

## Aging and Alzheimer 's disease

Gina Devau,  
[gina.devau@uMontpellier.fr](mailto:gina.devau@uMontpellier.fr)

Part 1



# Espérance de vie

2006	Femmes	Hommes
France	86 ans	79 ans
Japon	88 ans	81 ans

- Education
- Alimentation
- Surveillance médicale....

Augmentation du nombre de personnes atteints de pathologies associées à l'âge => 900 000 personnes atteintes de MA en France.

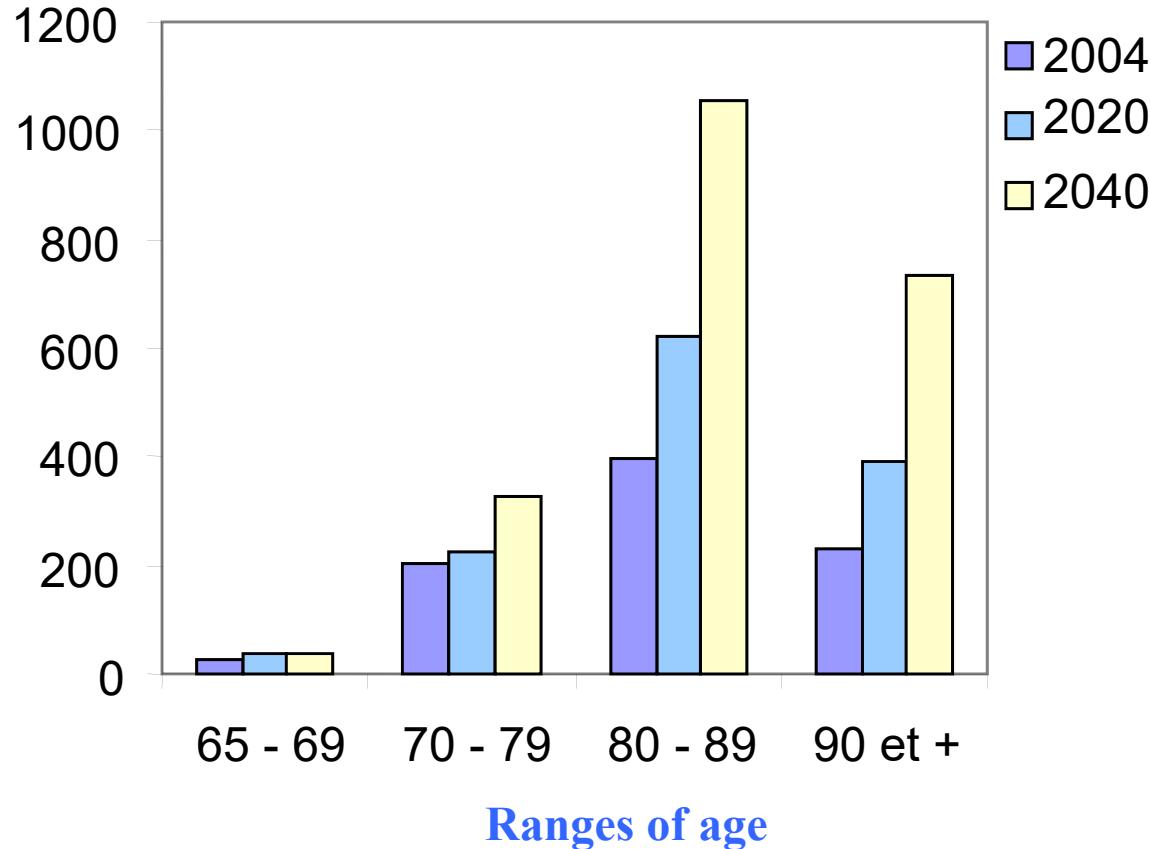
2008 : 860 000 Cas diagnostiqués => 2020 : 900 000 cas diagnostiqués

## Age: the major risk of the AD

---

Estimation of the evolution of the number of people affected by AD in France

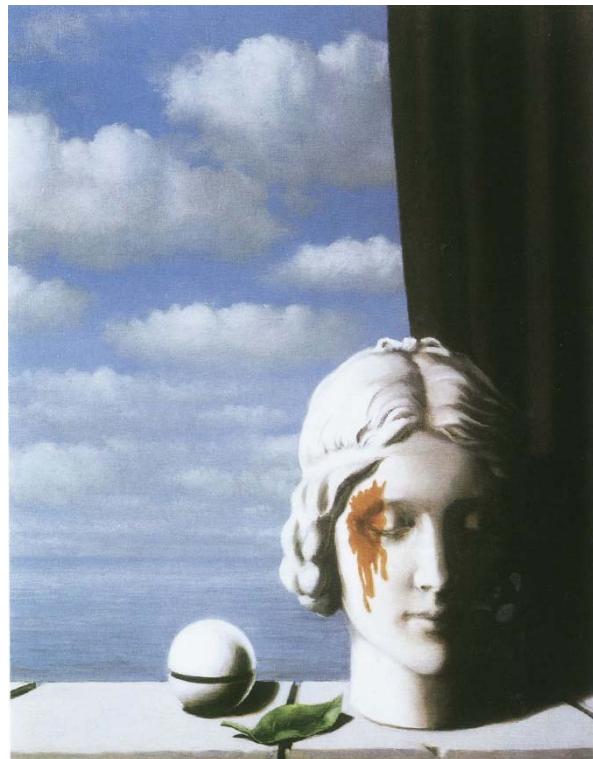
People number ( $10^3$ )



200 000 new cases/year

# A neurodegenerative disease: Alzheimer's disease

---



Loss of memory  
&  
Spatial disorientation  
&  
Language disorders

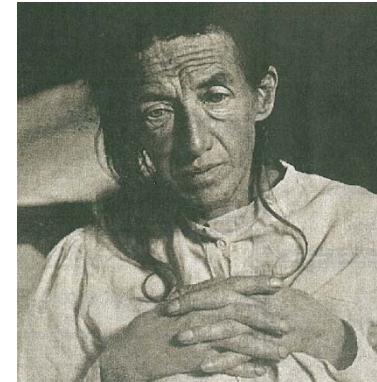


Behavioral modifications

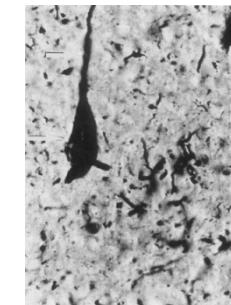
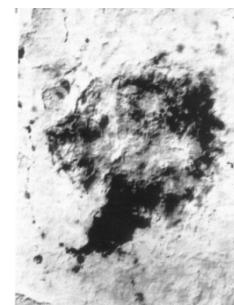
" La mémoire" René MAGRITTE 1936

# Hallmarks of Alzheimer's disease

---



Aloïs Alzheimer (1906)  
Psychiatric-neuropathologist  
(1864-1915)

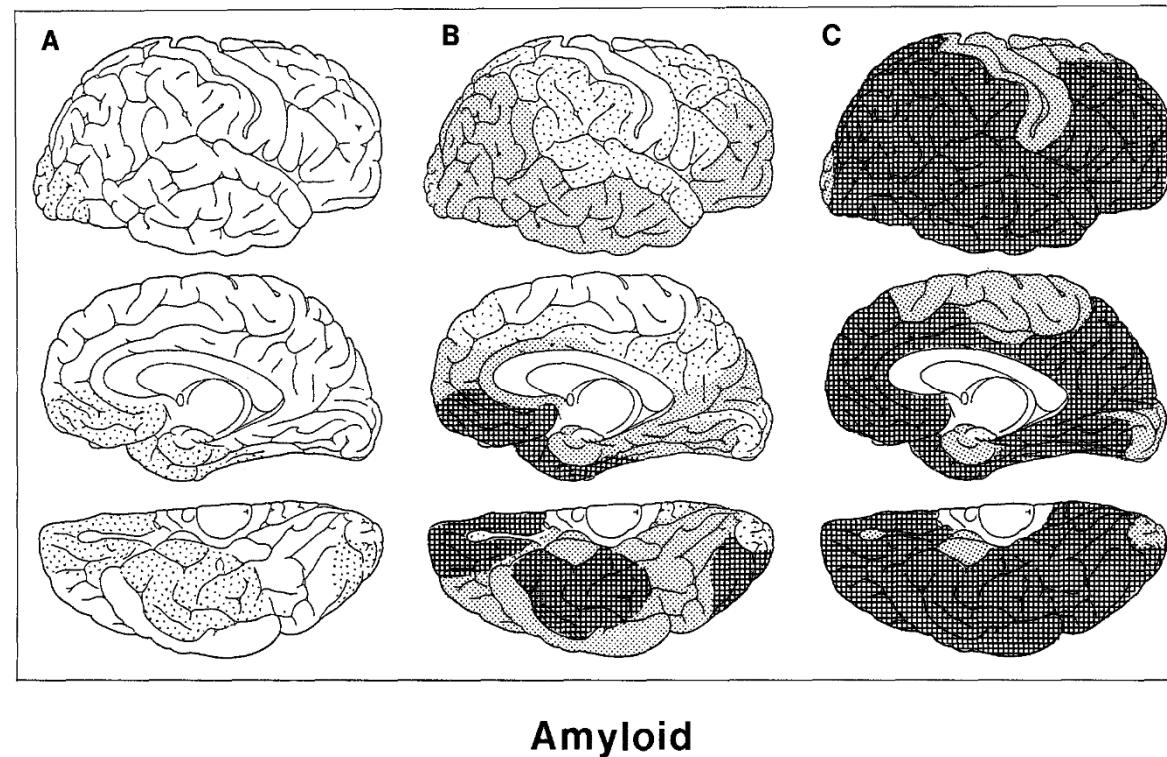


Senile plaques      Neurofibrillary tangles

Lesions of the neurodegenerescence observed in the cortex of the patient in post-mortem autopsy

# The evolution of amyloid plaques

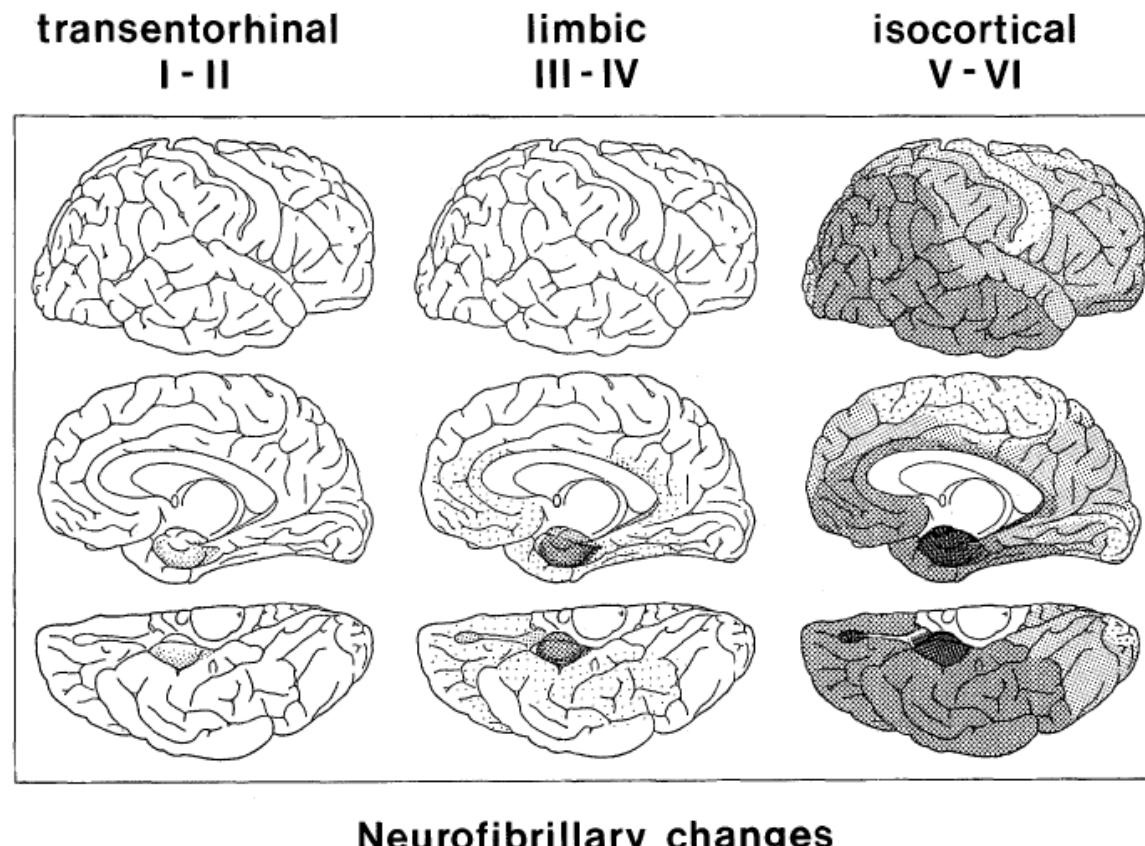
---



Braak et al., 1991

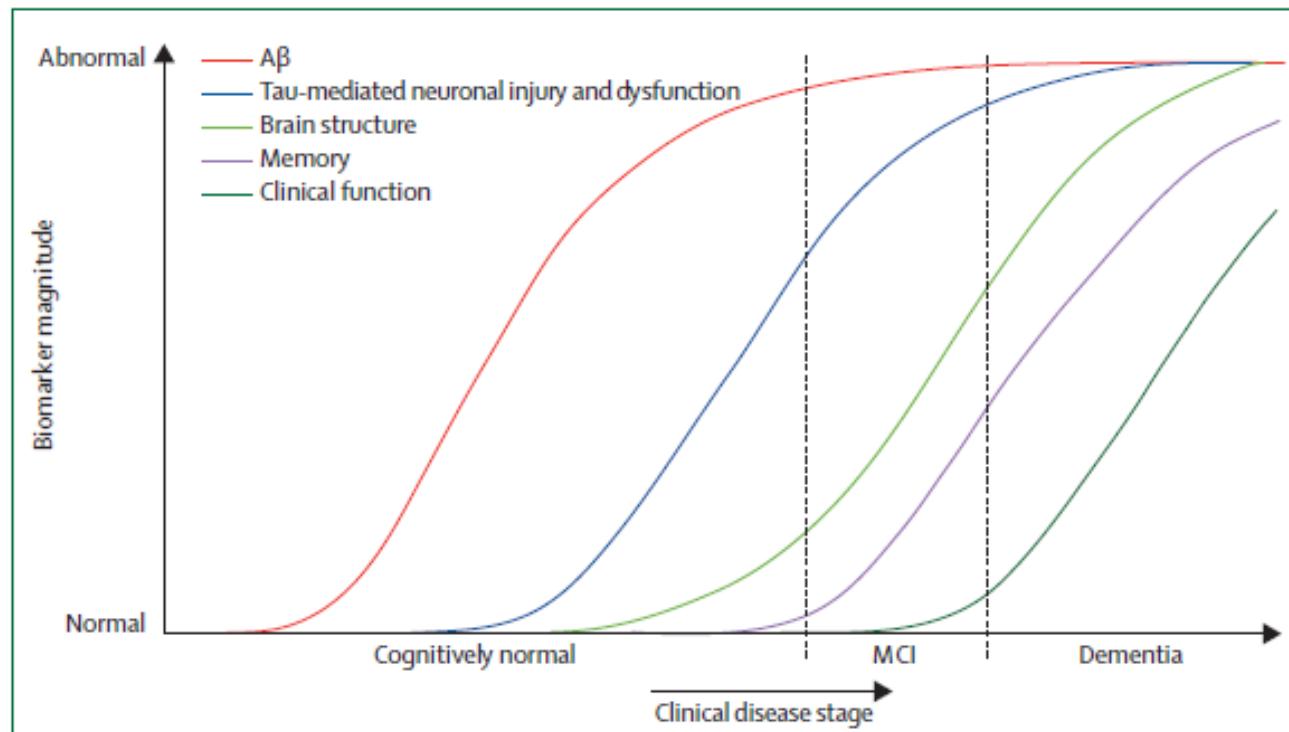
# The evolution of neurofibrillary tangles

---



Braak et al., 1991

# Evolution of Alzheimer's disease over the time



Jack et al., 2013

# The different stages of the Alzheimer's disease

---

- .....
  - Preclinical early stage (prodromal stage)
  - Moderate stage
  - late stage, dementia
  
- Genetic inheritance
  - Familial mutations of APP, PSEN1 and PSEN2
  - Susceptibility genes, APOE4
  - Late onset sporadic AD with complex and unknown origin

# Detection of the pathologie

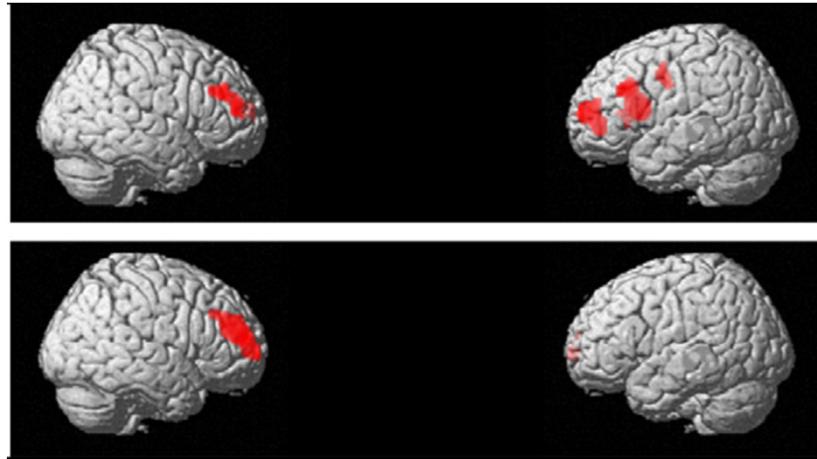
---

## Early screening

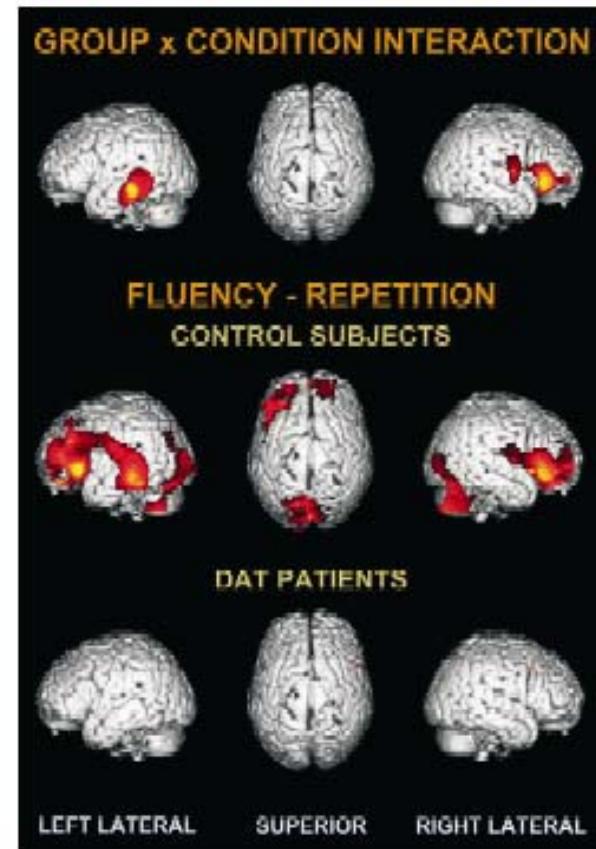
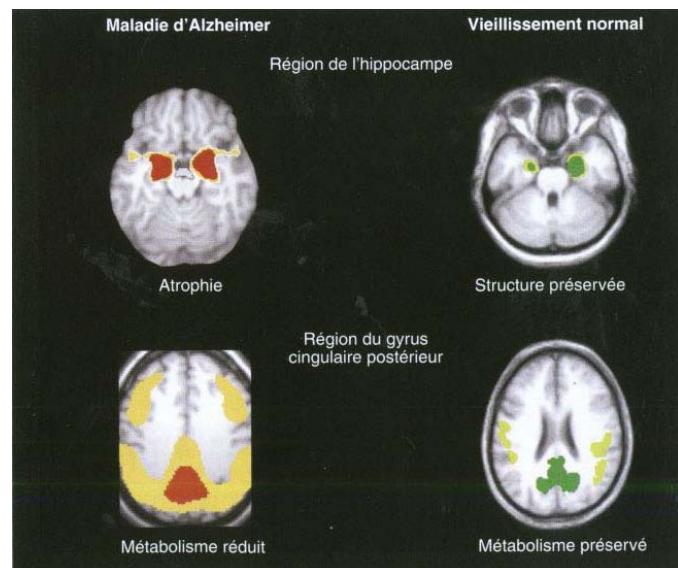
### Mild Cognitive impairment (MCI)

- Memory tests
  - Mini Mental Score Examination
- Cerebral MRI
  - Control of the cerebral cortex and hippocampus atrophy
  - Detection of plaques by the Pittsburg compound-B (PIB)
- Detection by markers in the CSF and in blood
  - Amyloid peptides
  - Tau protein hyperphosphorylated

# MRI and AD: atrophy in the frontal cortex and in the hippocampus

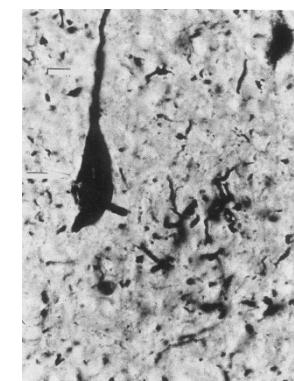
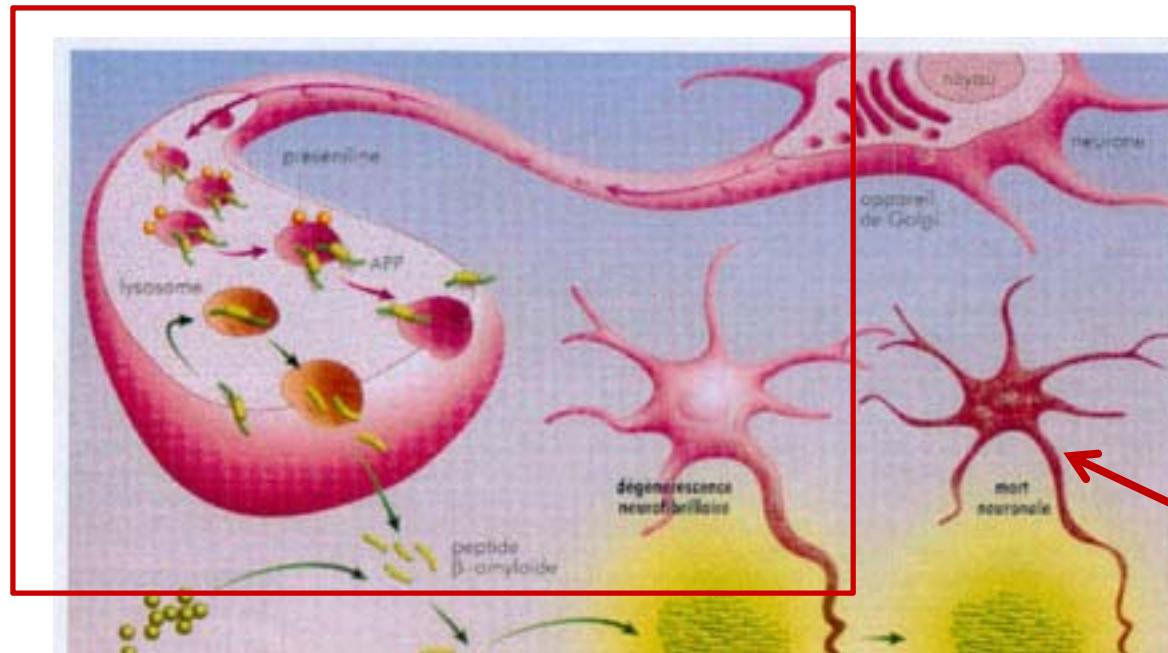


Bernard et al., Neurobiol. Aging, 2007

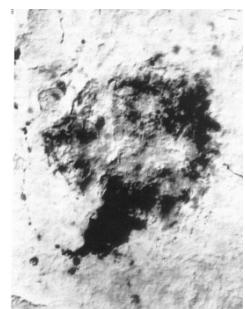


Slosman et al., Brain Res Rev, 2001

# Cellular events



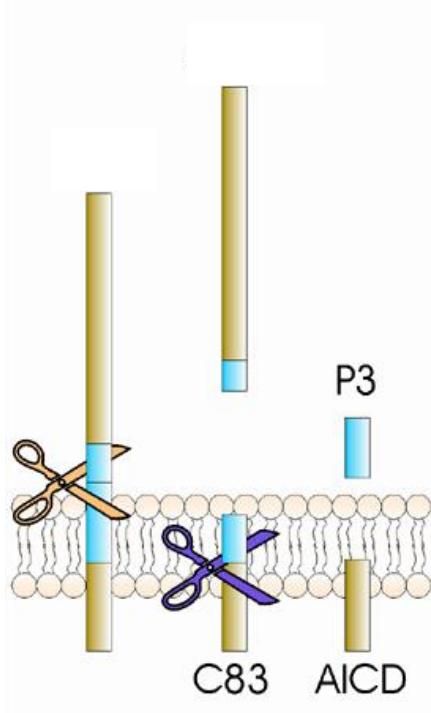
Neurofibrillary  
tangles



Amyloid plaques

# $\beta$ -amyloïde peptide synthesis

voie non-amyloïdogénique



voie amyloïdogénique

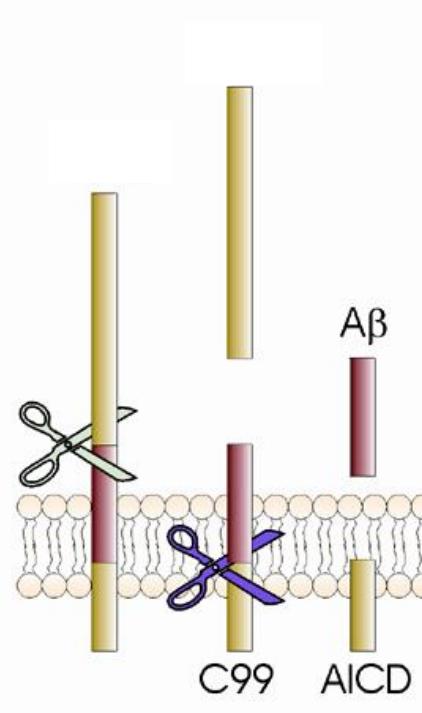


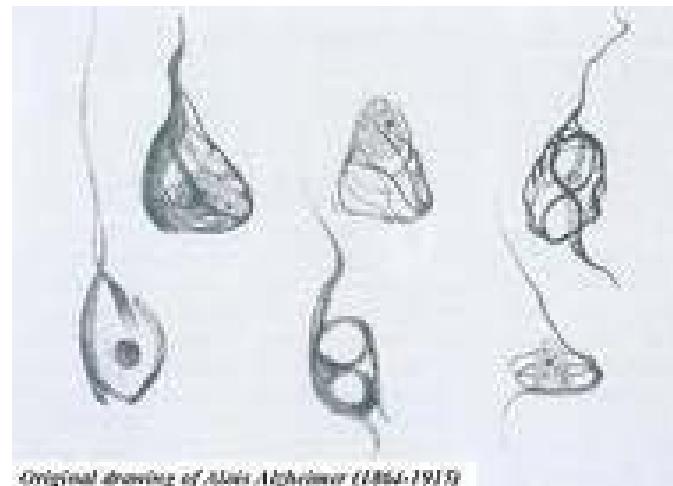
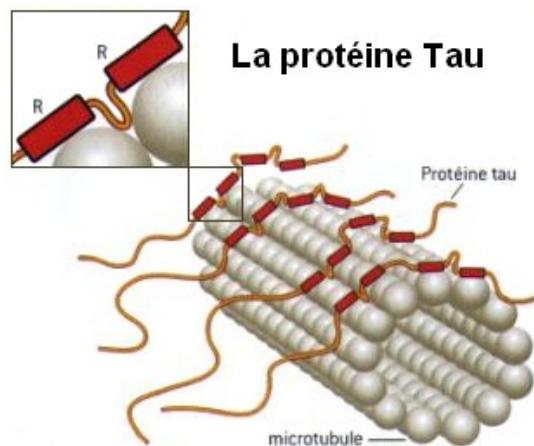
Table des matières	
	$\alpha$ -secrétase
	$\beta$ -secrétase
	$\gamma$ -secrétase

The A $\beta$  peptide is synthesized from APP a membrane protein.

# Tau protein hyperphosphorylated

---

La protéine Tau hyperphosphorylée forme des agrégats qui induisent des dégénérescences neurofibrillaires .



- Atteinte du cytosquelette
- Altération du transport axonique
- Désintégration cellulaire

# Les gènes de susceptibilité

---

Le site Alzheimer Research Forum,  
repertorie les gènes impliquées dans la MA,  
Site: [www.alzgene.org](http://www.alzgene.org)

*APOE4*

*CLU (APOJ),*

*CR1,*

*PICALM...*

Bertram & Tanzi Genome wide association studies in Alzheimer's disease. Human Mol Genetics, 2009.

Lambert et al. Genome-wide association study identifies variants at CLU and CR1 associated with Alzheimer's disease. Nature Genetics, 2009.

Harold et al. Genome-wide association study identifies variants at CLU and PICALM associated with Alzheimer's disease. Nature Genetics, 2009.

GWA studies: analyse d'épidémiologie génétique par association des identifications génétiques avec des traits particuliers après séquençage à haut débit du génome et analyse informatique.

# Risks of AD development

---

First factor: age

5% of parental inheritance

95% sporadic cases

Genes mainly implicated:

APP      chromosome 21

PSEN1    chromosome 14

PSEN2    chromosome 1

TAU      chromosome 17

(MAPT)

APOE ε4 chromosome 19

Genes of susceptibility

CLU (APOJ)

CR1 & PICALM (2009)

Plus d'une 100 gènes répertoriés (Alzgene forum)

# Drugs

---

Anti-cholinesterase activity:

- Tacrine (Cognex)

First drug used but removed for its liver toxicity

- Donezepil (Aricept)

- Rivastigmine (Exelon)

- Galantamine (Reminyl) (+ agoniste nicotinique)

Antagonist of NMDA receptor:

- Memantine (Ebixa)

# Aging and ethics

---

Ethic dilemma: Predictive medicine,  
Prediction of an AD at 20, 30, 40, 50 years for a precoce diagnosis

# Changes in brain functions

---

Loss of neurons  
and glial cells



Memory loss  
Spatial and temporal  
disorientation

Loss of cognitive functions

Preserved functions



Senses  
Emotion  
Motricity

Desorientation  
Loss of landmarks



Insecurity

Behavior changes

## IX- Parcours de soins

Stabiliser

Médicaments

Accompagner

Le malade

La famille, l'aidant principal

L'équipe médicale

Mobiliser les capacités préservées

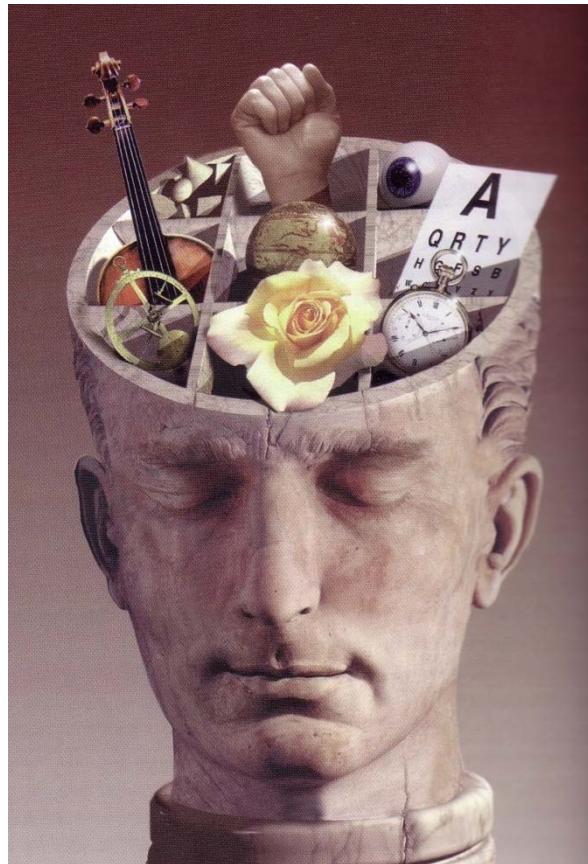
Les capacités sensorielles

L'ajustement émotionnel

Améliorer la communication

Le mot, la voix,  
le geste, le visage,  
le corps

# Mobiliser toutes les capacités cérébrales possibles



Autre espace-temps

Apaiser, réconforter

Encourager, renforcer

Ne pas s'acharner

Respecter