

## ADNI-2 Accomplishments: Highlights of Biostatistics Accomplishments

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# Outline

- 1 ADNI-2: Continuation: More years, more people.**
- 2 ADNI-2: More diagnostic categories.**
- 3 ADNI-2: New measures.**

## Highlights of Biostatistics Core accomplishments in ADNI-2

ADNI-2 has continued the work of ADNI-1 and ADNI-GO), but also has expanded the data collected. This wealth of data presents corresponding challenges.

We will highlight contributions of the Biostatistics Core that provide new insights drawn from the ever-richer ADNI data.

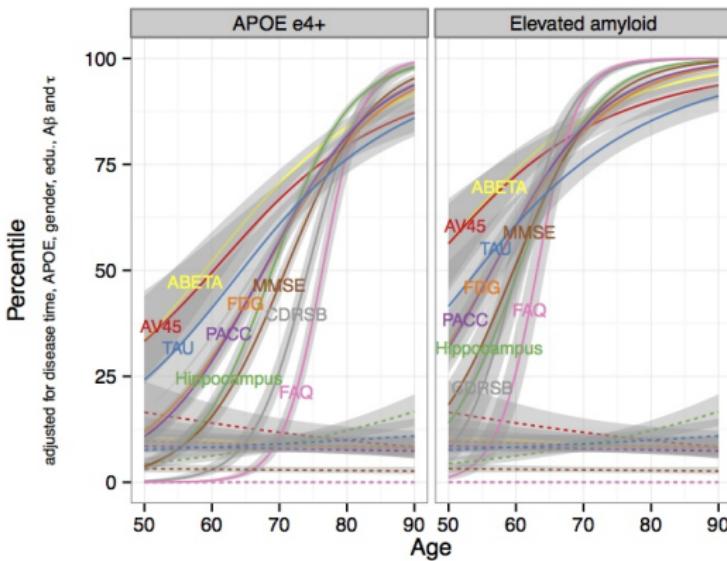
- Richer longitudinal data allows modeling trajectories and sequences.
- New groups (eMCI, SMC) increase breadth of data across disease process and fill in gaps.
- New measures increase depth of data on participants.

## Extended longitudinal follow-up: rich but challenging

- Some participants (from ADNI-1) followed almost 10 years.
- Not everyone has every measurement, and some changed, so we've had to work out ways to reconcile.
- For example, is “amyloid positive” the same if based on CSF, PiB, or AV45?
- We cover a wide range from NC to MCI to AD, but rarely in same person!
- Sophisticated statistical methods help us to align people against age or study time.

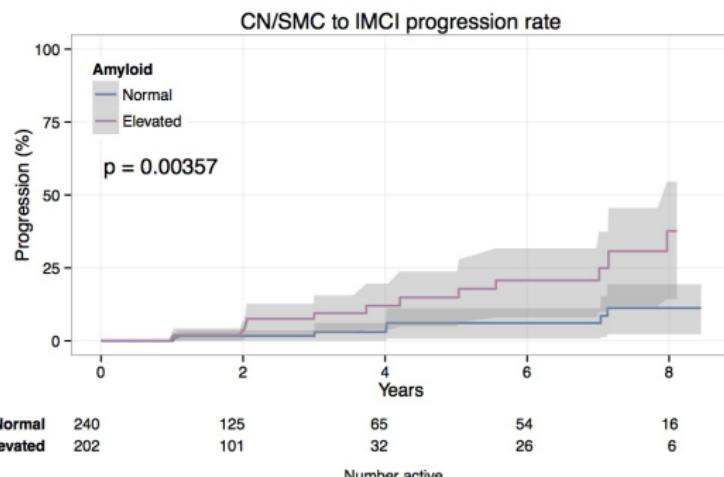
# Rich longitudinal panel data allow sophisticated modeling

Figure : Solid lines show impact of E4+, amyloid+ on trajectories  
(Donohue *et al*, JAMA Neur 2014)



# Extended follow-up picks up conversion of NC

Figure : Amyloid+ (CSF or PET) predicts longer-term risk of MCI

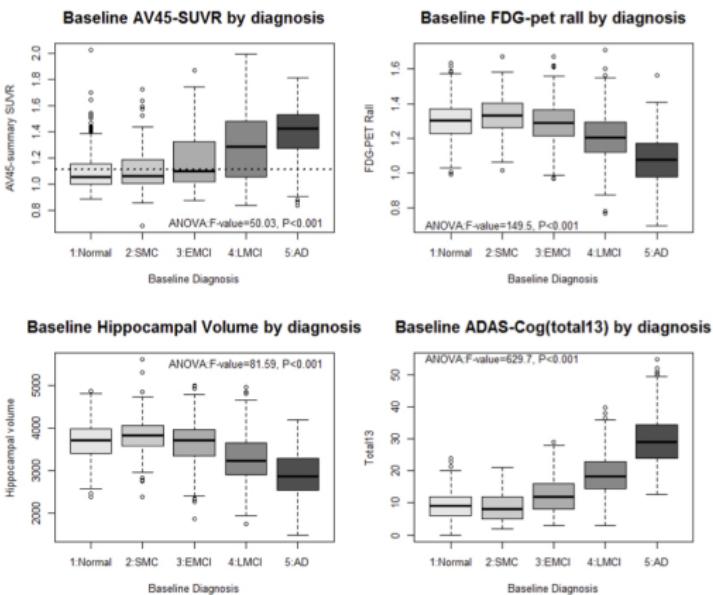


## Two new groups added since ADNI-1: eMCI and SMC

- Goal was to fill in gap between NC and later MCI.
- Are some biomarkers already bad in eMCI and SMC?
- Do some problems not show up until later in MCI?
- We tried to get later MCI and AD groups to be “pure” but it's harder in earlier stages.
- What have we learned about heterogeneity of subtle, early clinical problems?
- Can we start to see change in these groups, or in subgroups?

# New groups fill in the gaps between NC and MCI

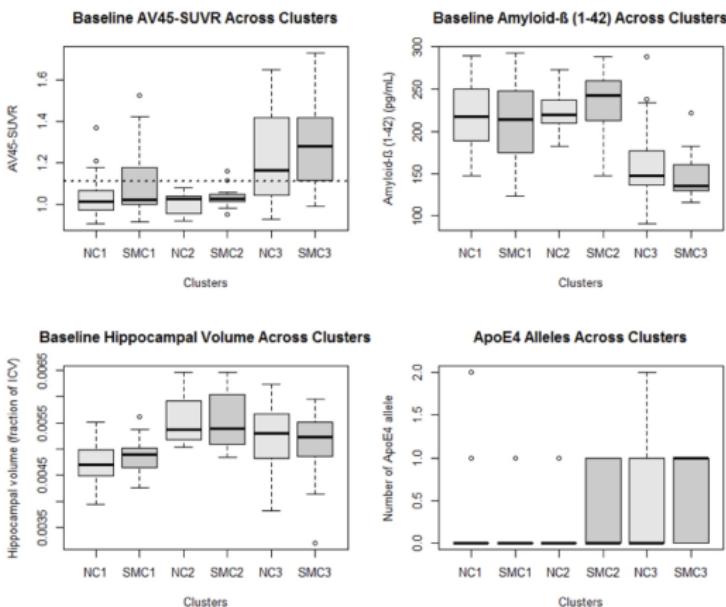
Figure : SMC and eMCI fit in between NC and MCI, as expected



SMC similar to NC but both are heterogeneous

- We used unsupervised clustering to look for subgroups in ADNI-2 NC and SMC.
  - Similar method to Nettiksimmons 2010 in ADNI-1 NC, 2014 in ADNI-1 MCI.
  - Clusters based on volumetrics, CSF measures.
  - Similar results to Nettiksimmons for both NC and SMC.
  - Three subgroups in each diagnostic group, quite similar.

# Clusters look healthy, pre-AD-like, and maybe vascular

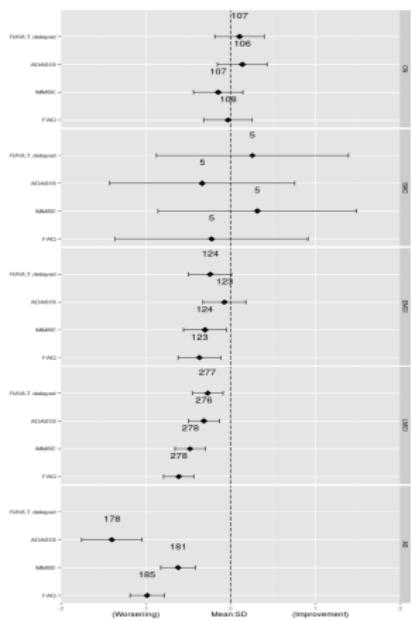


## Can we pick up change in new groups?

SMC look similar to NC at baseline, and EMCI intermediate.  
What do they look like at 12 months?

- Focus on group most likely to change: ApoE4 carriers.
- Summary for 4 measures:
  - RAVLT delayed (memory)
  - ADAS-COG13, MMSE (general cognitive function)
  - FAQ (functional)

## 12-month change in 4 measures, by group

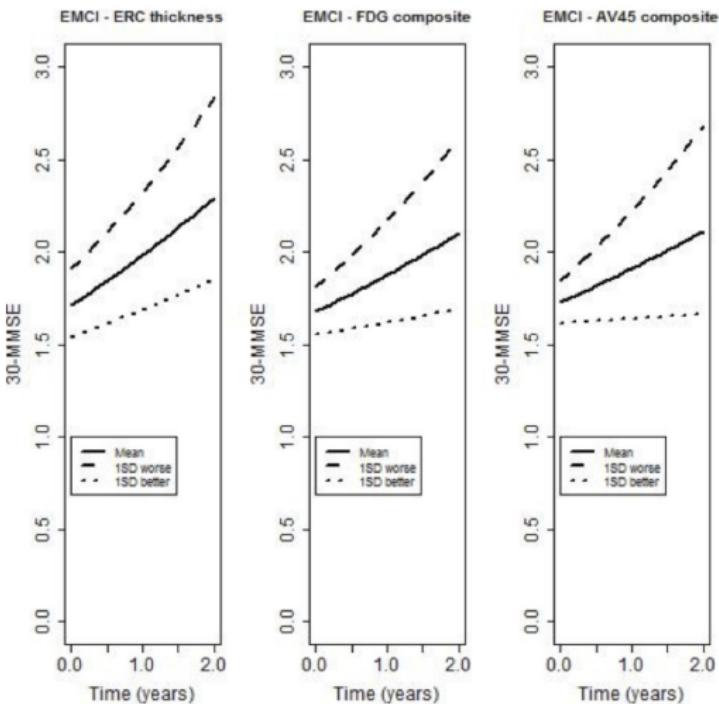


- 5 panels, top to bottom: NC, SMC, EMCI, LMCI, AD
- 4 tests in each panel, top to bottom: RAVLT, ADAS, MMSE, FAQ
- All tests on standard scale: 0=NC baseline mean, 1=NC SD.
- worsening <— x —> improving

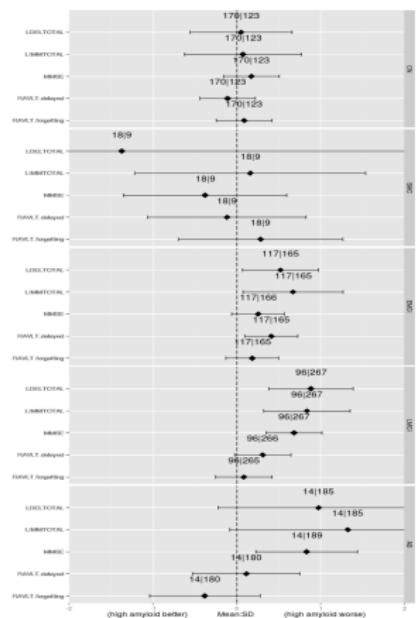
## We also added new measures: are they prognostic?

- Amyloid imaging now done on everyone.
- What is prognostic value?
- Does it truly show up really early? How early?
- It's early to see much in NC or SMC.
- But eMCI have been followed longer.

# New measures have prognostic value even in eMCI



# Another look: Amyloid +/- difference, memory tests



- 5 panels, top to bottom: NC, SMC, EMCI, LMCI, AD
- 5 tests in each panel, top to bottom: LDEL, LIMM, MMSE, RAVLTDEL, RAVLTFORGET
- All tests on standard scale: 0=NC baseline mean, 1=NC SD.
- At 12 mo, amyloid+ is: better < — x — > worse

# Thank you!

All done! Any questions?

