

# Neuroimaging for Predicting and Measuring Progression in Preclinical Autosomal Dominant Alzheimer's Disease

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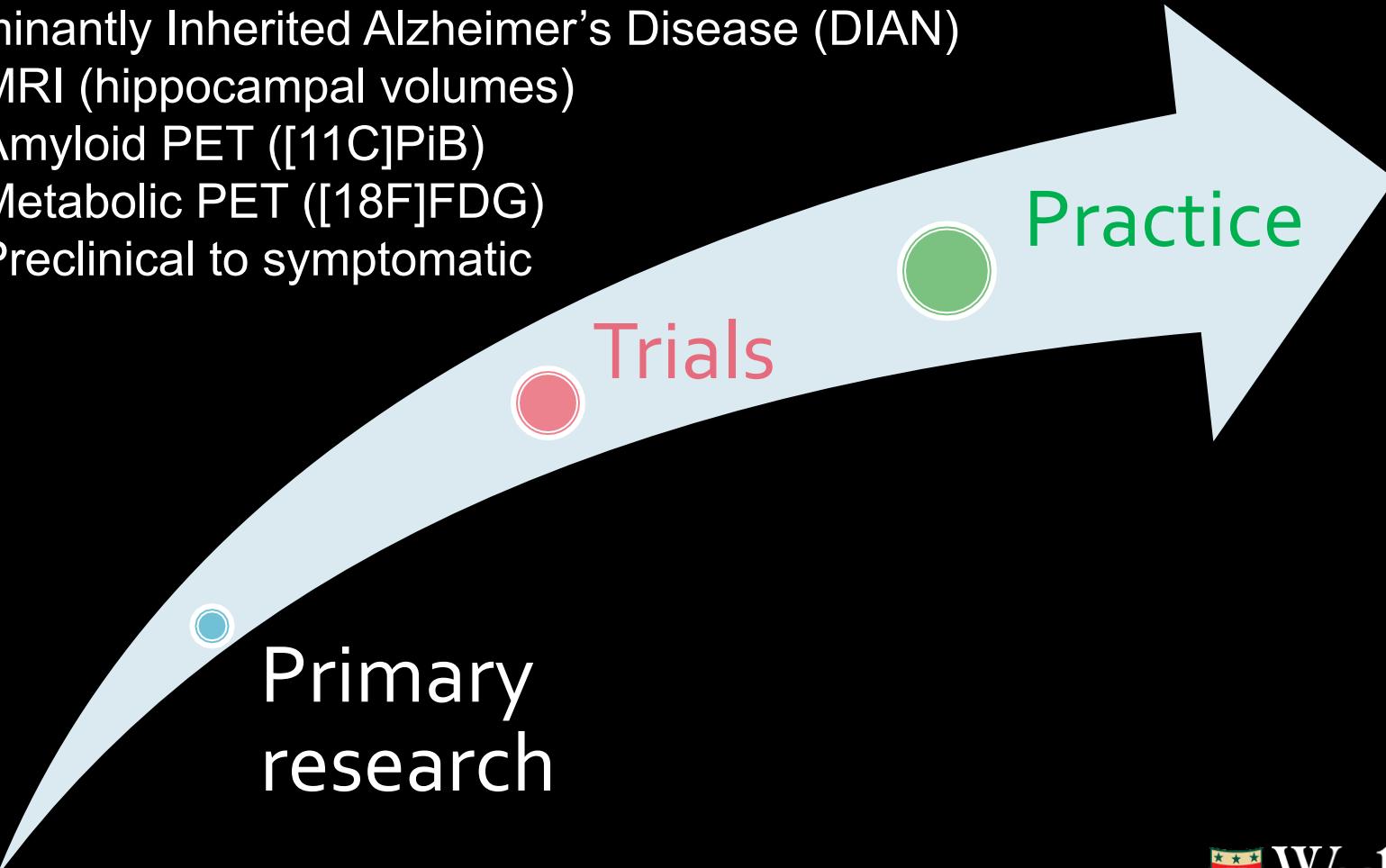
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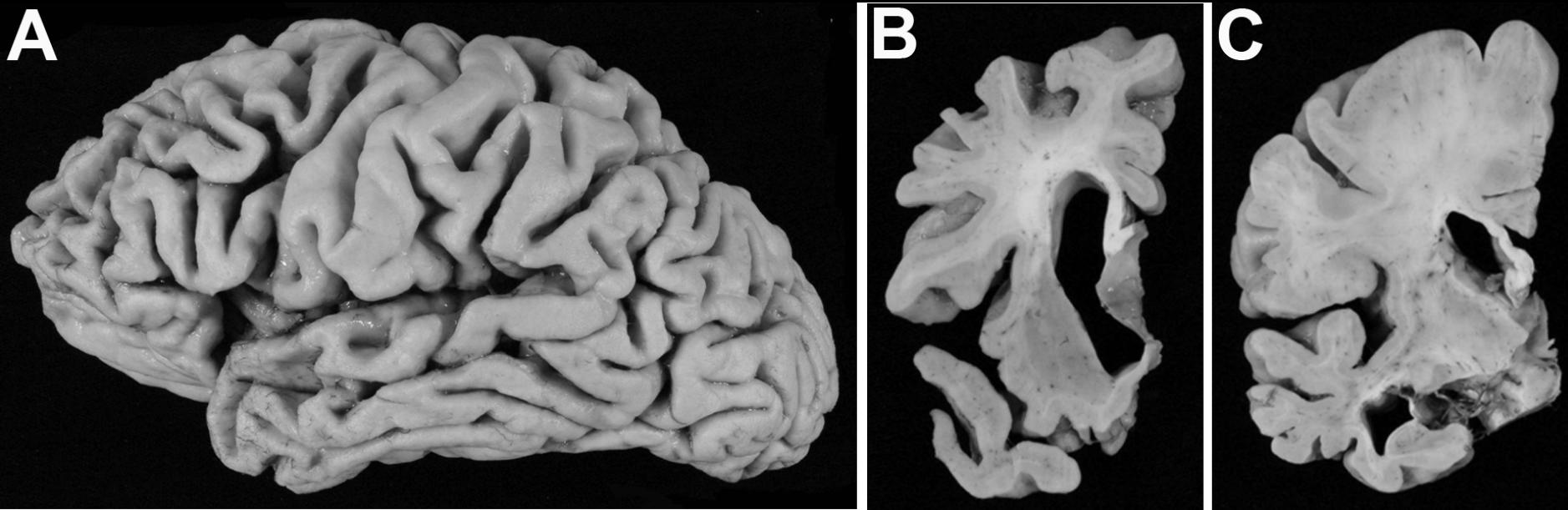
# Imaging Biomarkers

Dominantly Inherited Alzheimer's Disease (DIAN)

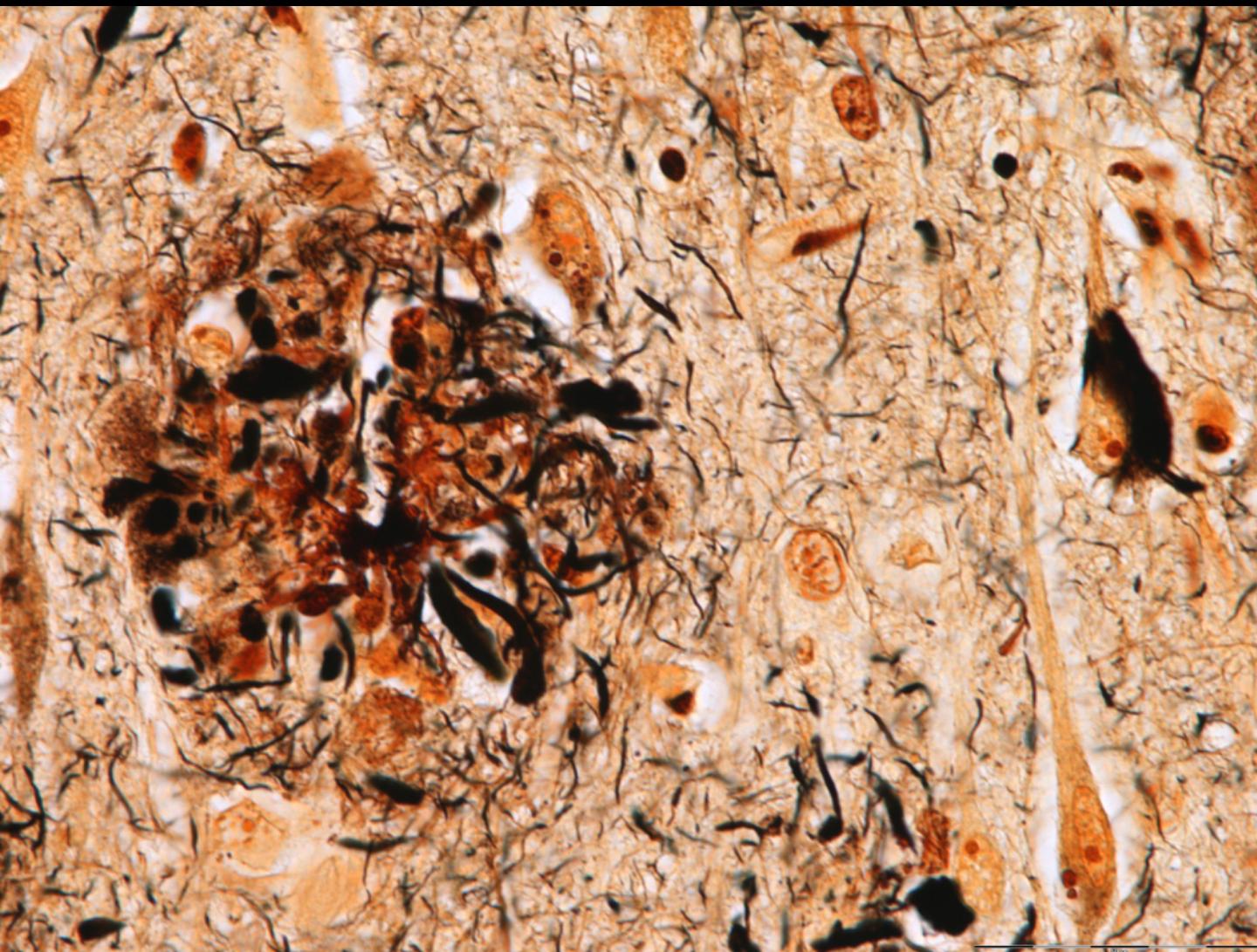
- MRI (hippocampal volumes)
- Amyloid PET ( $[11\text{C}]\text{PiB}$ )
- Metabolic PET ( $[18\text{F}]\text{FDG}$ )
- Preclinical to symptomatic



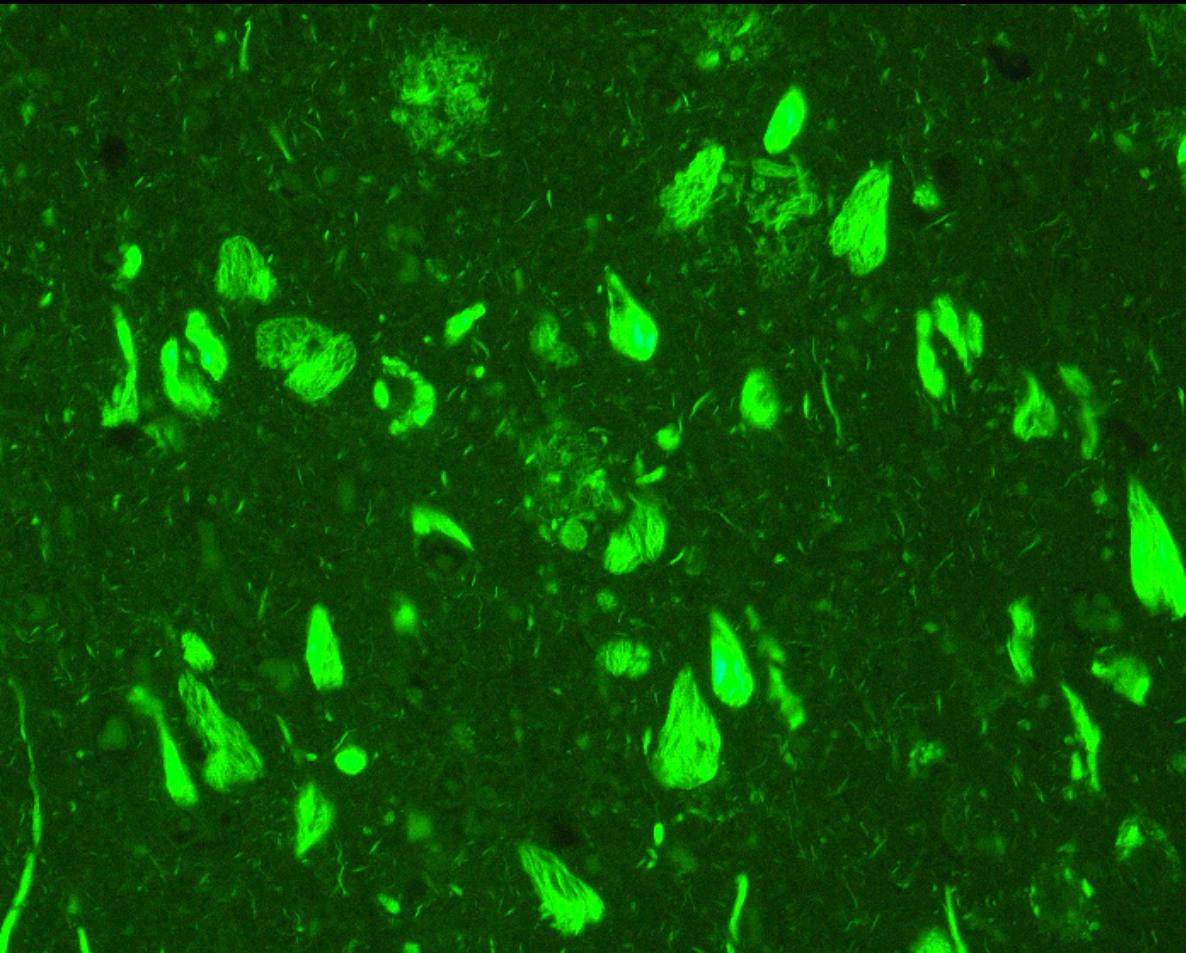
# Alzheimer's Disease (AD) Global Atrophy with Relative Preservation of Sensorimotor Cortex



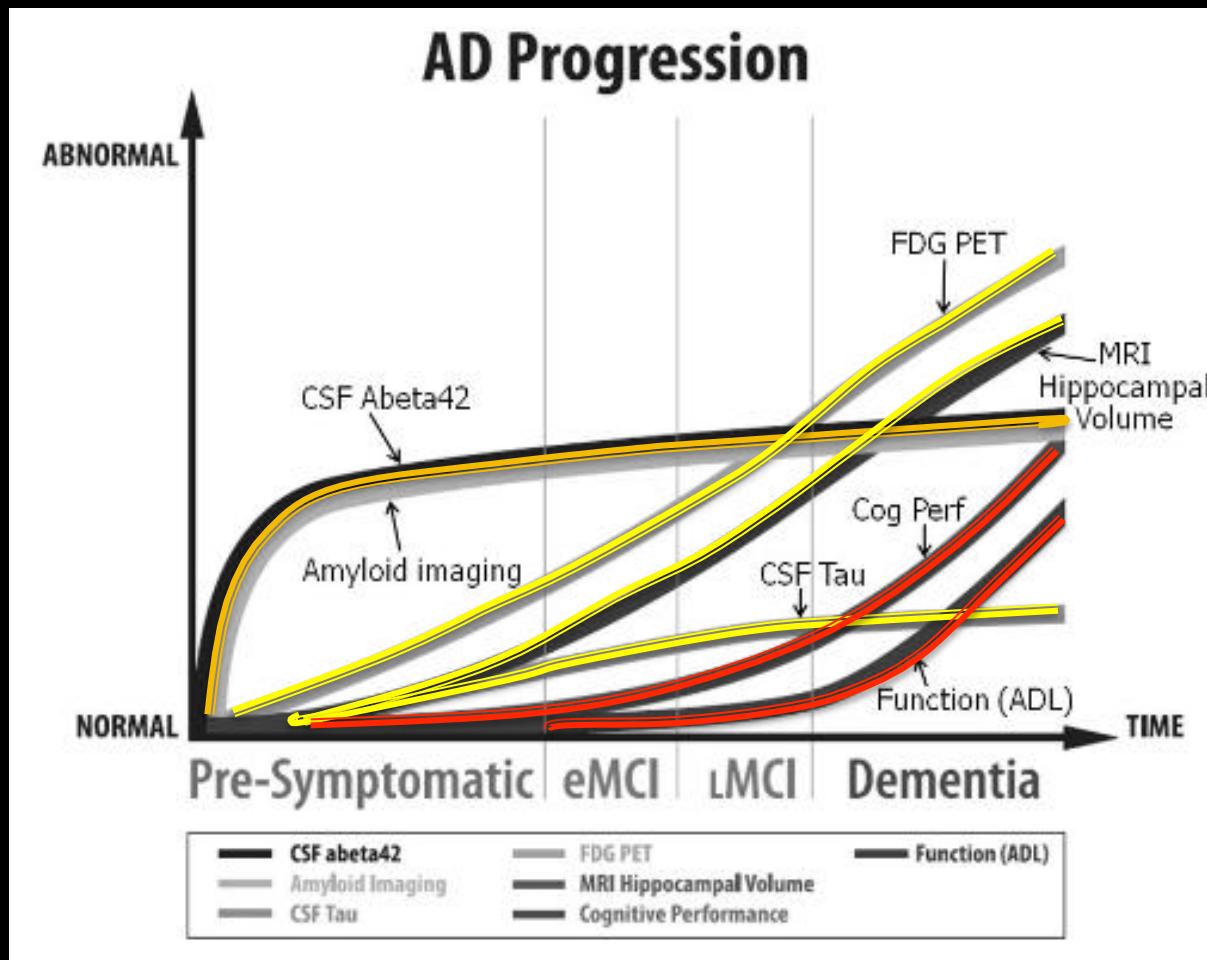
# Signature Lesions of AD: Neuritic Plaque (left) and Neurofibrillary Tangle (right)



**AD amyloid is present in neuritic plaques,  
neurofibrillary tangles, and dystrophic neurites**



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Amyloid deposition  
-low CSF A $\beta$ 42  
-amyloid PET

Neuronal injury  
-FDG PET  
-Volumetric MRI  
-CSF Tau

Cognition



# DIAN and DIAN-TU

Dominantly Inherited Alzheimer Network (DIAN) & DIAN Trials Unit (DIAN-TU)

- 10 active sites US, UK, Australia
- Opening sites Mayo-Jacksonville, Munich and Tübingen, Germany, and Barcelona
- Additional international sites planned for DIAN-TU

Autosomal Dominant AD Mutations

- Presenilin-1 (PS-1)
- Presenilin-2 (PS-2)
- Amyloid precursor protein (APP)

Dementia onset prior to age 65 (mean age 45)

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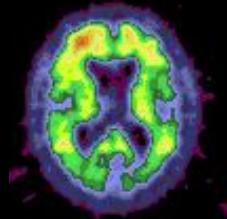
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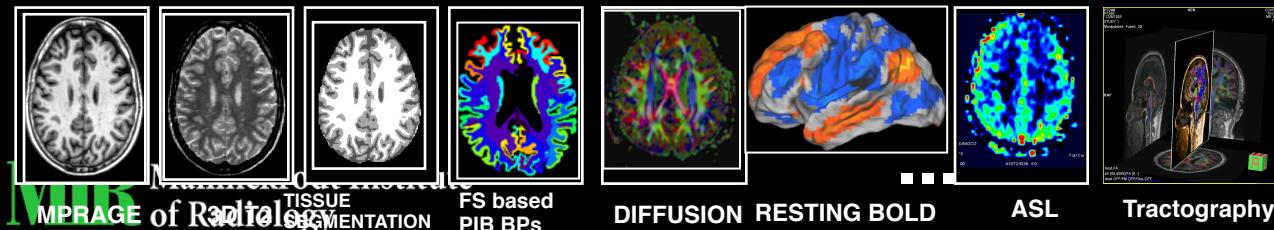


# DIAN Imaging Elements

- PET
  - [<sup>11</sup>C]PIB for amyloid plaque
  - [<sup>18</sup>F]AV45 for amyloid plaque
  - [<sup>18</sup>F]FDG for metabolism

Whole brain, regional (FreeSurfer), +/- volume correction

- MRI (ADNI protocol)
  - Volumetric T<sub>1</sub>
    - FreeSurfer thickness, volumes
  - ARIA eval. (FLAIR, SWI/T<sub>2</sub>\*)
    - Microhemorrhage counts, localization with central reading (Mayo)
  - Resting state fcMRI
  - Diffusion tensor (DTI)
    - Regional FA, ADC, etc & tract based
  - Blood flow (ASL)



# DIAN Imaging Participants

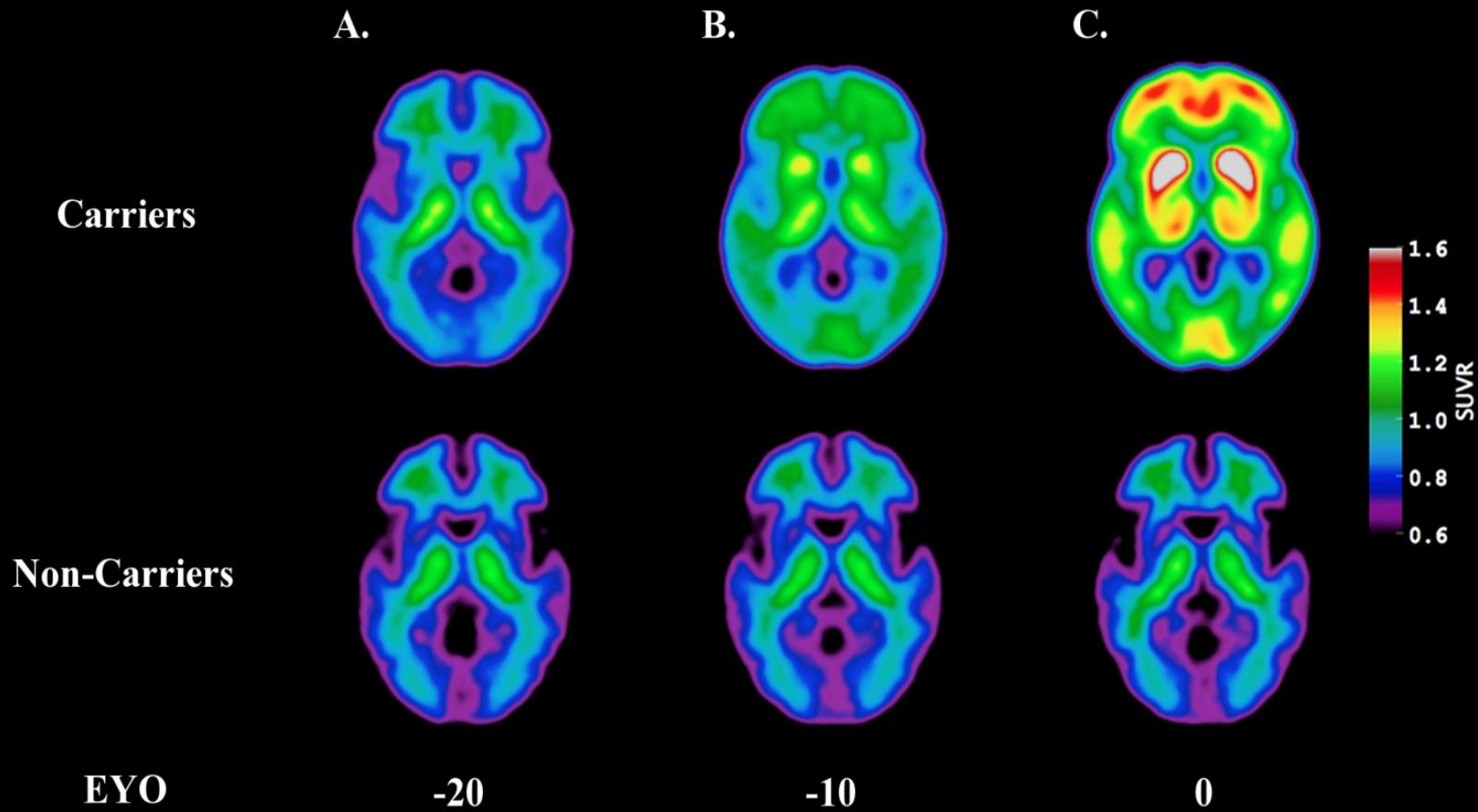
Demographic	Imaging Marker								
	MRI			PIB			FDG		
	M-	M+	p	M-	M+	p	M-	M+	p
<b>n (%)</b>	92 (40.2)	137 (59.8)	-	84 (42)	116 (58)	-	86 (41.5)	121 (58.5)	-
<b>Age (SD) years</b>	39.3 (9.46)	38.8 (10.4)	0.718	39.5 (9.72)	38.6 (10.4)	0.539	39.3 (9.73)	38.5 (10.3)	0.552
<b>EYO (SD) years</b>	-7.49 (11.8)	-7.85 (9.91)	0.807	-7.18 (11.8)	-7.92 (10.3)	0.644	-7.23 (11.9)	-8.47 (9.97)	0.432
<b>Education (SD) years</b>	14.6 (2.61)	14.2 (2.6)	0.215	14.8 (2.65)	14.1 (2.64)	0.0952	14.8 (2.63)	14.3 (2.59)	0.196
<b>Male (%)</b>	38 (41.3)	56 (40.9)	0.949	34 (40.5)	54 (46.6)	0.394	35 (40.7)	52 (43)	0.745
<b>CDR &gt; 0 (%)</b>	5 (5.43)	54 (39.4)	2.60E-11	4 (4.76)	45 (38.8)	3.75E-10	4 (4.65)	45 (37.2)	6.19E-10
<b>Familial Mutation Type (%)</b>	PS1=57 (62), PS2=11 (12), APP=24 (26.1)	PS1=105 (76.6), PS2=11 (8.03), APP=21 (15.3)	-	PS1=51 (60.7), PS2=10 (11.9), APP=23 (27.4)	PS1=88 (75.9), PS2=11 (9.48), APP=17 (14.7)	-	PS1=53 (61.6), PS2=10 (11.6), APP=23 (26.7)	PS1=91 (75.2), PS2=11 (9.09), APP=19 (15.7)	-

# EYO

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- Parental age of onset (AOO) used to estimate the children's time (years) to of onset of dementia (EYO)
- $EYO = AOO - (\text{current age})$
- *If a 40 year old whose parent developed symptoms at age 45 would be 5 years from expected age of onset*

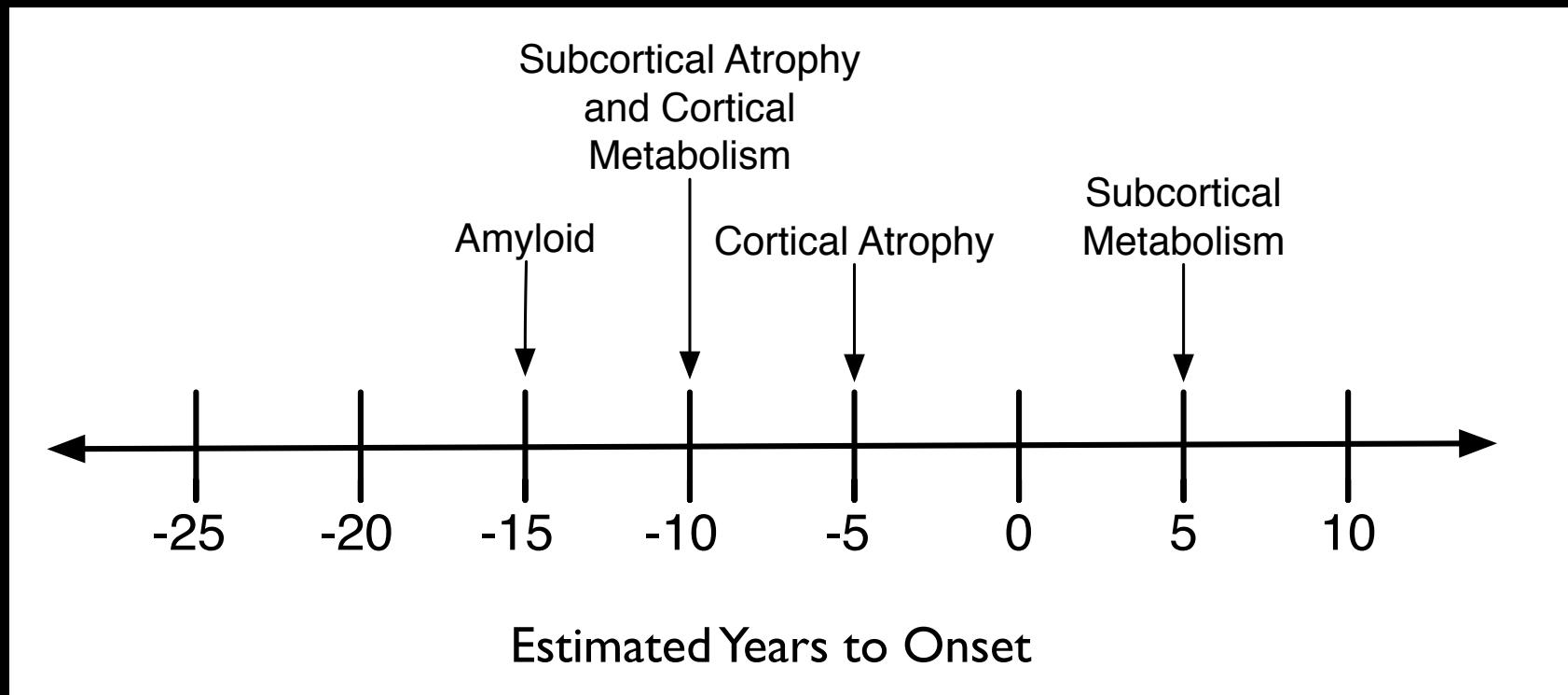
# *Amyloid deposition begins at least 15 years prior to dementia onset in mutation carriers*



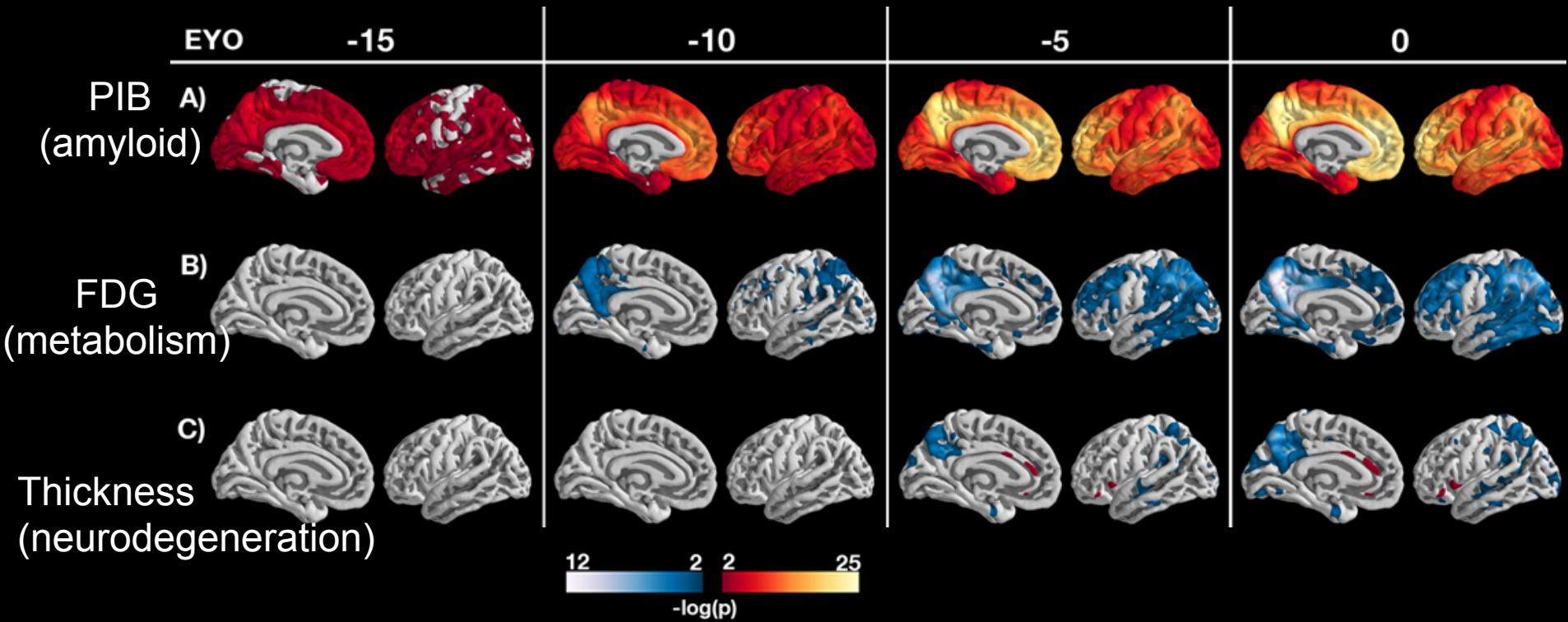
# Estimates of amyloid (PIB) accumulation in the DIAN cohort

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(NEJM axial amyloid movie)

# Imaging Biomarker Timeline



# Imaging of disease timecourse in autosomal dominant AD



EYO Estimated years to onset of symptoms

EYO = parental age of onset – current participant age

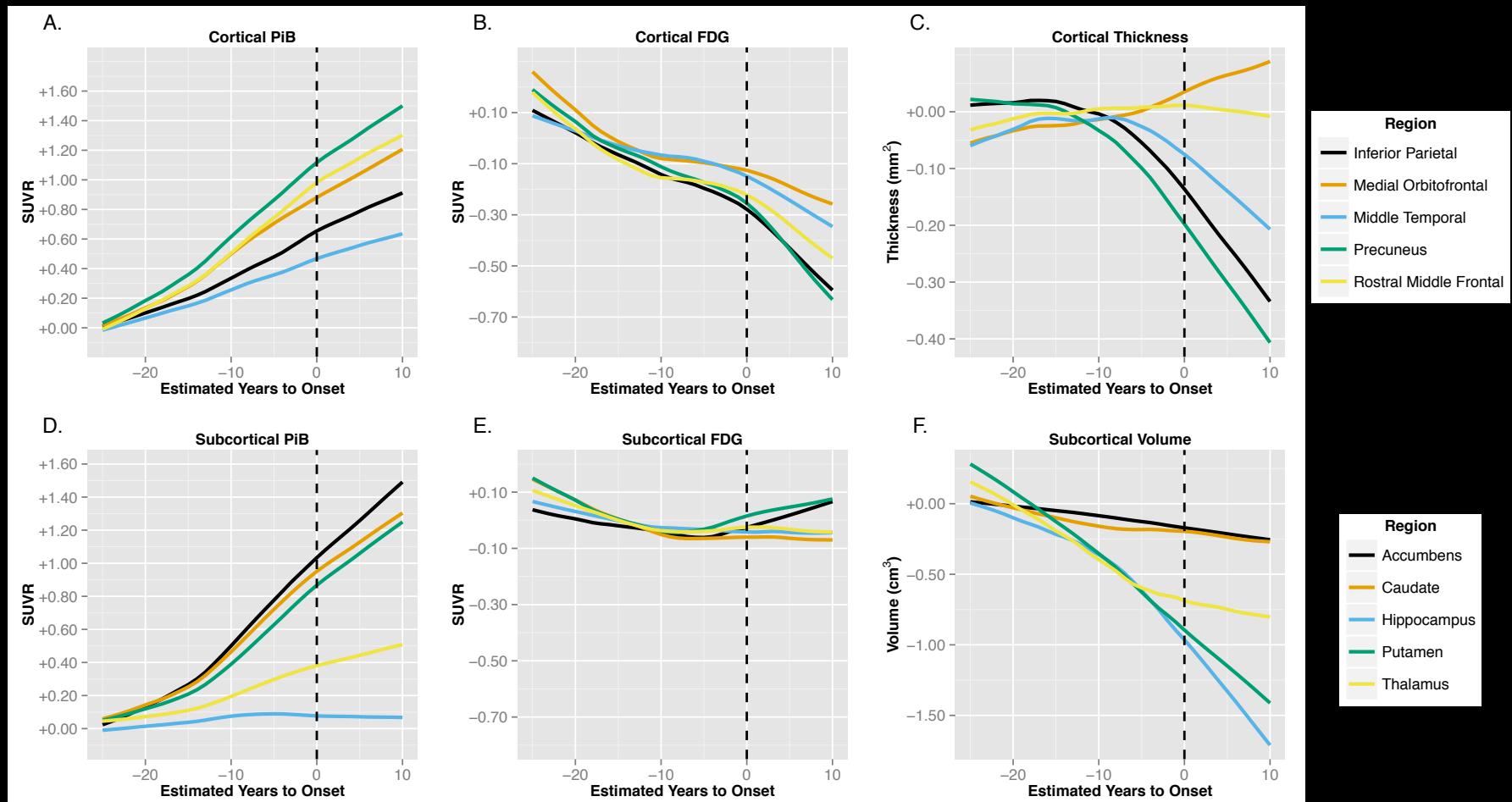
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Surface movies, multiple biomarkers (AAIC)

# Subcortical grey matter

Region	Modality	Estimated Years to Onset							
		-25	-20	-15	-10	-5	0	5	10
Caudate	PiB	-0.089 ± 0.075	0.11 ± 0.06	0.3 ± <b>0.048***</b>	0.5 ± <b>0.041***</b>	0.7 ± <b>0.042***</b>	0.89 ± <b>0.049***</b>	1.1 ± <b>0.062***</b>	1.3 ± <b>0.076***</b>
	FDG	0.067 ± 0.044	0.043 ± 0.035	0.018 ± 0.028	-0.0059 ± 0.024	-0.03 ± 0.025	-0.055 ± 0.03	-0.079 ± 0.037	-0.1 ± 0.046
	Volume	-0.073 ± 0.2	-0.11 ± 0.16	-0.14 ± 0.13	-0.17 ± 0.11	-0.21 ± 0.11	-0.24 ± 0.13	-0.27 ± 0.16	-0.31 ± 0.2
Hippocampus	PiB	0.018 ± 0.022	0.029 ± 0.018	0.04 ± <b>0.014*</b>	0.05 ± <b>0.012***</b>	0.061 ± <b>0.012***</b>	0.071 ± <b>0.014***</b>	0.082 ± <b>0.018***</b>	0.093 ± <b>0.022***</b>
	FDG	0.033 ± 0.02	0.019 ± 0.016	0.0048 ± 0.013	-0.0094 ± 0.011	-0.024 ± 0.012	-0.038 ± <b>0.014*</b>	-0.052 ± <b>0.017*</b>	-0.066 ± <b>0.021*</b>
	Volume	0.4 ± 0.23	0.13 ± 0.19	-0.13 ± 0.15	-0.4 ± <b>0.13*</b>	-0.67 ± <b>0.13***</b>	-0.94 ± <b>0.15***</b>	-1.2 ± <b>0.19***</b>	-1.5 ± <b>0.24***</b>

# Imaging Biomarker Trajectories

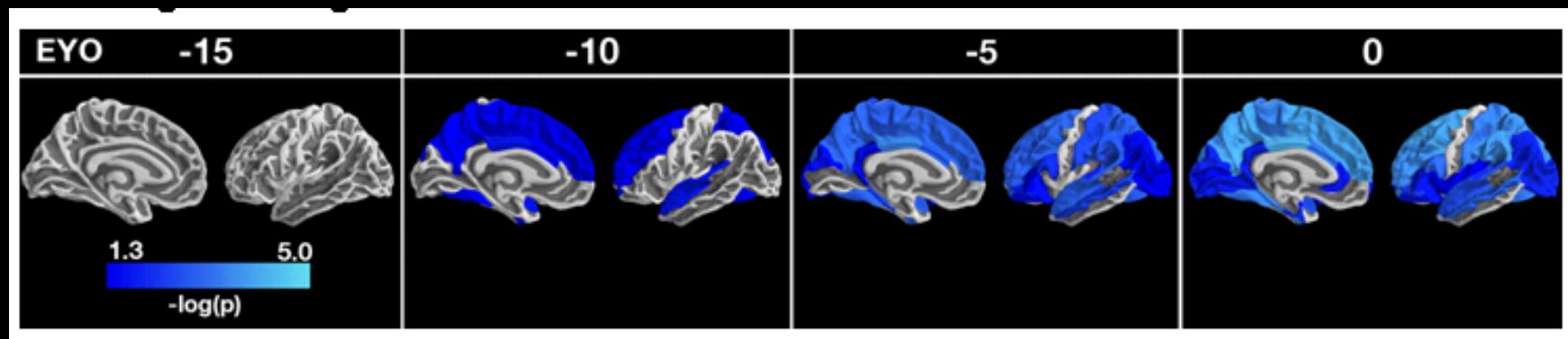


# White matter

Demographic	Imaging Marker					
	White Matter Volume			DTI		
	M-	M+	p-value	M-	M+	p-value
n (%)	72 (37.7)	119 (62.3)	-	30 (36.1)	53 (63.9)	-
Age (SD) years	40.8 (8.94)	38.7 (10.6)	0.161	41.5 (8.27)	38.7 (10.5)	0.183
EYO (SD) years	-5.75 (11.5)	-7.98 (10)	0.174	-4.6 (11.4)	-7.42 (10.7)	0.274
Education (SD) years	14.8 (2.54)	14.1 (2.57)	0.0776	14.9 (2.59)	14 (2.93)	0.154
Male (%)	31 (43.1)	52 (43.7)	0.931	18 (60)	30 (56.6)	0.767
CDR > 0 (%)	4 (5.56)	48 (40.3)	4.50E-10	1 (3.33)	22 (41.5)	3.56E-06
Familial Mutation Type (%)	PS1=47 (65.3), PS2=9 (12.5), APP=16 (22.2)	PS1=96 (80.7), PS2=9 (7.56), APP=14 (11.8)	-	PS1=17 (56.7), PS2=8 (26.7), APP=5 (16.7)	PS1=40 (75.5), PS2=8 (15.1), APP=5 (9.43)	-

# White matter volume

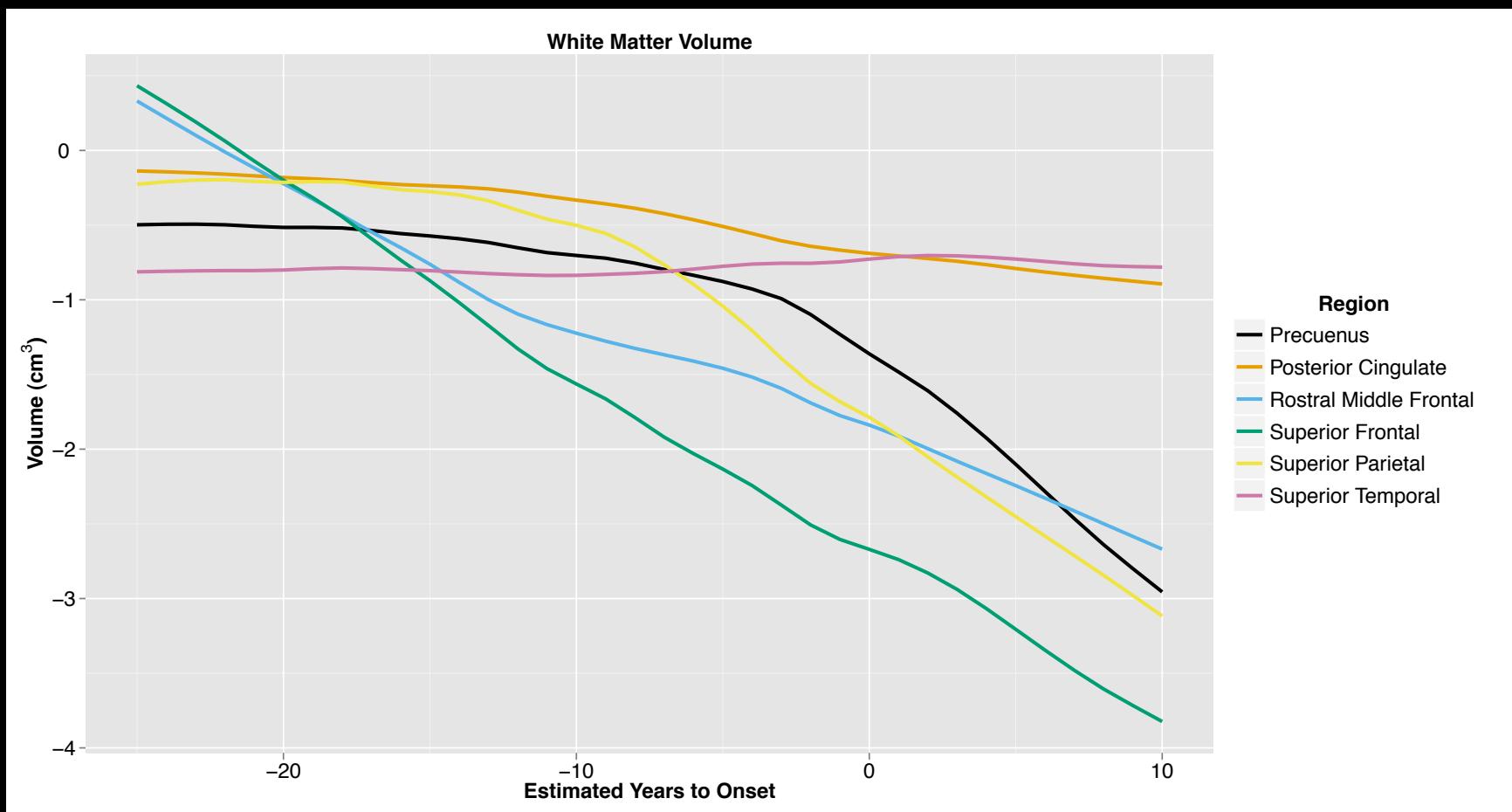
- Significant differences between carriers and non-carriers detectable at 10 years before estimated age of onset



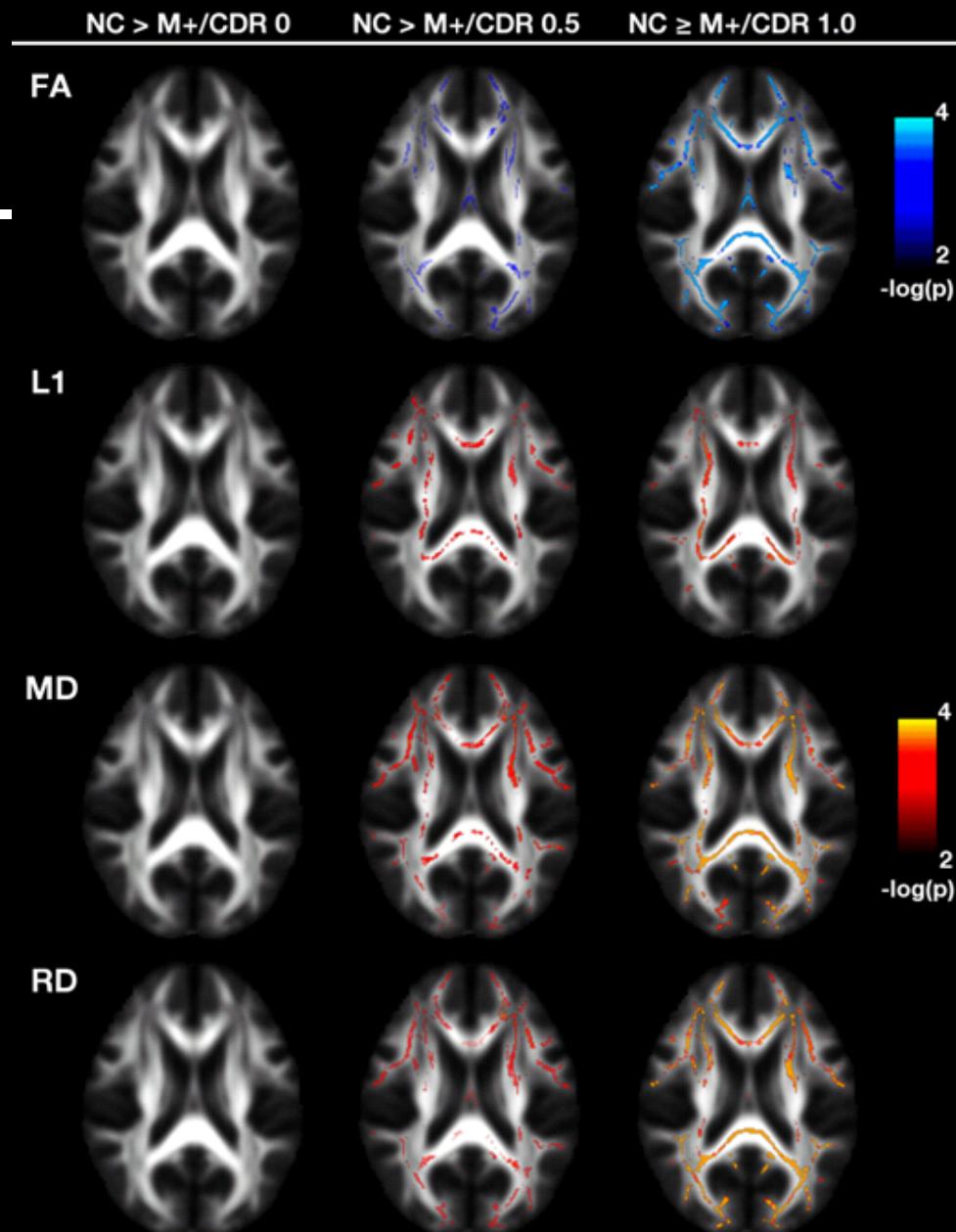
# Deep white matter volumes

Region	Estimated Years to Onset					
	-15	-10	-5	0	5	10
Unsegmented	-171 ± 1039	-1139 ± 864	<b>-2107 ± 844*</b>	<b>-3076 ± 987**</b>	<b>-4044 ± 1238**</b>	<b>-5012 ± 1545**</b>
CC: Posterior	2 ± 28	-8.3 ± 23	-19 ± 23	-29 ± 27	-39 ± 33	-49 ± 42
CC: Mid Posterior	9.3 ± 18	-9.2 ± 15	-28 ± 15	<b>-46 ± 17*</b>	<b>-65 ± 21**</b>	<b>-83 ± 27**</b>
CC: Central	6.5 ± 18	-10 ± 15	-27 ± 15	<b>-43 ± 17*</b>	<b>-60 ± 22*</b>	<b>-77 ± 27*</b>
CC: Mid Anterior	6.2 ± 20	-5 ± 17	-16 ± 16	-27 ± 19	-39 ± 24	-50 ± 30
CC: Anterior	-20 ± 28	-34 ± 24	-48 ± 23	<b>-63 ± 27*</b>	<b>-77 ± 34*</b>	<b>-91 ± 42*</b>

# LOESS estimated WM atrophy



# DTI



# Conclusions

- Amyloid accumulation detectable by PiB PET ~15 years before expected symptom onset
  - Followed by changes in subcortical volumes and cortical metabolism (FDG) at EYO=-10
    - Cortical thickness declines become significant at EYO=-5
    - White matter changes detected at EYO = -5
      - Small declines in subcortical FDG become significant around 5 years after disease onset
- The precuenus appears to be one of the most affected regions for all imaging biomarkers



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