



Neuroimaging: Serving Our Patients Integrally

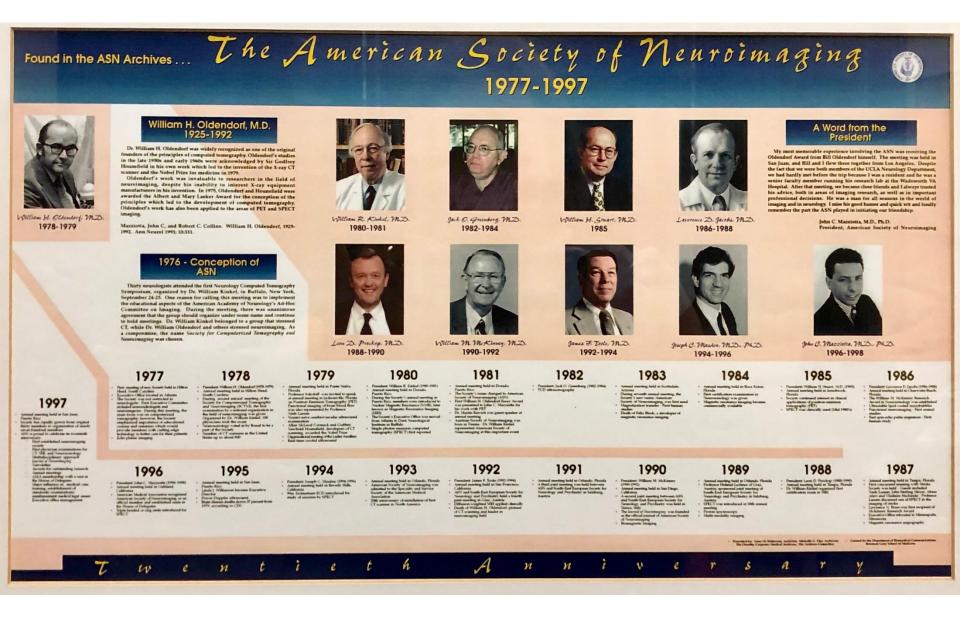
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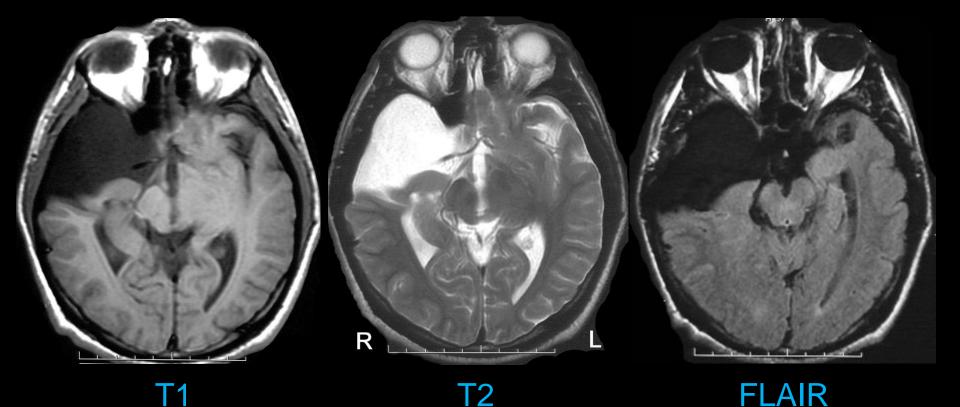
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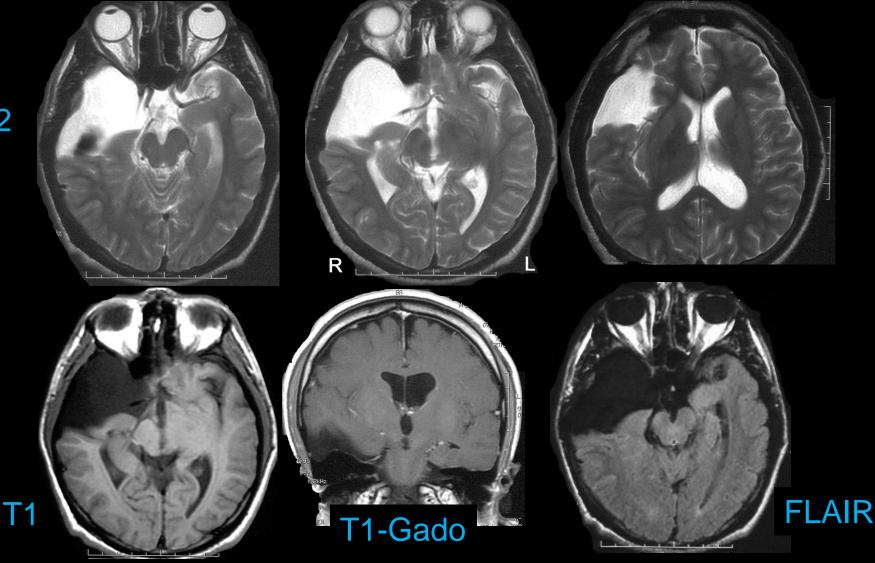


28-y-o neurology resident with first headache of his life

- Woke up at 6am with severe R retro-ocular pain
- Pain unabated 8 hours later, when MRI was performed



28-y-o neurology resident with first headache of his life (R retro-ocular pain)



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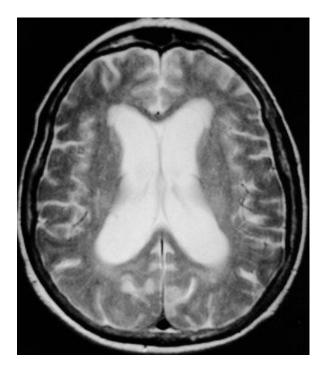
Neuroimaging: Key to Treatment

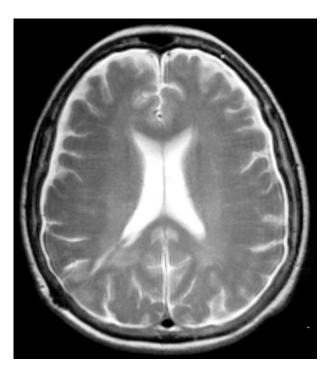


- □ 75-year-old
- Gait disorder
- Cognitive impairment

MRI: Hydrocephalus

Treated with a ventriculo-peritoneal shunt





Before

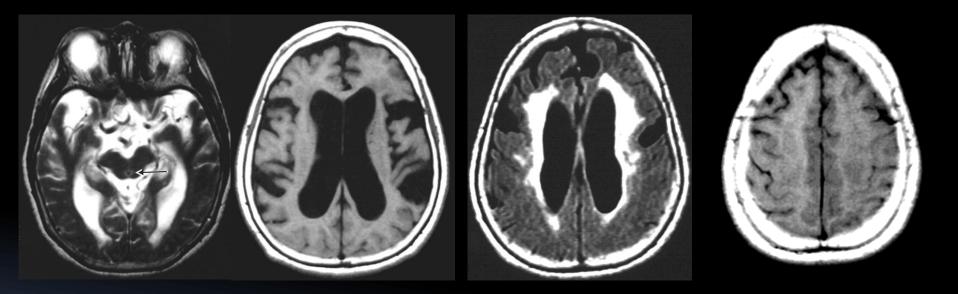
After

Improved Gait and Cognition After Shunting



Symptomatic Hydrocephalus ?

71-year-old woman unable to walk, incontinent and with impaired attention

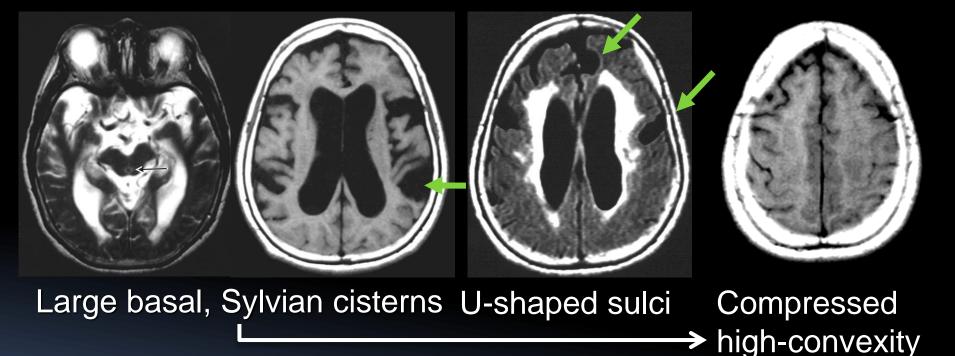


Would you recommend a shunting procedure?

Hydrocephalus with Mega-Cisterns

71-year-old woman unable to walk, incontinent and with impaired attention. Did improve after shunting

sulci



Holodny A et al. *J Neurosurg* 1998;89:742 Kitagaki H et al. *Am J Neuroradiol* 1998;19:1277 Tarnaris A et al . *J Neurosurg* 2009;110:837

Disproportionately Enlarged Subarachnoid Space Hydrocephalus (DESH)

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Automated detection of imaging features of disproportionately enlarged subarachnoid space hydrocephalus using machine learning methods

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ABSTRACT

Objective: Create an automated classifier for imaging characteristics of disproportionately enlarged subarachnoid space hydrocephalus (DESH), a neuroimaging phenotype of idiopathic normal pressure hydrocephalus (iNPH).

NeuroImage: CLINICAL

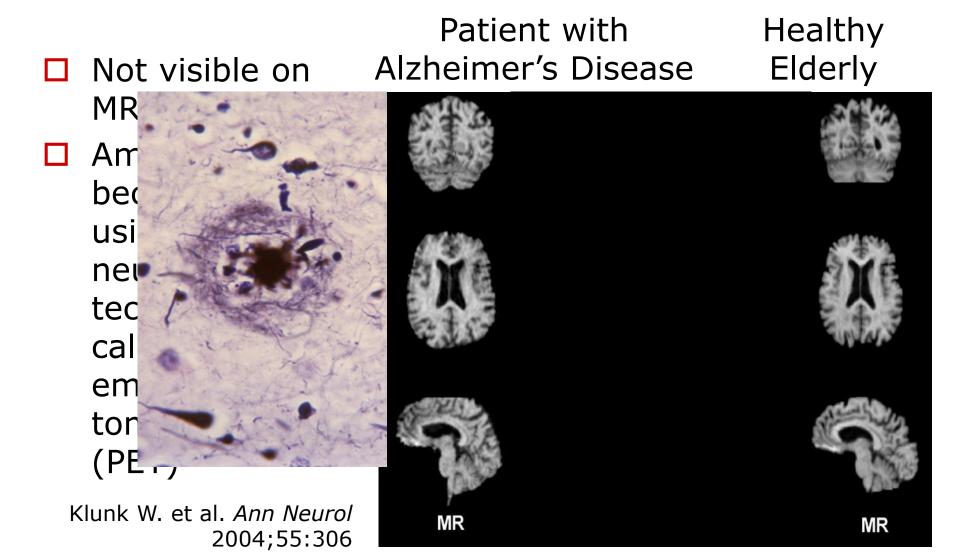
Methods: 1597 patients from the Mayo Clinic Study of Aging (MCSA) were reviewed for imaging characteristics of DESH. One core feature of DESH, the presence of tightened sulci in the high-convexities (THC), was used as a surrogate for the presence of DESH as the expert clinician-defined criterion on which the classifier was trained.

Alzheimer's (and other neurodegerative dementias) cannot yet be reversed with FDA-approved drugs



New treatment trials

Characteristic of Alzheimer's Disease: β-Amyloid Deposition in the Brain

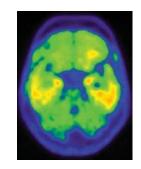


Neurodegeneration: An Evolving Process

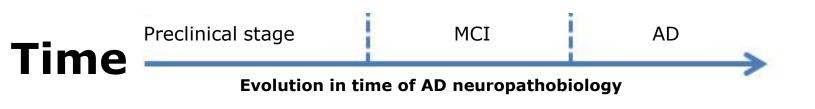
Personalized treatment requires defining the stage of each patient

Staging of AD: Imaging Findings





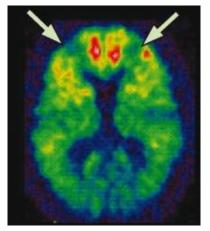
Tau imaging ¹⁸F-T807 (2013)



Masdeu JC. Curr Opin Neurol 2012

Abnormal Brain Aβ Can Be Removed with Immunotherapy □ Antibody against deposited amyloid

Treatment with the antibody bapineuzumab

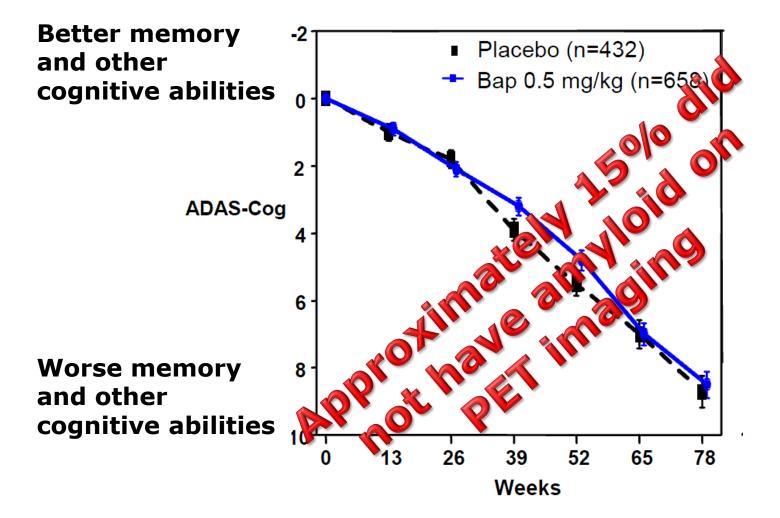


Before treatment

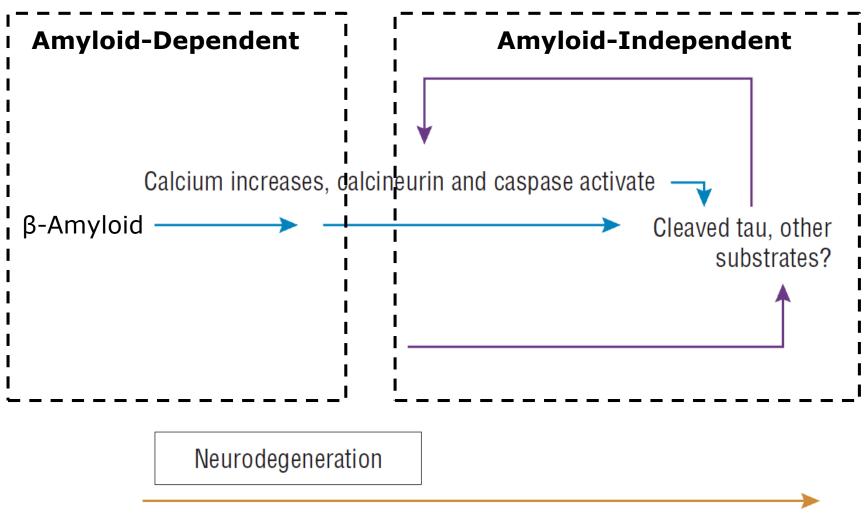
After treatment

Study of 2,452 patients with Alzheimer disease, funded by Janssen and Pfizer

No Benefit on Cognition When Given at the AD-diagnosis Stage (But Did No Harm)

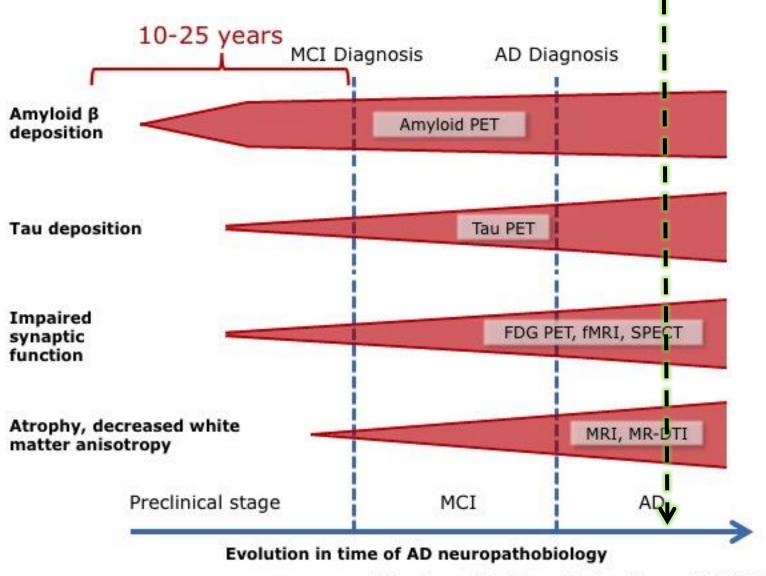


Stages of AD



Hyman BT. Arch Neurol 2011:68;1062

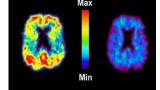




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Clinical Trials At Houston Methodist on Anti-Amyloid Treatments

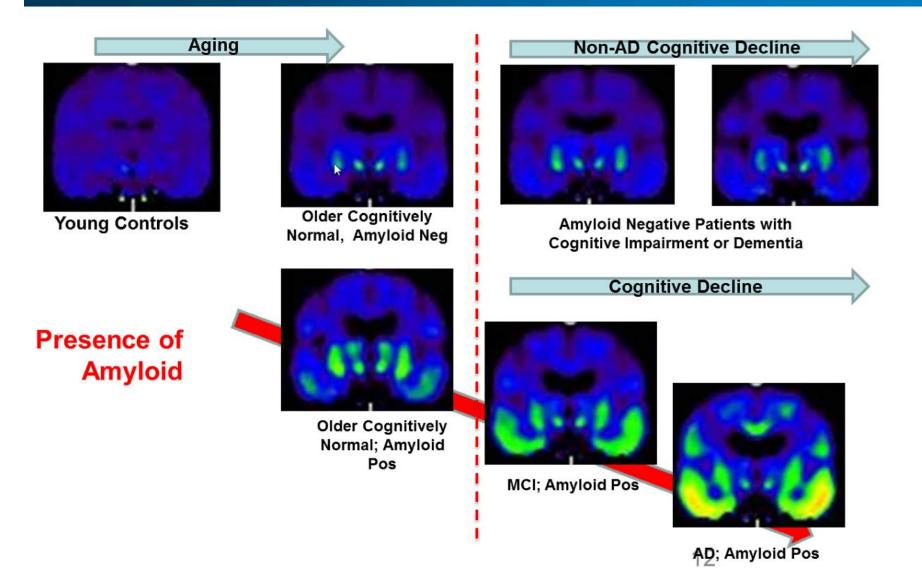
- For cognitive normal people at risk with an abnormal amyloid PET
 - Intravenous antibody (for people 65-85)
 - A4 Study: 6,763 screened, 4486 with PET; 1150 enrolled
 - APOE 4/4 genotype: Novartis Generation Study
- □ For mild cognitive impairment



Intravenous antibody (ages 50-85)

PET tau load as an secondary end-point

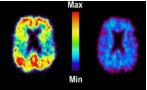
[¹⁸F]AV-1451 Tau PET Imaging vs Age, Diagnosis and Amyloid Status in 124 Subjects



Role of beta-amyloid excess in Alzheimer's development

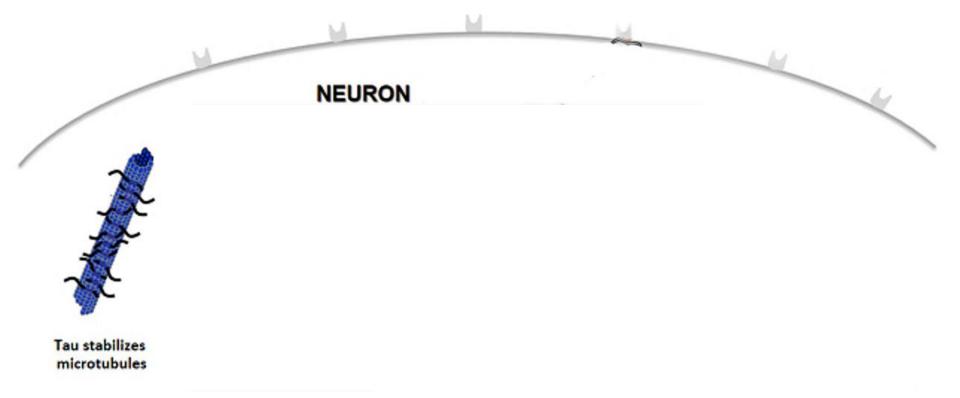
□ It contributes to processes causing clinical cognitive impairment

Beta-amyloid storage alone does not cause clinical cognitive impairment



Misfolded tau: Linked to neurodegeneration

Hyperphosphorylated, Misfolded Tau



Courtesy of Eli Lilly

Brain Metabolism Versus Brain Tau: Yin-Yang Relationship

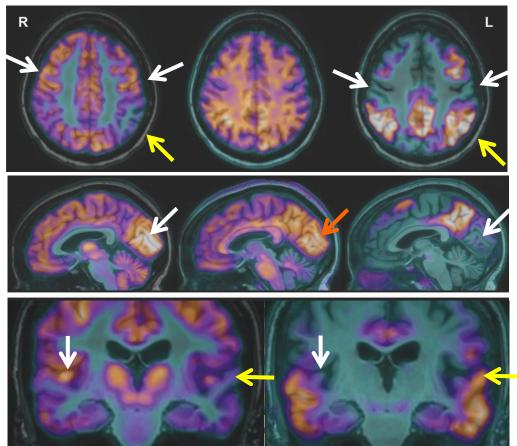
Where Tau is High, Metabolism is Depressed

Logopenic Aphasia (Alzheimer disease)

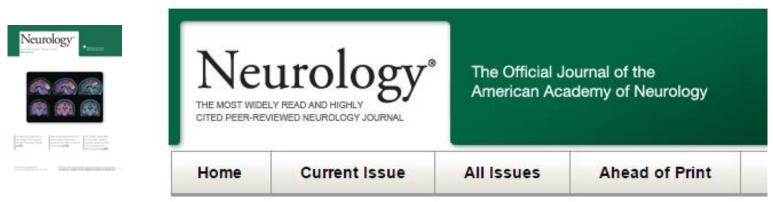
- Areas of normal metabolism
- Have no tau
- But areas with high amyloid
- May have normal metabolism
- Areas with high tau
- Have reduced metabolism

Tau more closely linked to neurodegeneration than amyloid

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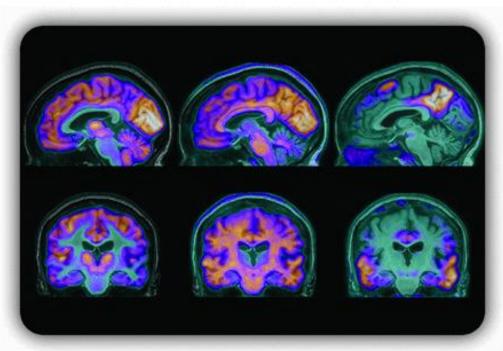


Pascual et al. Neurology 2016;85:487



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Cover image



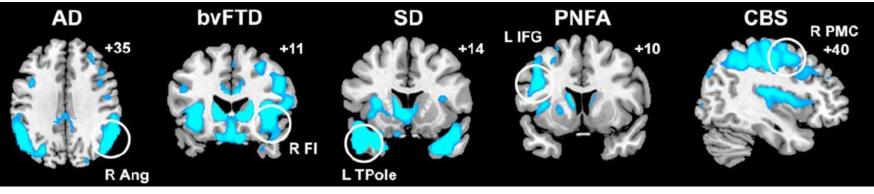
Cover image: Metabolism (¹⁸F-FDG), amyloid (¹⁸F-florbetapir), and tau (¹⁸F-AV-1451) PET MRI in a patient with a logopenic variant of primary progressive aphasia. See page 487.

In Dementia, Tau Proteins Propagate in the Brain Like Prions *(Mad Cow Disease)*

Emerging evidence suggests that tau aggregates may undergo prion-like neuron-to-neuron transmission

Neuron-to-Neuron spread		
In cell culture	In mice	
Kfoury <i>et al.</i> 2012	Lasagna-Reeves et al. 2012	
Iba <i>et al.</i> 2013	De Calignon <i>et al.</i> 2012	
	Lui <i>et al.</i> 2012	
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	Ahmed <i>et al.</i> 2014	
	Dujardin <i>et al.</i> 2014	

MRI atrophy patterns in human dementia suggest network involvement

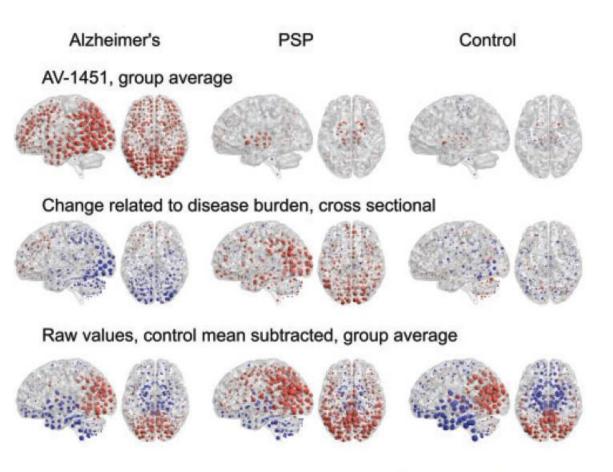


Seeley et al. Neuron 2009

Pattern of tau distribution in patients with Alzheimer's disease seems to follow the Default-Mode Network

 However, tau spreading is difficult to image in Alzheimer's disease because of the complexity of the default network

And the effect of amyloid-β on studies of MRI functional connectivity, like one recently published

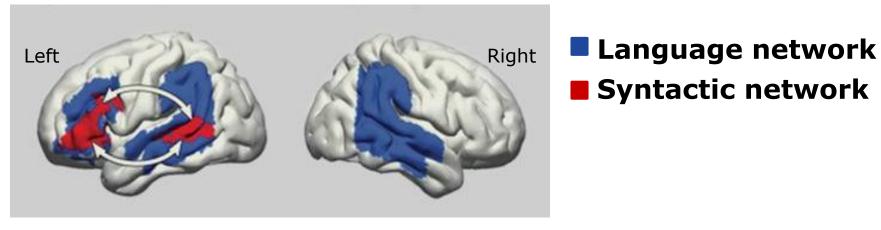


Positive
 Negative

Cope TE et al. Brain 2017

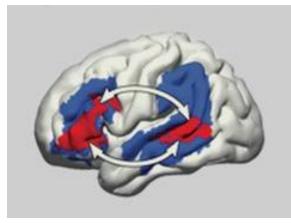
A simpler network to study prion-like propagation of tau: The syntactic network

Syntactic network: Part of the language network



Shafto and Tyler, Science 2014

Strongly left-lateralized network: inferior frontal and posterior middle temporal regions



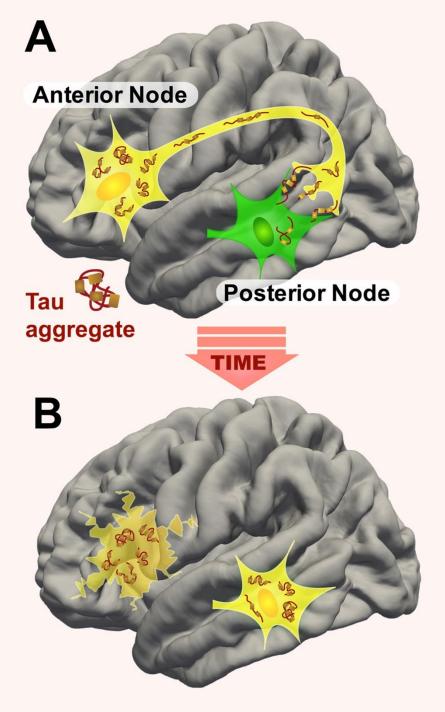
Anterior, motor node

Syntactic Network

Non-fluent variant of primary progressive aphasia: A variant of frontotemporal dementia

Posterior, sensory node

Arcuate fasciculus

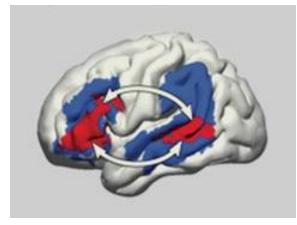


Prion-like Propagation of Tau (Hypothetical in Humans)

Stage A: Anterior node neuron still viable but containing tau aggregates Posterior node neuron being infected

Stage B:

- Anterior node contains tau
- Posterior node neuron still viable but containing tau aggregates
- Arcuate fasciculus fibers lost

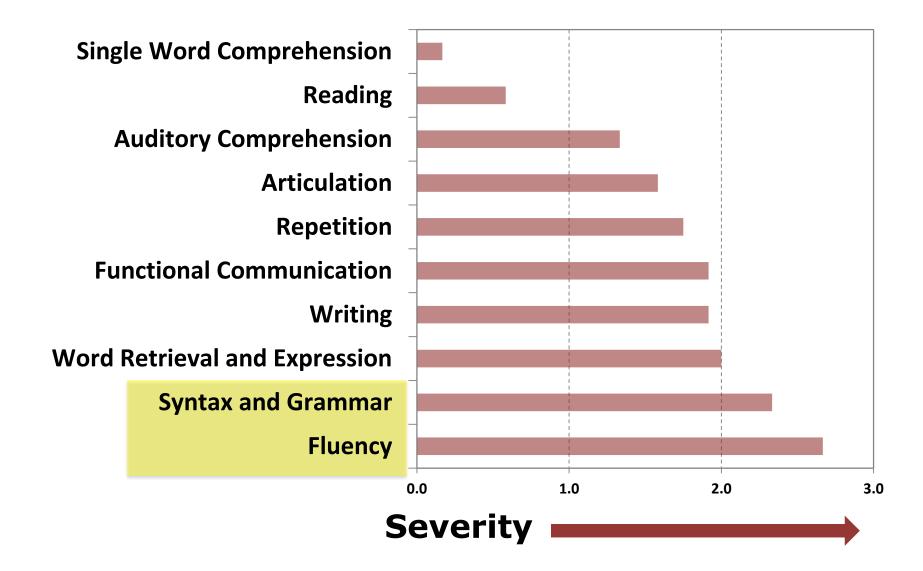


Syntactic Network in nfvPPA Non-fluent

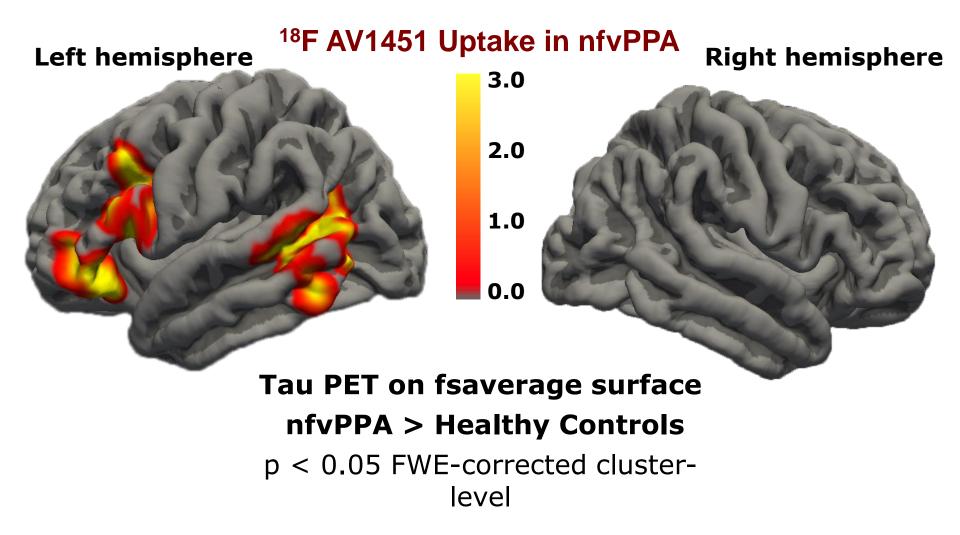
Loss of fibers in the arcuate fasciculus

Non-fluent variant of primary progressive aphasia: A variant of frontotemporal dementia

Fluency and syntax were most affected in nfvPPA patients, suggesting maximal involvement of the anterior node (Broca's area)



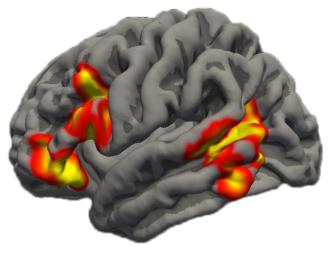
Tau deposition in non-fluent primary progressive aphasia occurred in anterior and posterior nodes of the syntactic network

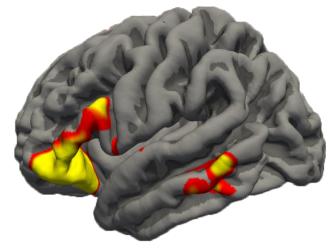


Tau was located in the two nodes of the syntactic network, maximally connected to each other as determined by fMRI

¹⁸F AV1451 Uptake in nfvPPA

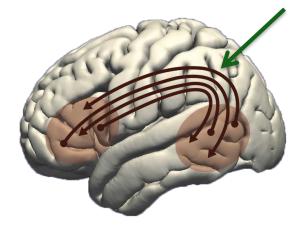
fMRI Connectivity Map in Healthy Controls



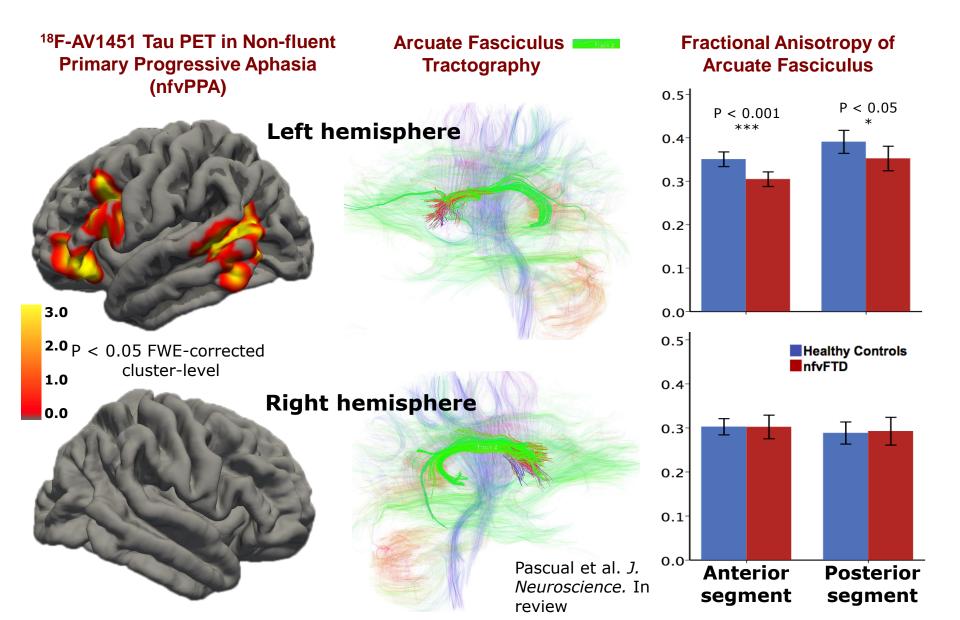


Arcuate fasciculus

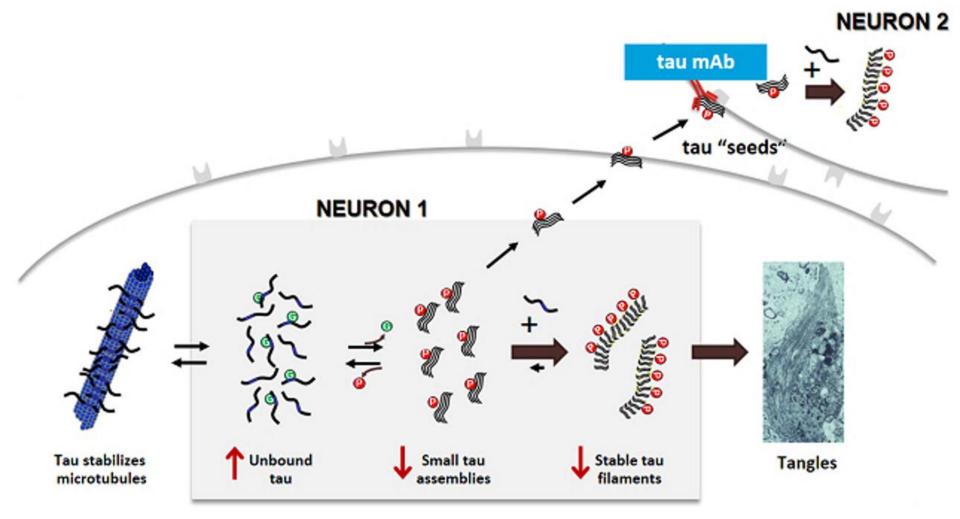
Next we studied the arcuate fasciculus, which connects both nodes



Tau deposits in anterior and posterior neuronal nodes of the syntactic network These neuronal nodes are connected by the arcuate fasciculus, abnormal near the anterior node, where the disease begins



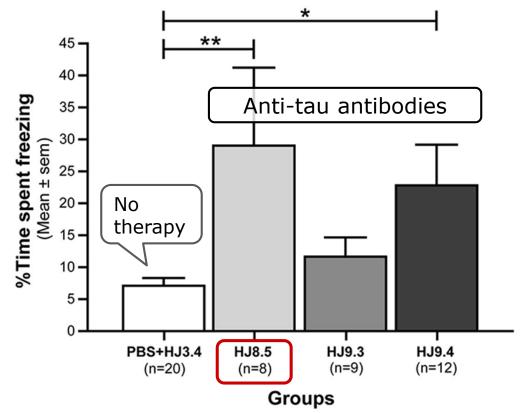
Antibodies Against Tau



Courtesy of Eli Lilly

Tau Immunotherapy

- P301S-tau transgenic mice
 - Antibody infusion into the lateral ventricle for 3 months

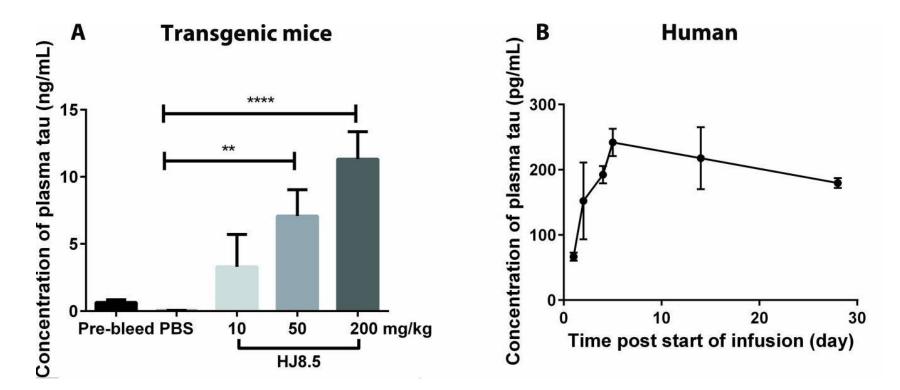


Contextual fear conditioning deficits in P301S tau transgenic mice are rescued by **HJ8.5**

Yanamandra K et al. Neuron 2013; 80:402

Tau Immunotherapy

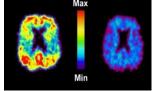
Anti-tau antibody (HJ8.5) increases plasma tau in mice and patients with tauopathy



Yanamandra K et al. Sci Transl Med 2017;9(386)

Anti-tau Treatment in Early AD (Aware Study, Abbvie)

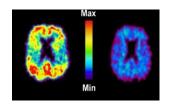
- An antibody against tau (ABBV-8E12) is injected IV once/month
- People with early Alzheimer's disease
 - Age 55-85 years
 - Positive amyloid scan



- Those having abnormal Aβ are randomized
 - □ Immunotherapy or placebo (75/25)
 - PET tau load as a secondary end-point

Anti-tau Treatment in Early AD (Tango Study, Biogen)

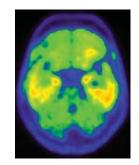
- □ An antibody against tau (BIIB092, three different doses) IV monthly
- People with early Alzheimer's disease
 - Age 50-80 years
 - CDR 0,5-1
 - Positive amyloid scan
 - Randomized



- □ Immunotherapy or placebo (75/25)
- PET tau load as a secondary end-point

Anti-tau Treatment in Early AD (Periscope Study, Eli Lilly)

- An antibody against tau (LY3303560, two different doses) IV monthly
- People with early Alzheimer's disease
 - Age 60-85 years
 - MMSE 28-20
 - Positive tau scan
 - Randomized



- □ Immunotherapy or placebo (67/33)
- PET tau load as a secondary end-point

Alzheimer's Disease: Towards Personalized Rx

Therapies lowering brain amyloid

- For preclinical stage (and MCI?)
 - \Box Anti- β -amyloid antibodies
 - Anti-β-amyloid vaccines
- Therapies directed to misfolded tau
 - Mild cognitive impairment or early Alzheimer's disease (and potentially later stages)
 Anti-tau antibodies
- Each directed to a specific patient at a specific stage of the disease

Training the Next Generation of Neuroimagers

Neuroimaging Fellowships: Training Neurologists to be Neuroimagers

Lawrence R. Wechsler, M.D.

UCNS Subspecialty in Neuroimaging

- In 2005, the United Council of Neurological Subspecialties approved the subspecialty of Neuroimaging
- Since then, only four programs have been accredited by the UCNS, only one at a classical academic medical center (SUNY Buffalo). The other three are:
 - NIH Intramural, Bethesda, MD
 - Winchester Neurology Associates, Winchester, VA
 - Dent Neurological Institute, Buffalo, NY



UCNS Subspecialty in Neuroimaging

- By contrast, there are more than 30 university-based Critical Care UCNS fellowship programs
- Yet, neurology residents finishing their clinical training are greatly interested in neuroimaging
- To try to understand better the difficulties Neurology chairs and program directors may have organizing neuroimaging fellowships, the AUPN posted a two-question survey in October 2012



AUPN 2012 Neuroimaging Survey

- Do you think you could organize a neuroimaging fellowship in your department?
 - Yes 14 (39 %)
 - No 22 (61 %)
- If not, why not?
 - Radiology would not like it (n= 8)
 - No faculty with training or interest (n=7)
 - Lack of funding (n=4)

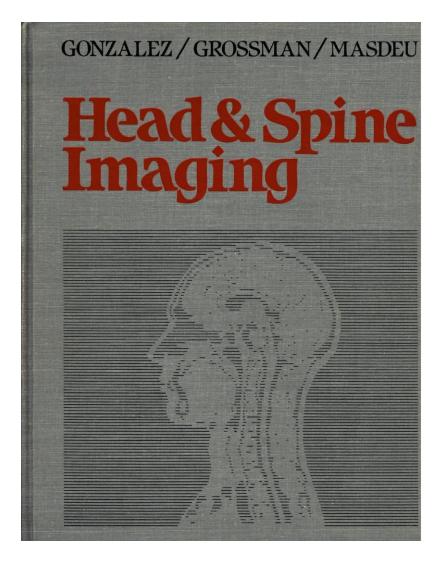
AUPN 2012 Neuroimaging Survey Solutions

 You don't need Radiology to start a fellowship If you like your radiologists, keep them out of the faculty until the time when Neuroimaging becomes an ACGME subspecialty

prepare for and pass UCNS exam – lead fellowship program

 Fund fellowship from clinical income generated by instructor level trainee. Not the same as ACGME

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PHYSICAL PRINCIPLES OF NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE AND ITS APPLICATION TO IMAGING

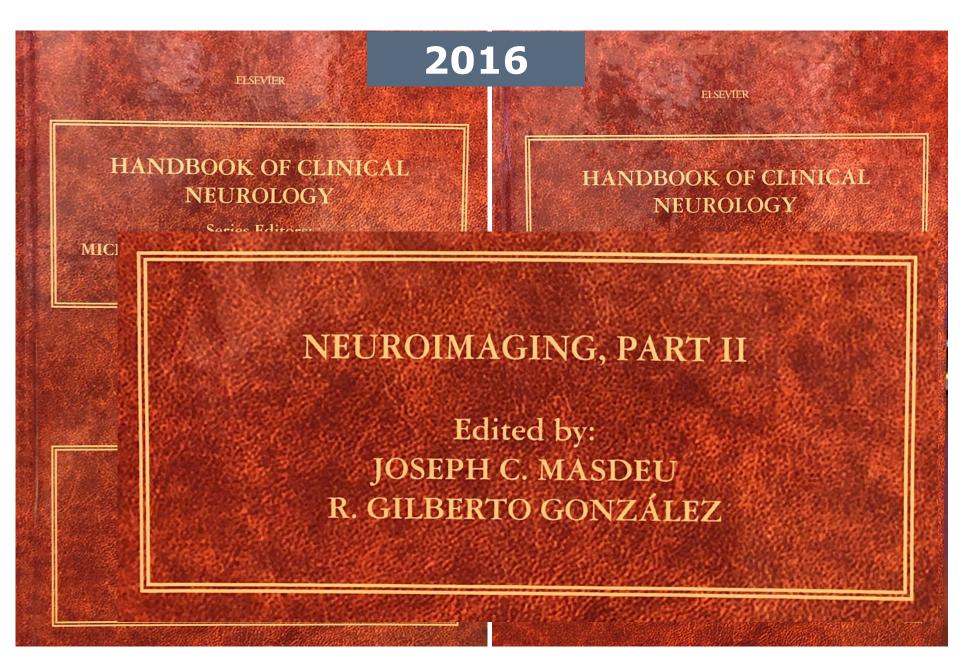
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NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING IN NEUROLOGY

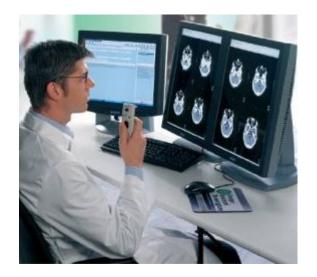
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Imaging Subspecialties

- Radiology
 - Neuroradiology
- Neurology
 - Neuroimaging



- Integrative Neuroimaging
 - Integrated with patient care
 - Using all imaging modalities relevant to the clinical problem
 - Correlated with neuropath & outcome

Teaching Neuroimaging at Academic Departments

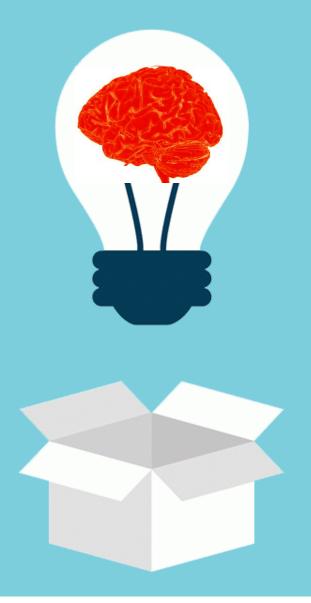
- Rotations through clinical services
 - Stroke
 - Neurosurgery, epilepsy
 - MS, neuroinflammation
 - Neurodegeneration
 - Peripheral neurology
 - Neuro-ophthalmology
 - ENT
- They can have an emphasis (e.g. stroke) with longer rotation

Neuroimaging Training Activities

- Become thoroughly familiar with the patient problem or be the treating neurologist
- Recommend imaging protocol
- Write/dictate formal report of the patient's images
 - Our fellows dictate about 28 per week
 - Reviewed and edited by faculty
- Follow up on the patient's course and imaging correlates (neuropath, etc)

1-Year Case Load in Fellowship

ACR Guideline: 500 MRI cases in the specialty area shall have been interpreted and reported in the past 36 months in a supervised situation. For neurologic MRI, at least 50 of the 500 cases shall have been MRA of the central nervous system



Think outside the box

HMNI-HMRI Neuroimaging Lab

