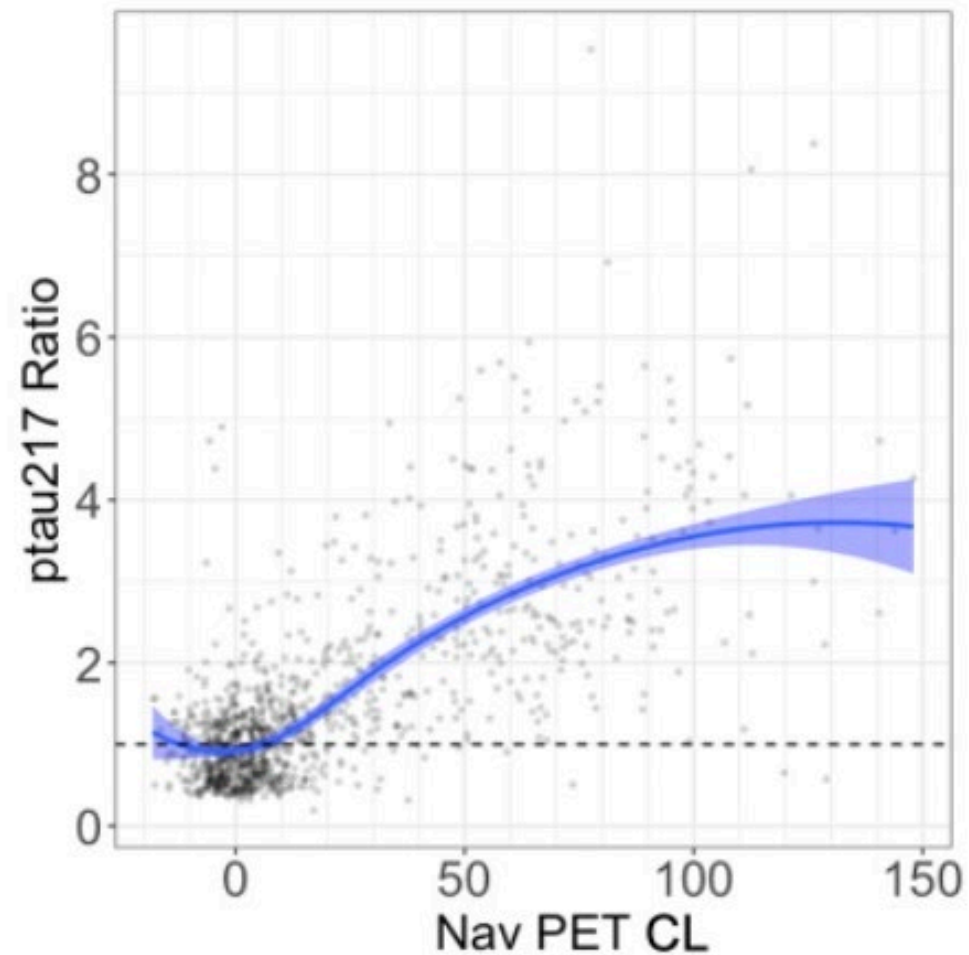
Model for p-tau217 ratio includes Age, APOE, Aβ42/40

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Predictor — Modelled p – tau217 Ratio — Modelled Aβ42/Aβ40 — p – tau217 Ratio

| Predictor | N | AUC | Cut Point | Accuracy | Youden | Sensitivity | Specificity | PPV | NPV |
|-------------------------|------|----------------------|-----------|----------|--------|-------------|-------------|-------|-------|
| Modelled p-tau217 Ratio | 1085 | 0.946 (0.932, 0.960) | 14.690 | 0.879 | 0.770 | 0.901 | 0.869 | 0.762 | 0.950 |
| Modelled Aβ42/Aβ40 | 1085 | 0.891 (0.872, 0.911) | 24.332 | 0.830 | 0.638 | 0.788 | 0.850 | 0.710 | 0.896 |
| p-tau217 Ratio | 1085 | 0.914 (0.895, 0.934) | 1.554 | 0.865 | 0.701 | 0.809 | 0.892 | 0.777 | 0.909 |

How early does p-tau217 begin to change in sporadic AD?



AHEAD Study (N=1085) Courtesy of ATRI Biostats

Relationship of CL to Visual Reads in Preclinical AD across Cohorts

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| Study | Centiloid Threshold | | | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|-----|-----|----|----|
| | 10 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 |
| ADNI (n=248) | 55 | 35 | 26 | 20 | 16 |
| BioFINDER-1 (n=172) | 60 | 24 | 18 | 15 | 13 |
| AIBL (n=630) | 39 | 26 | 21 | 17 | 15 |
| HABS (n=238) | 53 | 32 | 23 | 19 | 17 |
| ADNI (n=248) | 27 | 41 | 52 | 66 | 77 |
| BioFINDER-1 (n=172) | 24 | 53 | 68 | 74 | 80 |
| AIBL (n=630) | 35 | 53 | 66 | 72 | 76 |
| ADNI (n=248) | 99 | 98 | 96 | 96 | 96 |
| BioFINDER-1 (n=172) | 100 | 100 | 100 | 99 | 98 |
| AIBL (n=630) | 100 | 100 | 100 | 98 | 98 |
| ADNI (n=248) | 96 | 89 | 80 | 80 | 76 |
| BioFINDER-1 (n=172) | 100 | 100 | 100 | 94 | 89 |
| AIBL (n=630) | 100 | 100 | 99 | 87 | 90 |
| ADNI (n=248) | 55 | 77 | 87 | 93 | 96 |
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Amyloid positive prevalence (%)

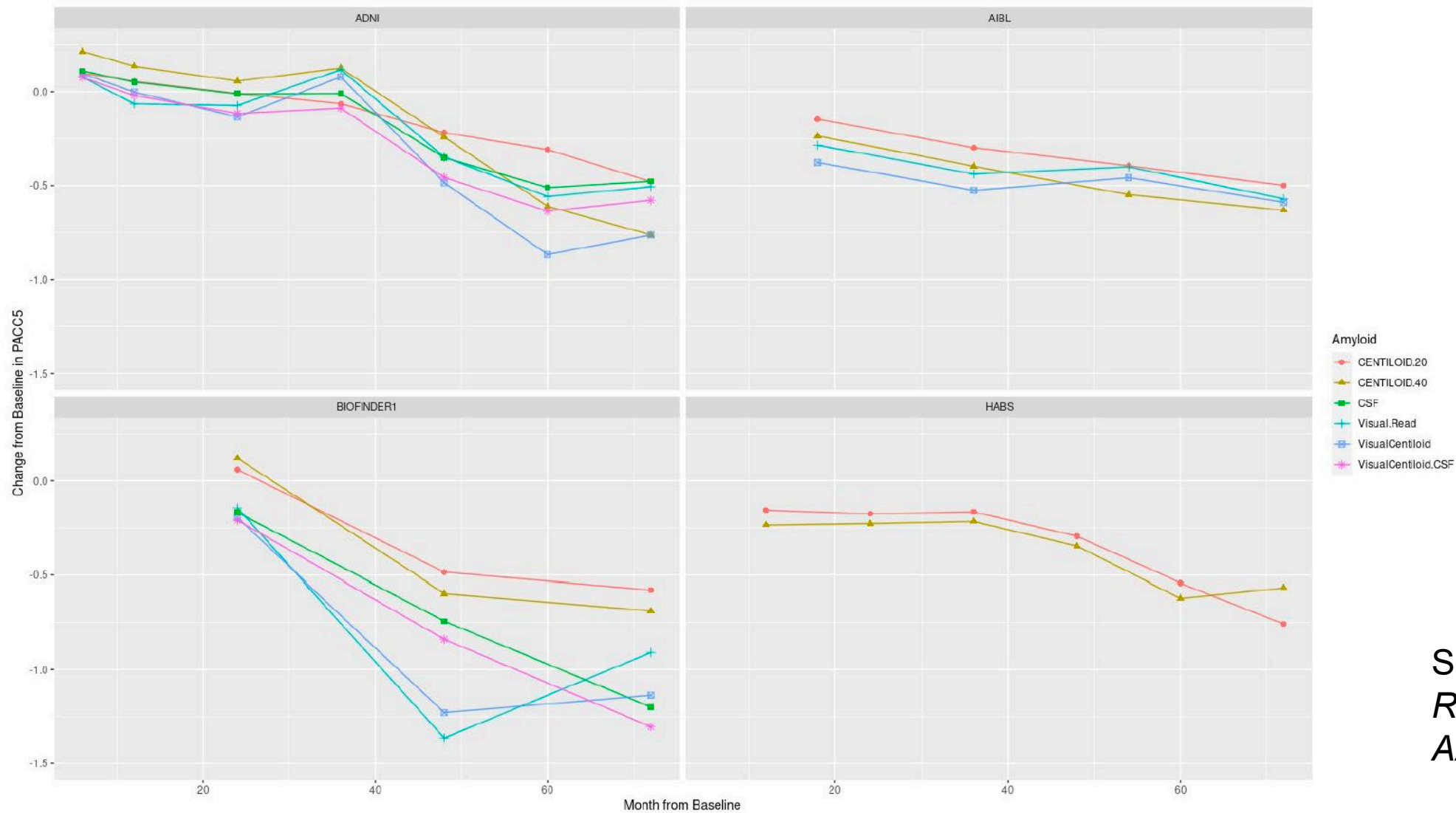
PPV for VR+ (assuming 15% VR+) (%)

NPV for VR+ (assuming 15% VR+) (%)

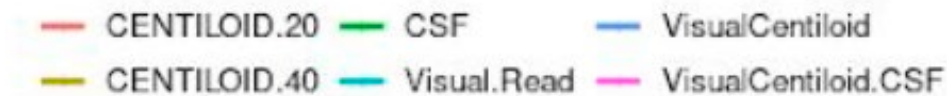
Sensitivity of VRs (%)

Specificity of VRs (%)

Risk of Cognitive Decline in “A+” Normals – Various Definitions



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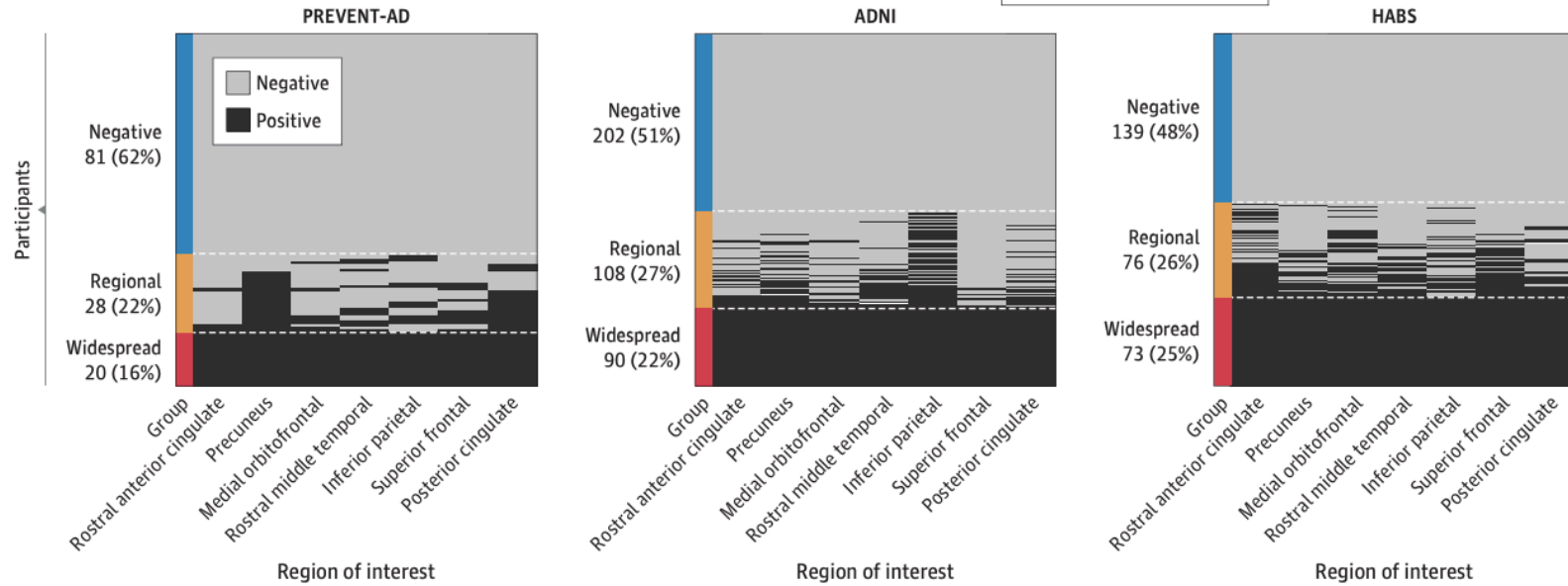
Quantitative Amyloid PET

Additional Considerations

- Data from clinical trials – careful QC of all data, centralized quantitative analyses
- Much of the observational data uses ^{11}C -PiB, most ^{18}F tracers have more noise at low levels “zone of ambiguity”
 - ^{18}F -NAV4694 much stronger correlation with PiB than other ^{18}F tracers
- Relatively large cortical composite of regions of interest in standardized template
 - By stage of “positivity” high correlation among cortical regions
 - Early regions – posterior cingulate, precuneus, prefrontal, temporal
 - Extent vs. magnitude assessments

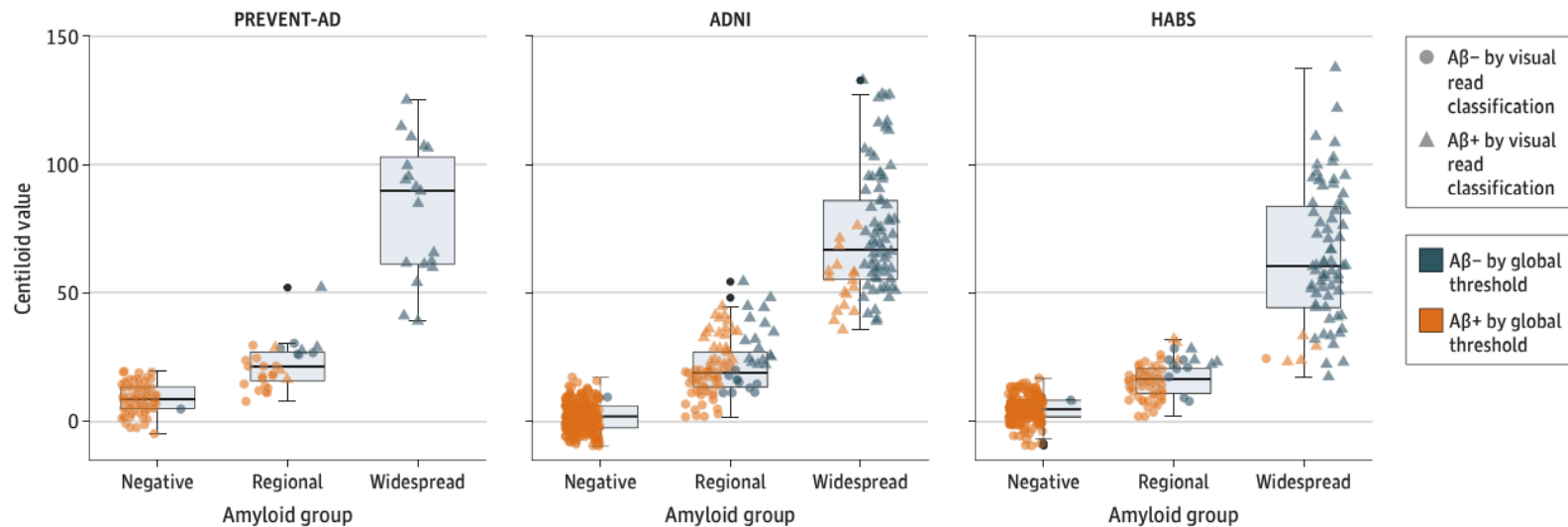
Spatial Extent Assessment of Amyloid PET

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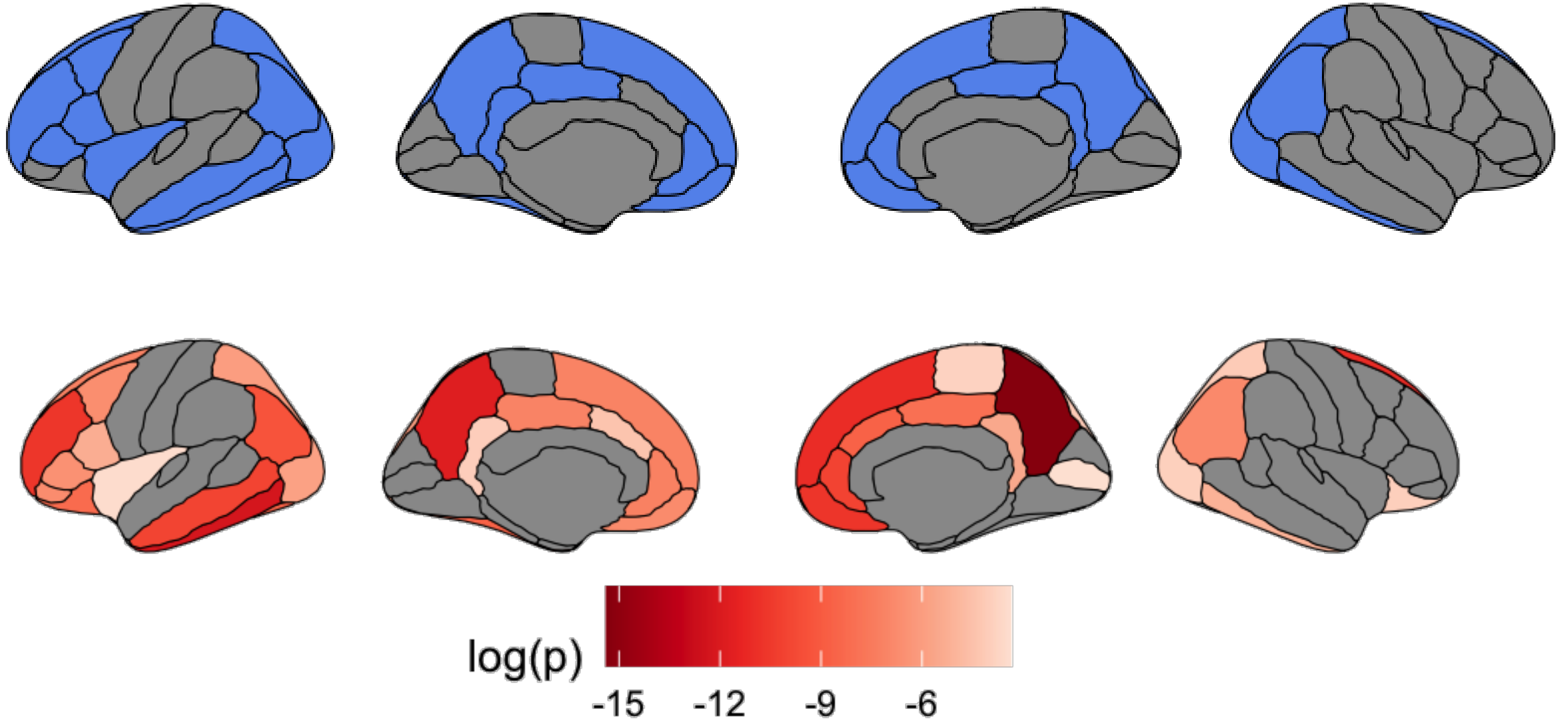
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B Distribution of Centiloid values





Spatial Extent Assessment of Amyloid PET – Regional




Summary

- Quantitative PET is particularly important for preclinical AD
 - Prediction of future cognitive decline
 - Selection of participants for trials and eventually treatment
 - Targeted dosing?
- Plasma measures may function as proxy for amyloid PET
- Longitudinal patient monitoring likely to require quantitative amyloid PET
 - Tau PET may be more closely related to cognitive change
- Need to consider standardization for quantitative analyses
 - Centiloids helpful but cannot completely overcome tracer issues at lower levels of amyloid

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Characteristics of brain A β tracers: Impact on quantification

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Outline

Many tracers, same target

Tracer idiosyncrasies:

Binding characteristics

Tracer kinetics

Adequacy and stability of “reference” region

Discriminatory power to resolve the “ambiguous” zone

Degree of non-specific binding

From many tracers and scales to one scale for all tracers

Centiloid transformation

Value of semiquantification

Research

Natural history (role of APOE, PVC, change of tracer and/or PET scanner, etc.)

Clinical

Improve diagnosis

Prediction of cognitive decline (cortical tau)

Trials

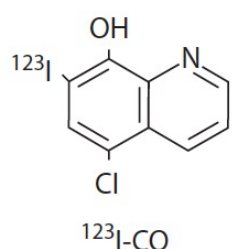
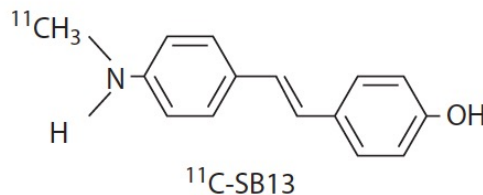
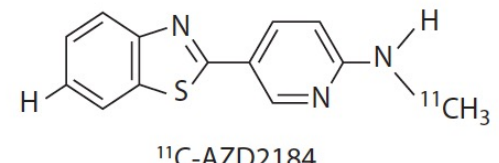
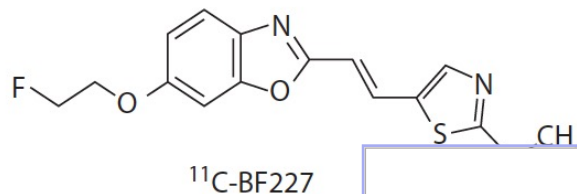
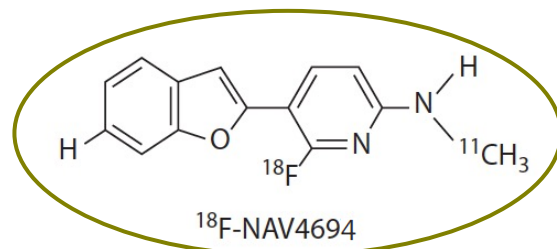
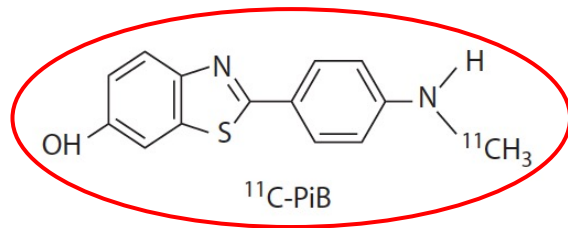
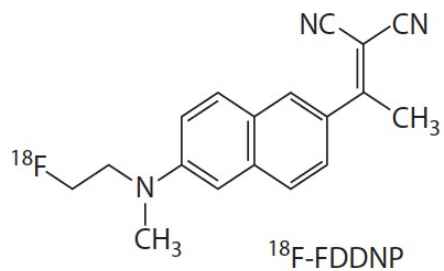
Proof of target engagement

Establish optimal time-window for intervention

Participant selection/staging/theragnosis

Outcome measure

A β imaging



FDA/EMA approved

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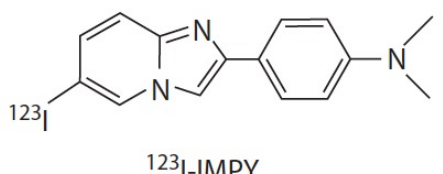
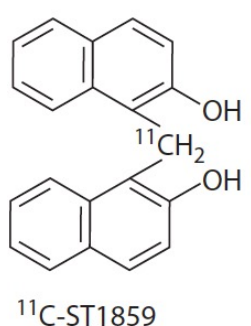
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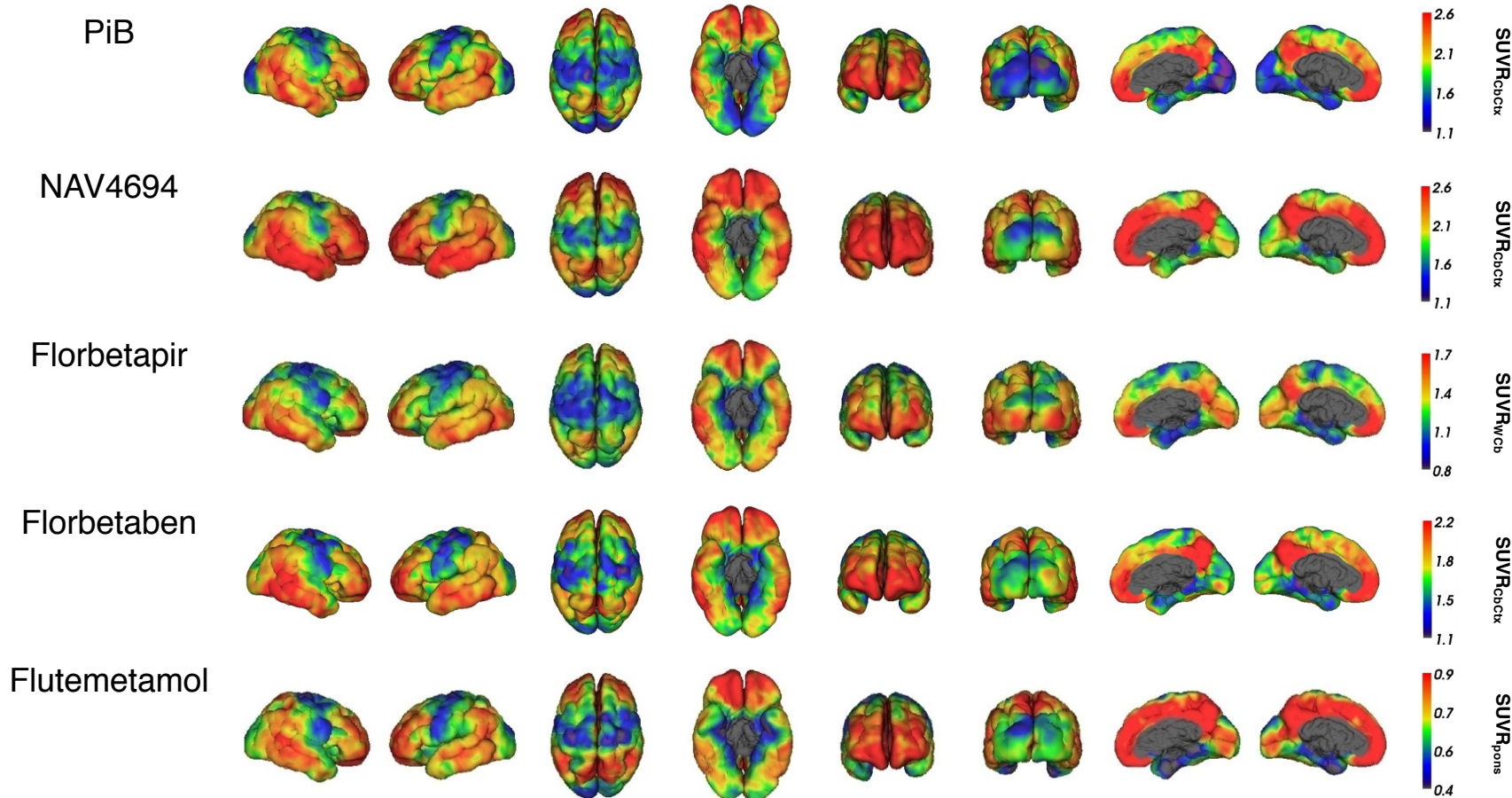
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A β imaging in Alzheimer's disease



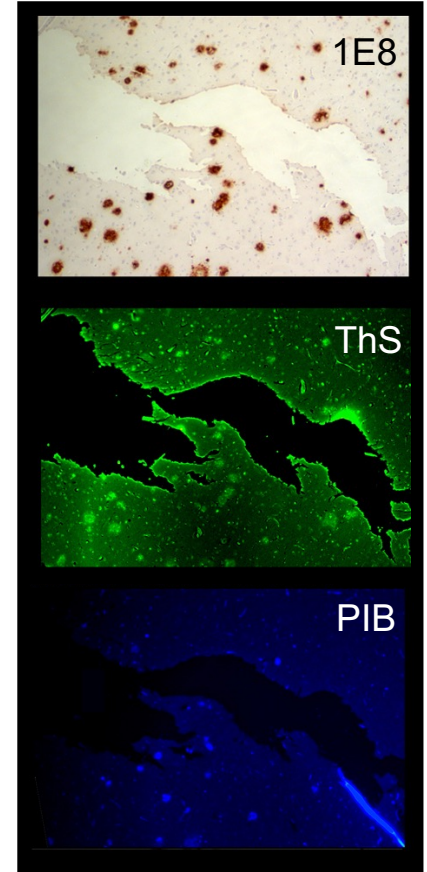
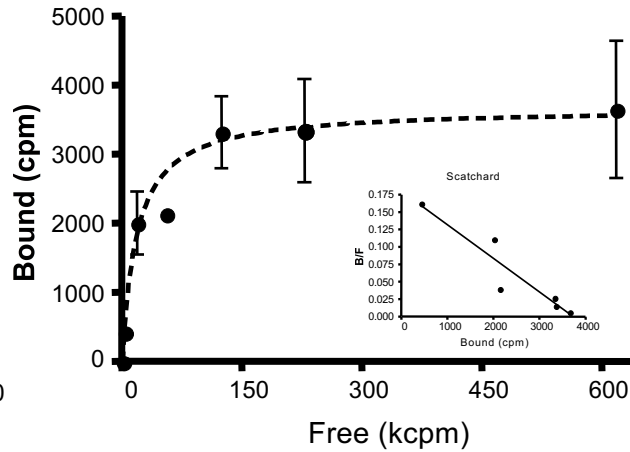
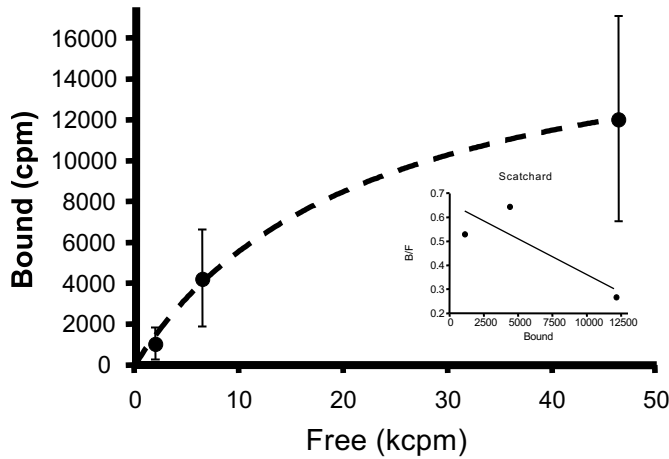
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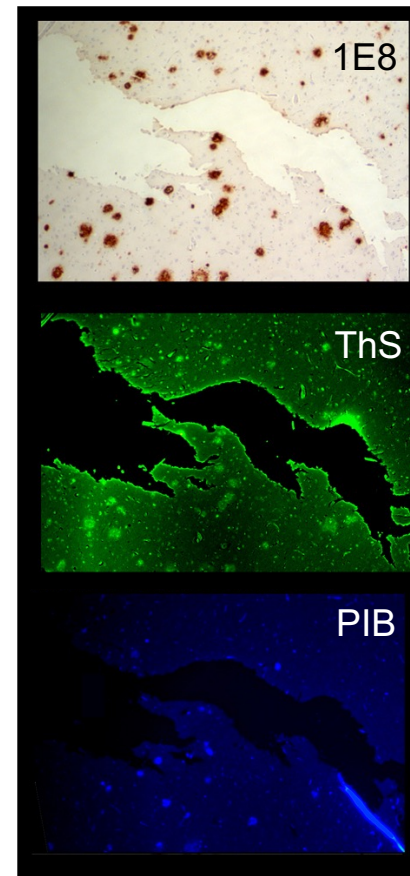
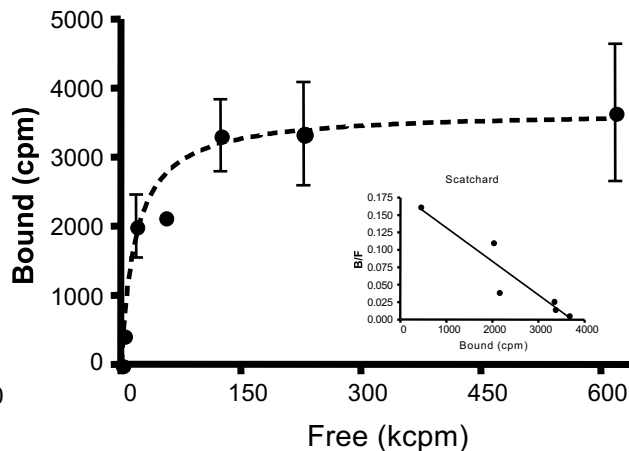
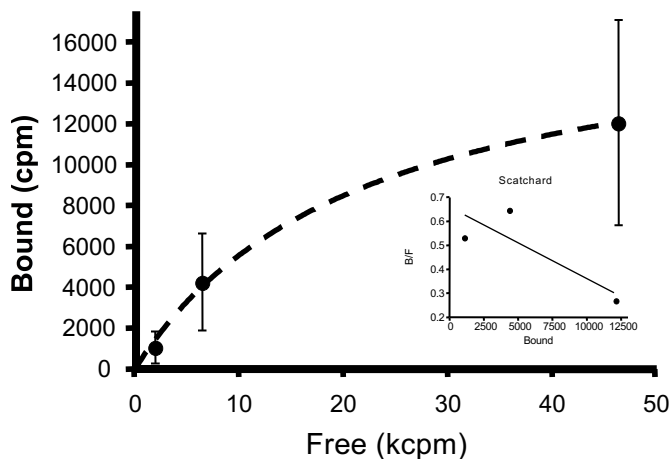
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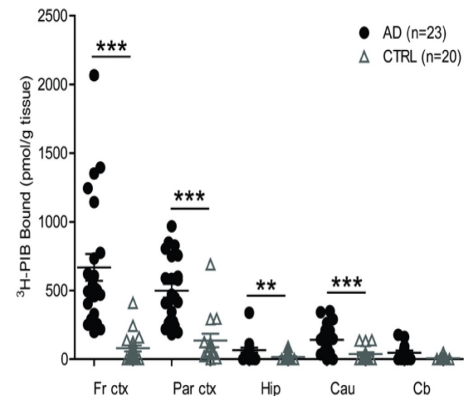
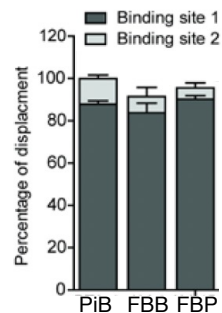
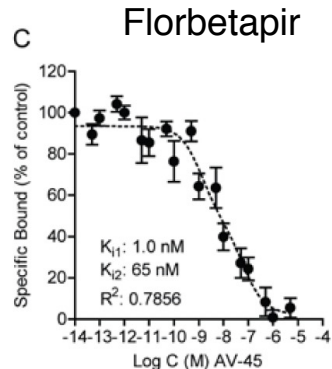
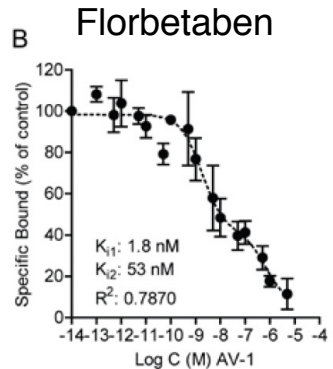
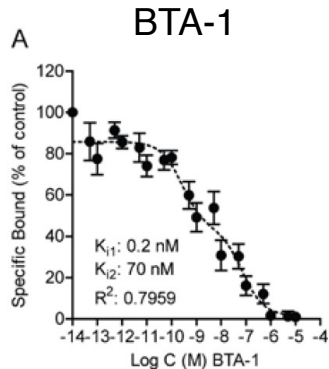
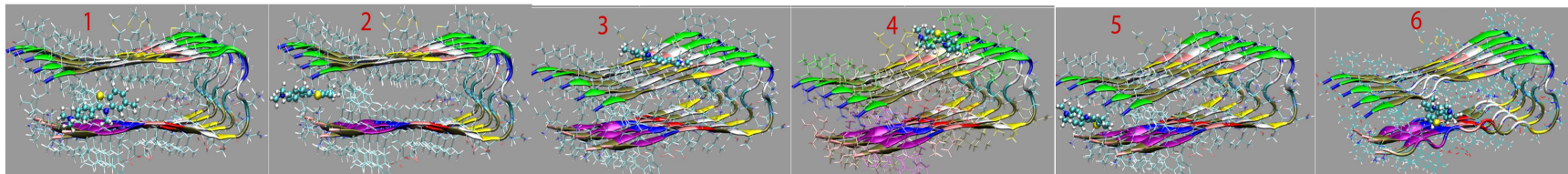
- A β tracers bind A β oligomers with much lower affinity (3-4x lower)
- A β oligomers represent ~1% of all in the brain
- A β oligomers last in soluble form ~2-3 hours before forming fibrils

A β tracers are markers of fibrillar A β

Amyloid Fibril-Induced Structural and Spectral Modifications in the Thioflavin-T Optical Probe

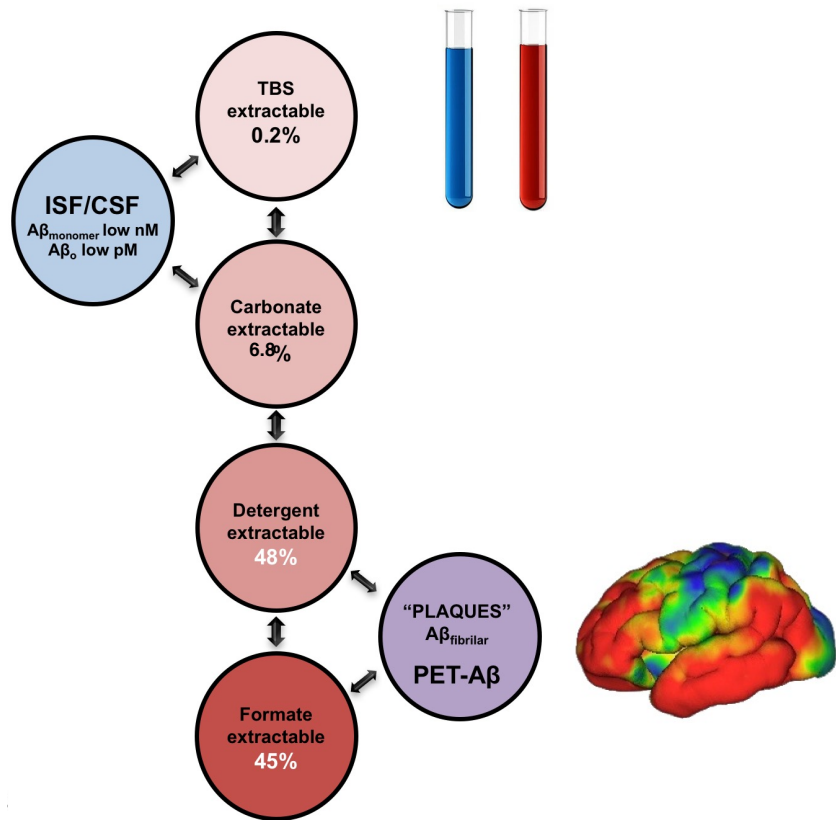
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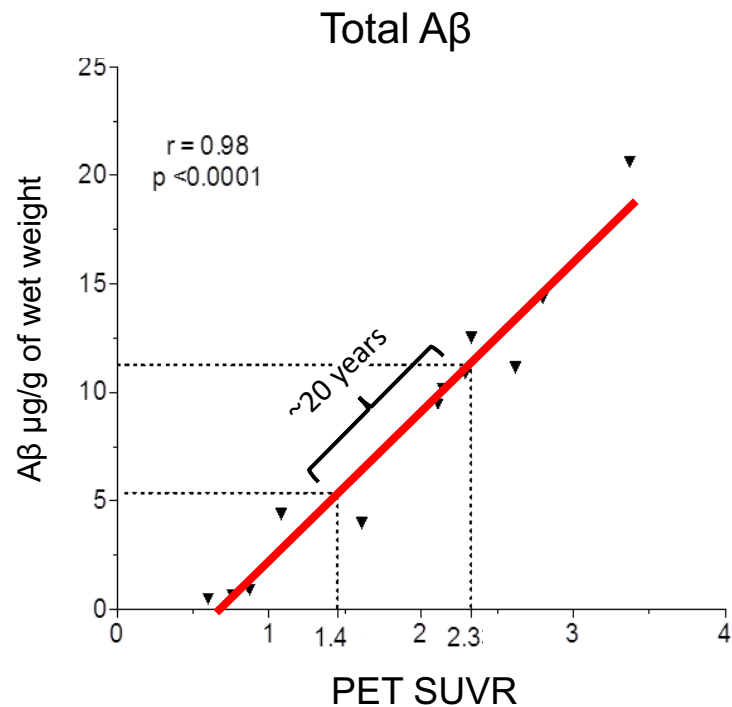
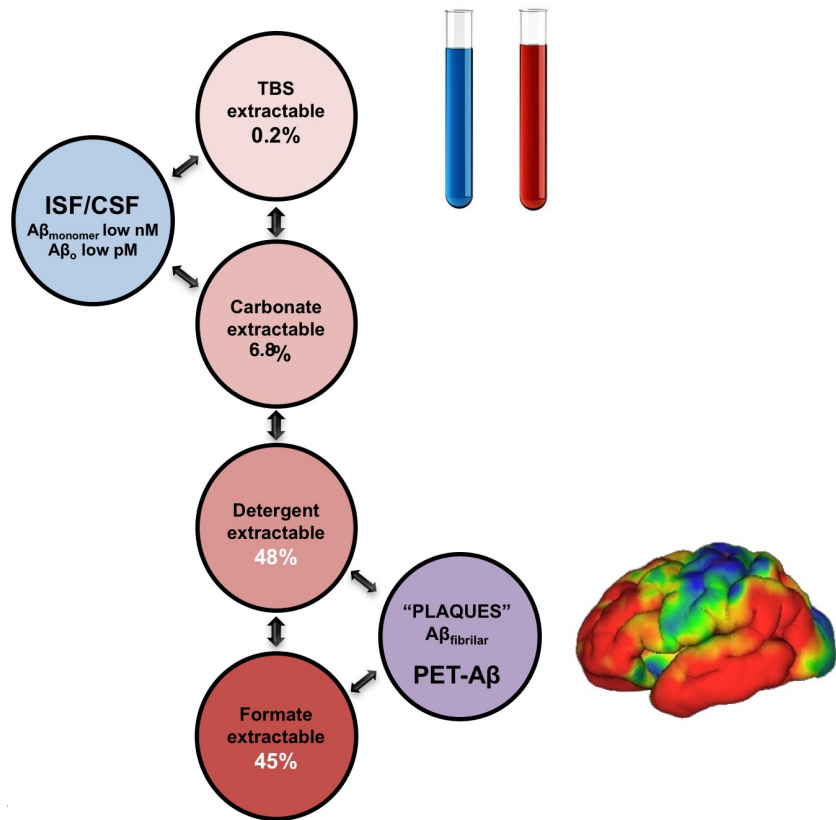
The relative proportion of high-affinity to low-affinity sites is 6:1 in the frontal cortex and 3:1 in the hippocampus.

Relationship between PET SUVR and brain A β



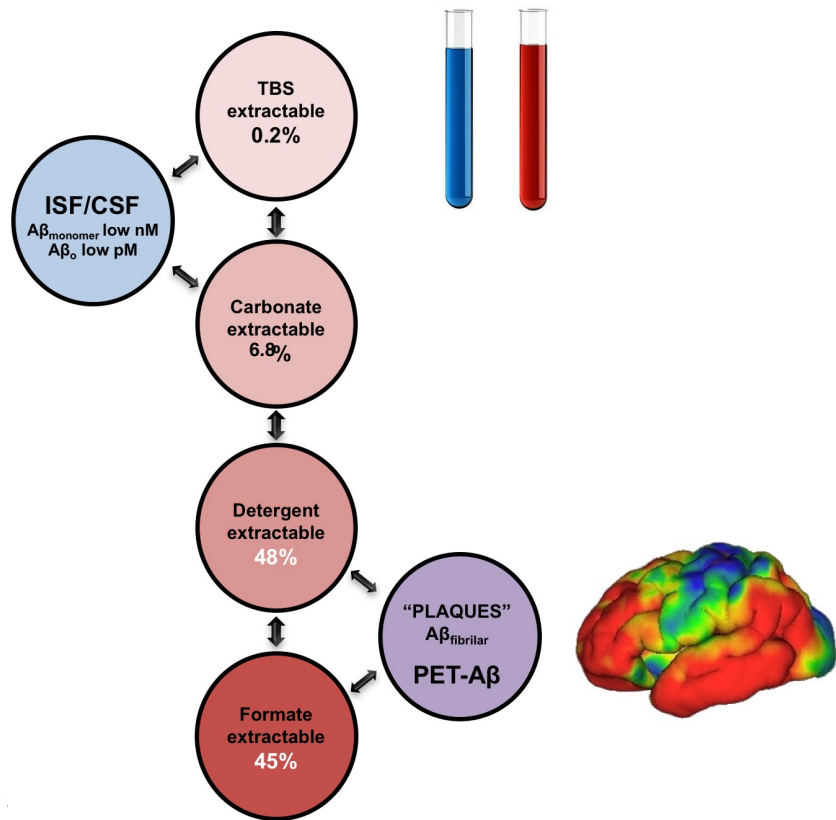
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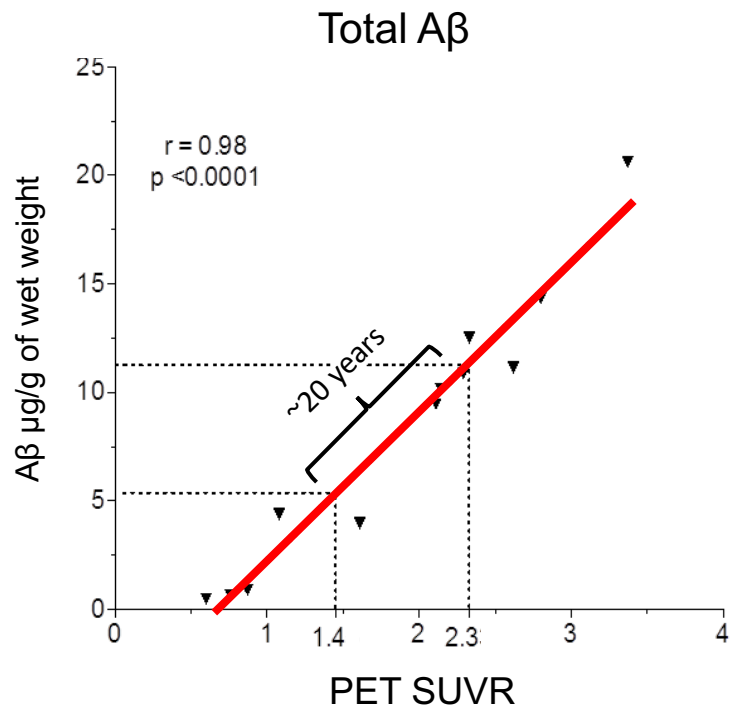


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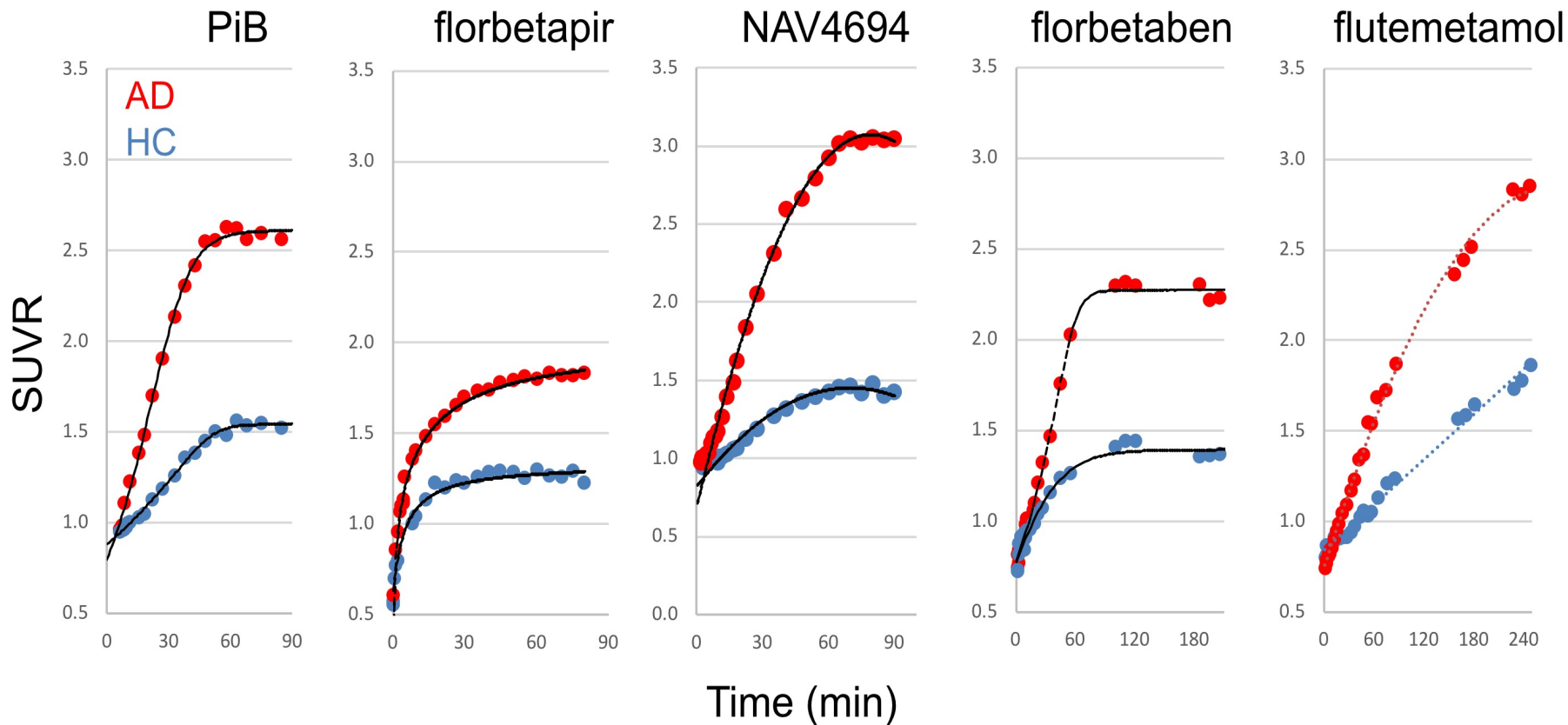


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PET SUVR in A β mass units
1.4 SUVR = 5.0 μ g A β /g of grey matter
2.3 SUVR = 11.2 μ g A β /g of grey matter
estimated rate of A β accumulation = **28 ng/hr**
(~ 2 -5% decrease in clearance rates)

A β imaging: tracer kinetics

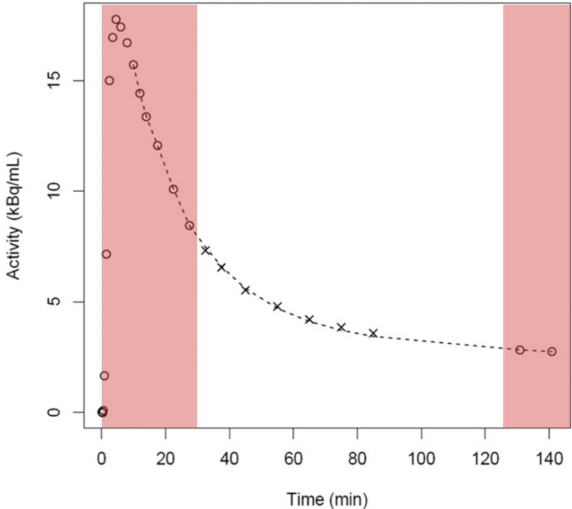


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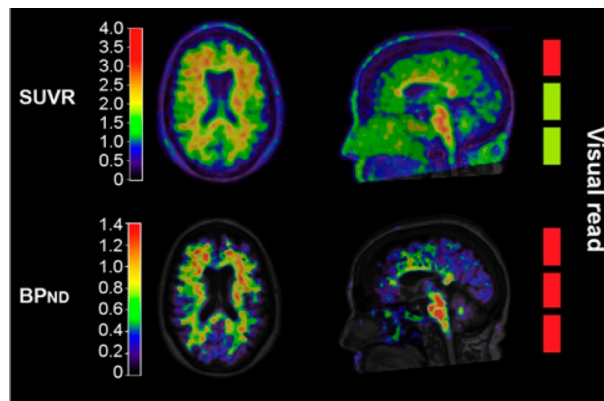
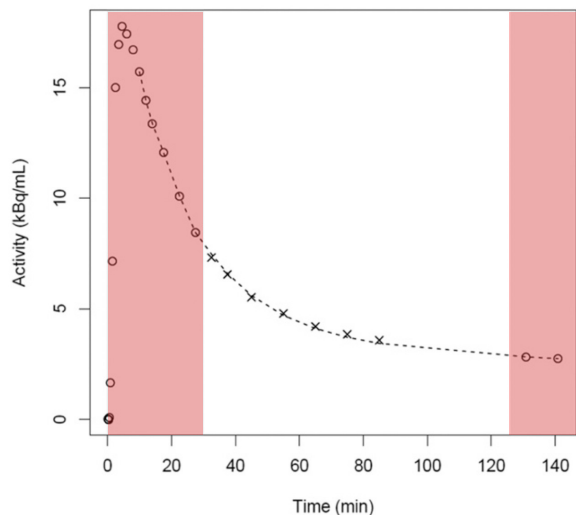
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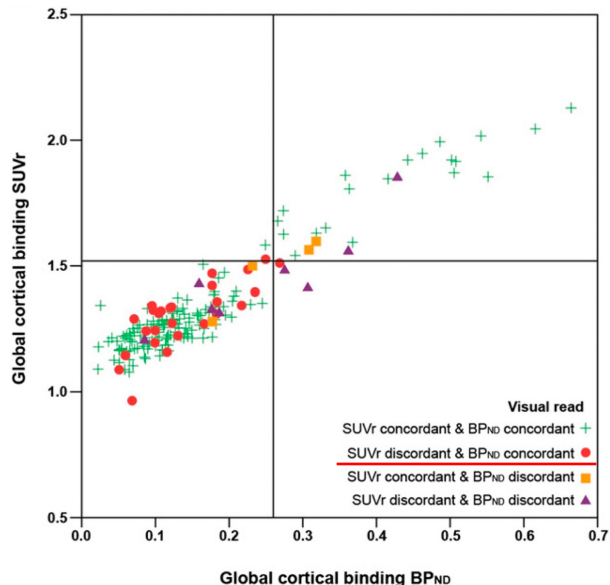
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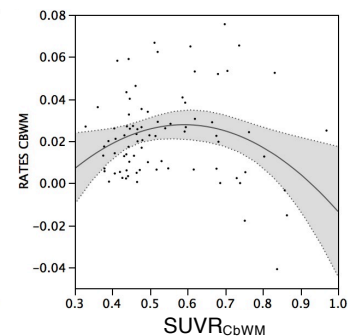
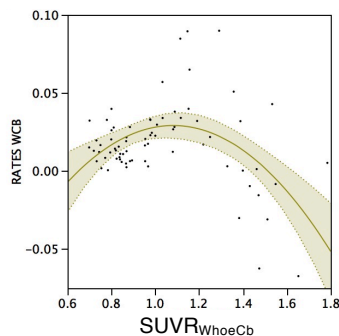
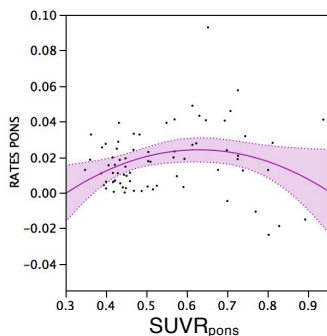
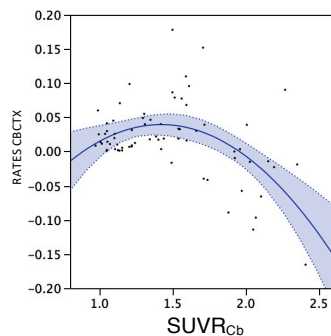
Aβ imaging: effect of “reference region”

| | n (HC/MCI/AD) | CB CTX | WHOLE CB | PONS | CB WM | SWM | SWM ^{KCER} | SWM ^{KCER} * | WHOLE CB + PONS | SWM + PONS | SWM ^{KCER} + PONS | SWM ^{KCER} * + PONS | SWM + WHOLE CB + PONS | SWM ^{KCER} + PONS + WHOLE CB | SWM ^{KCER} * + PONS + WHOLE CB |
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| ACROSS Dx | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| PIB | 206/68/53 | optimal | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | p=0.047 | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | p=0.047 | n.s. | n.s. | p=0.01 | n.s. | n.s. |
| FLUTE | 180/61/15 | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | p=0.05 | n.s. | n.s. | optimal | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. |
| FBP | 166/15/8 | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | optimal | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. |
| FBB | 132/49/31 | optimal | p=0.026 | p<0.001 | p=0.0015 | p=0.001 | p=0.005 | p=0.0044 | p=0.013 | p=0.0019 | p=0.0025 | p=0.0022 | p=0.0033 | p=0.0063 | p=0.0055 |
| NAV | 57/17/8 | optimal | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. |

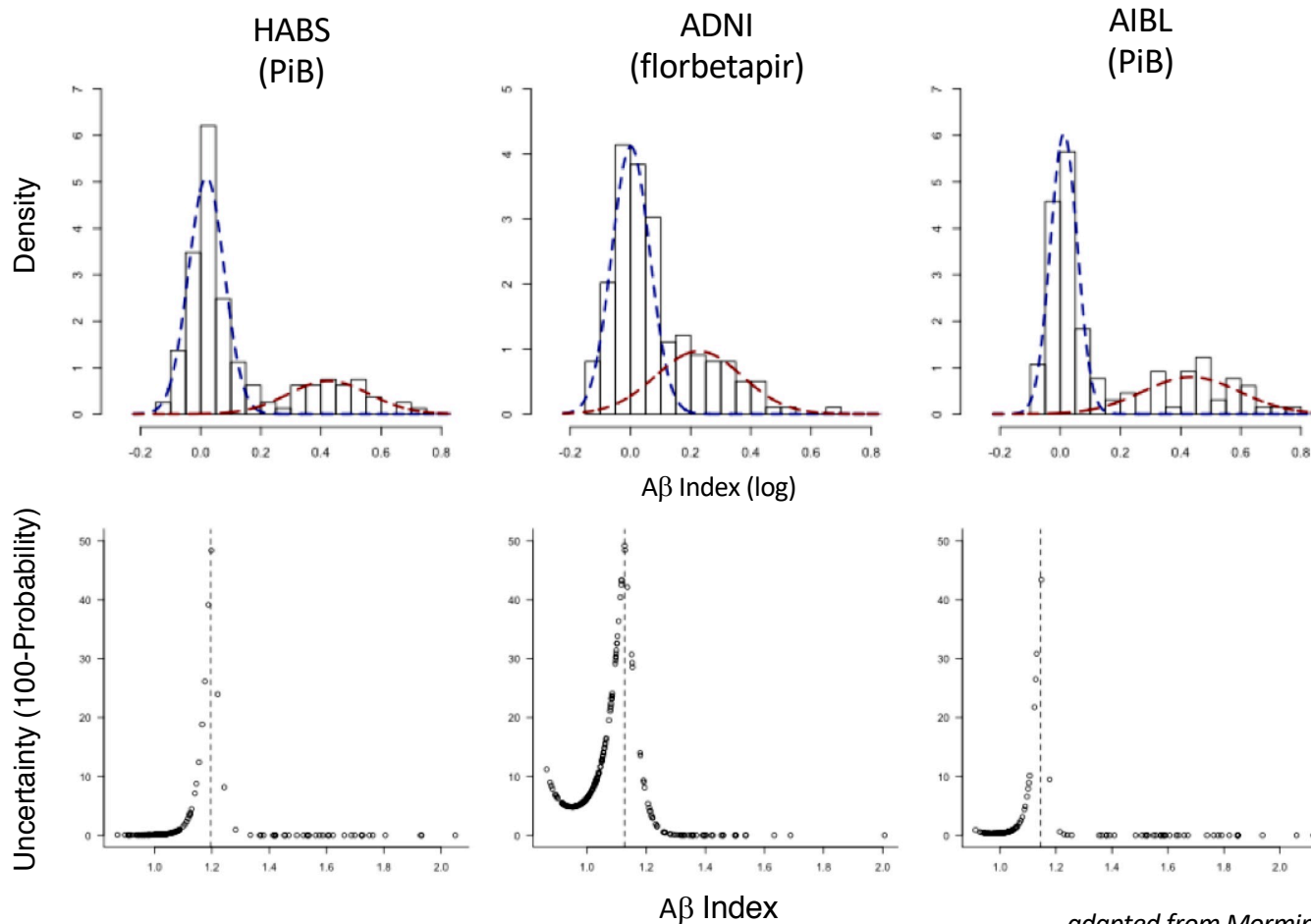
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| PIB | 121/27/11 | optimal | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. |
| FLUTE | 122/28/9 | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | optimal | n.s. | p=0.025 | p=0.095 | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. |
| FBP | 102/5/2 | p<0.001 | p=0.017 | p=0.042 | n.s. | n.s. | optimal | n.s. | p=0.074 | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. |
| FBB | 25/39/5 | n.s. | n.s. | optimal | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. |
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| ACROSS Aβ status | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| PIB | 206/68/53 | n.s. | n.s. | n.s. | optimal | p<0.001 | p<0.001 | p<0.001 | n.s. | p<0.001 | p=0.01 | p=0.0055 | p<0.001 | p=0.0022 | p=0.001 |
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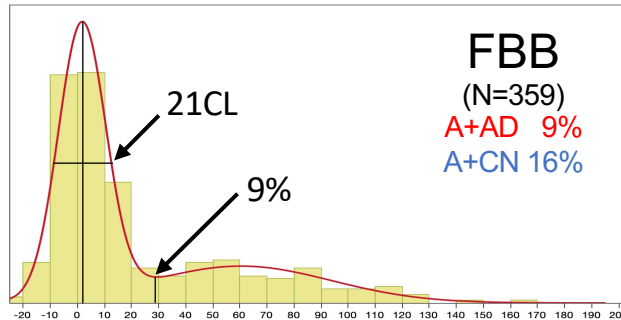
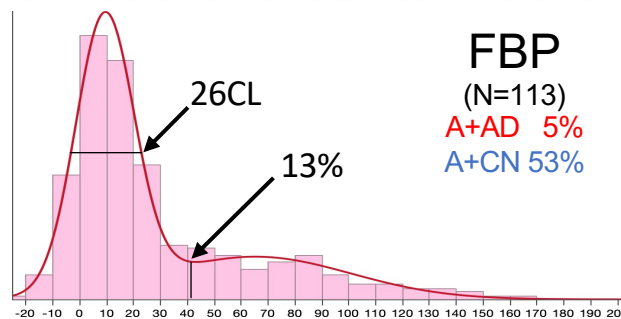
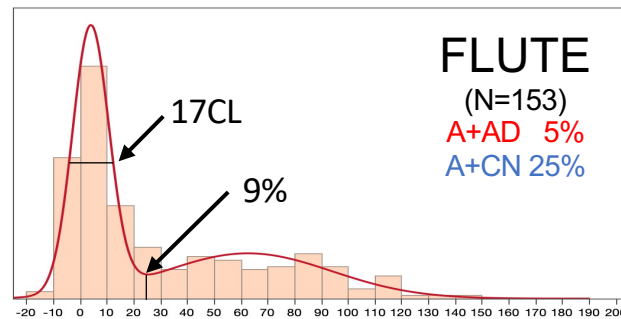
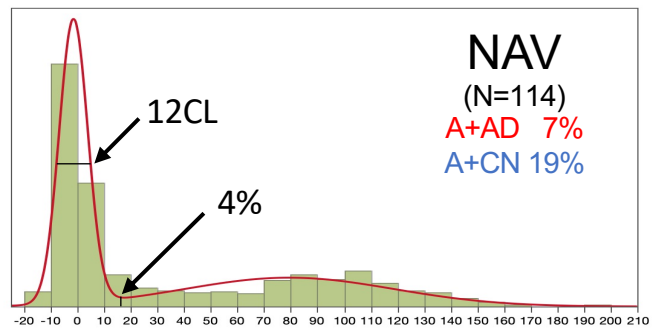
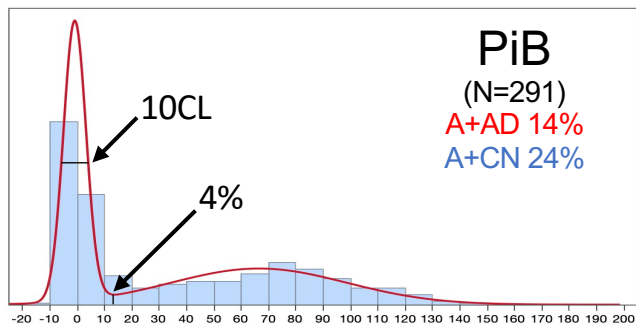


Discriminatory power of PiB and FBP



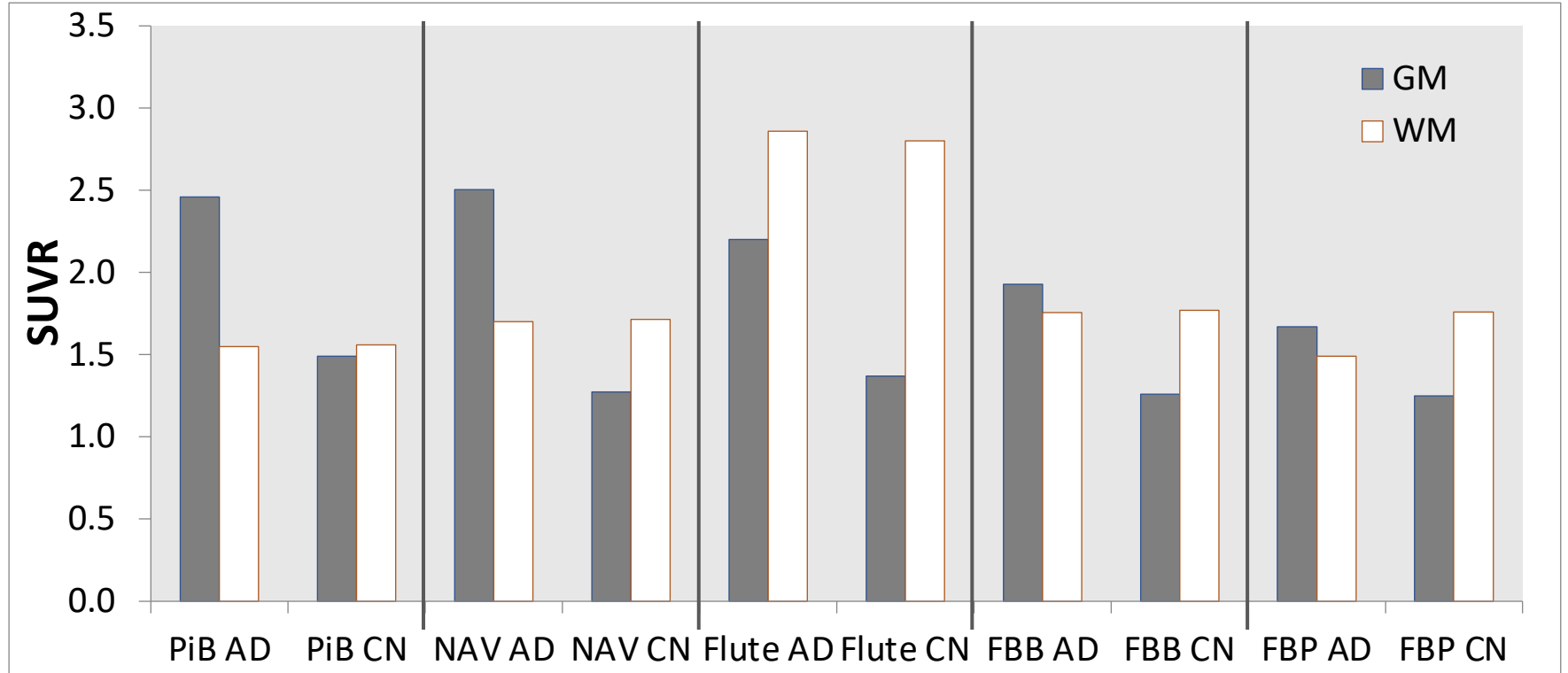
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Discriminatory power of A β tracers



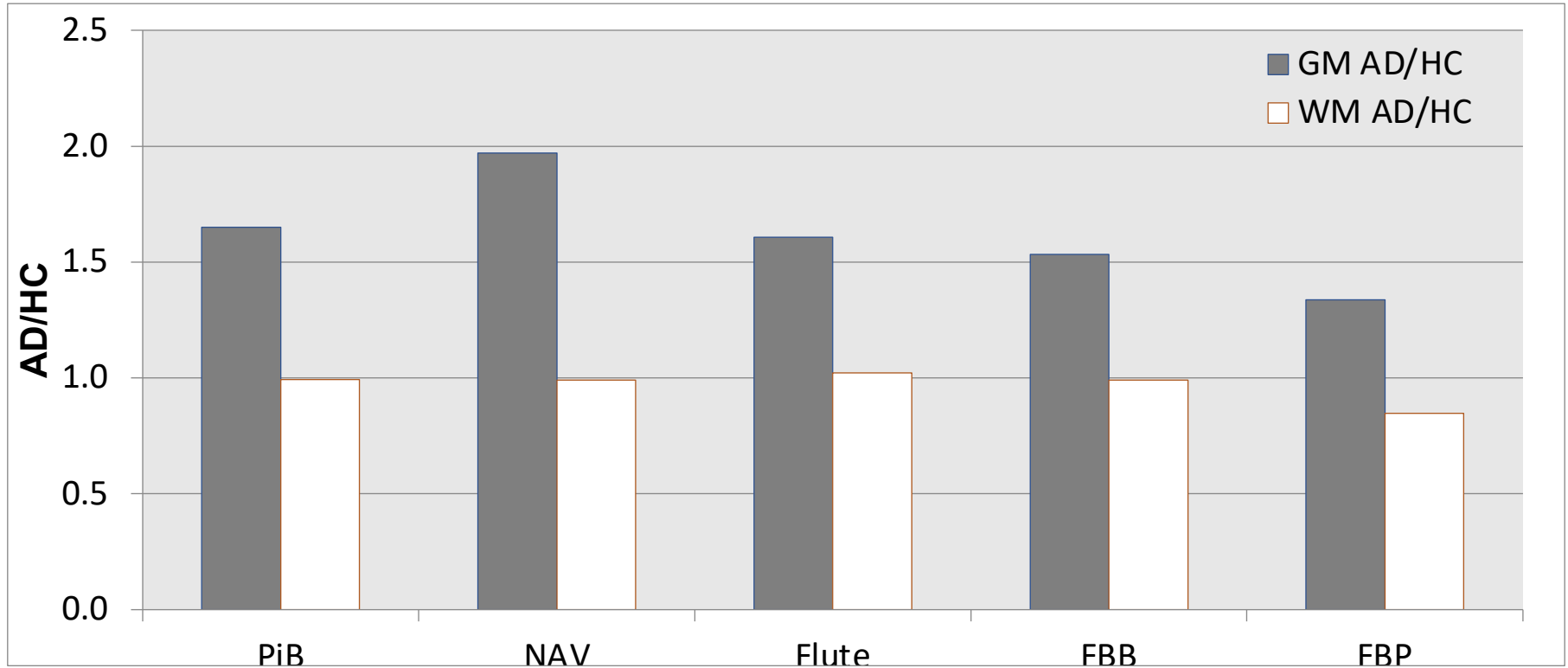
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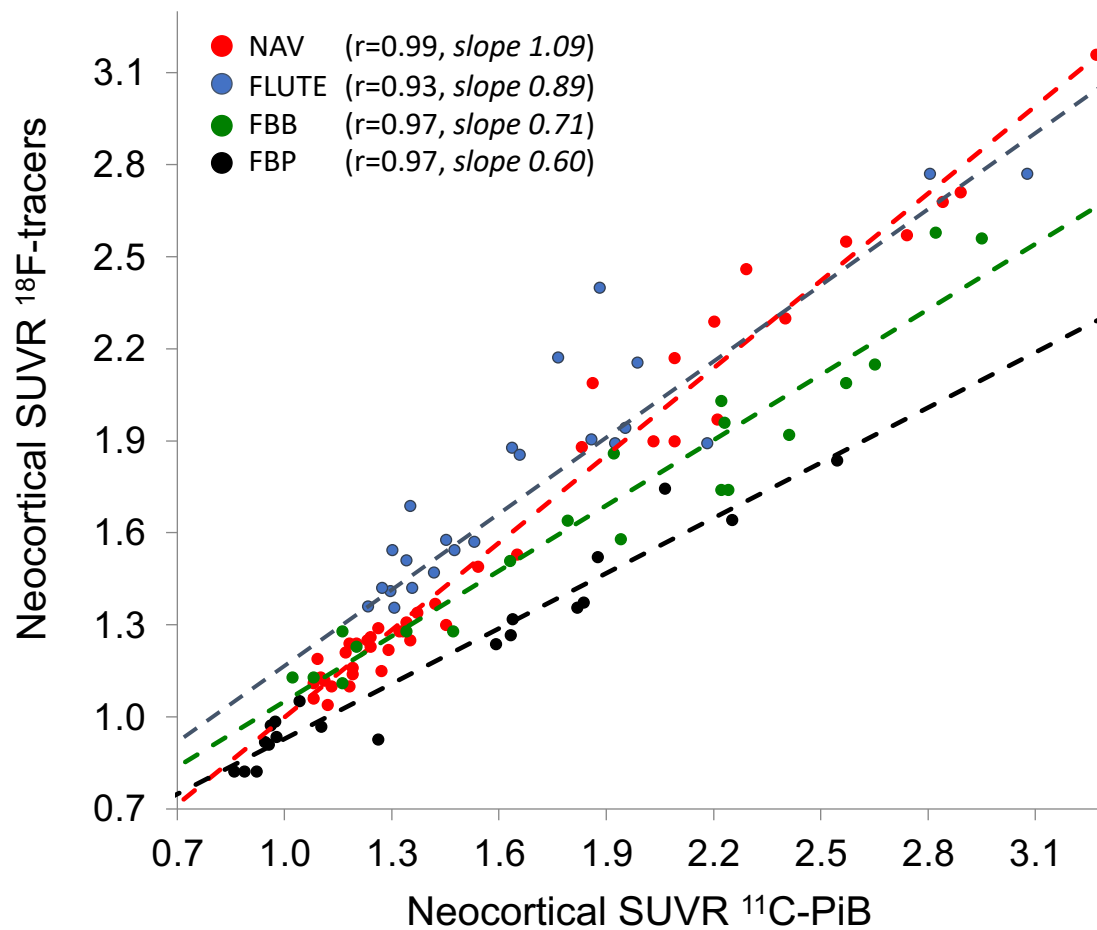


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Grey and white matter retention AD/HC



Comparison of ^{18}F -amyloid ligands vs ^{11}C -PiB

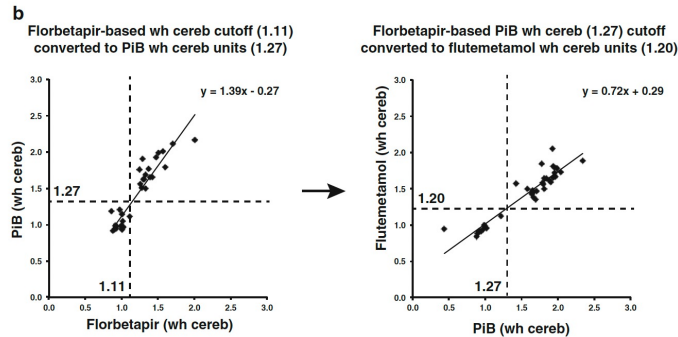
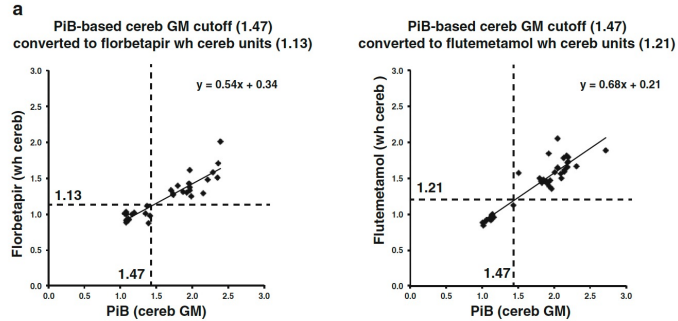


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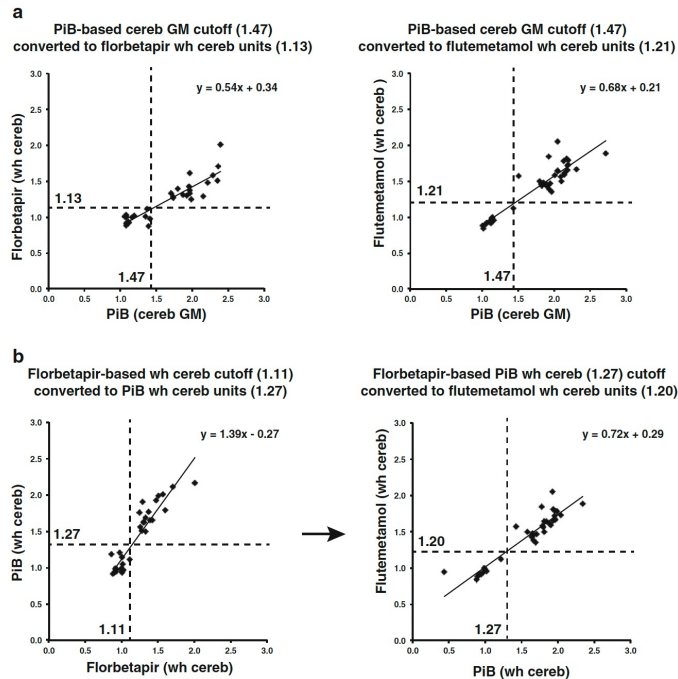


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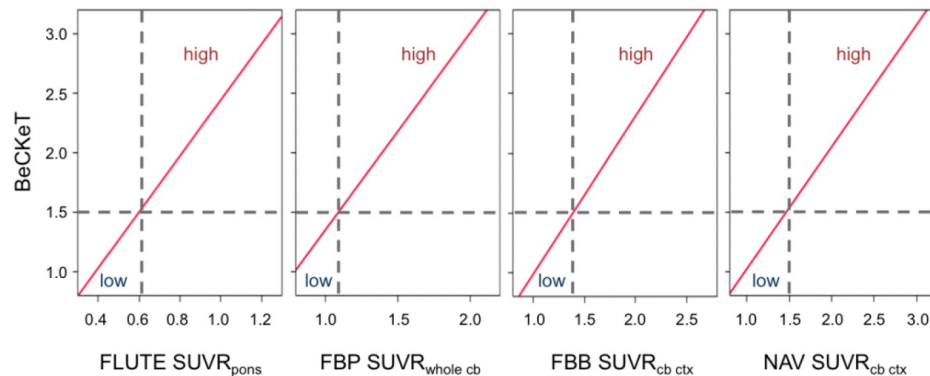


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(BeCKeT: Before the Centiloid Kernel Transformation)

Centiloid transformation



The centiloid project: Standardizing quantitative amyloid plaque estimation by PET

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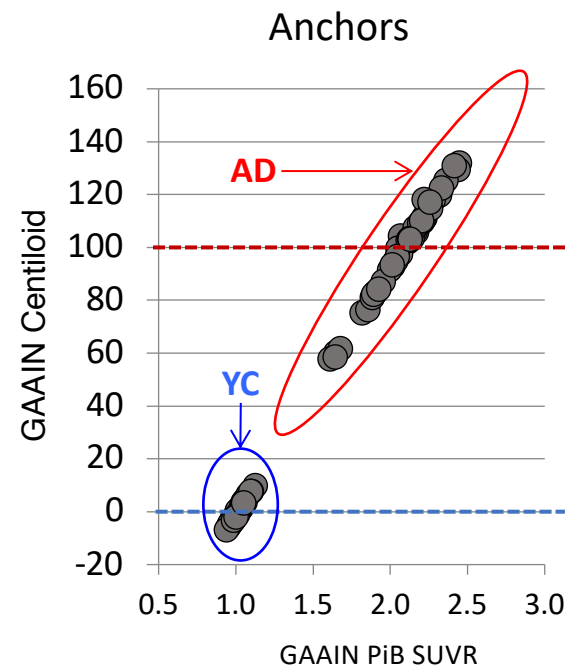
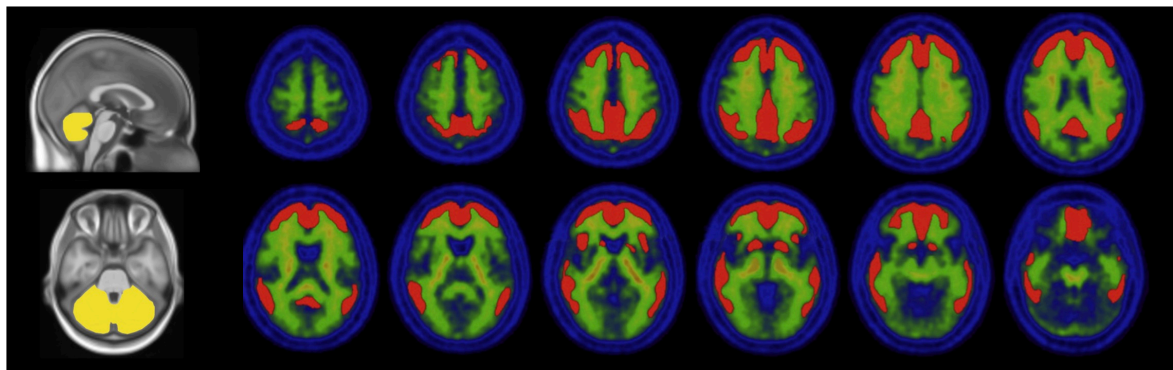
Alzheimer's
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Defines the **0** (young controls) and **100** (mild AD+) anchor points
Spatial normalization w/ SPM8 of MRI and co-registered PET into MNI-158

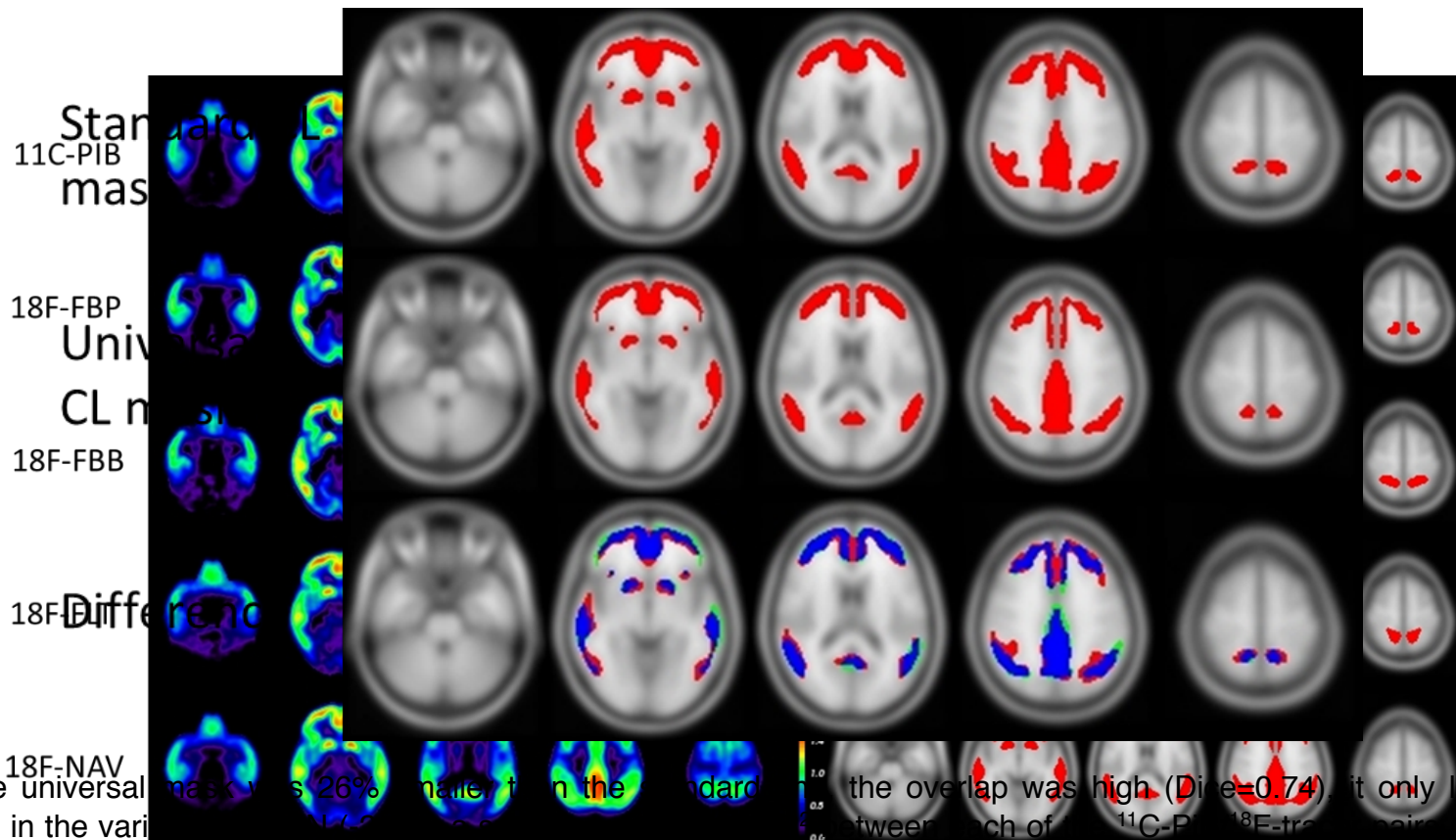
- Standard VOIs

One Cortical VOI (A β + areas after subtracting EC from AD)

Four reference regions: **WCB** -



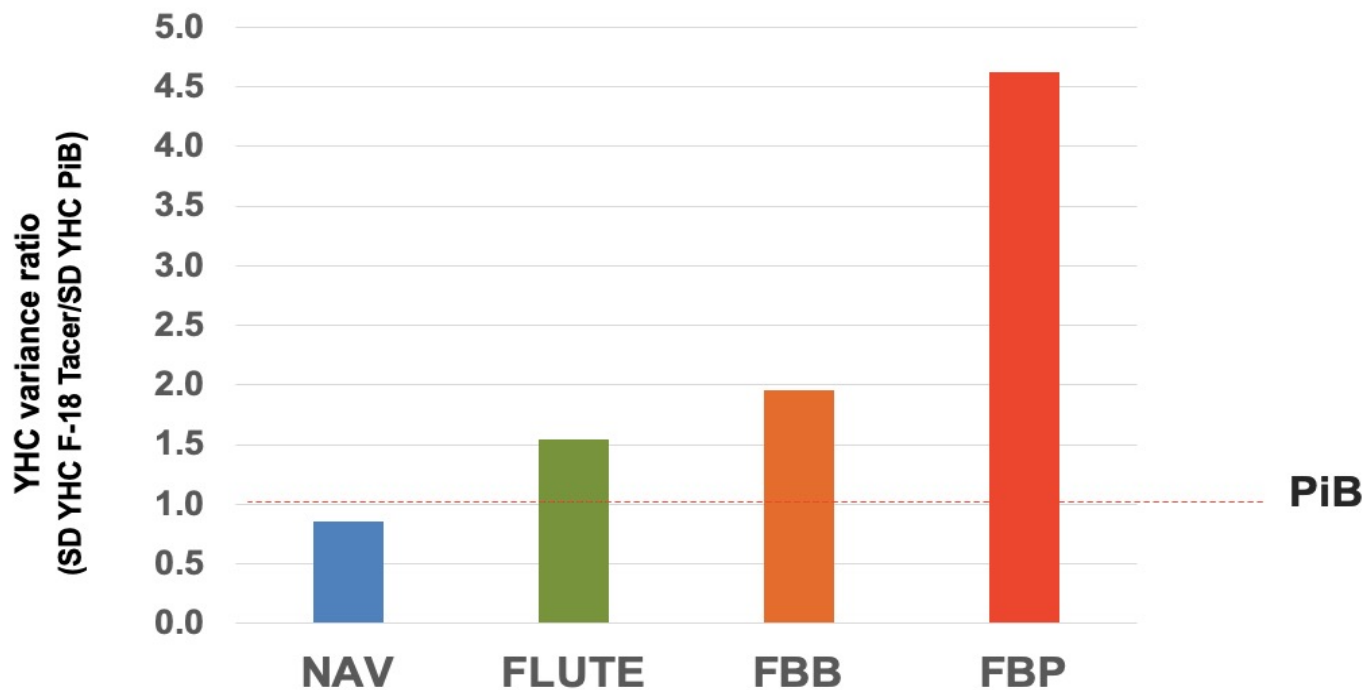
Centiloid cortical mask



While the universal mask was 26% smaller than the standard mask, the overlap was high ($Dice=0.74$), it only led to a small reduction in the variability ($CV=0.02$) between each of the ^{11}C -PIB/ ^{18}F -tracer pairs ($+0.25\%$), and a slightly higher effect-size between HC/AD (1.895 vs 1.956) and HC/MCI (0.599 vs 0.601). Those increases were however relatively small indicating that the existing standard CL mask is suitable for the quantification of all A β tracers.

A β imaging in Alzheimer's disease

A β tracer-specific noise



PiB: Klunk et al., Alzheimer Dement, 2015.

NAV: Rowe et al., J Nucl Med, 2016.

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Centiloid Thresholds

Neuropathology

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| PiB | (<i>La Joie et al., Alzheimers Dement. 2019</i>) | 12-24 CL |
| Florbetaben | (<i>Doré et al., Alzheimers Dement.. 2019, Bullich et al., AR&T, 2021</i>) | 13-21-36 CL |
| Florbetapir | (<i>Navitsky et al., Alzheimers Dement. 2018</i>) | 24 CL |
| Flutemetamol | (<i>Battle et al., EJNMMI Res. 2018</i>) | (25-30 CL)* |

Specificity threshold (95%ile YC)

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| PiB | (<i>Su et al., Neuroimage: Clinical. 2018</i>) | 6-12 CL |
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Reliable worsening method

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| PiB | (<i>Jack et al., Alzheimers Dement. 2017</i>) | 19 CL |
| PiB | (<i>Su et al., Neuroimage: Clinical. 2018</i>) | 11 CL |

CSF

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| Flutemetamol | (<i>Salvadó et al, Alzheimers Res Ther. 2019</i>) | 12-30 CL |
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Tipping point

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| PiB | (<i>Schindler et al, Neurology, 2021</i>) | 7 CL |
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Risk of cognitive decline/clinical progression

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| PiB | (<i>extended from Rowe Ann Neurol, 2013</i>) | 20 CL |
| PiB-FBP | (<i>Farell et al., Neurology, 2021</i>) | 15-18.5 CL |

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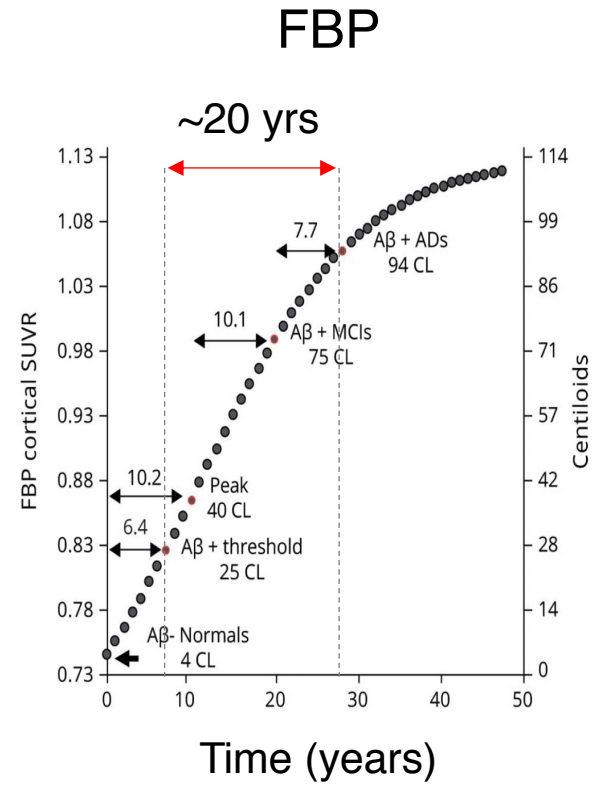
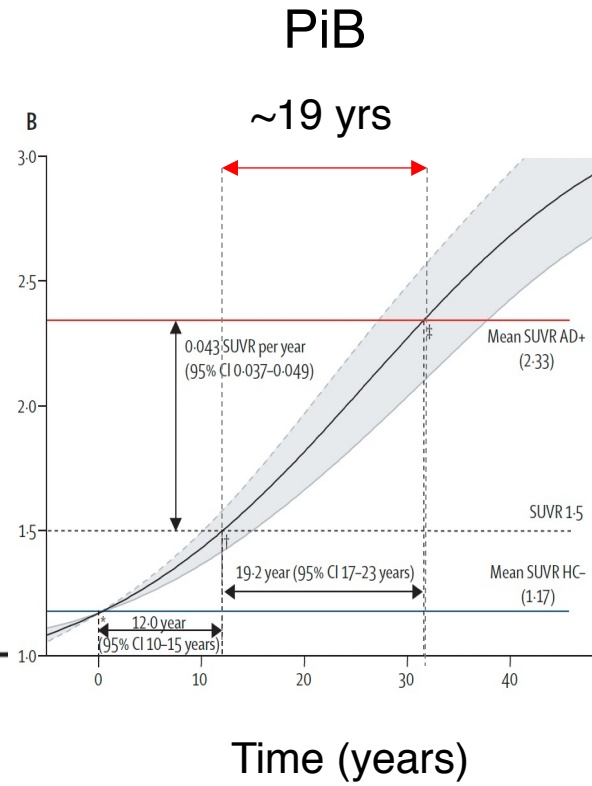
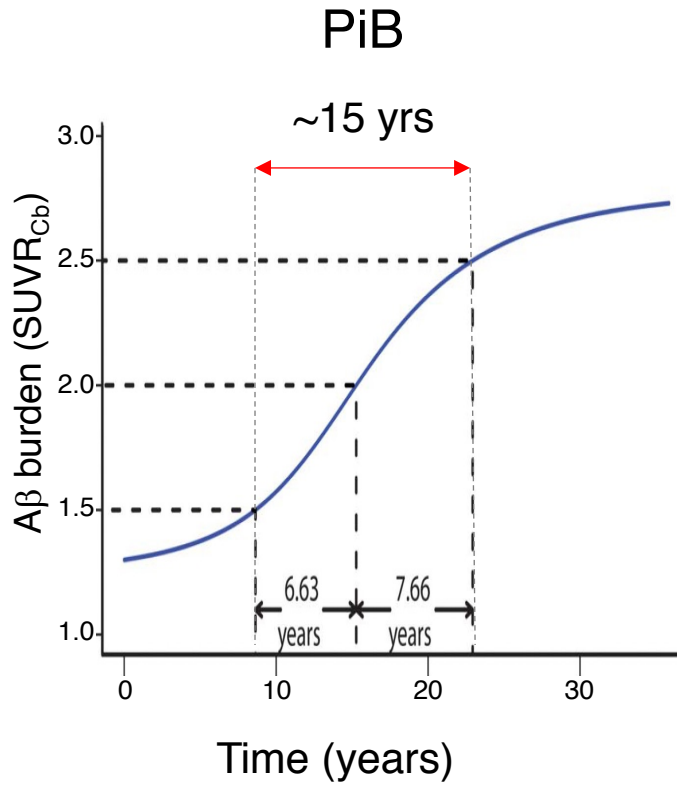
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18-20 CL

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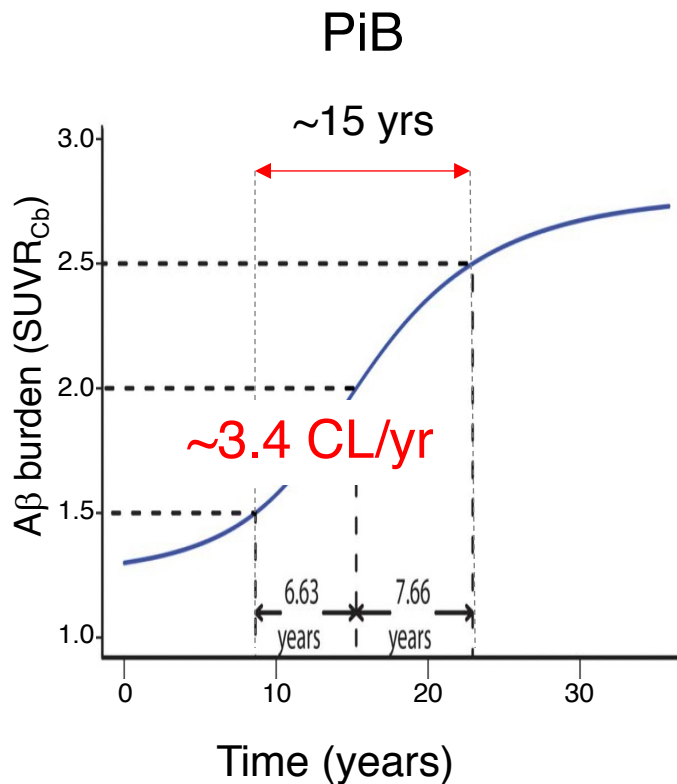


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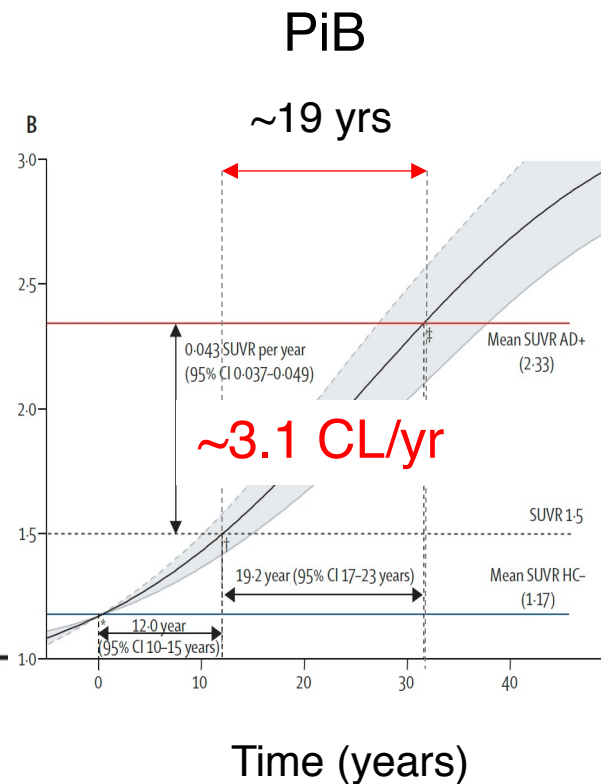
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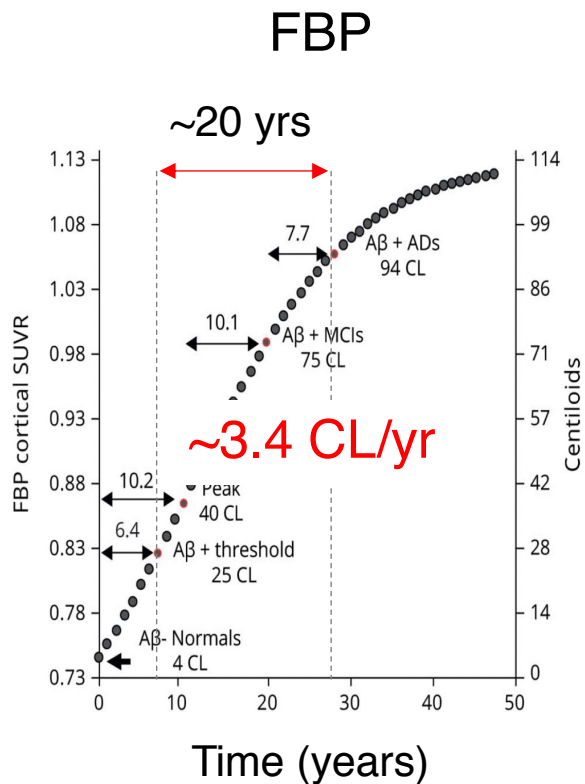
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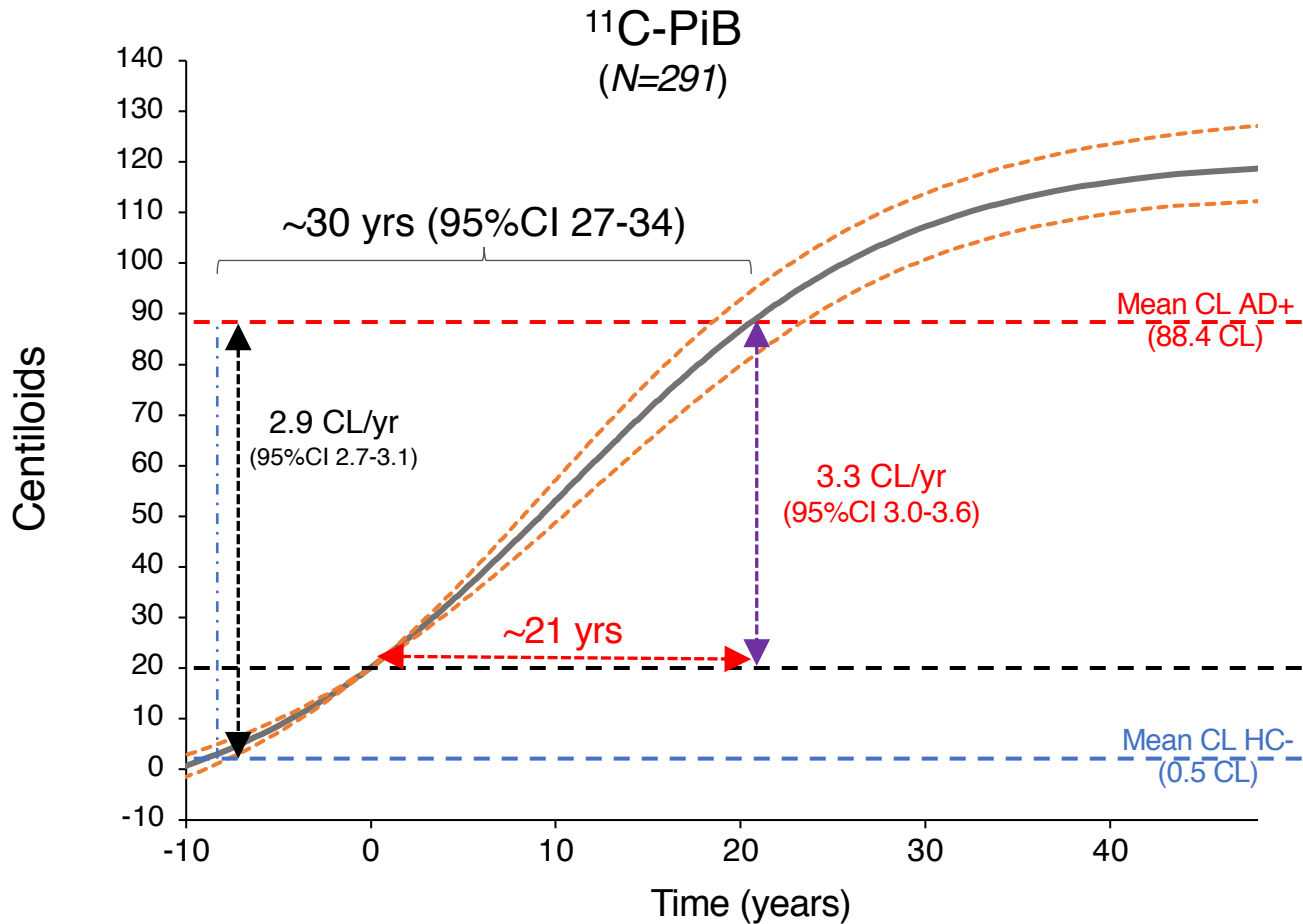


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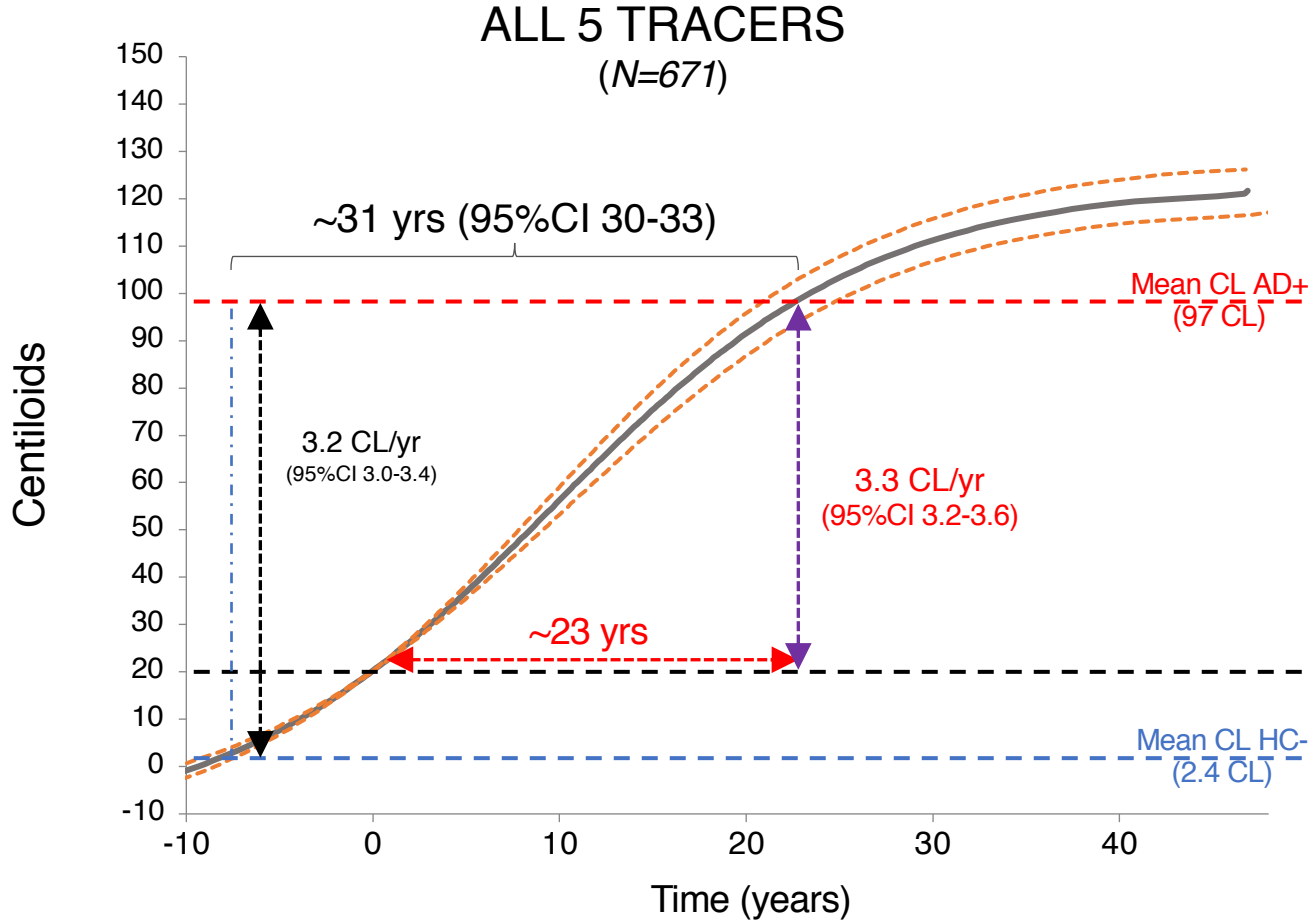


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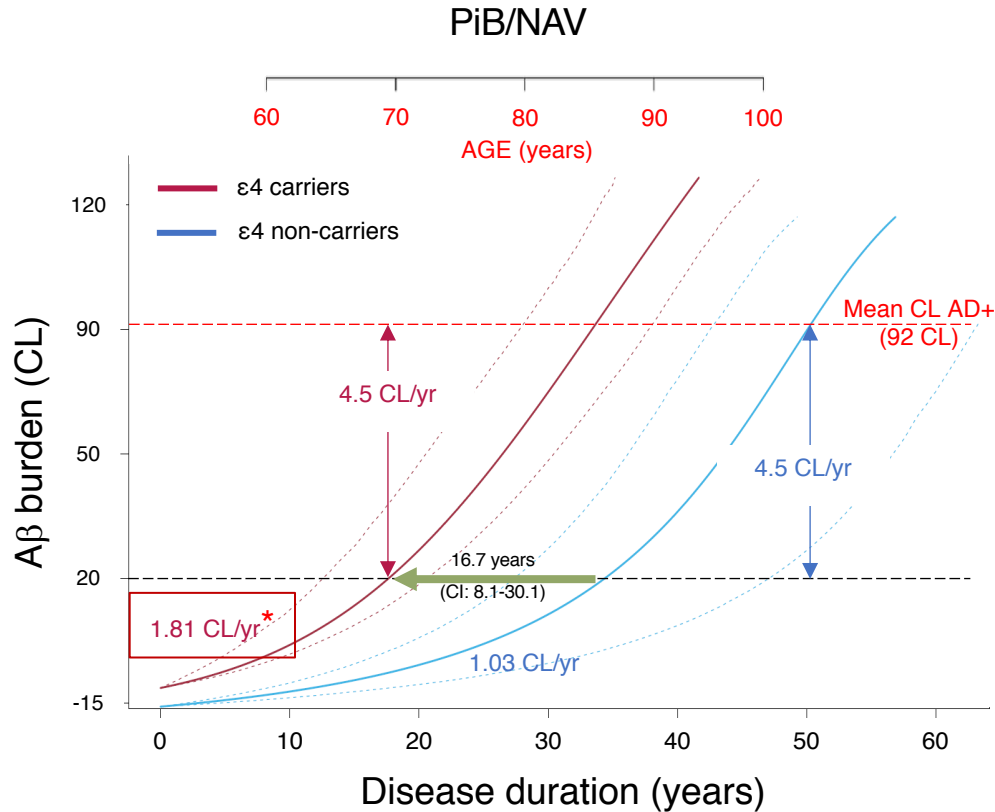
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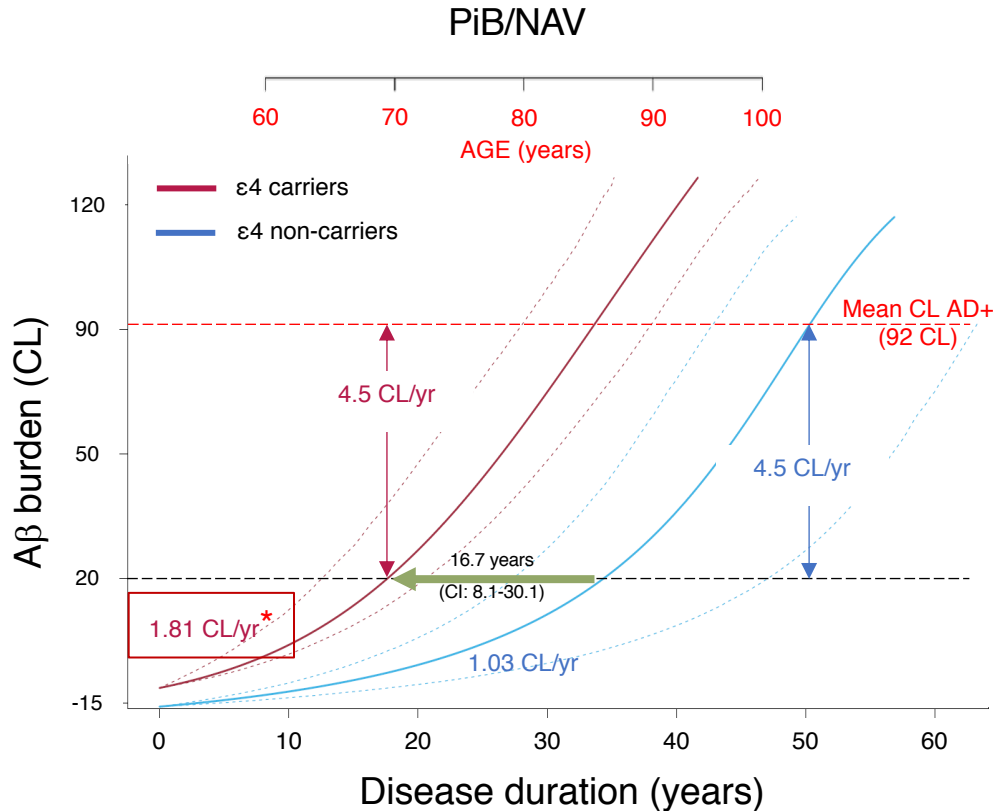
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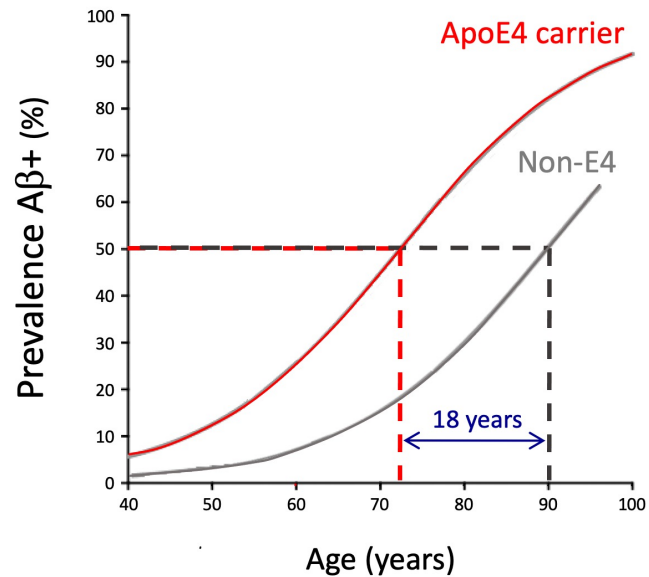
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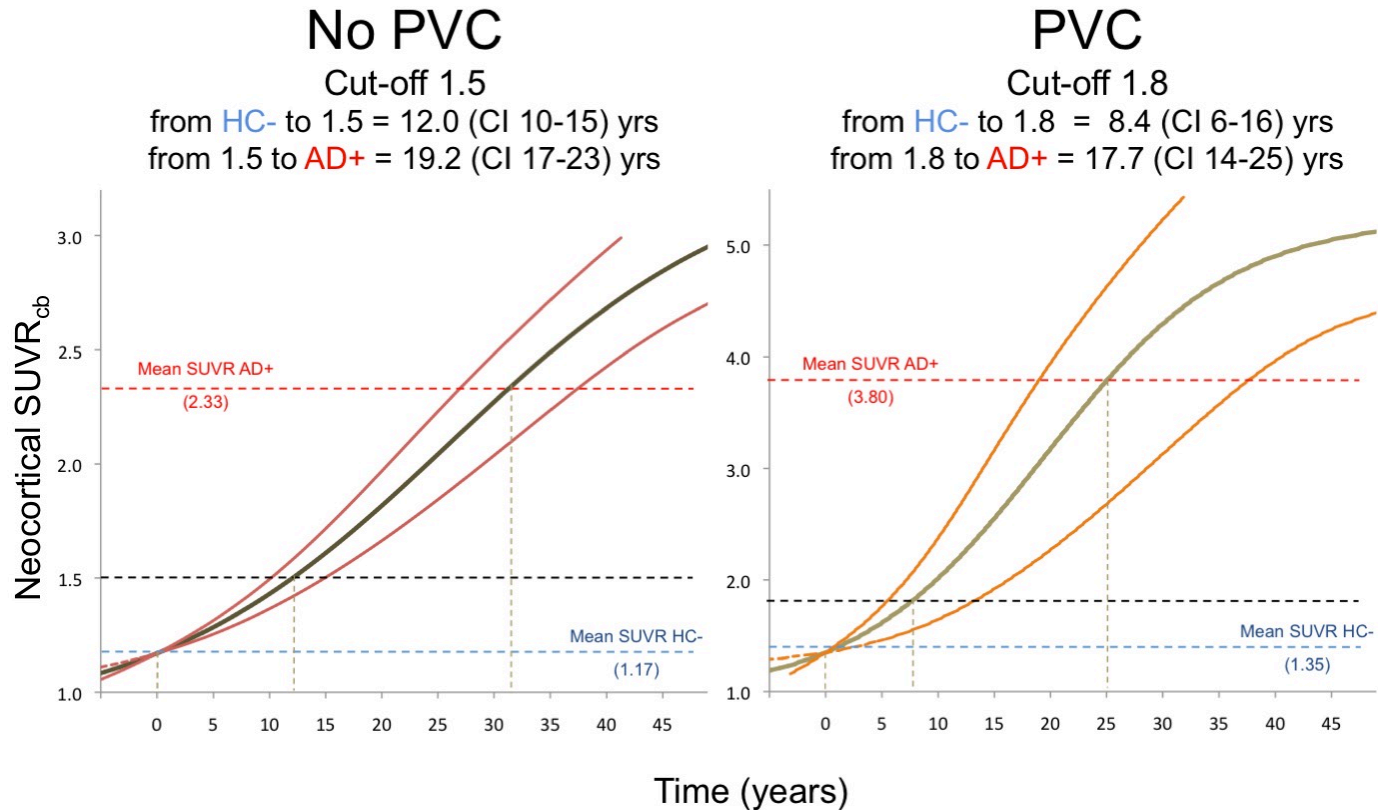
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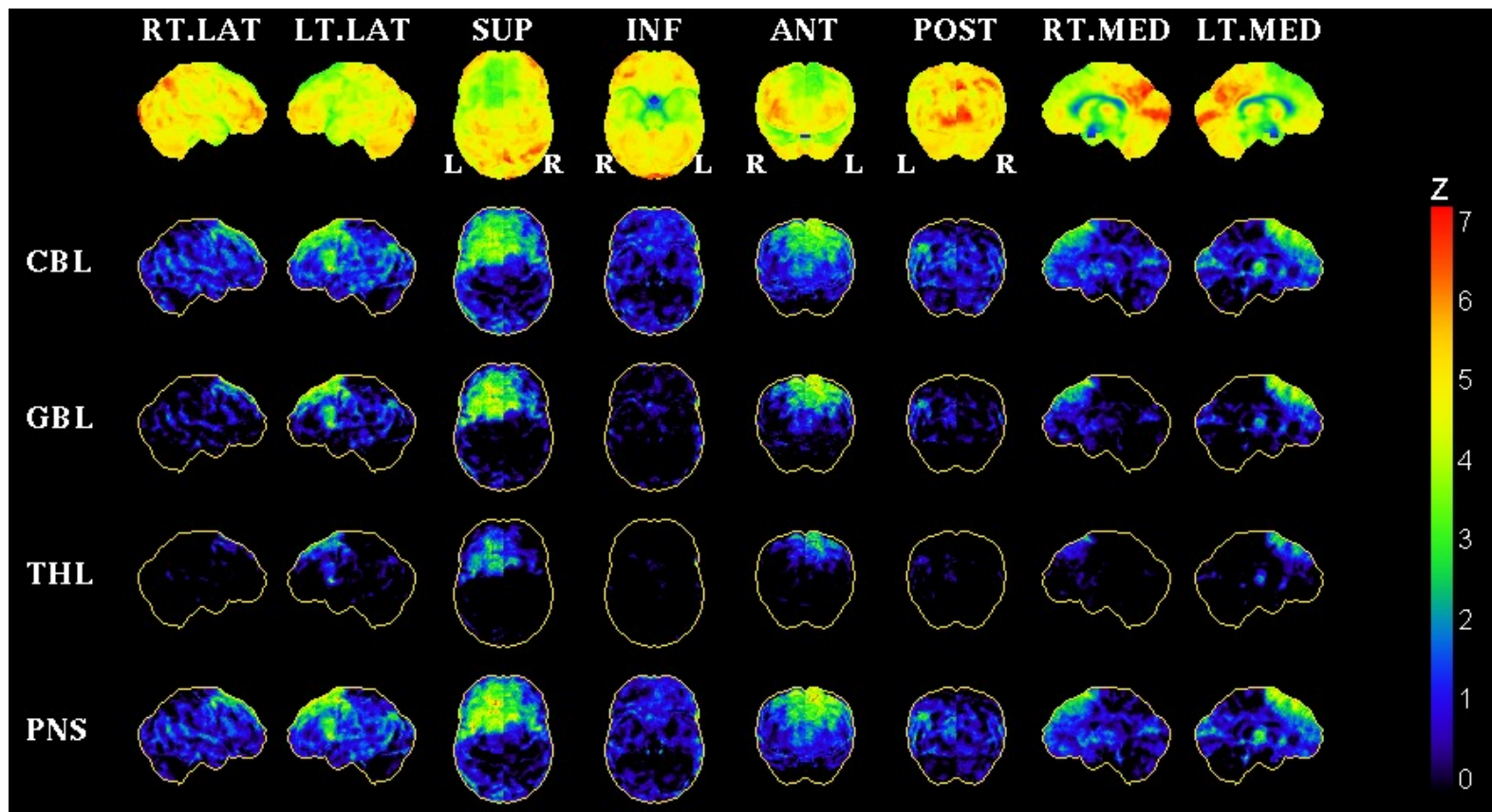
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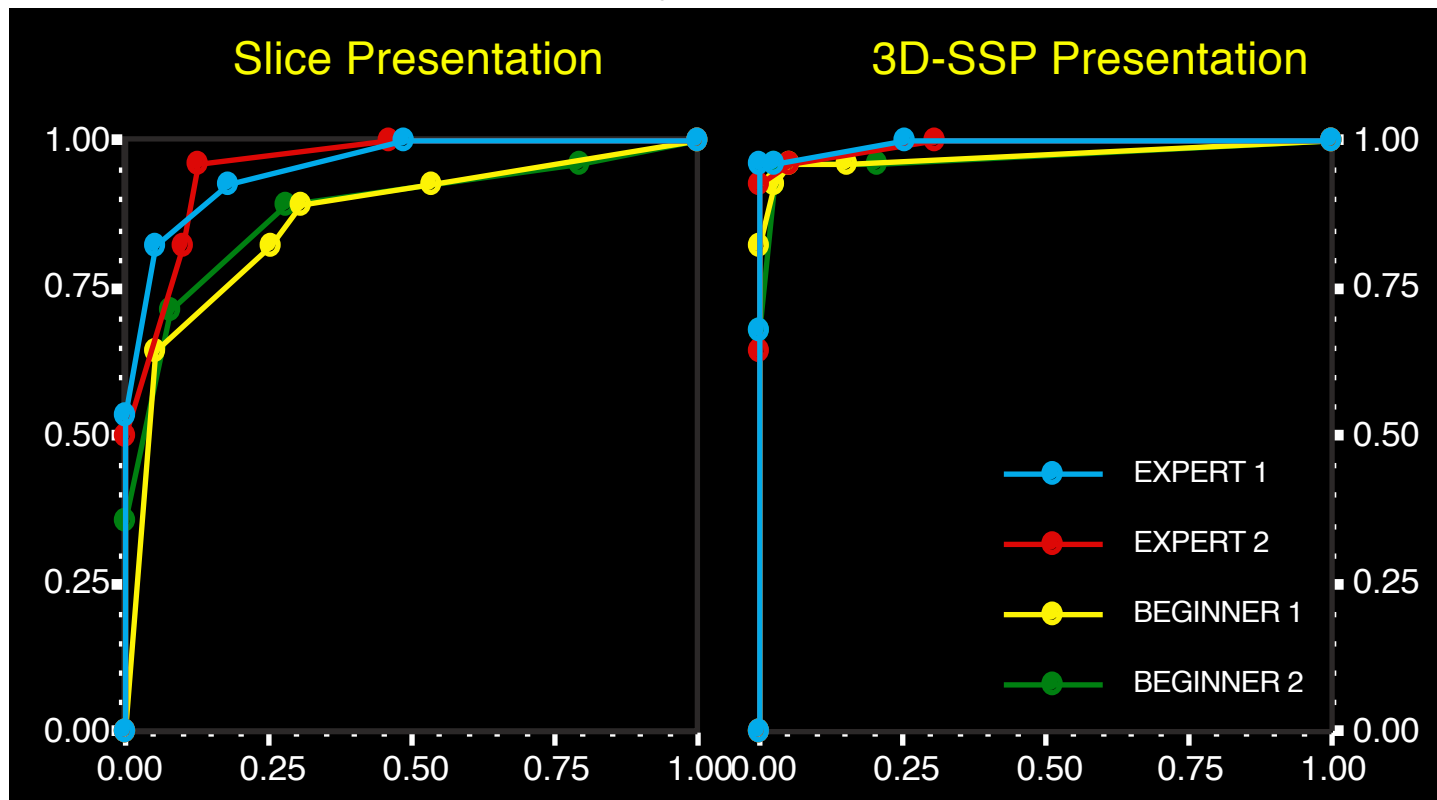
Improvement in visual reads by adding quantification

NeuroStat 3D-SSP: 3D surface projection



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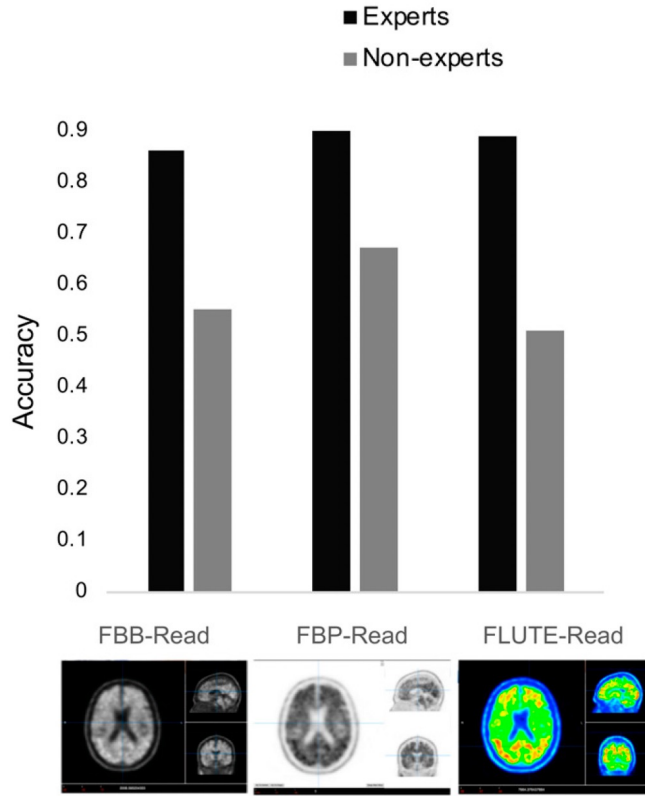
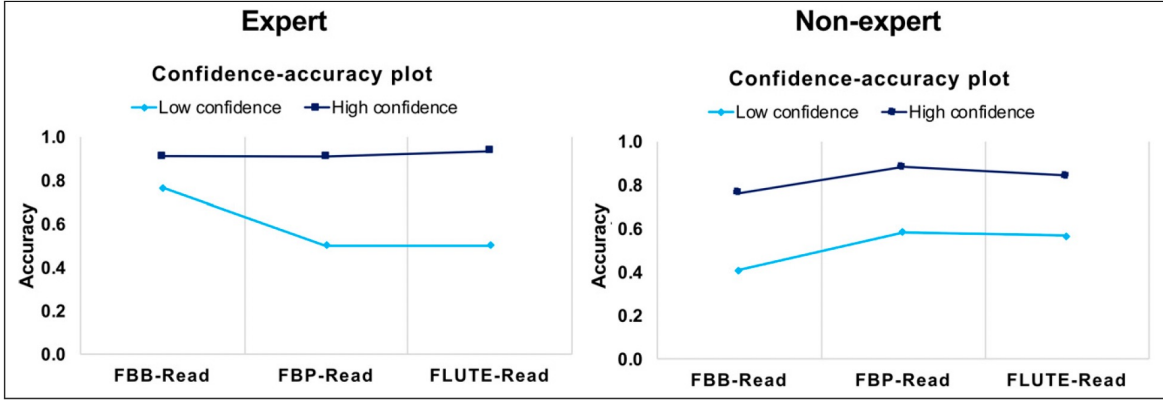










FIGURE 2. CAC separately by experts (left) and nonexperts (right). Light blue represents low confidence judgments by accuracy values, and dark blue represents high-confidence judgments by accuracy. CAC are shown by visual rating method. FBB = ¹⁸F-florbetaben; FBP = ¹⁸F-florbetapir; FLUTE = ¹⁸F-flutemetamol.

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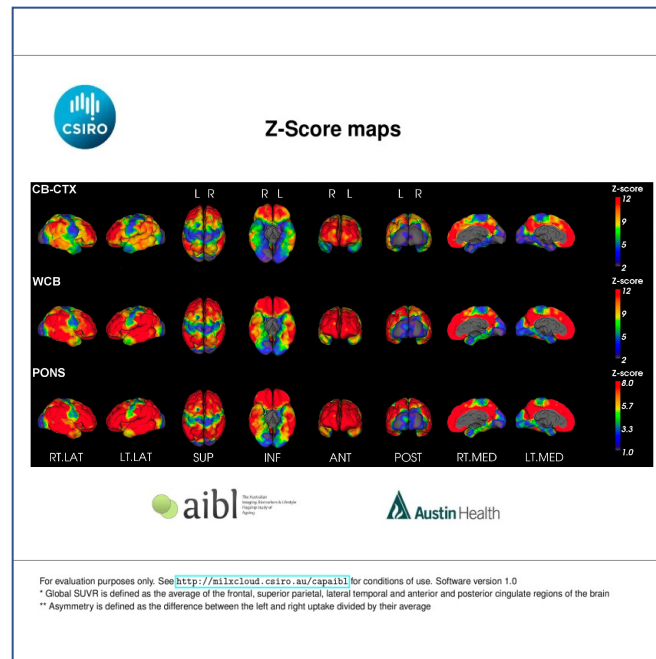
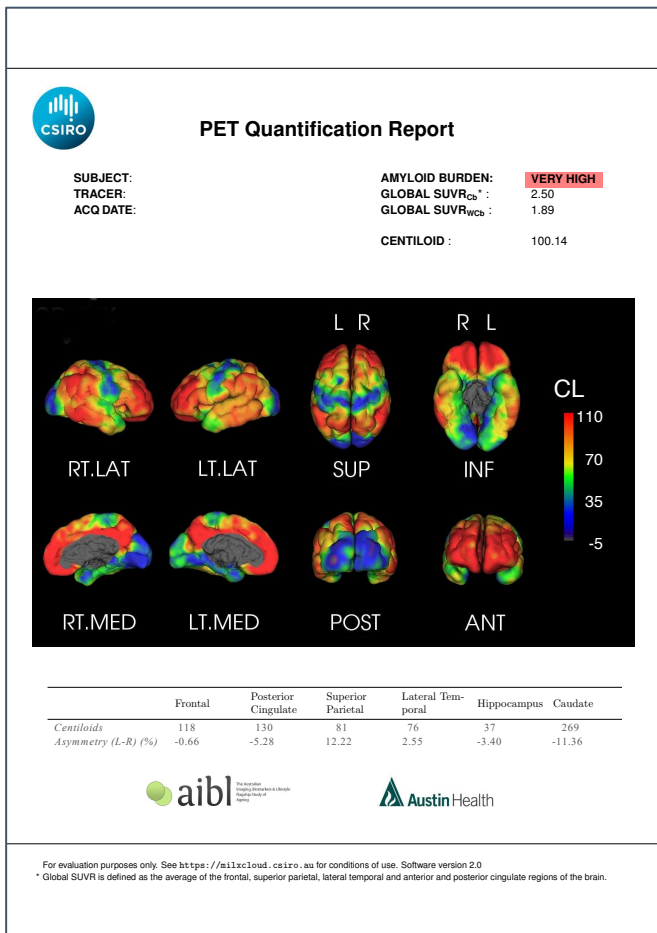
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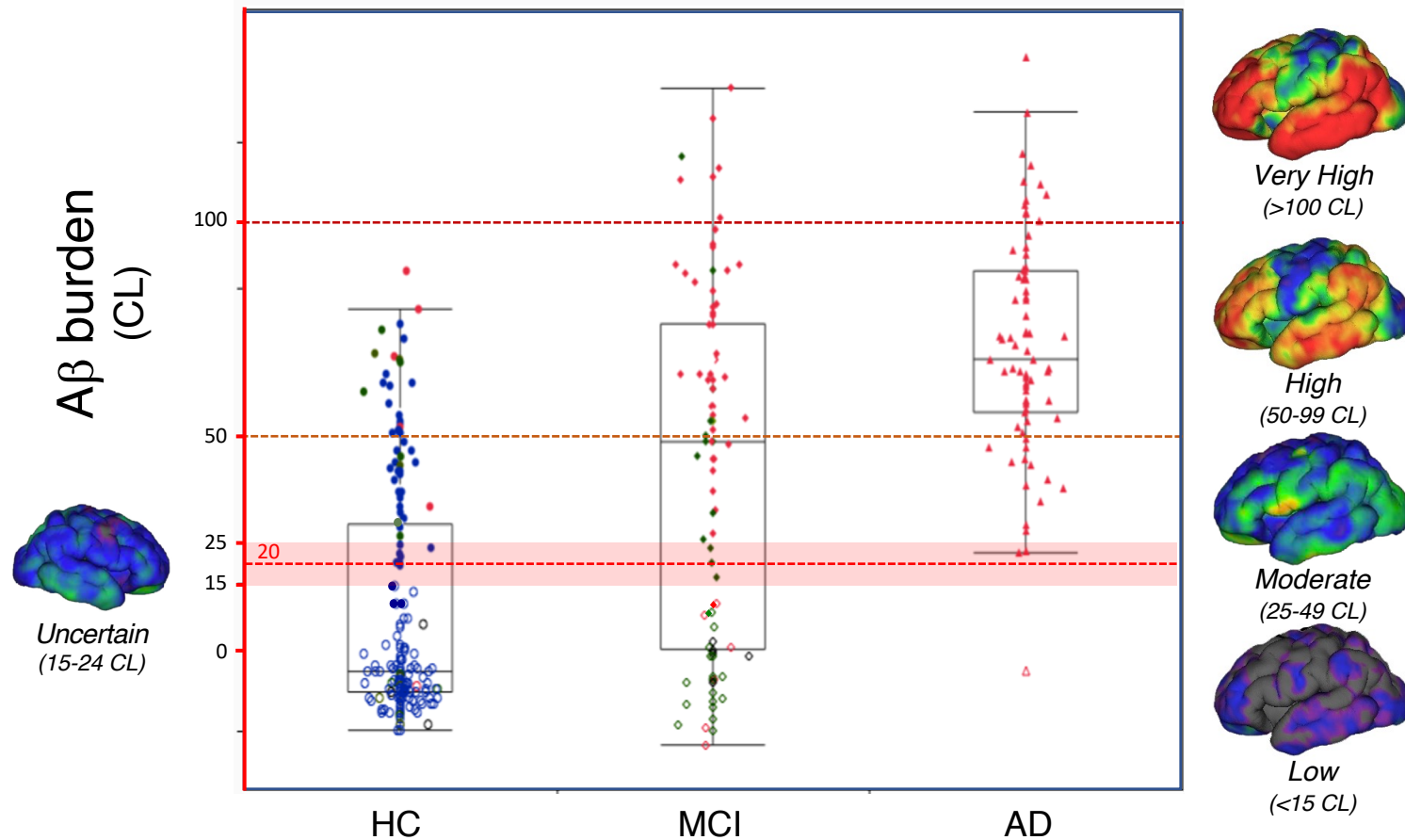
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Streamlining quantification: CapAIBL



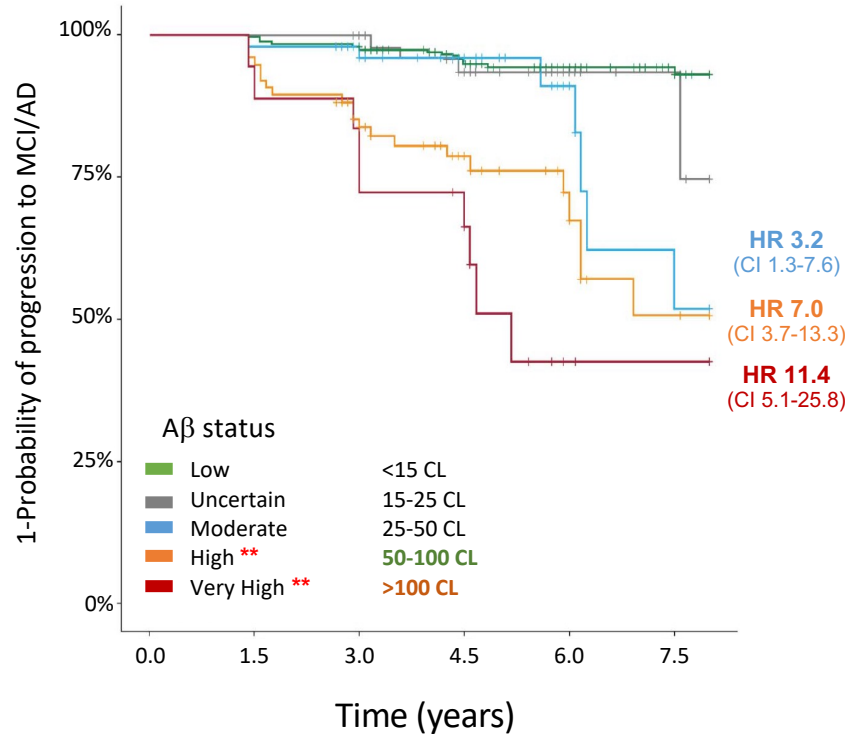
- **Cloud-based**
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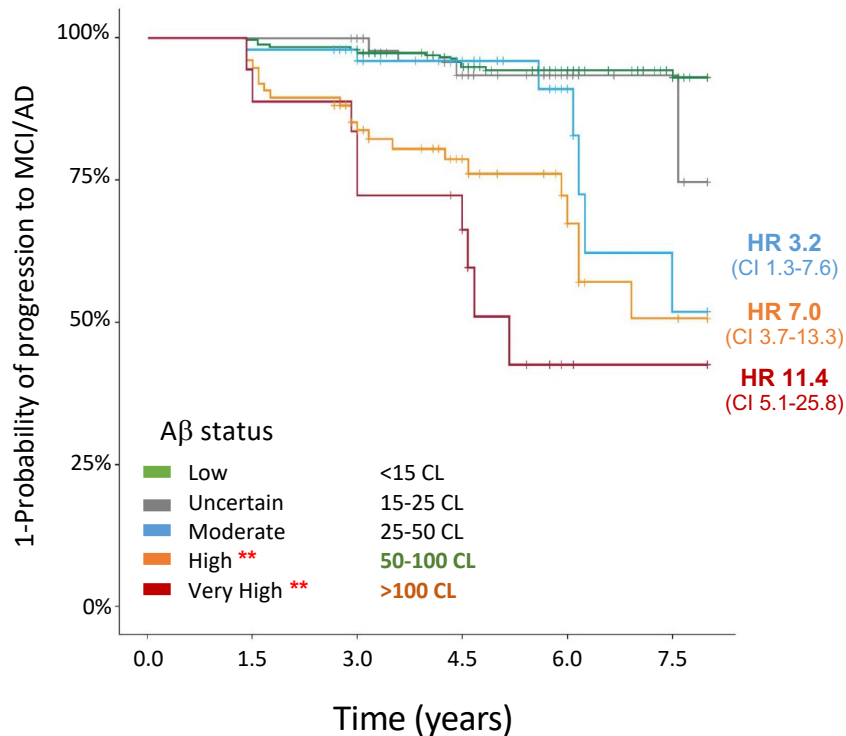
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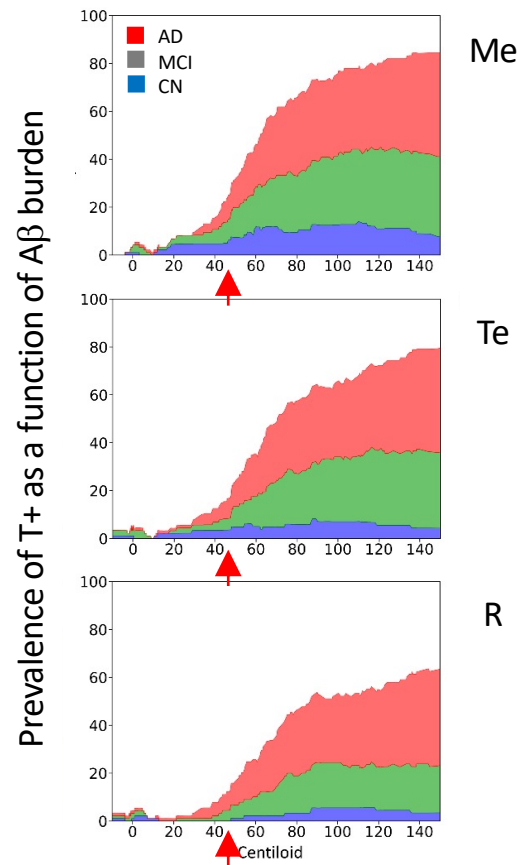
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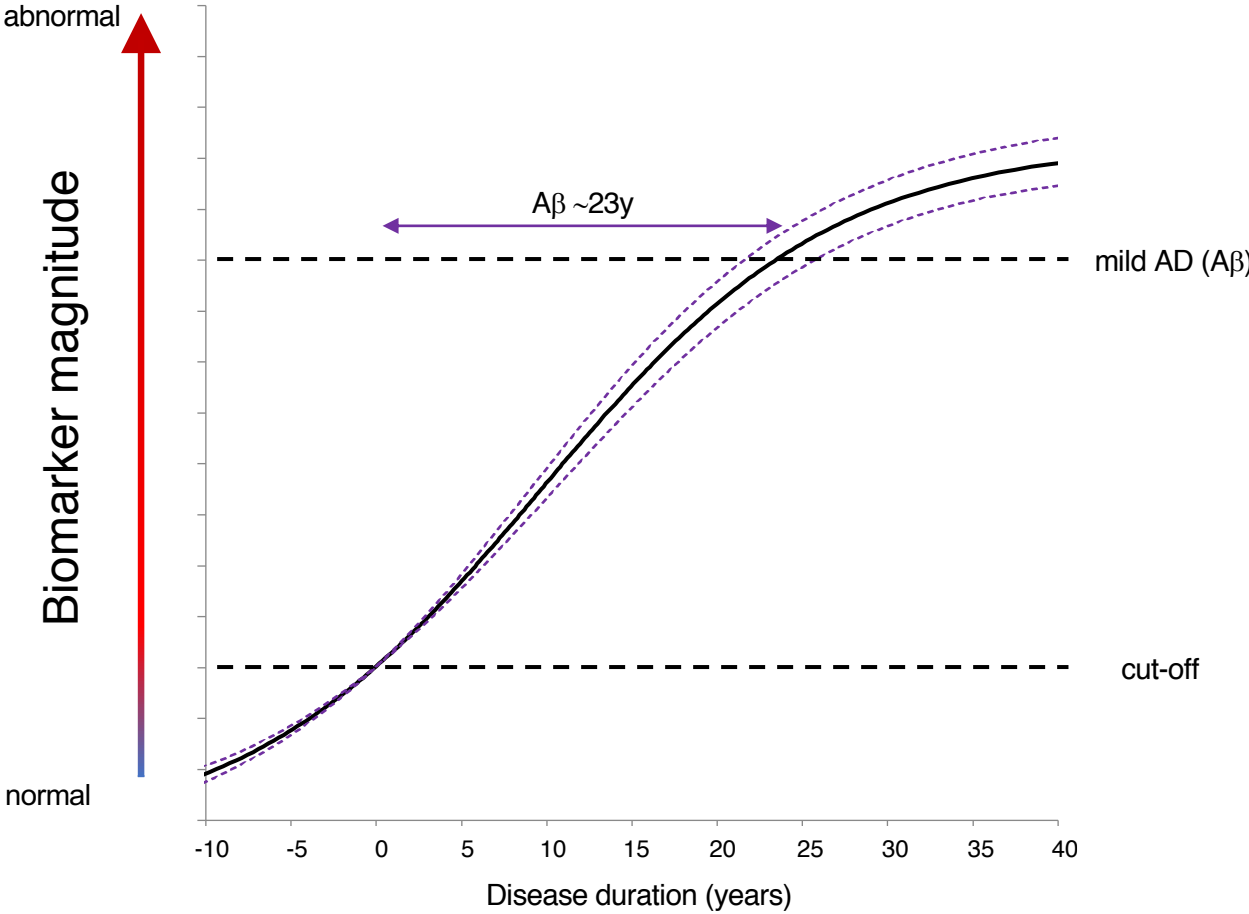


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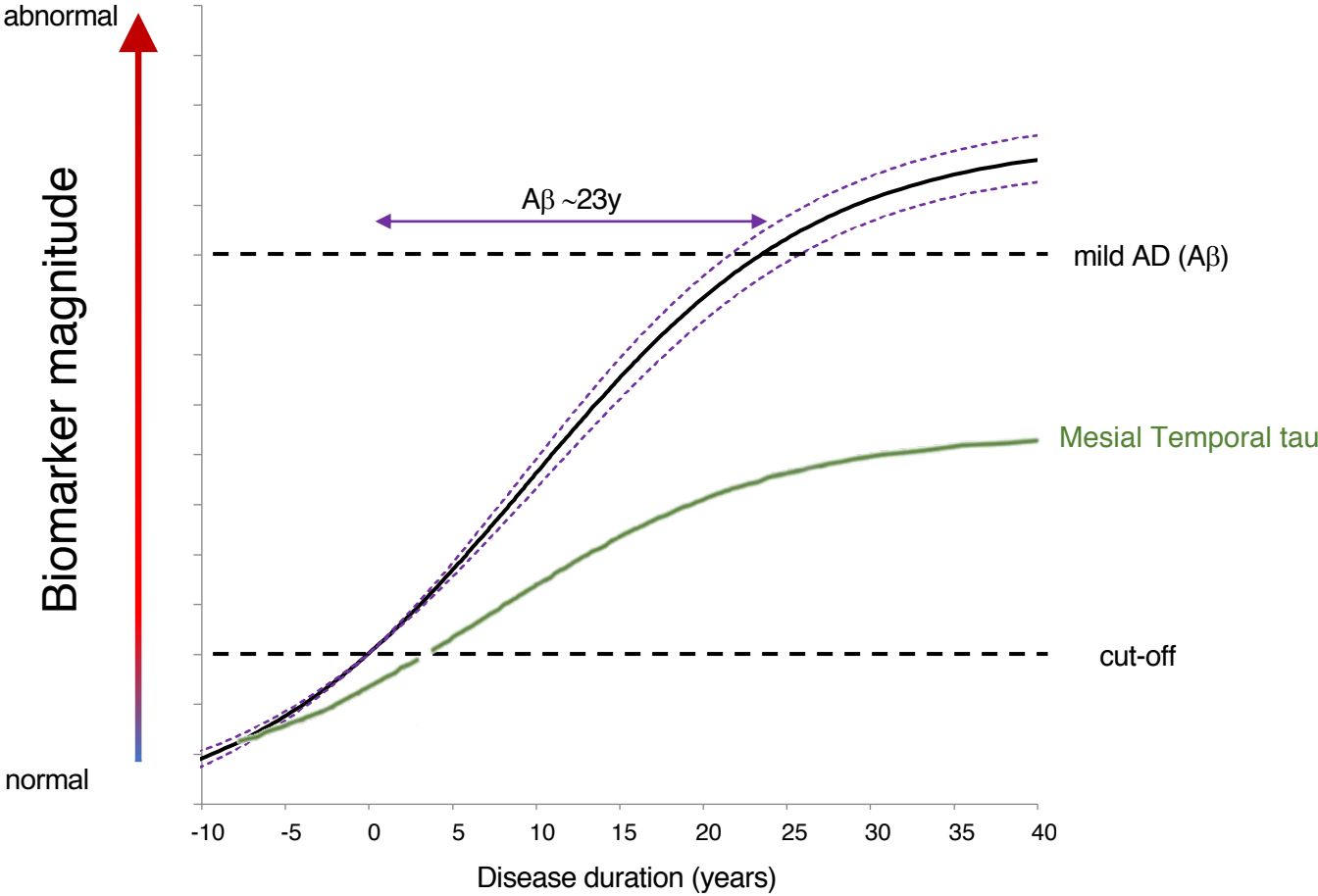


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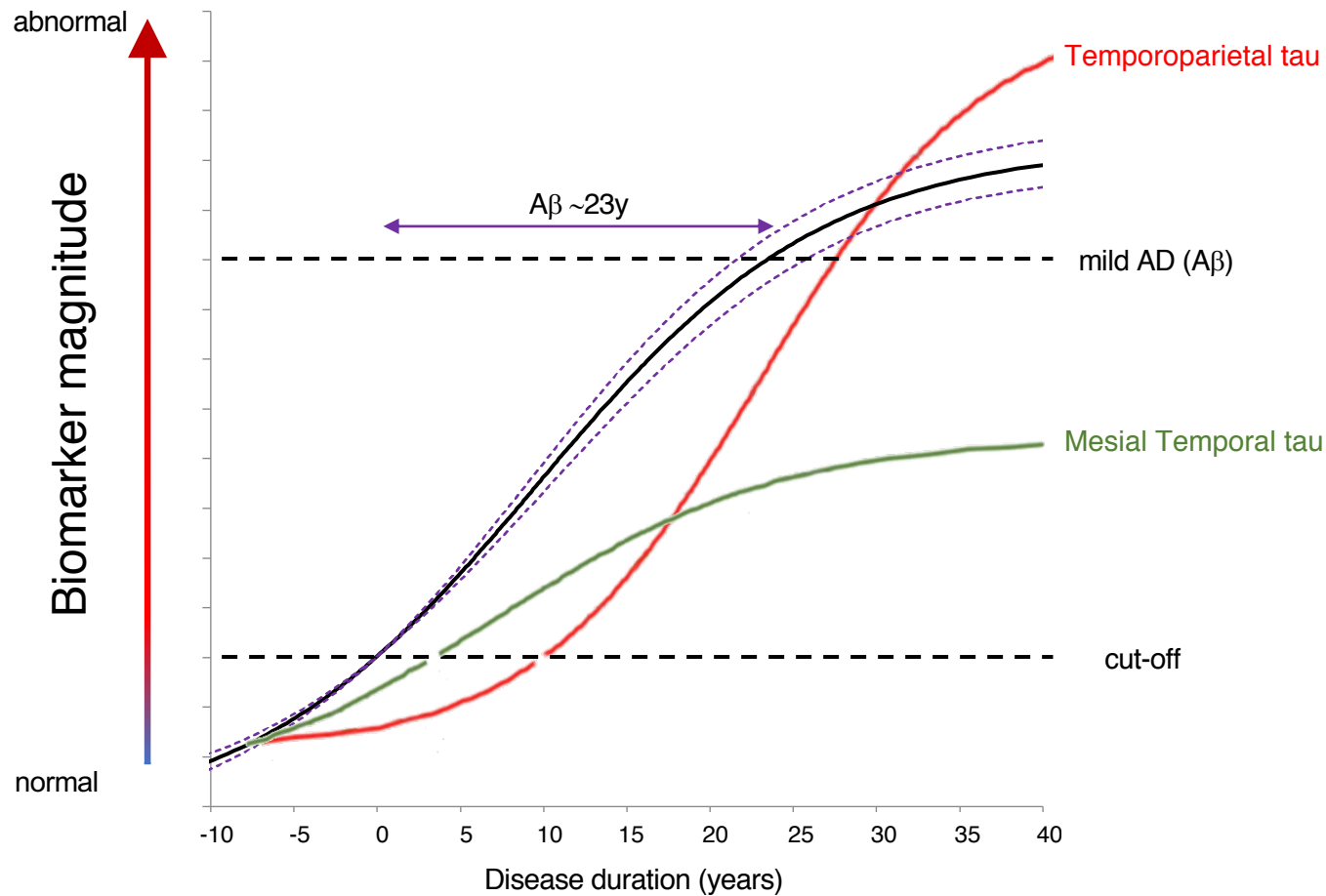
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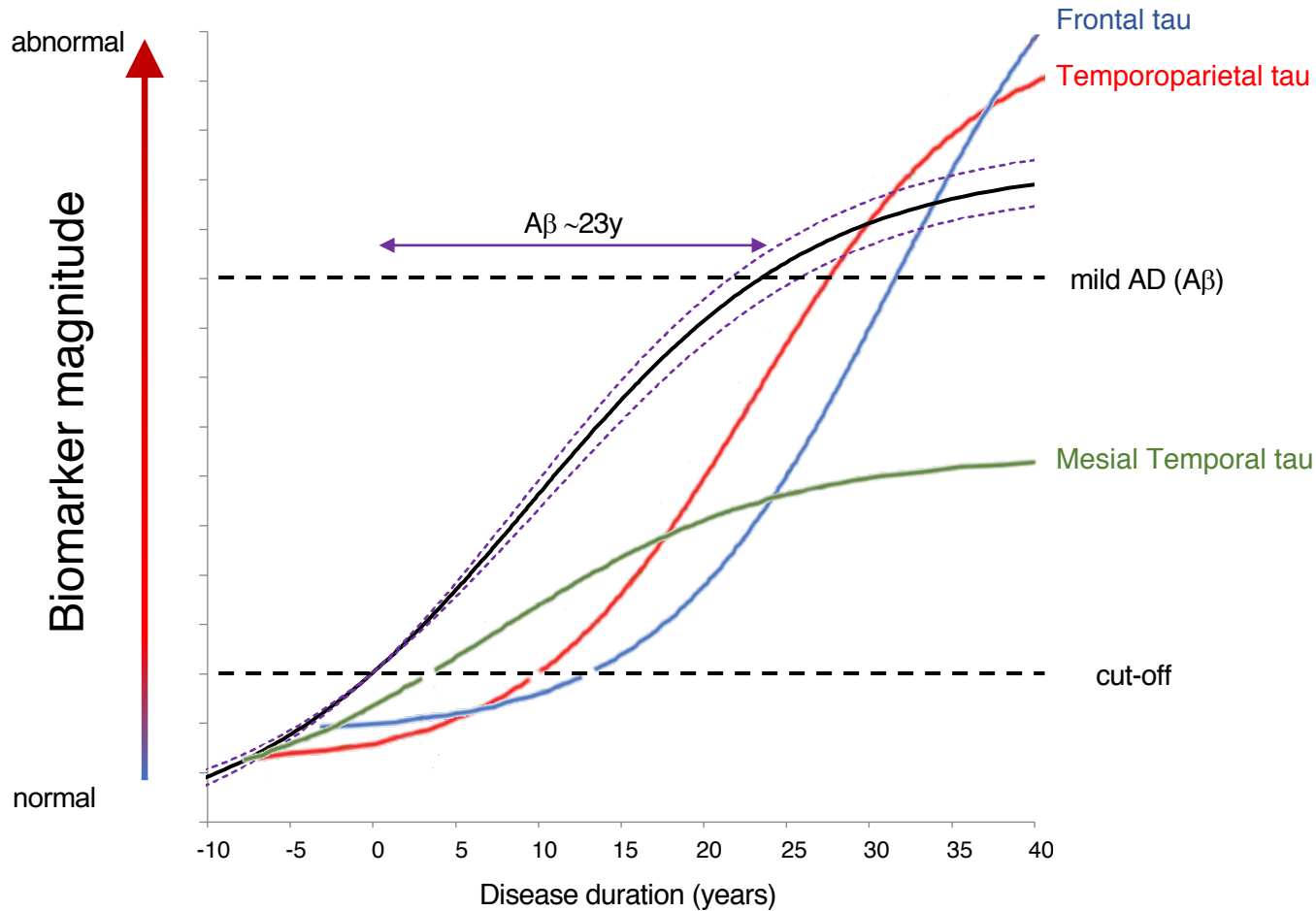
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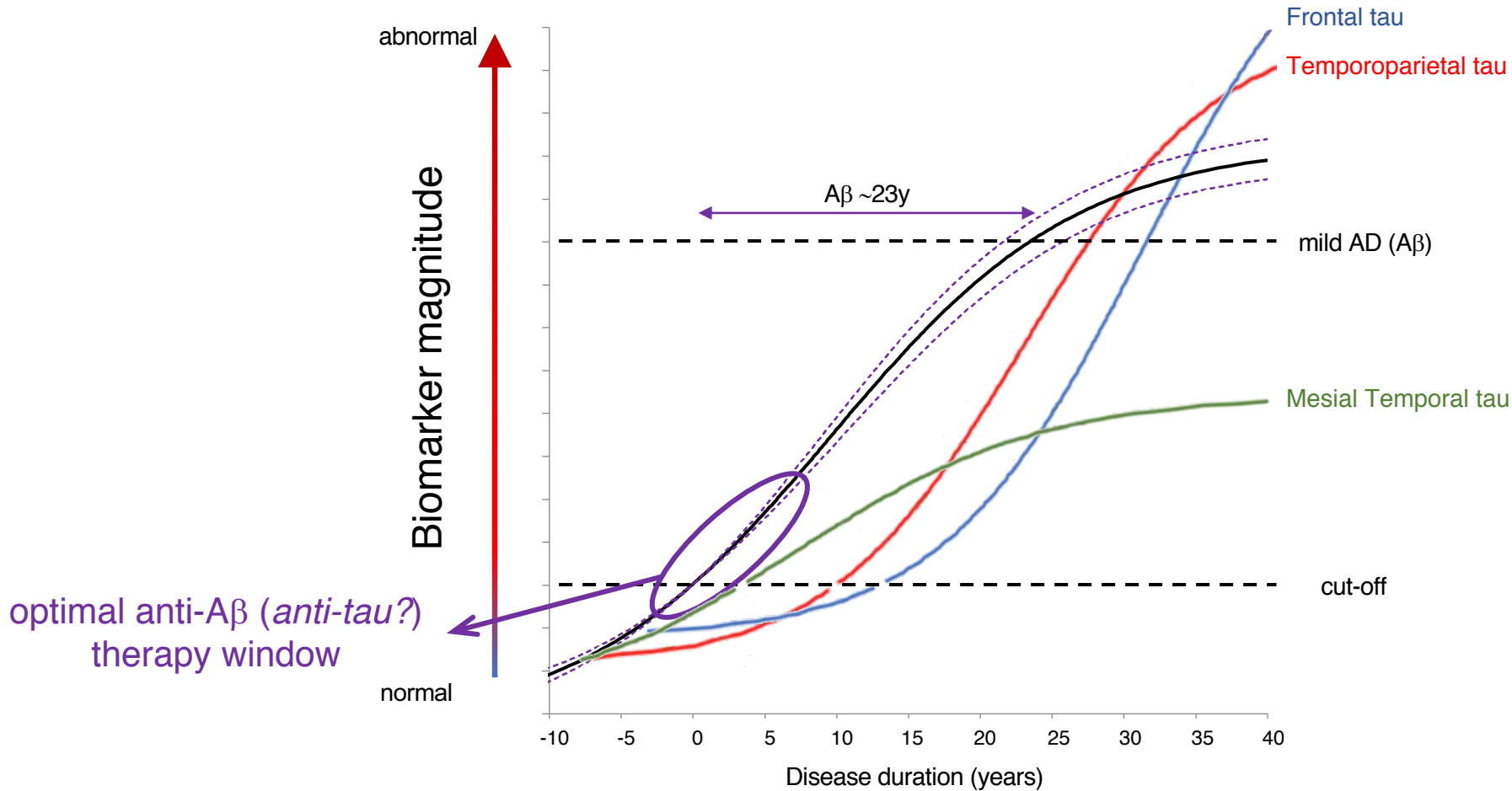
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Summary

- There are five A β tracers commonly used, three of them (^{18}F -florbetapir, ^{18}F -flutemetamol and ^{18}F -florbetaben) are already FDA approved for visual binary reads (high/low).
- While showing almost identical regional distribution in the brain, these tracers have different degrees of non-specific binding, different kinetics and yield a different dynamic range of values in their semiquantification.
- Despite these differences they can be expressed together under the same semiquantitative scale (Centiloids and others)
- Despite criticisms (equations derived from a small sample size, suboptimal mask) longitudinal data from different tracers expressed in Centiloids can be pooled together, with rates of A β accumulation not differing from the ones obtained with each tracer separately (3-4 CL/yr).

Conclusions: A β imaging semiquantification

- has allowed to elucidate the natural history of brain A β accumulation as well as how this is affected by different factors (age, sex, APOE, etc), while also allowing to establish the optimal time window for therapeutic interventions.
- provides proof of target engagement, and can be used for disease staging, theragnosis, monitoring, and, most importantly, as outcome measure.
- supplements visual reads, by increasing confidence in the reads and clarifying borderline cases. It also allows for stratification of A β levels, relevant for predicting clinical progression. *Therefore, A β imaging semiquantification should be incorporated to clinical practice as a supplementary tool to visual reads.*

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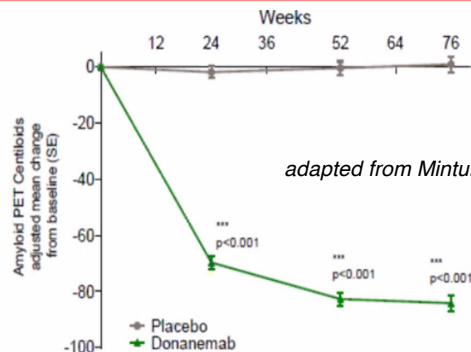
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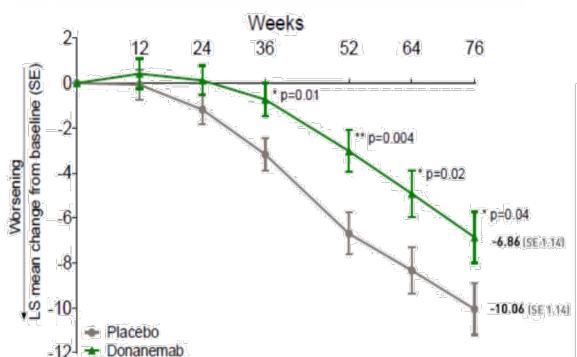


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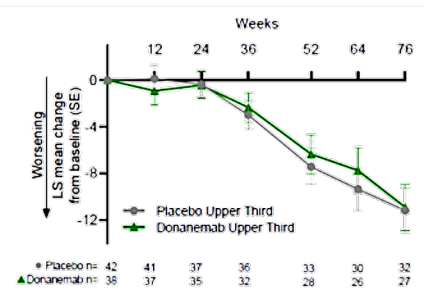
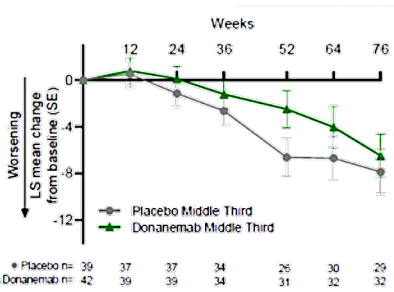
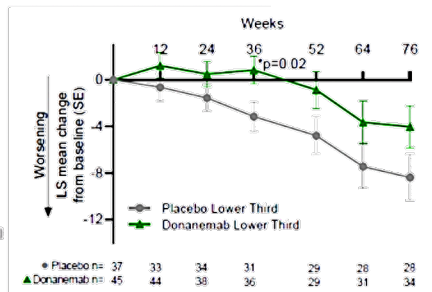
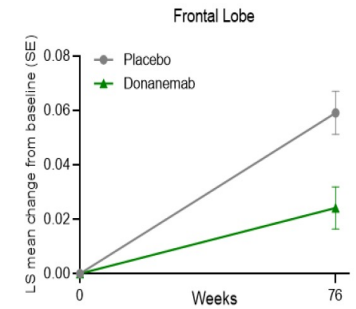
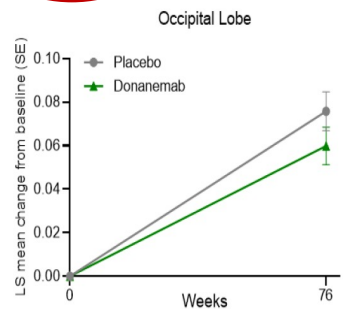
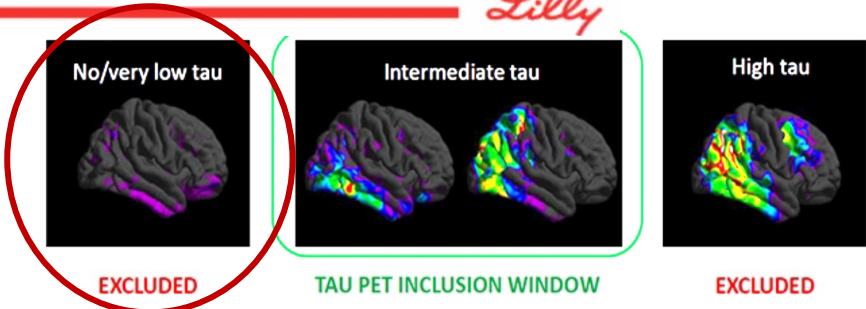


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| Donanemab n=121 | 115 | 92 | 90 |

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| Donanemab amyloid negative $\pm 24.1\text{ CL}$, n (%) | 46 (40%) | 55 (60%) | 61 (68%) |
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| Placebo n=120 | 113 | 110 | 103 | 90 | 90 | 91 |
| Donanemab n=125 | 120 | 112 | 102 | 86 | 89 | 93 |



from <https://www.alzforum.org/news/conference-coverage/donanemab-confirms-clearing-plaques-slows-decline>

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Imaging Dementia—Evidence
For Amyloid Scanning

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Single arm, multi-site, longitudinal study evaluating the clinical utility of amyloid PET in Medicare beneficiaries with MCI or dementia meeting Appropriate Use Criteria (Johnson 2013)

~18,200 patients enrolled between Feb 2016-Jan 2018, followed for 12 months

Recruited from ~600 memory clinics; Scanned at ~350 PET facilities

PET performed with FDA-approved A β PET ligand

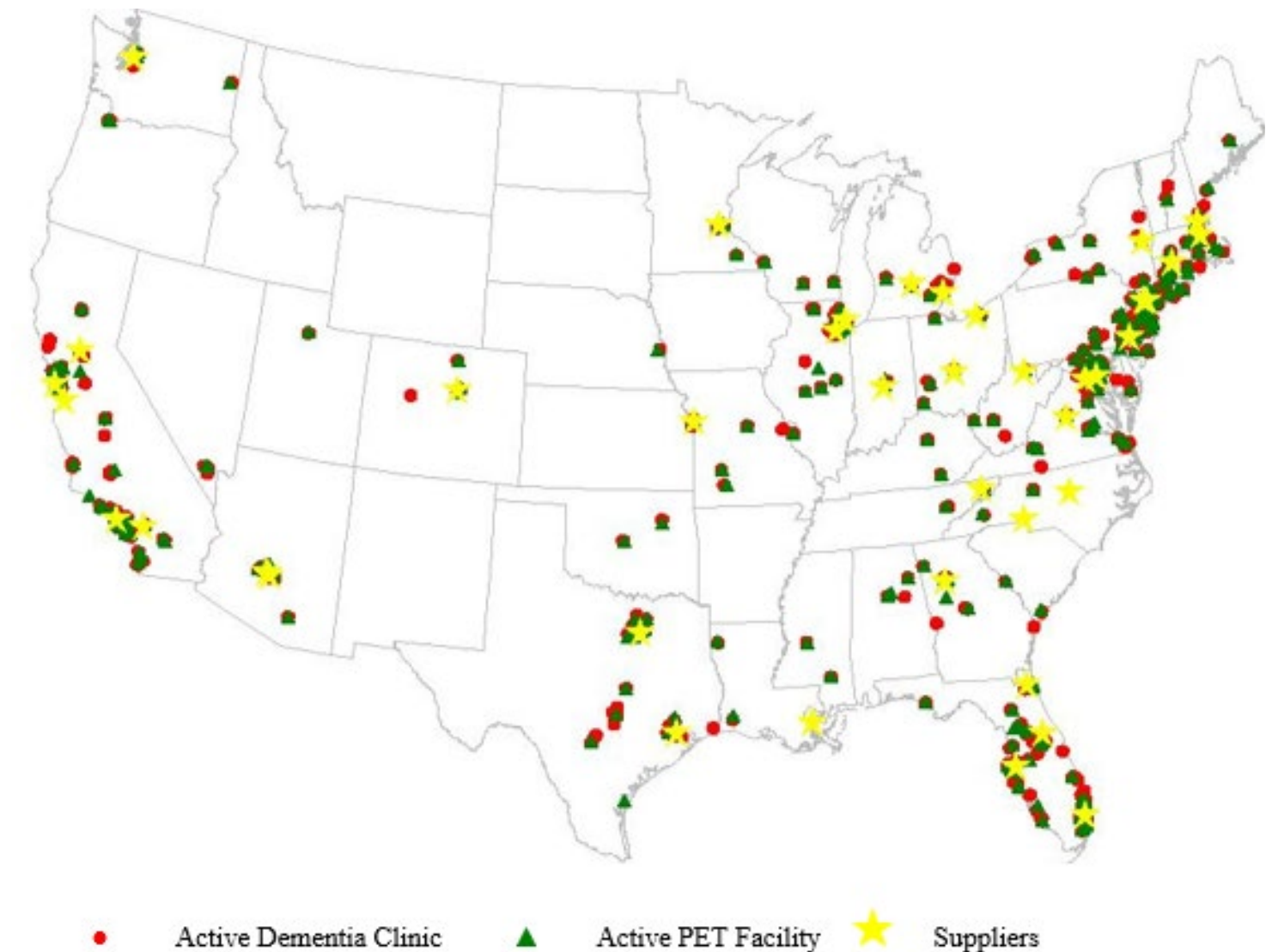
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Scans read by local radiologists who completed vendor-specific training

Aim 1: Impact of scan on patient management plan at 3 months

Aim 2: Impact on major medical outcomes at 12 months

The primary hypothesis is that, in diagnostically uncertain cases, amyloid PET will lead to significant changes in patient management, and these will translate into improved outcomes



Quantification of Amyloid PET Scans in IDEAS

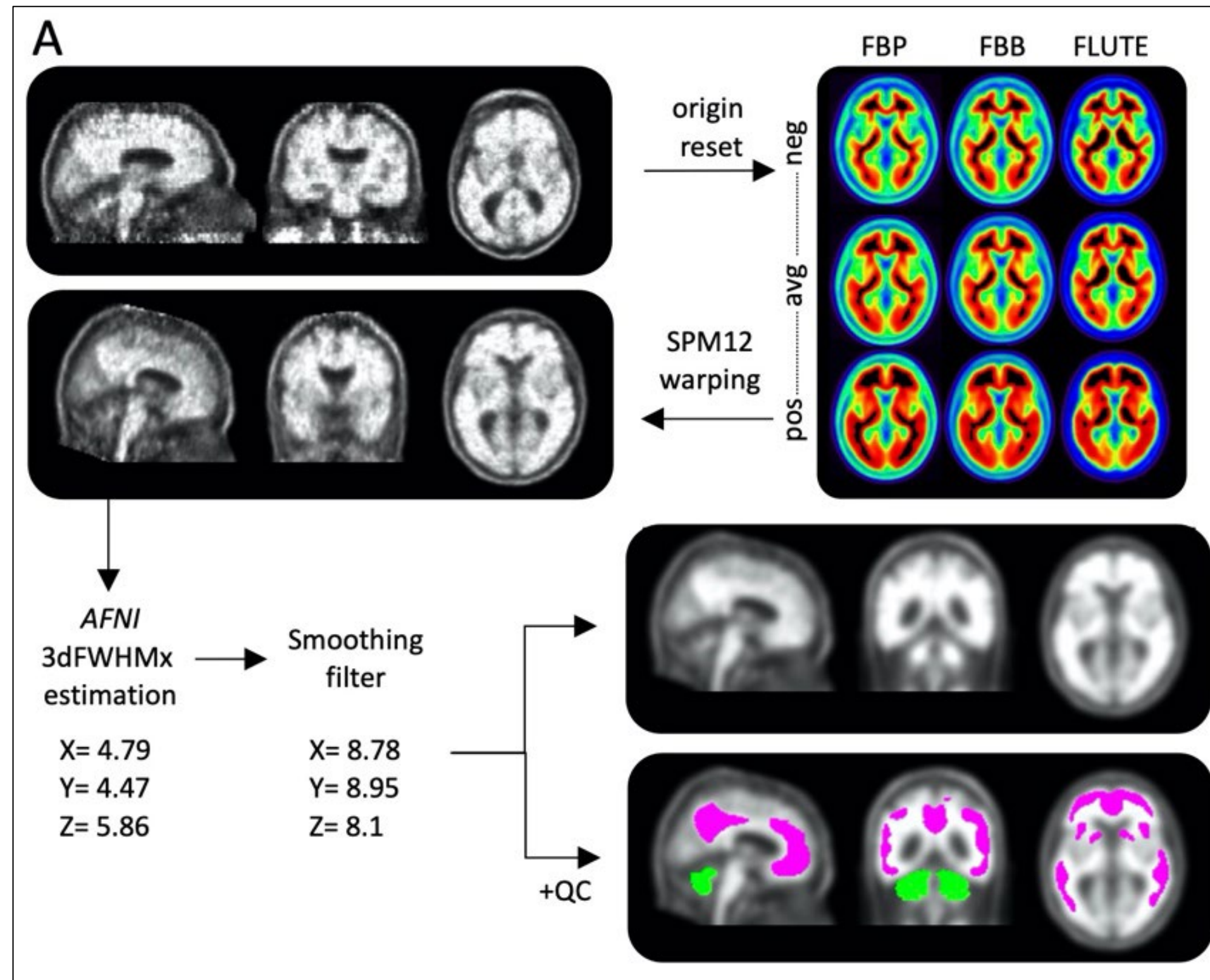
| | All (n=8,895) |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Age (mean \pm SD) | 76 \pm 6 |
| MMSE* (mean \pm SD) | 24.5 \pm 4.9 |
| MoCA [#] (mean \pm SD) | 21.0 \pm 5.2 |
| Female | 51.1% |
| Dementia / MCI | 36.4% / 63.6% |
| ¹⁸ F-florbetaben | 29.1% |
| ¹⁸ F-florbetapir | 64.8% |
| ¹⁸ F-flutemetamol | 6.1% |
| Visually Positive ^{&} | 62.1% |
| Quantitatively Positive (Centiloids > 24.4) | 60.2% |

Table 1: Patient and Scan characteristics.

Quantification of IDEAS PET Archive

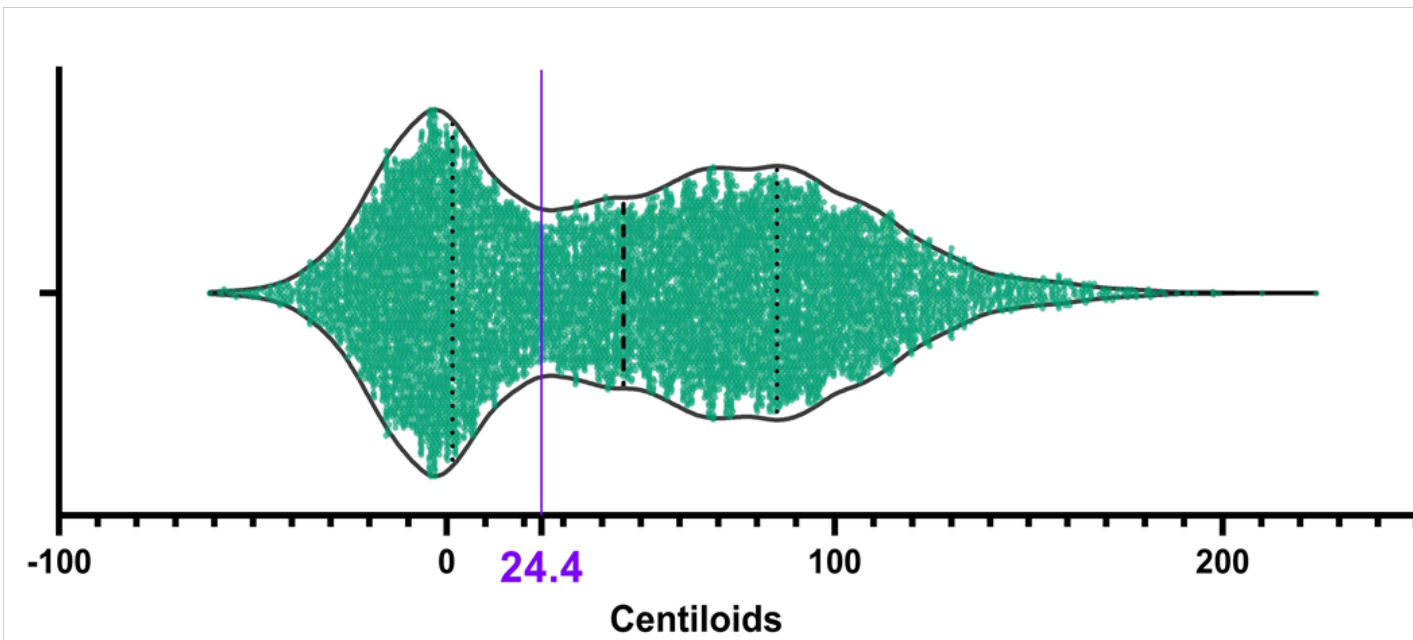
Robust PET-Only Processing (rPOP)

- Warp to template space (SPM12)
- Smooth to 10mm (AFNI)
- Quantification (GAAIN CL ROIs)
- Centiloid conversion
- Source code:
<https://github.com/leoiacca/rPOP>



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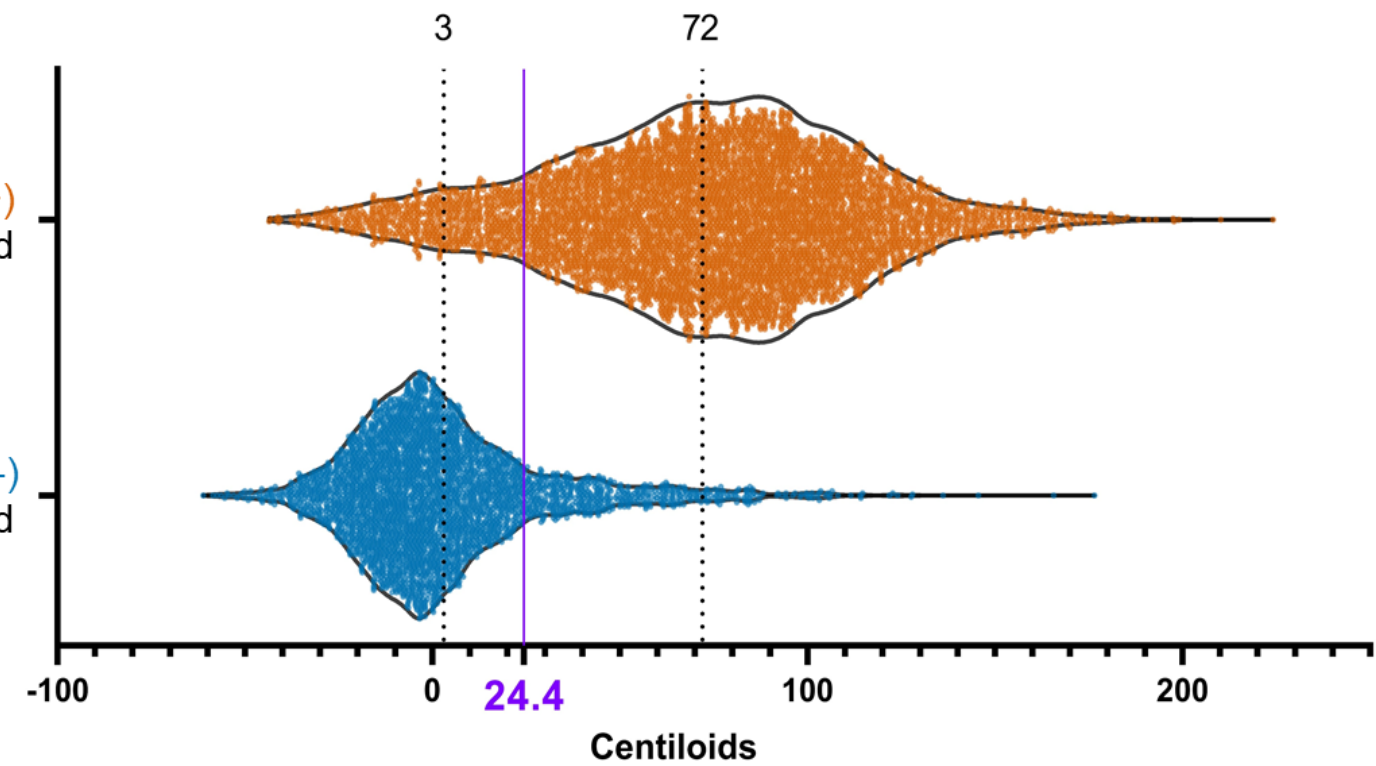
A



B

Positive (+)
Visual read

Negative (-)
Visual read



K = 0.72 (0.70-0.74)

Zeltzer, Mundada, Iaccarino...La Joie, Rabinovici, unpublished

Correlation with Clinical Measures

