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Weight fluctuations

a risk factor for obesity & metabolic syndrome

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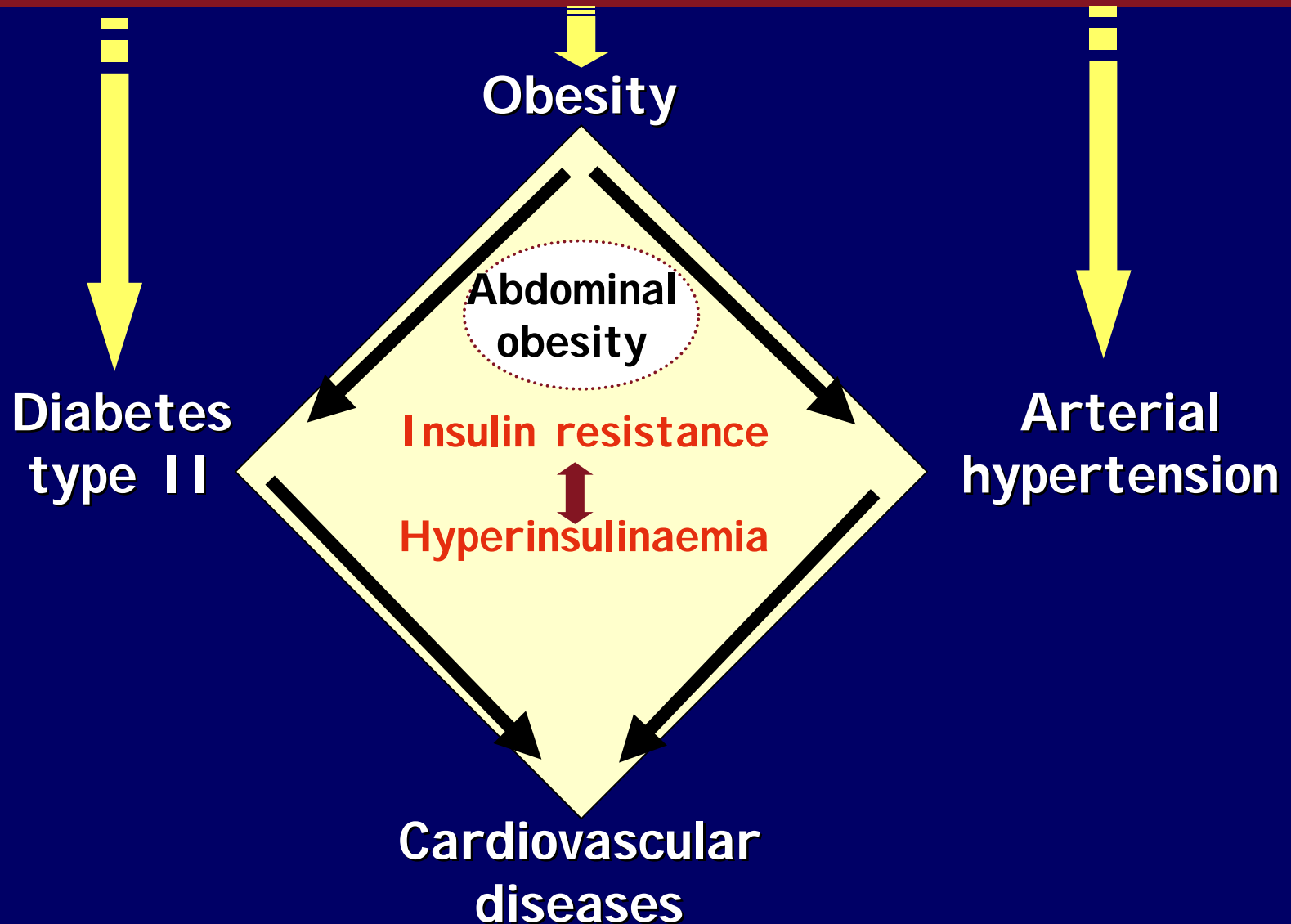
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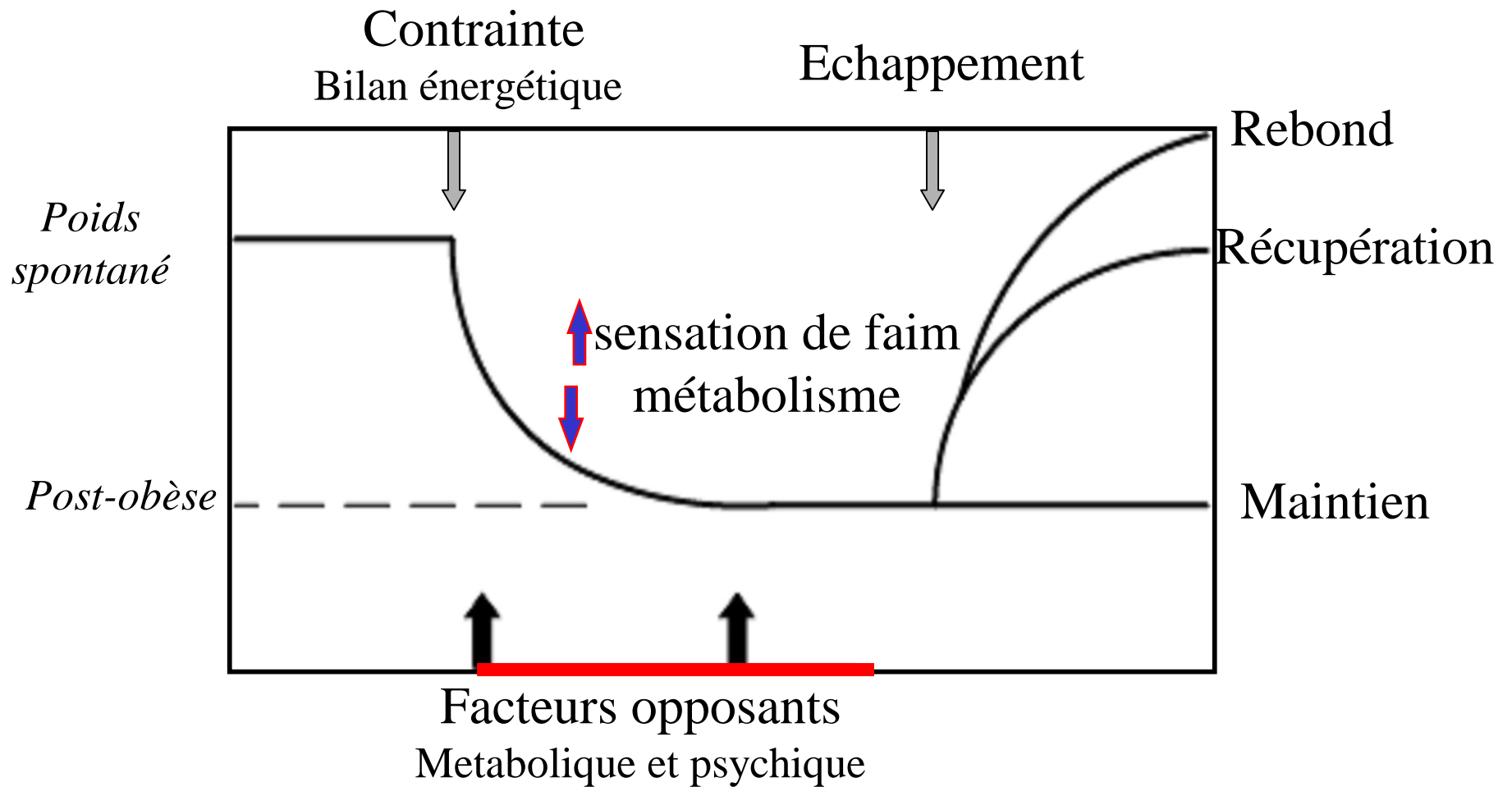
Switzerland



*Large fluctuations in body weight
is also an independent risk factor for:*



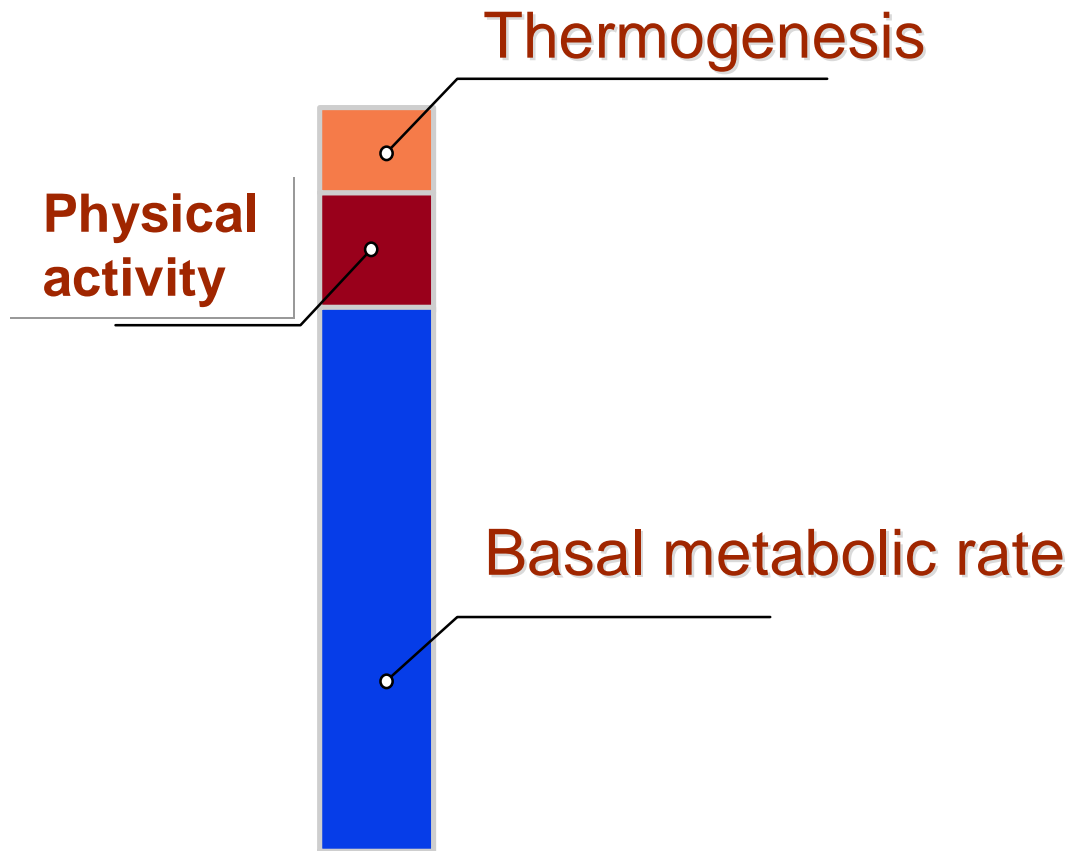
Evolution typique du poids de l'obèse 'traité'



Adapted from Guy-Grand (1980)

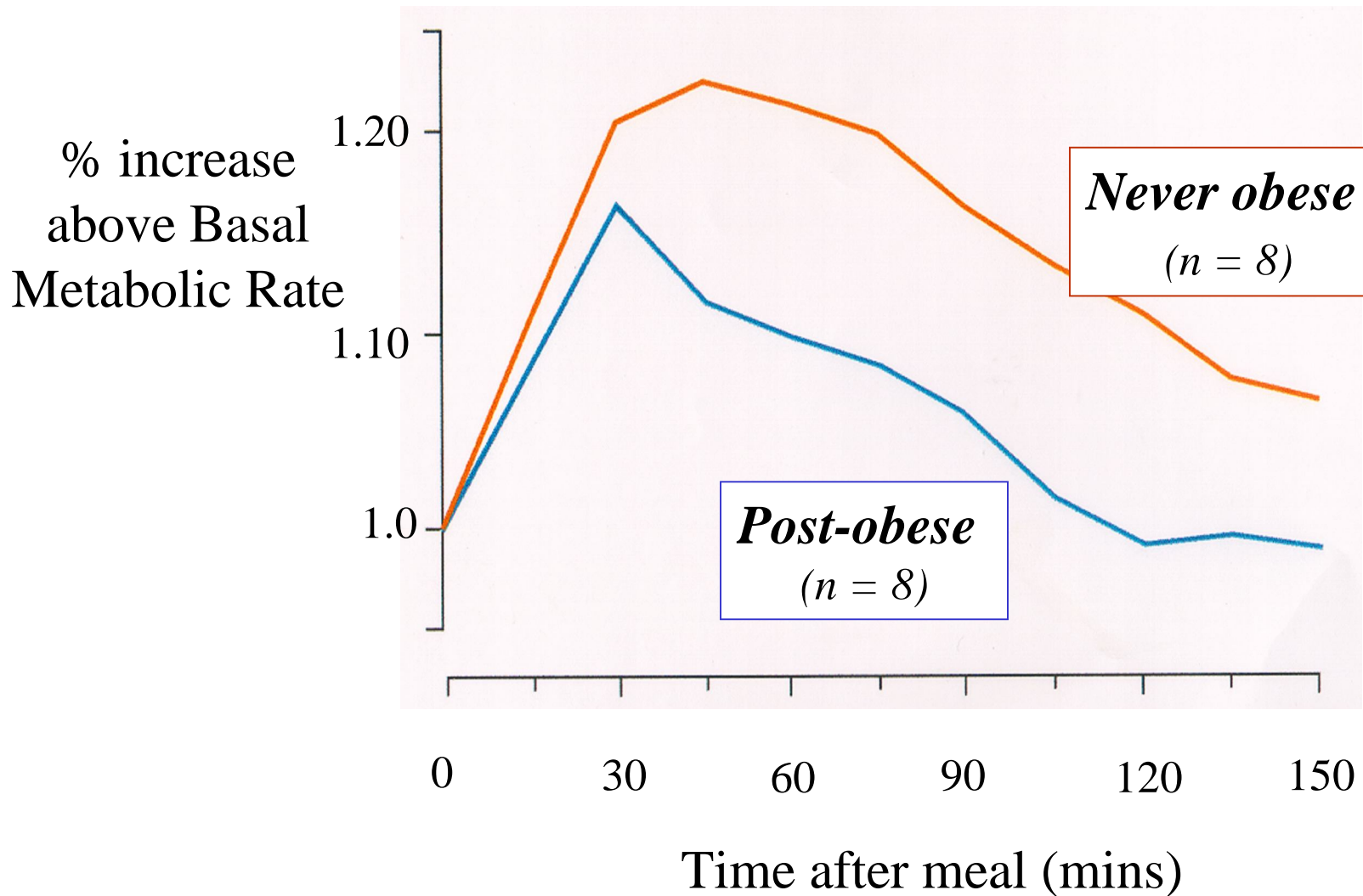
Evaluation of energy expenditure

VO_2 and VCO_2 measurements – *indirect calorimetry*

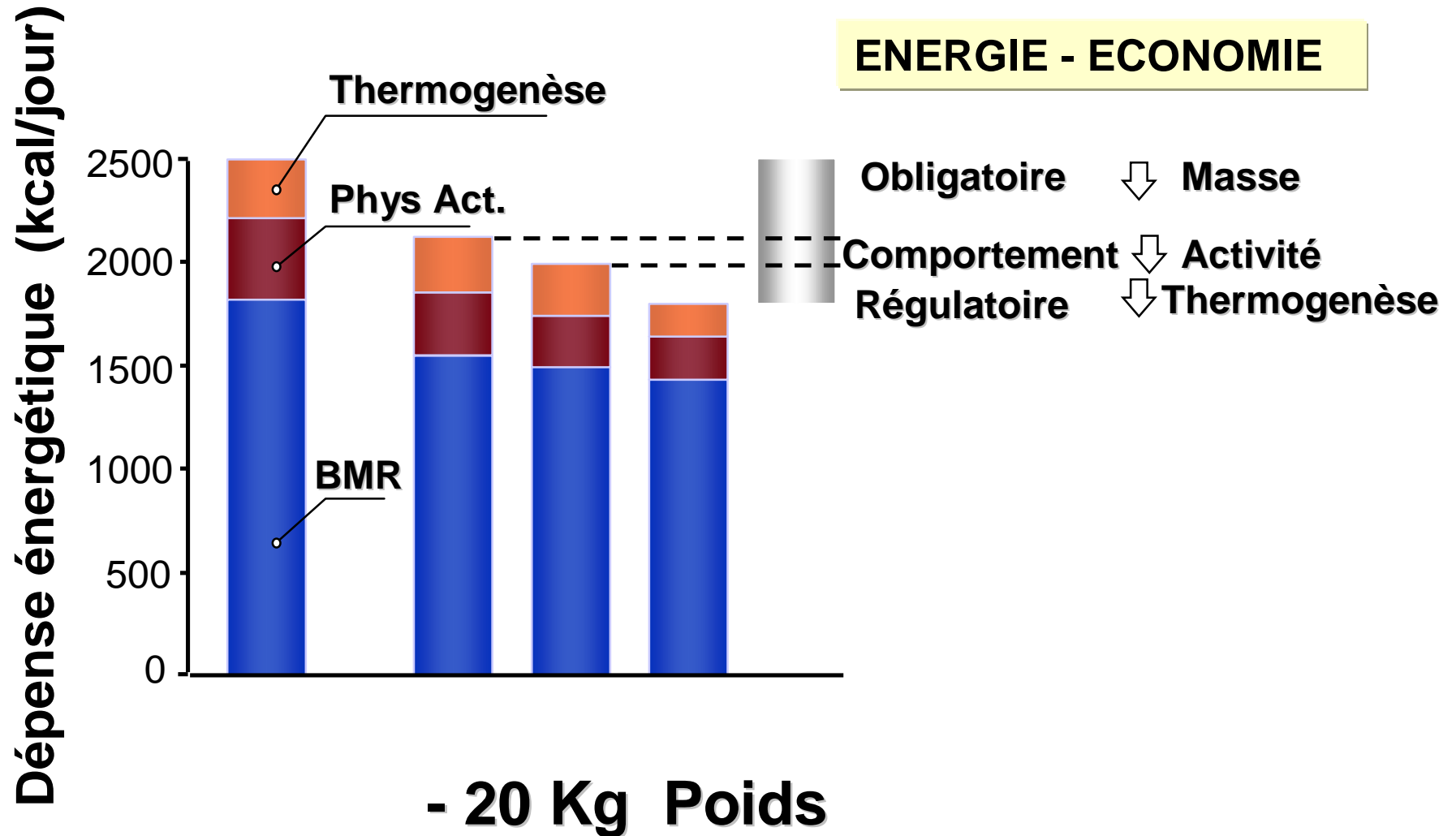


Postprandial thermogenesis in response to a mixed meal (300 kcal)

(Dulloo & Miller *Am J Clin Nutr* 49: 44-50, 1989).



Hypométabolisme compensatoire



Dulloo AG: Nutrition 9: 366-372 (1993).

Is weight cycling detrimental to health?

A review of the literature in humans

Erik Muls et al. IJO, 19 (Suppl 3):S48-50, 1995

Points of controversy

WC makes subsequent weight loss more difficult

WC affects body composition (fat accumulation)

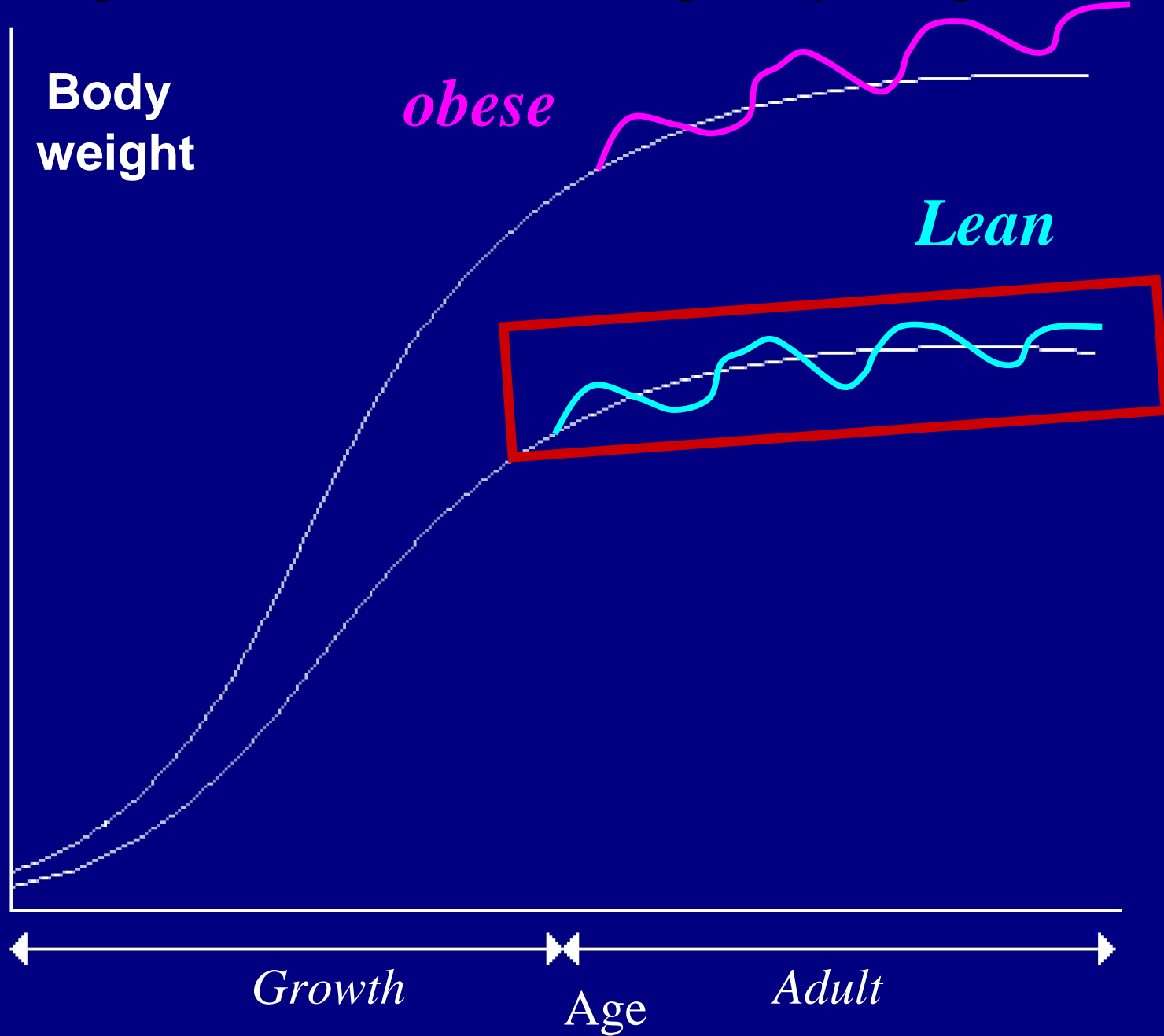
WC decreases resting energy expenditure

WC increases dietary preference for fat

WC promotes cardiovascular diseases

Montani, Viecegli, Prévot, Dulloo. *Int J Obesity* 30: S58-S66 (2006)

Weight fluctuations / weight cycling

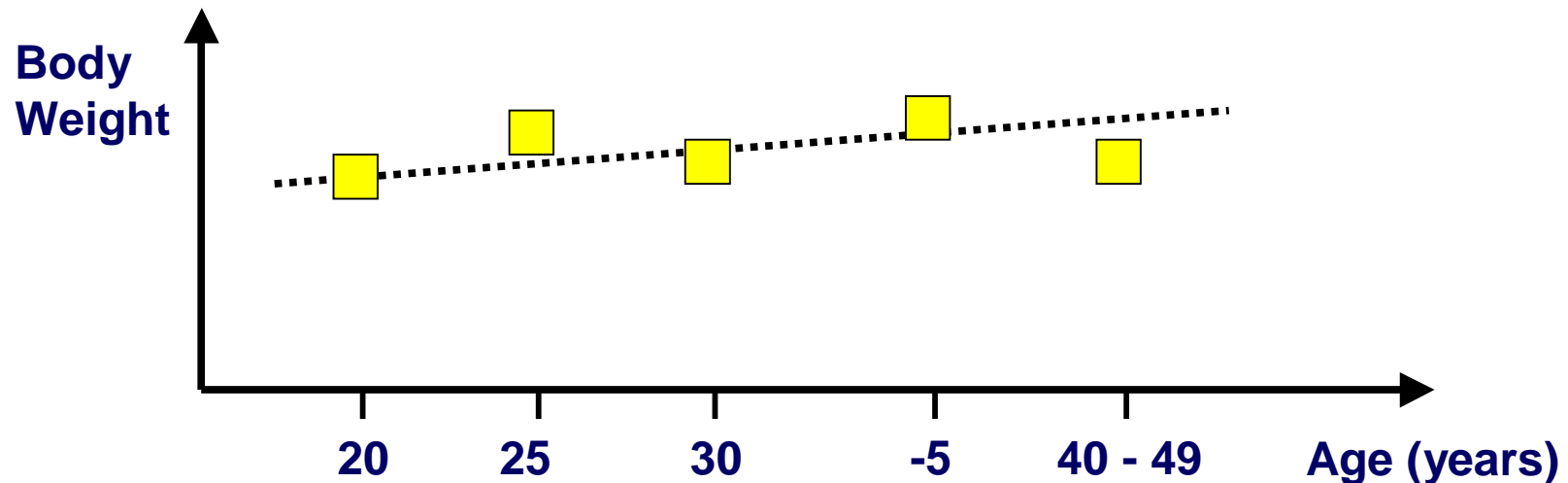


Long-term Weight Cycling and Metabolic Syndrome

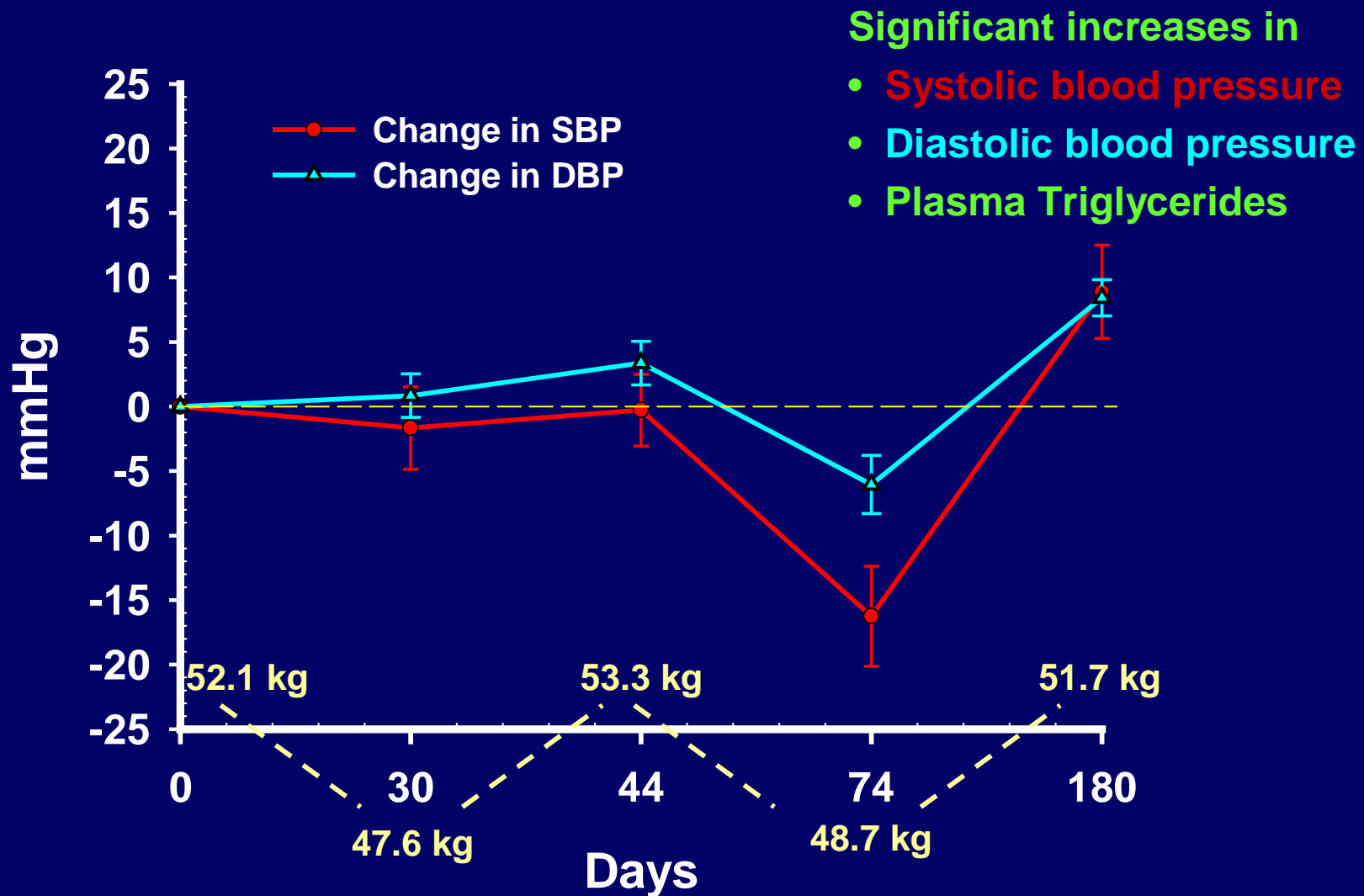
Cross-sectional study of 664 Japanese men
BW at age 20, 25, 30, 5y prior and current (40-49)

Simple linear regression model (slope, RMSE)
Classification by quartiles of weight fluctuation
Hypertension, HyperTG, Low HDL-chol, High glucose

**Significant association when BMI < 25 kg/m²
but not when BMI > 25 kg/m²**

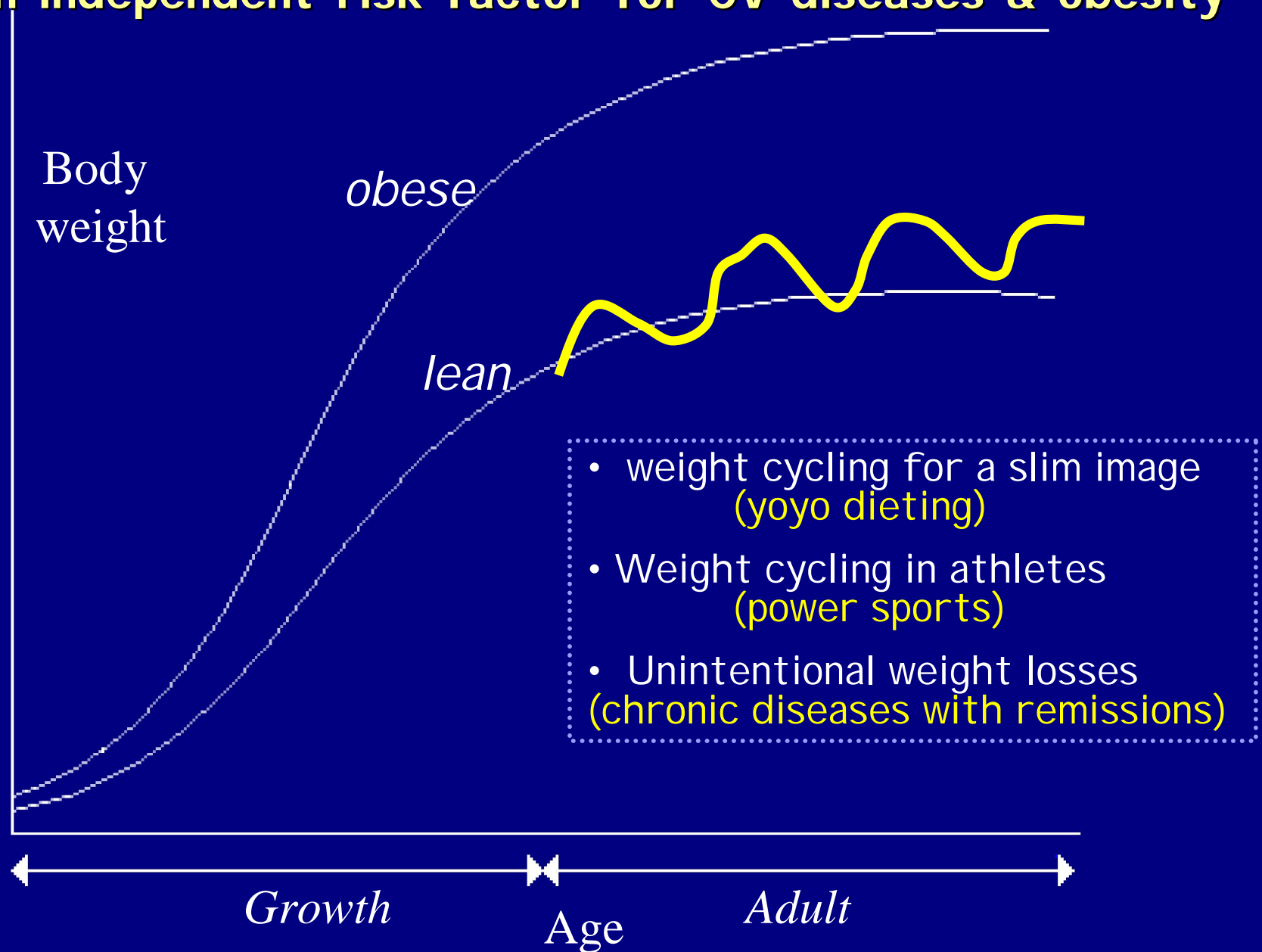


Intentional Weight Cycling in Young Lean Japanese Women



Kajioka, Metabolism, 2001

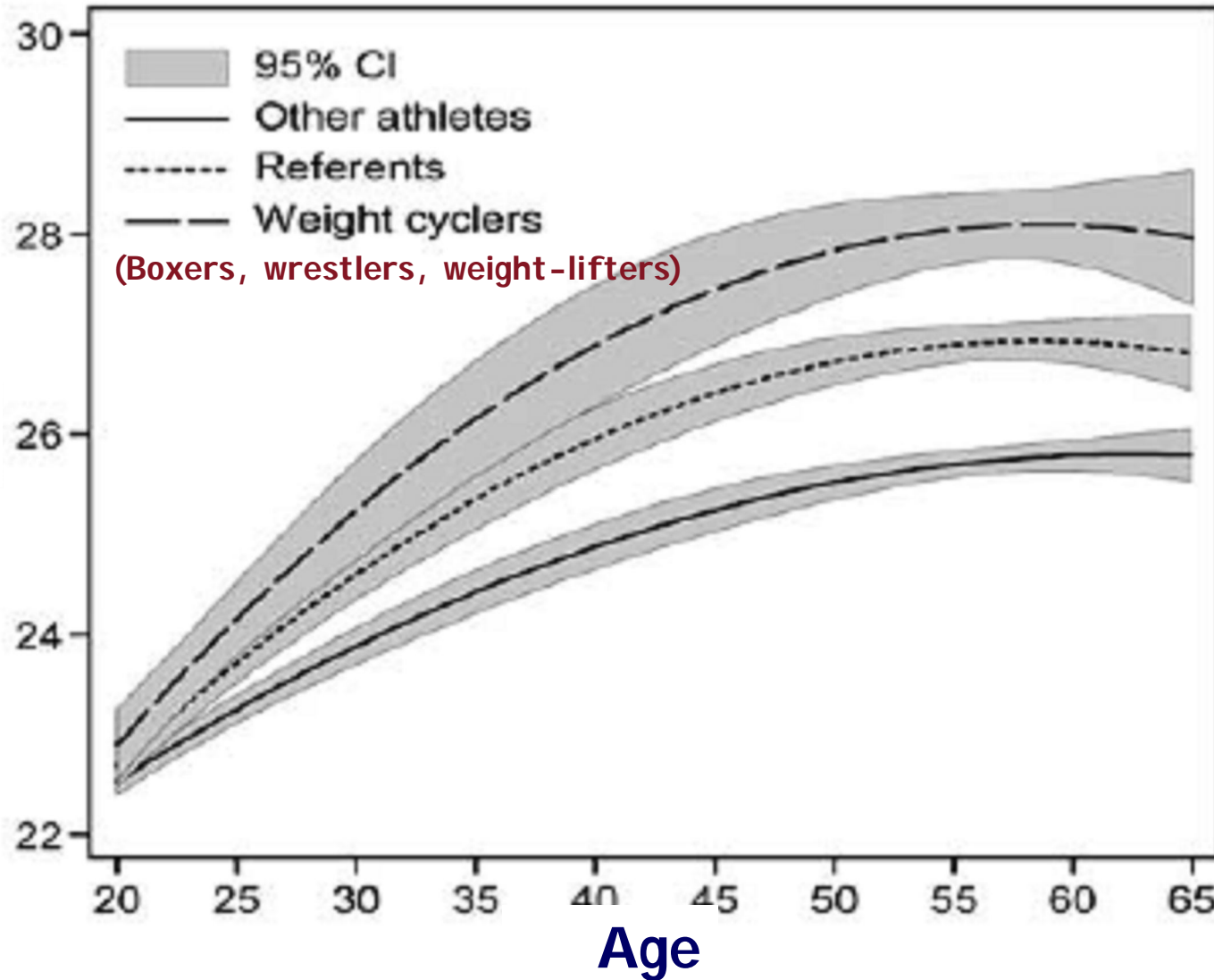
Large weight fluctuations in non-obese adults : an independent risk factor for CV diseases & obesity



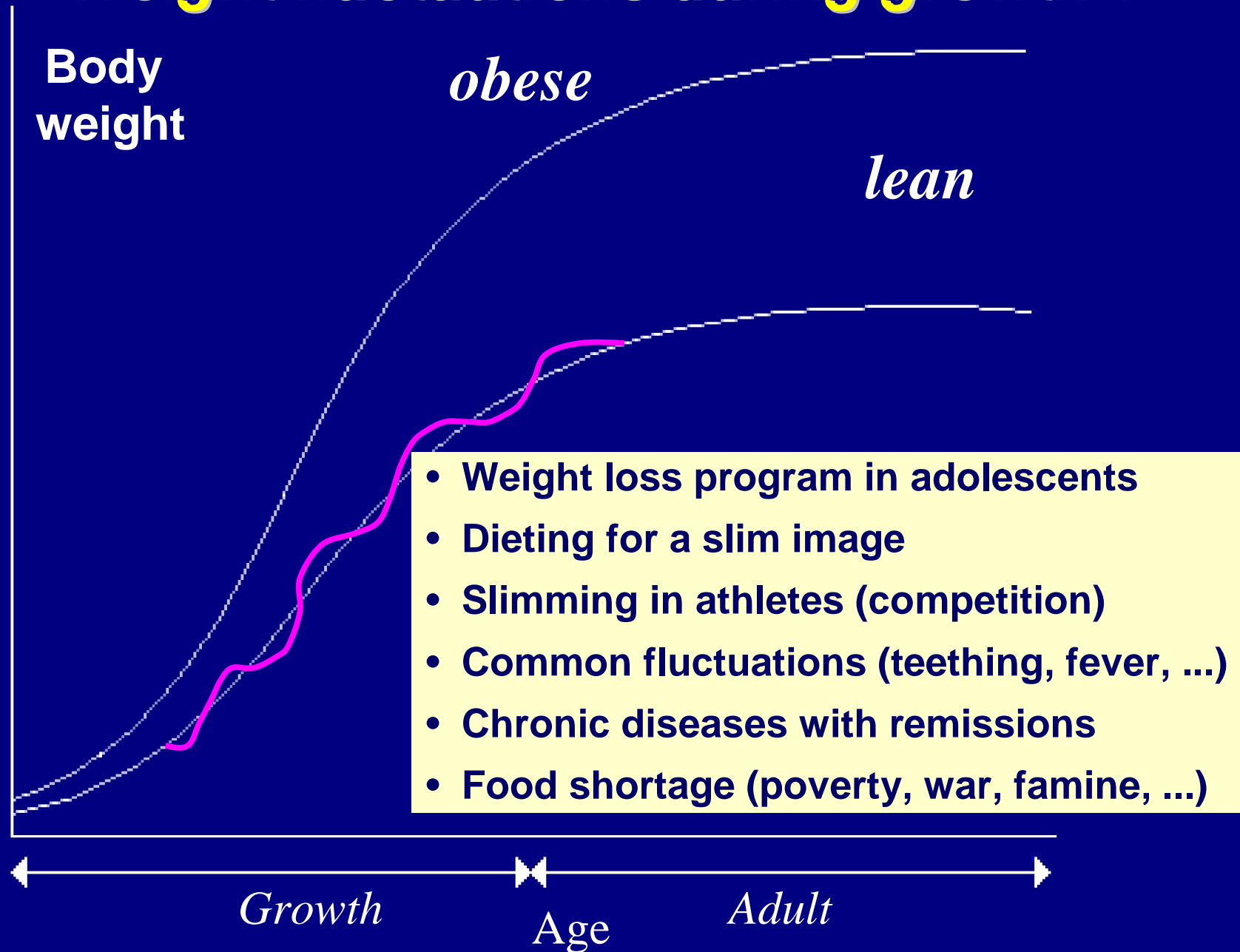
Weight fluctuations in athletes & subsequent weight gain in middle age

Saarni et al. *Int J Obesity* (2006) 30: 1639-44

BMI



Weight fluctuations during growth ?



Weight fluctuations during early growth?

***The strongest predictor of future
cardiovascular disease***

(and its risk factors)



a combination of

thinness at birth and/or early infancy

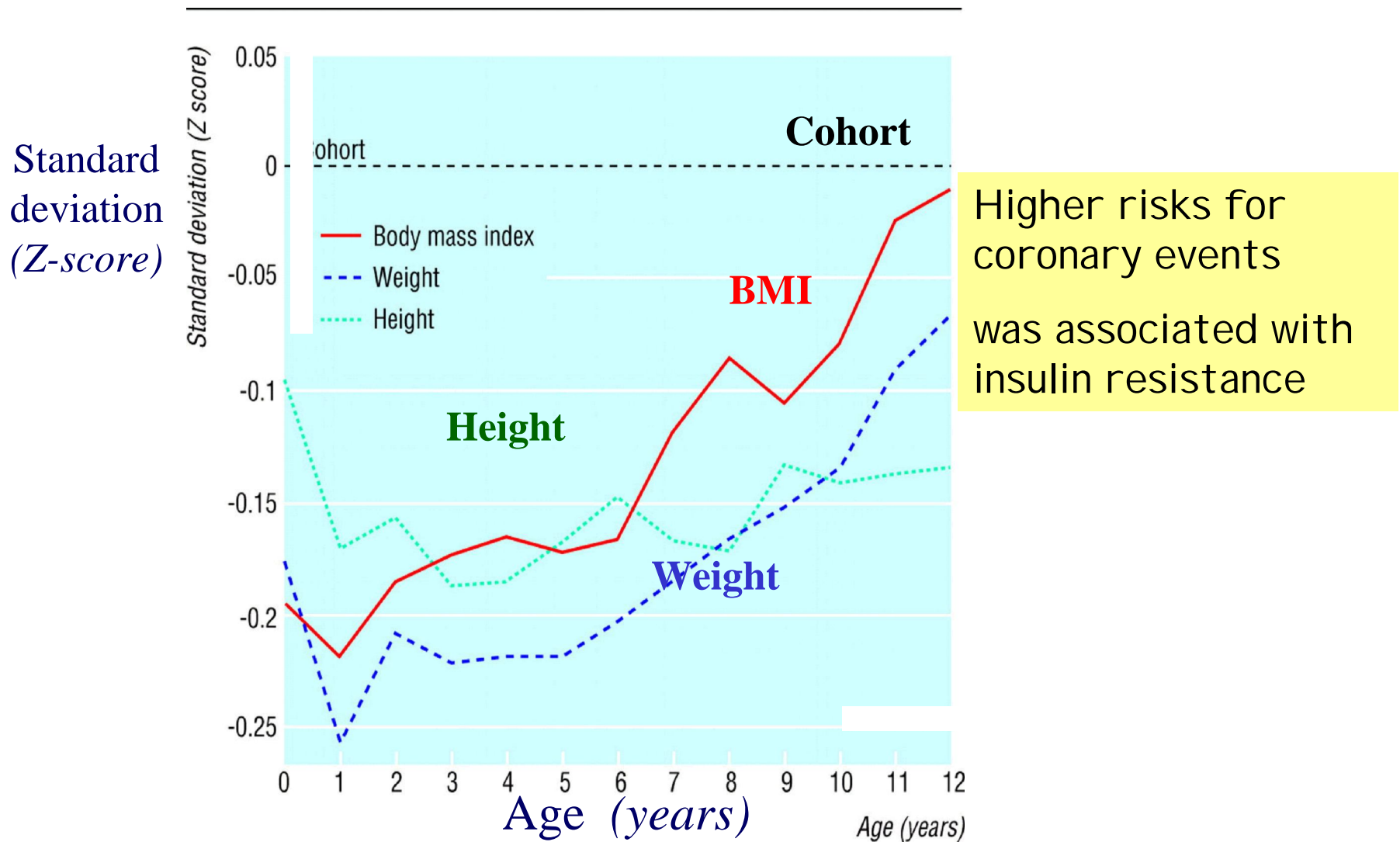
followed by

catch-up growth during infancy/childhood

Early growth and later coronary heart disease in later life

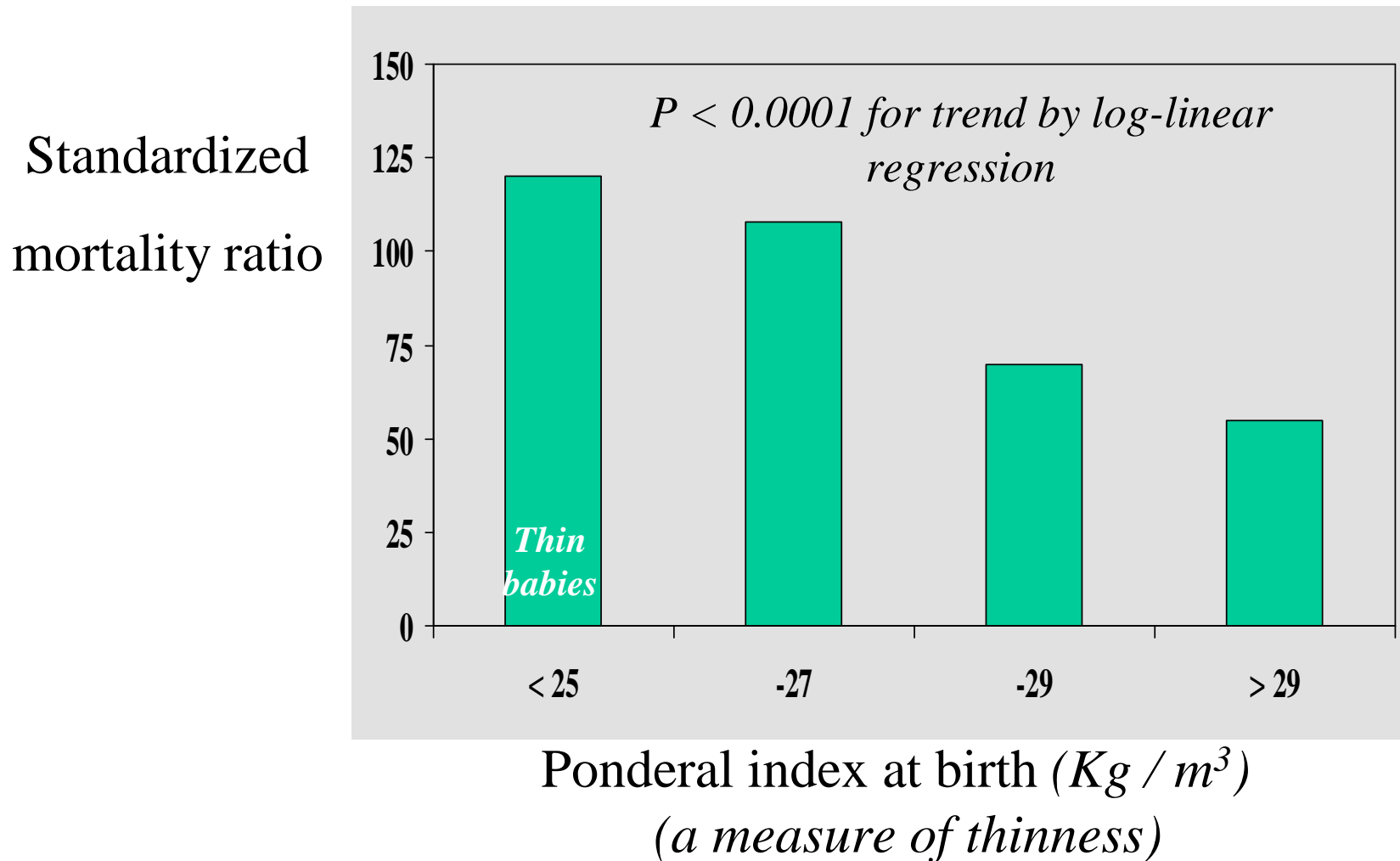
Growth of 357 boys who later developed CHD in a cohort of 4630 boys born in Helsinki

Eriksson ...Barker *BMJ* 322:949-953 (2001) Barker... Eriksson *NEJM* 353:1802-1809 (2005)



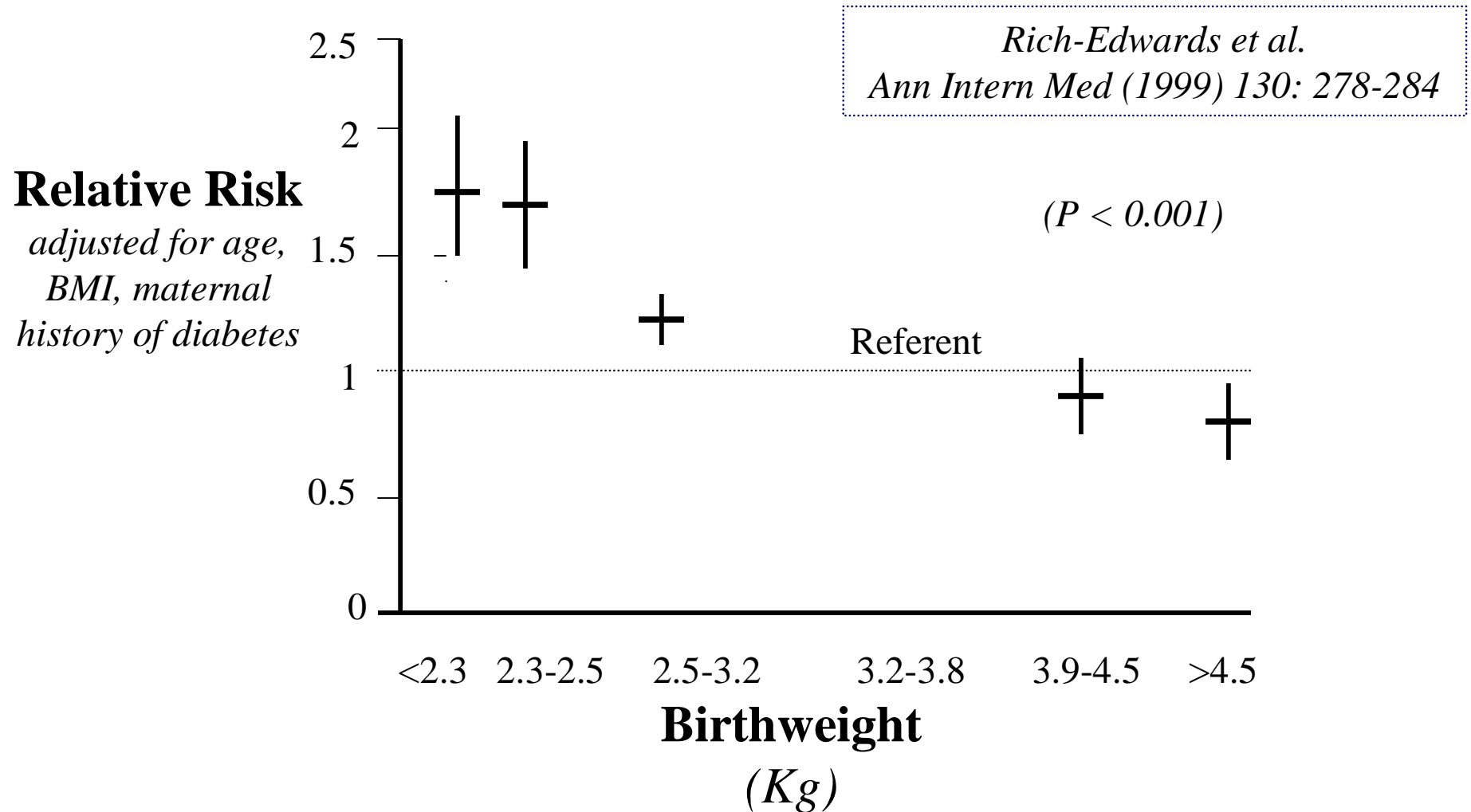
Coronary heart disease death rates in men born in Helsinki during 1924-1933

Data from Forsen et. al. *BMJ* 319: 1403-1407 (1997)

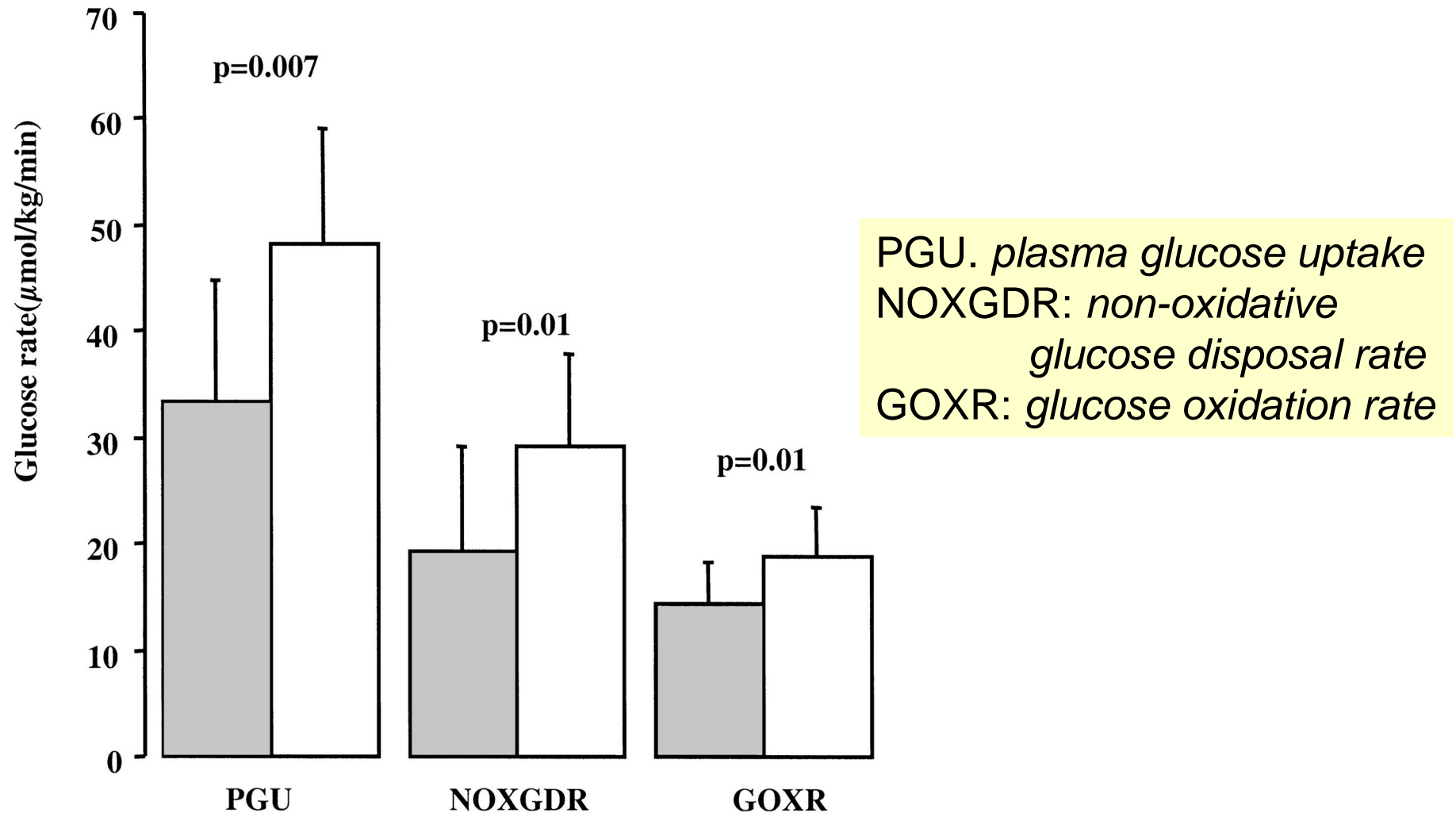


Risk for type 2 diabetes in adult women born between 1921-1946

The Nurses' Health study, USA

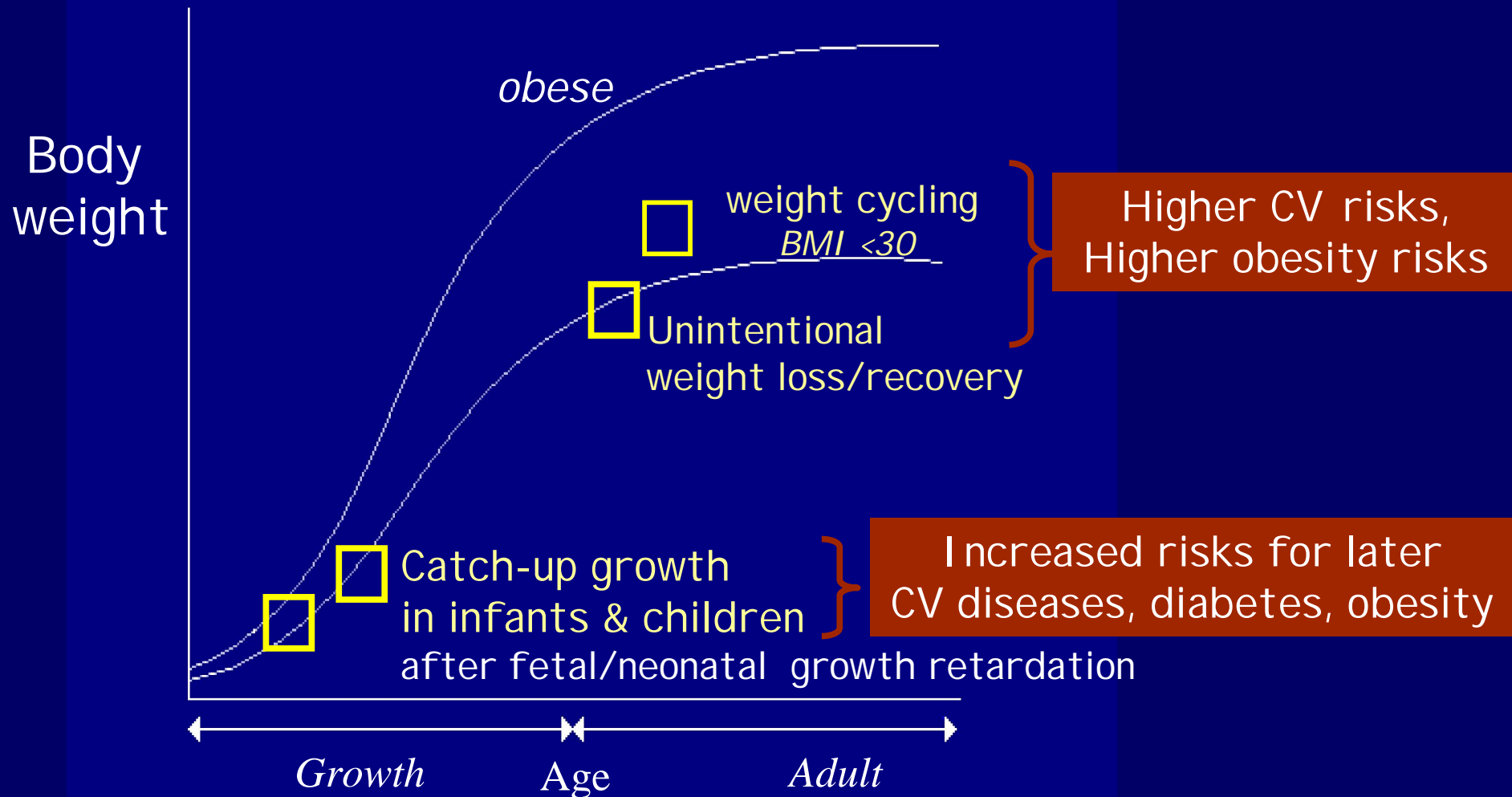


Insulin-mediated glucose disposal in humans born SGA (■) and with normal birth weight (□)



Jaquet, D. et al. *J Clin Endocrinol Metab* 2001;86:3266-3271

From weight fluctuations to obesity & chronic metabolic diseases



For review:

Dulloo et al.: *Int J Obesity* 30 (suppl. 4): S23-S35 (2006)

Strongest predictor

**Thin-short
babies/infants**

Catch-up growth

**Later
metabolic diseases**

*State of
hyperinsulinemia*

catch-up of lean tissue

or catch-up of fat tissue

Preferential catch-up fat after low birth weight / poor neonatal growth

**Children born small for gestational
age (SGA) have more fat, and
less FFM (i.e less lean tissue)**

Sas et al. J Clin Endocrinol 85: 3786-3792 (2000)

Martins et al. Br J Nutr 92: 819-825 (2004)

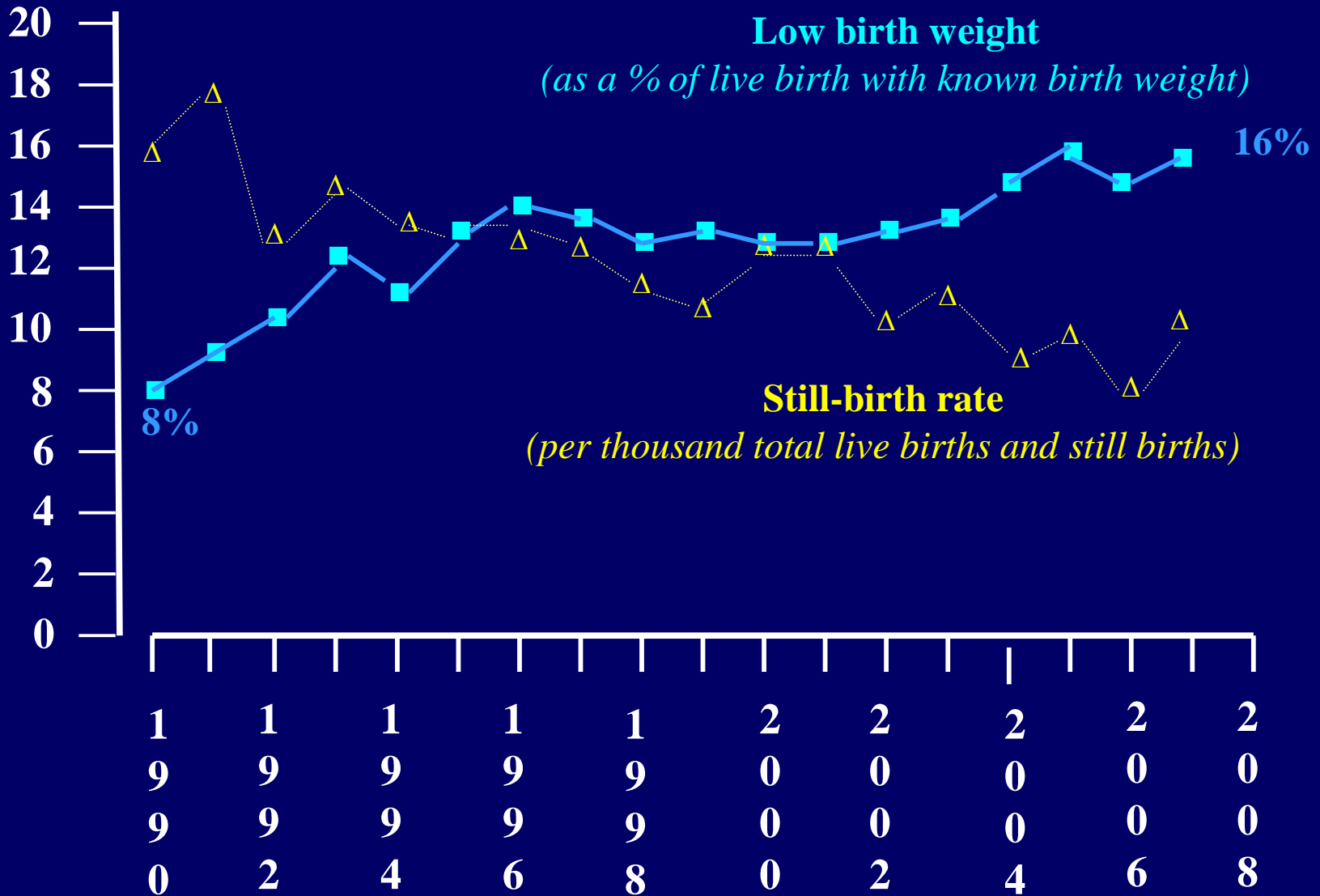
Jornayvaz et al. Metabolism 53: 847-851 (2004)

**At any adult BMI ,
those who were smaller at birth
have less FFM and more fat
(Δ 4 kg)**

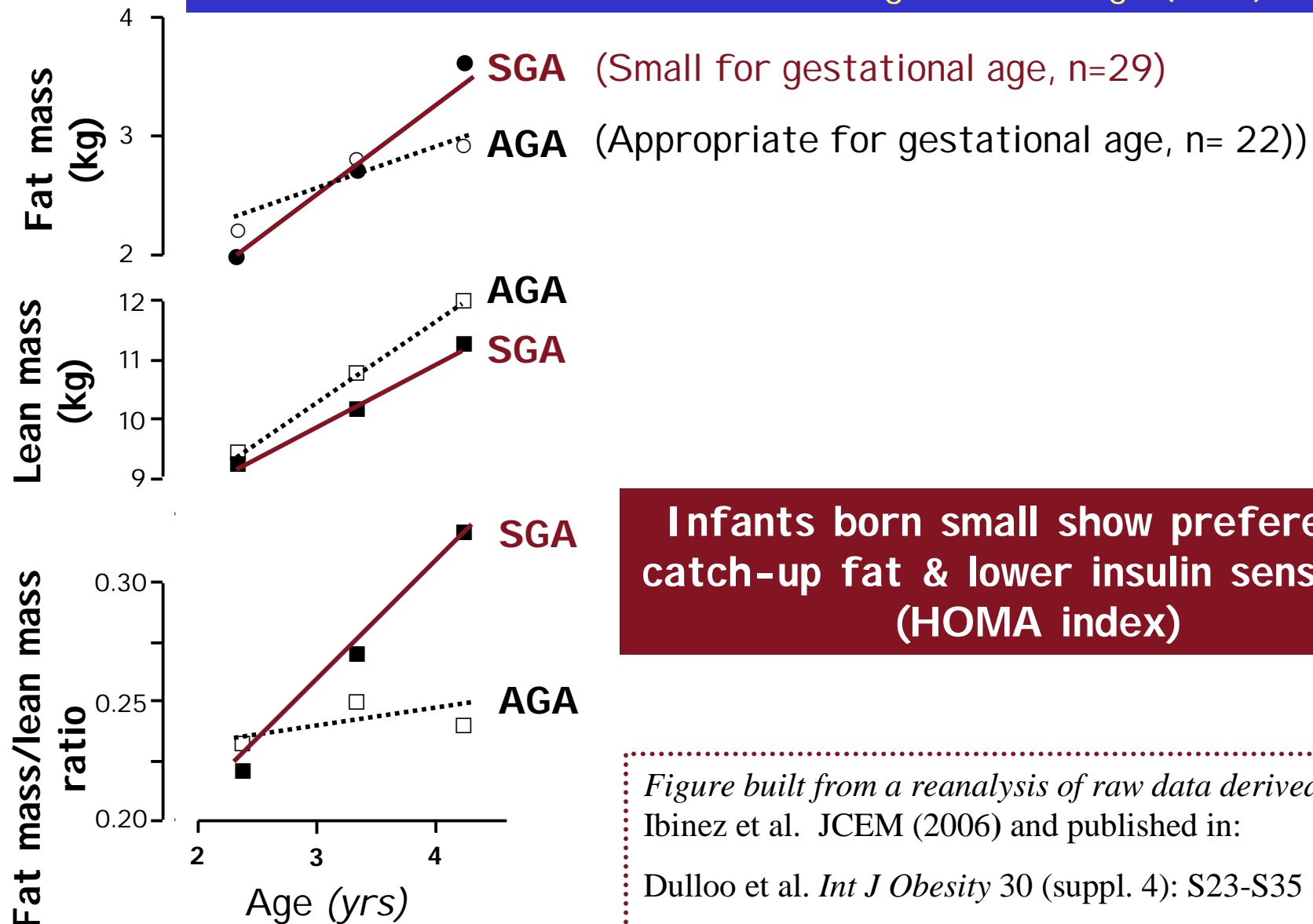
Eriksson et al. Horm Metab Res 34:72-76 (2002)

Low birth weight in Mauritius

Health Statistics Report 2007



The 1st longitudinal study of body composition (by DEXA scanning) in human infants born small for gestational age (SGA)



Infants born small show preferential catch-up fat & lower insulin sensitivity (HOMA index)

Figure built from a reanalysis of raw data derived from Ibinez et al. JCEM (2006) and published in: Dulloo et al. *Int J Obesity* 30 (suppl. 4): S23-S35 (2006)

Past reports of "Rapid" fat tissue recovery (catch-up fat) with lean tissue recovery "lagging behind"

Kornfeld & Schuller (1931)

- Emaciated patients in Vienna

Debray *et al.* (1946)

- Prisoners from concentration camps

Keys *et al.* (1950)

- Men after experimental starvation

Ashworth (1969)

- **Infants / children** recovering from protein-energy malnutrition

McLean & Graham (1980)

Castilla-Serna *et al.* (1996)

Barac-Nieto *et al.* (1979)

- Adults after substantial weight loss (*independently of protein level*)

Forbes *et al.* (1984)

- Anorectics regaining weight

Mitchell & Truswell (1987)

Van Eys (1985)

- Cancer patients

Streat *et al.* (1987)

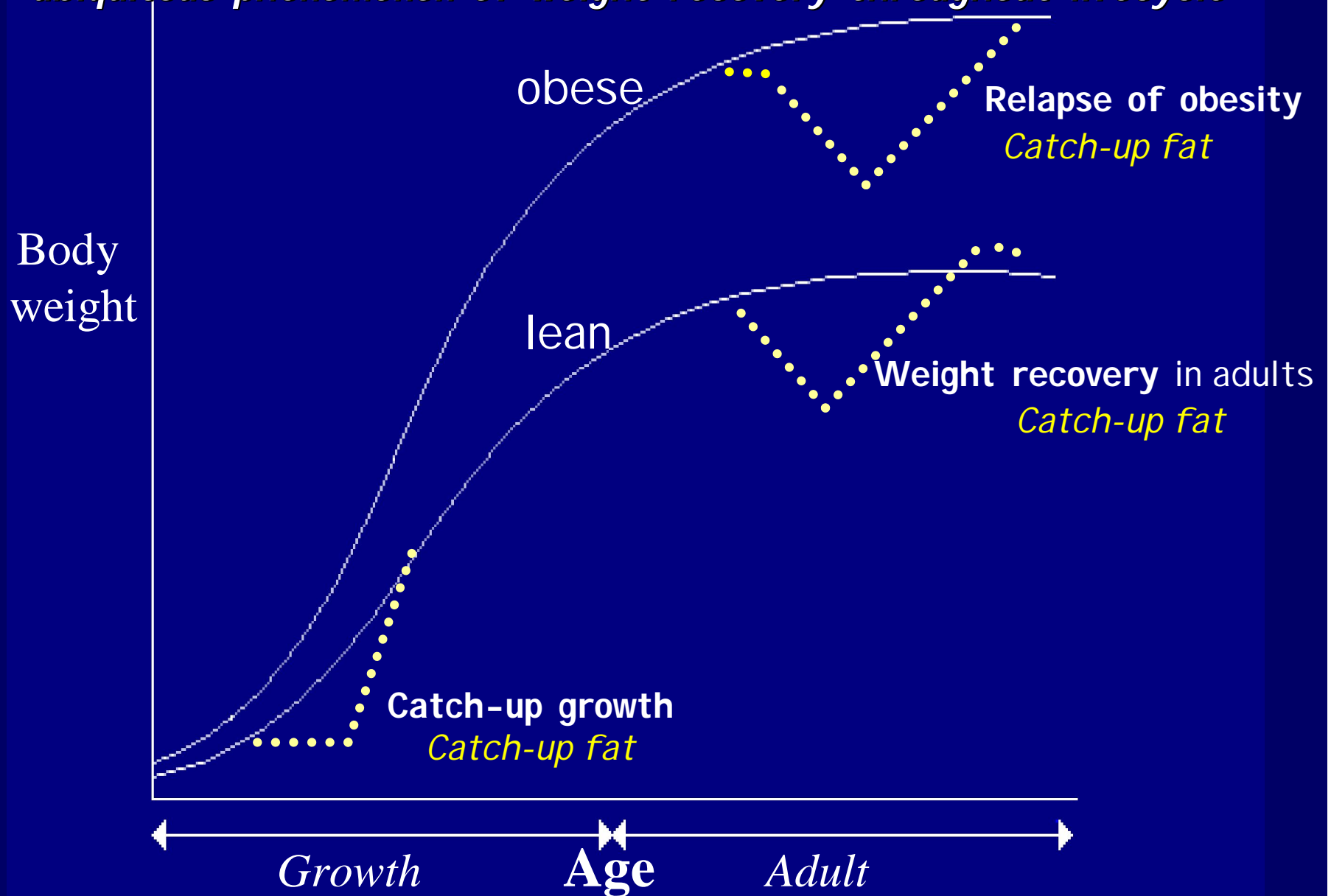
- Septic intensive care patients

Kotler *et al.* (1990)

- AIDS patients - parenteral nutrition

Preferential catch-up fat:

ubiquitous phenomenon of weight recovery throughout lifecycle



Fundamental questions ?

What are the control systems that regulate fat storage during 'physiological' catch-up fat ?

via increased food intake
(compensatory hyperphagia)

via nutrient partitioning
Shift from lean to fat tissue

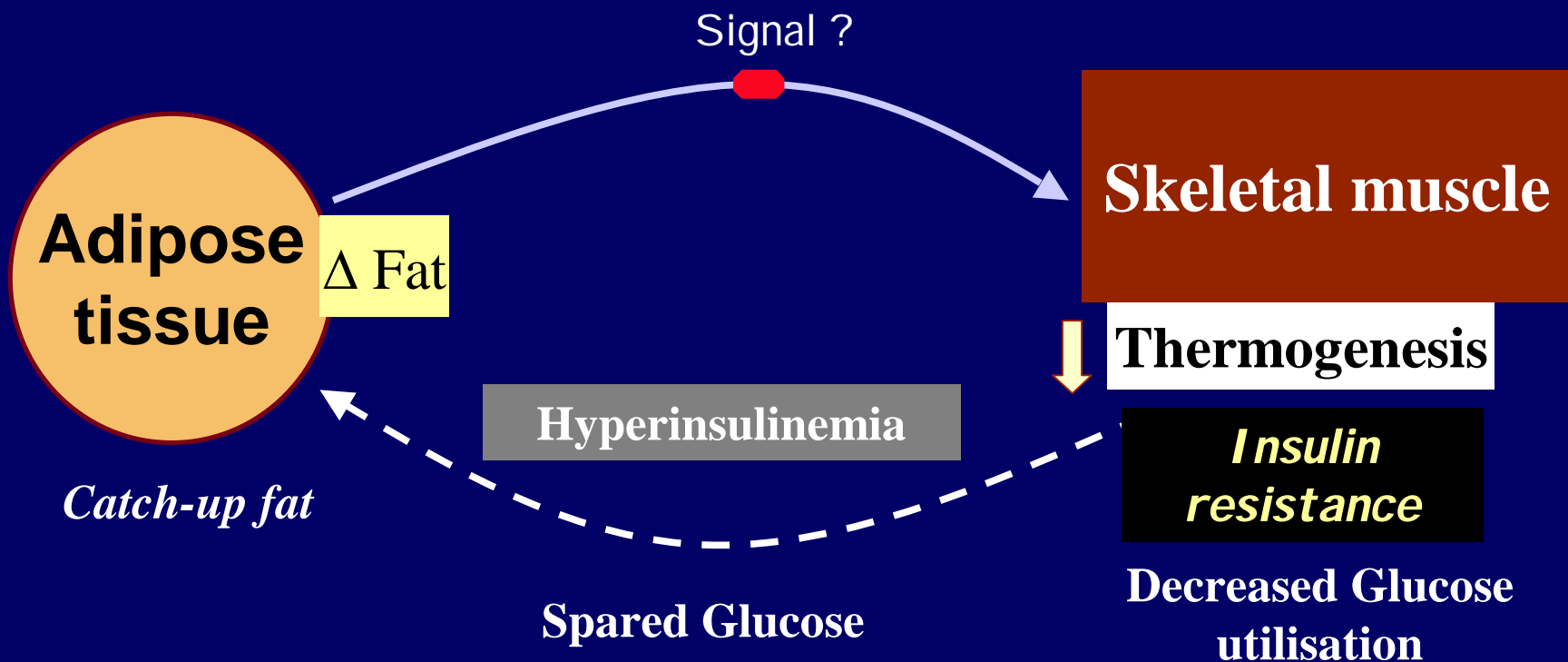
via increased metabolic efficiency
thrifty metabolism - **Suppressed thermogenesis**

How does 'physiological' catch-up fat turn pathophysiological ?

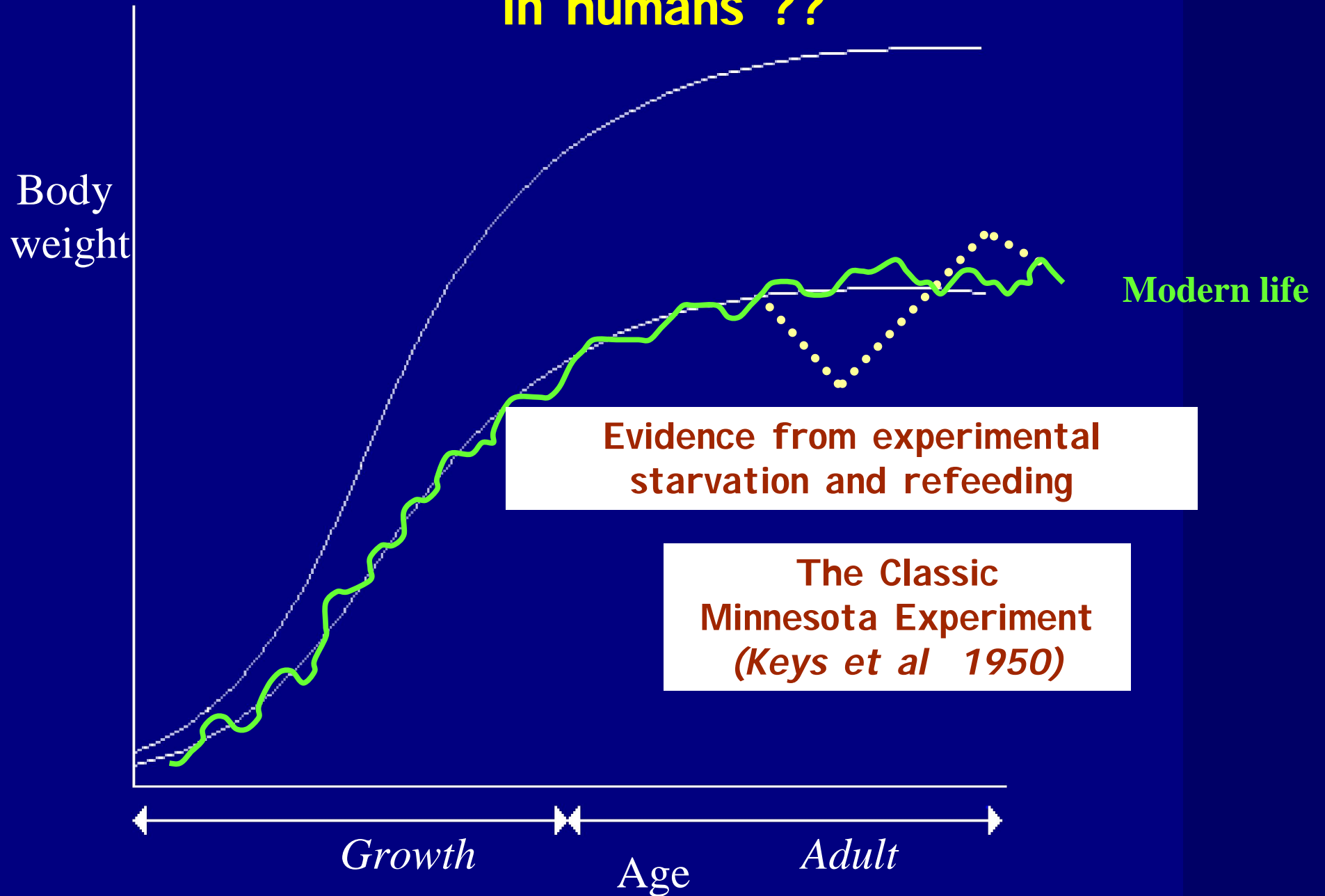
Working hypothesis

Dulloo, Seydoux, Girardier (1990)

Adipose-muscle crosslinks
underlie the thrifty metabolism that drives catch-up fat



'Thrifty metabolism' driving catch-up fat in humans ??



Body weight

Modern life

Evidence from experimental starvation and refeeding

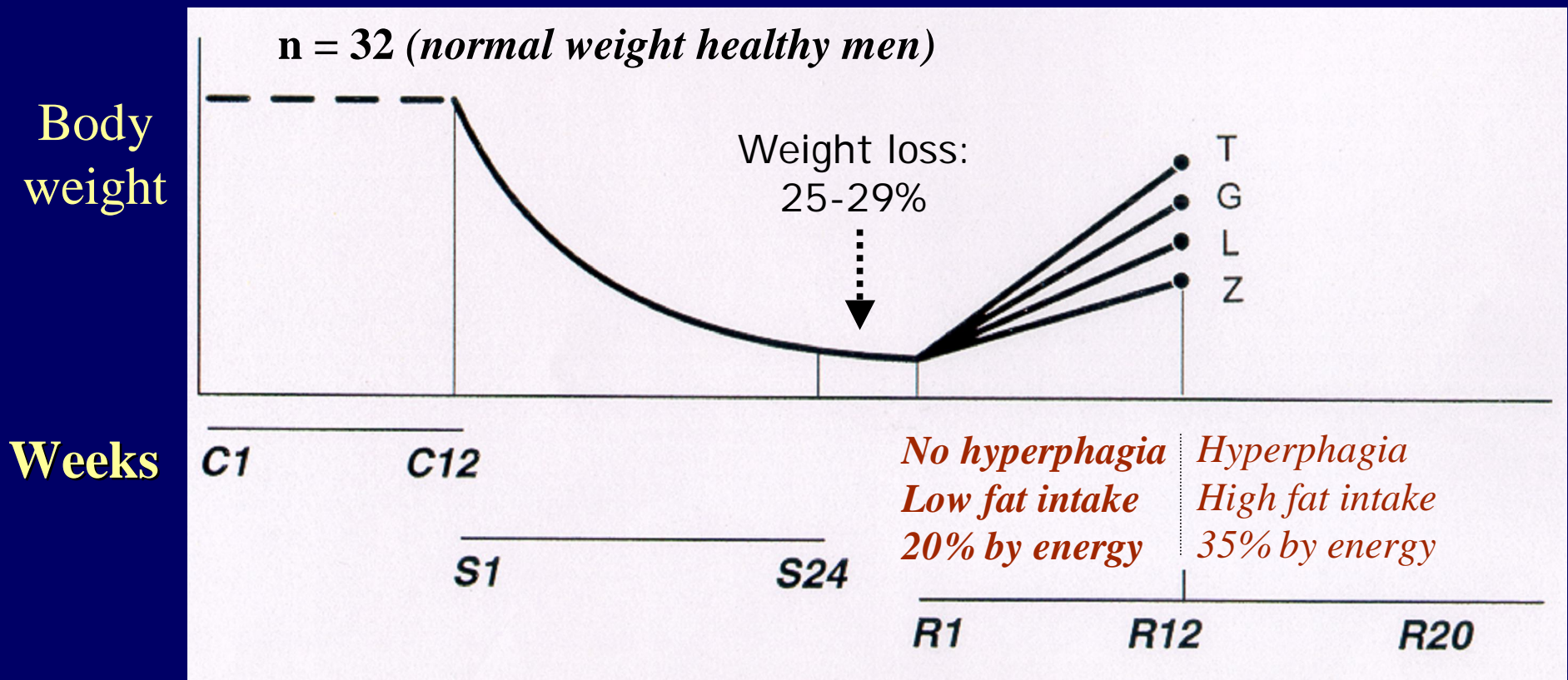
The Classic Minnesota Experiment
(Keys et al 1950)

Growth

Age

Adult

Design of the Minnesota Experiment (Keys et al. 1950)



	Control period	Semistarvation				Refeeding restricted				Refeeding ad libitum			
Food intake	+++++												
BMR		+	+	+	+					+	+	+	
Body composition		+		+	+					+		+	

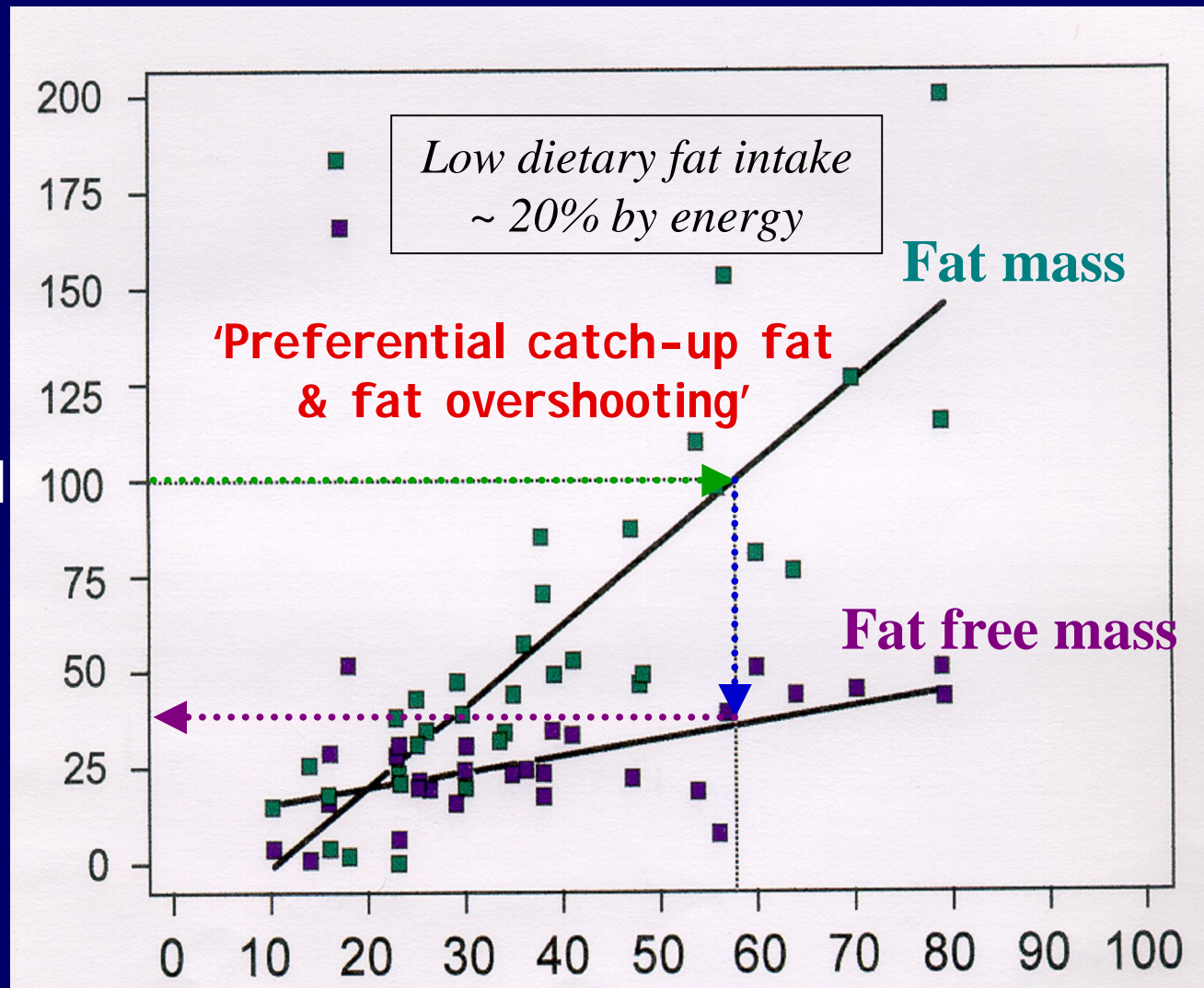
*The men volunteers in the 'Minnesota Experiment':
after nearly 6 months of experimental semistarvation*



Keys et al. 1950 : The Biology of Human Starvation

Minnesota Experiment (Keys et al. 1950)

Recovery
of Fat and FFM
(% loss)

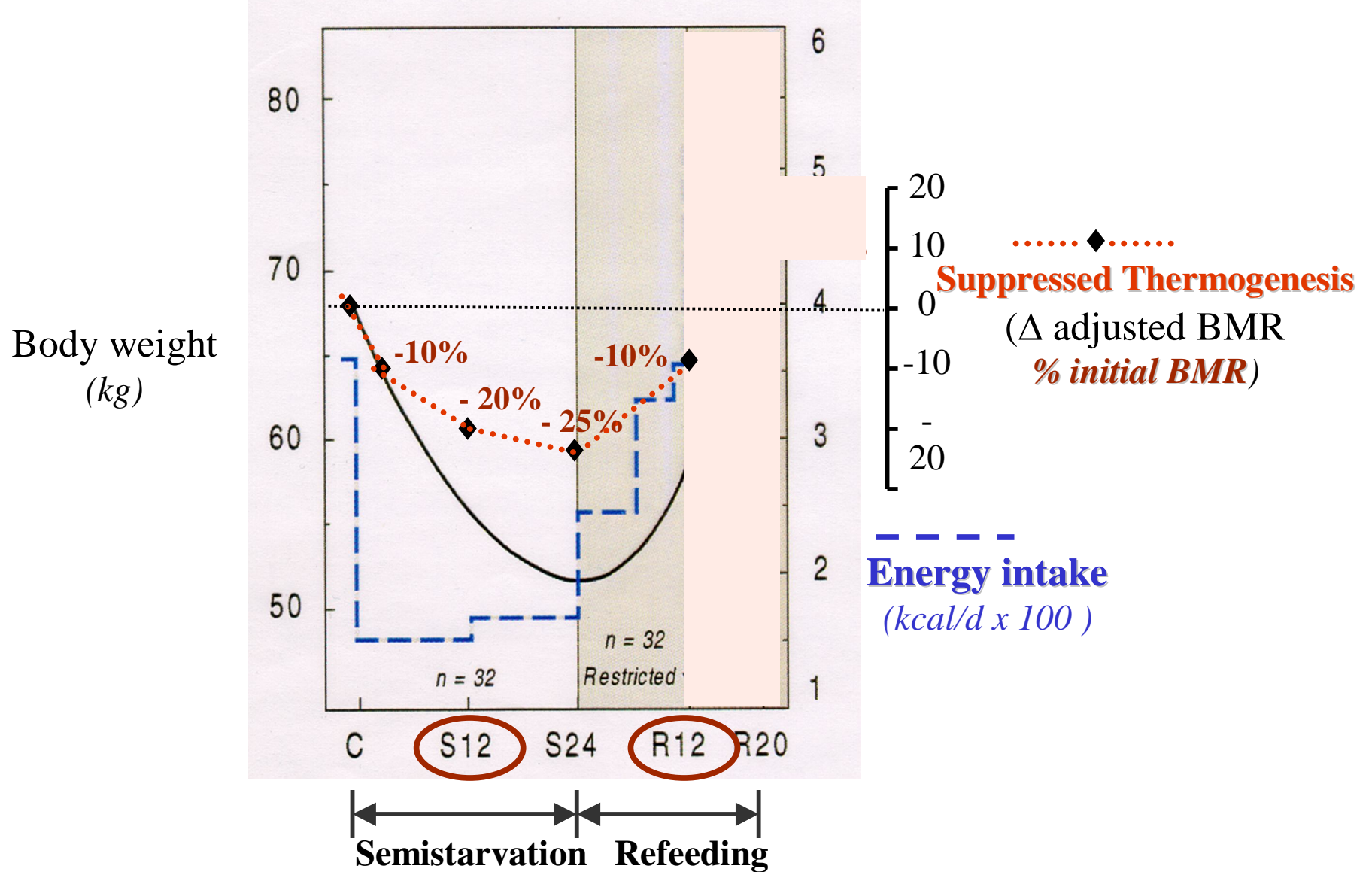


Recovery of weight (% loss)

After 12 weeks of restricted refeeding (n=32)

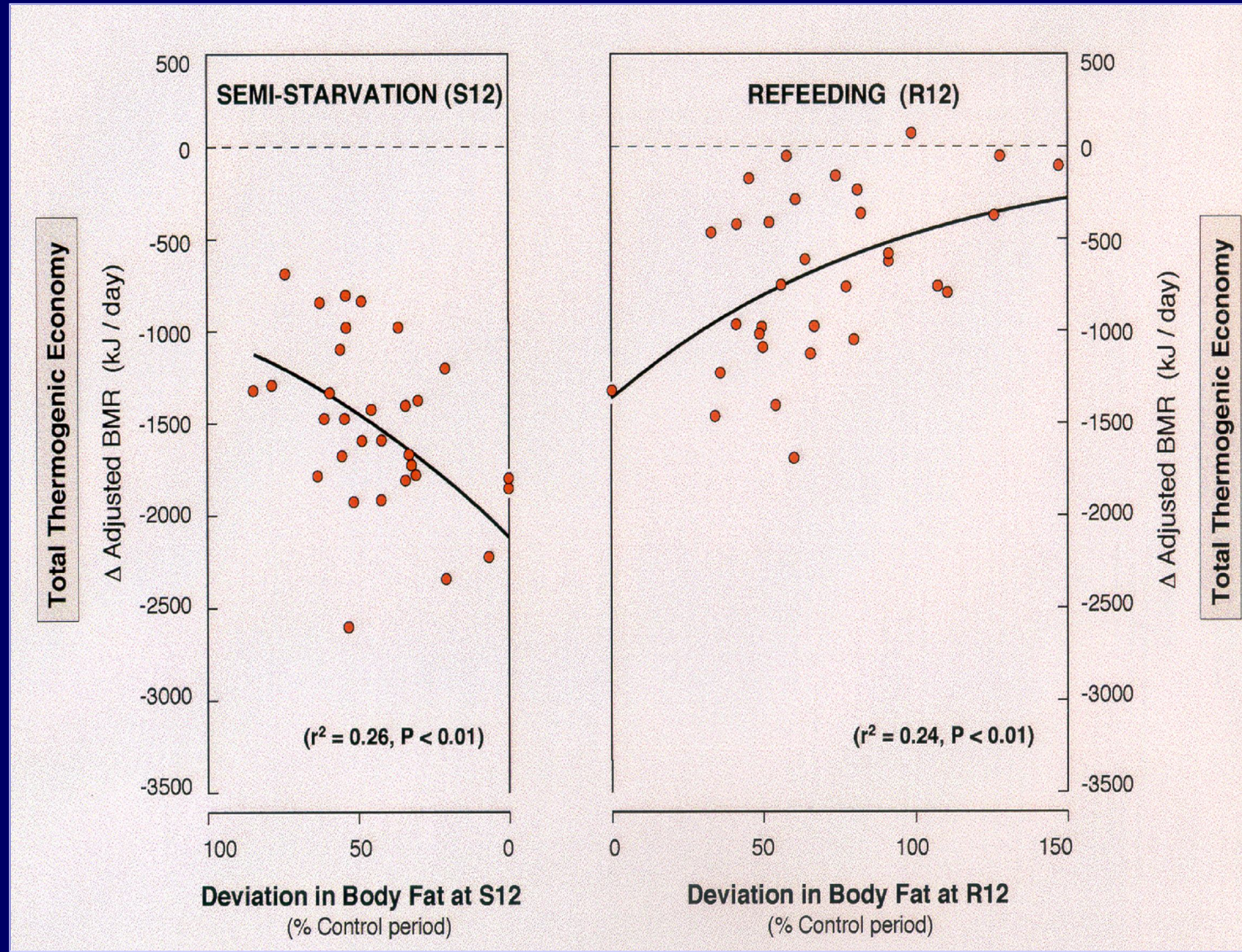
'Minnesota Experiment' Revisited

Adapted from Dulloo, Girardier & Jacquet (1996, 1998)



Minnesota Experiment Revisited

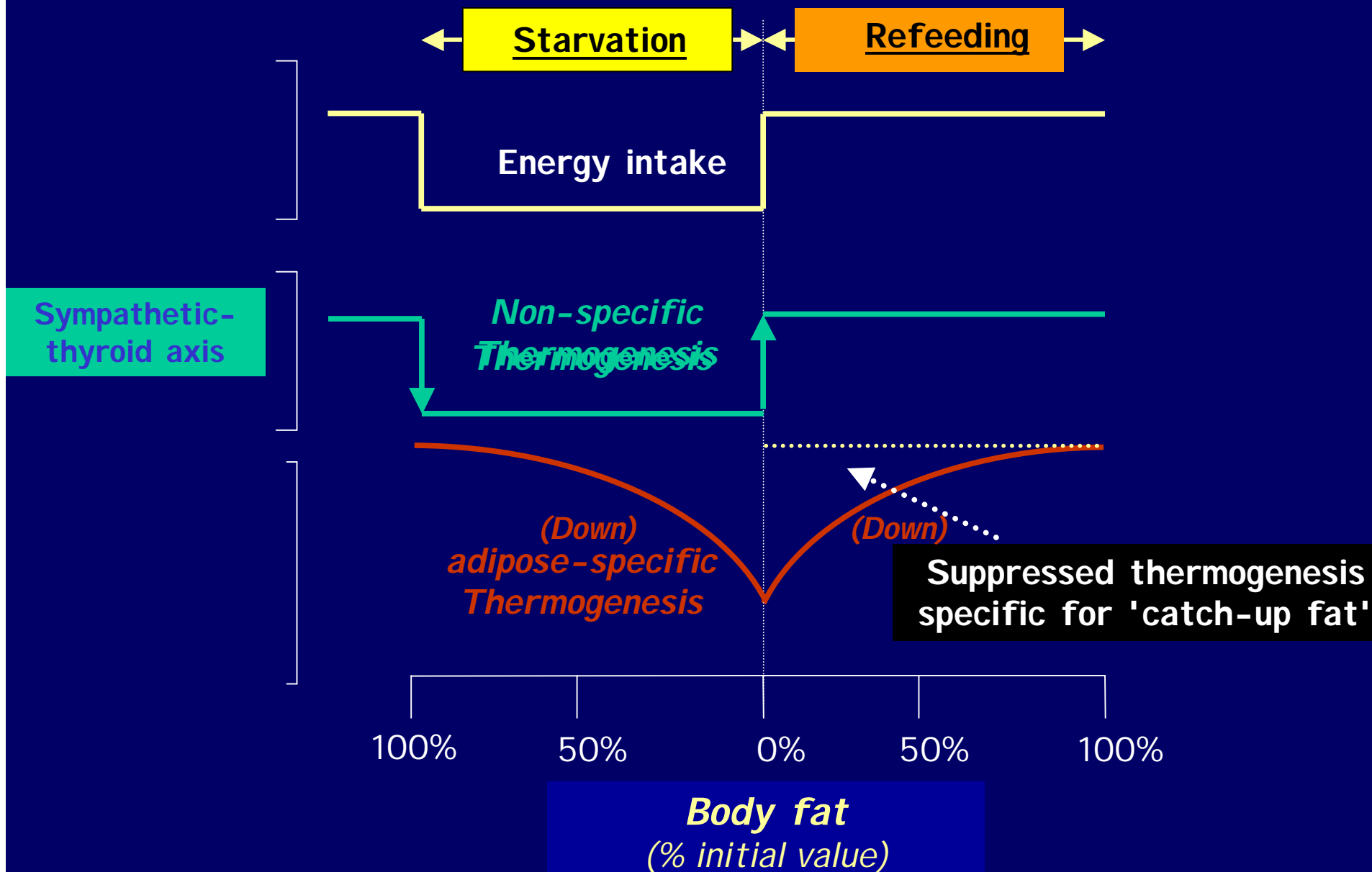
Dulloo et al. *Am J Clin Nutr* 1998;68:599-606



Feedback control system between fat stores & thermogenesis

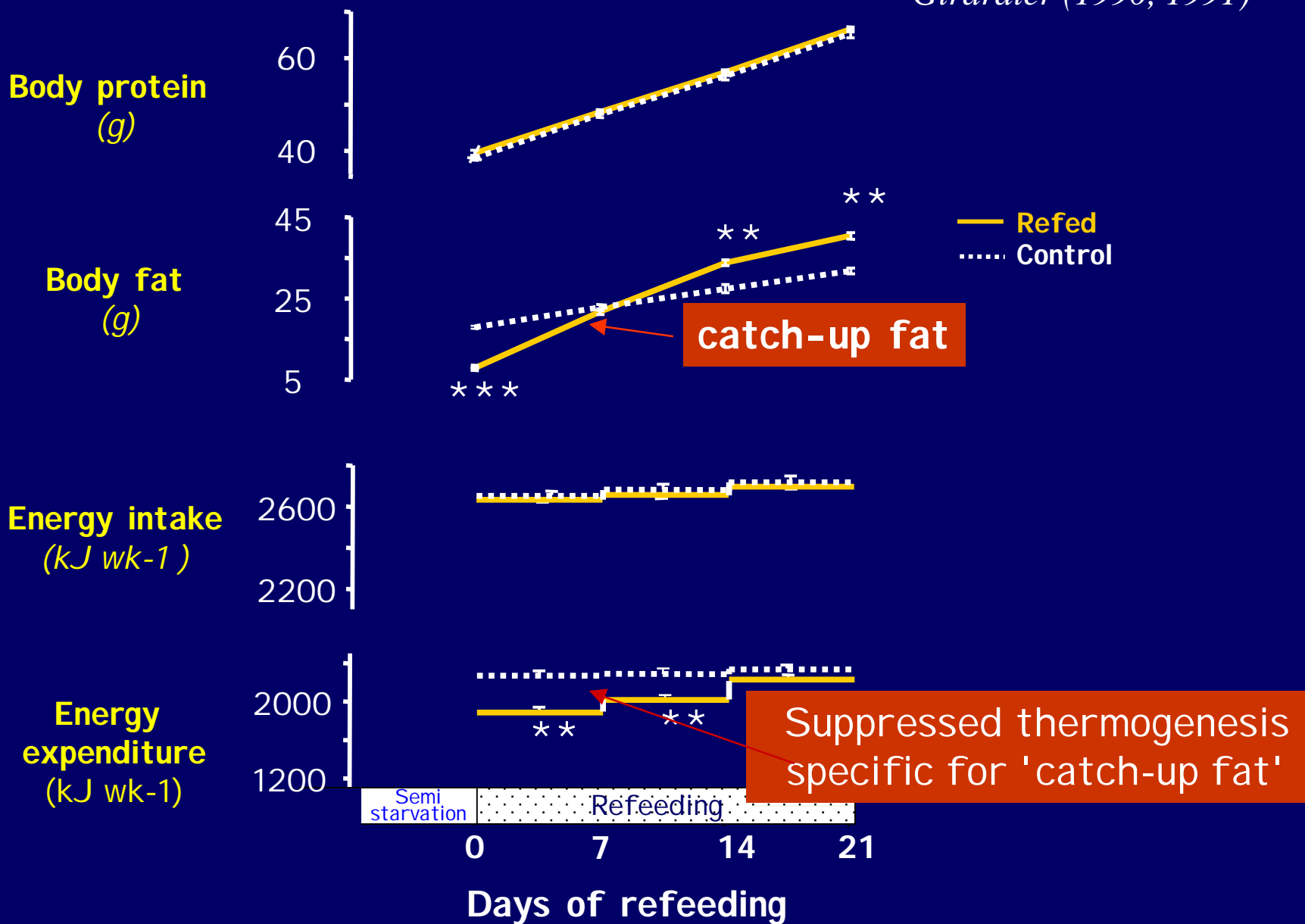
Concept of dual-adaptive thermogenesis

Dulloo et al. *Int J Obesity* 25 (Suppl. 5):S22-S29. (2001)

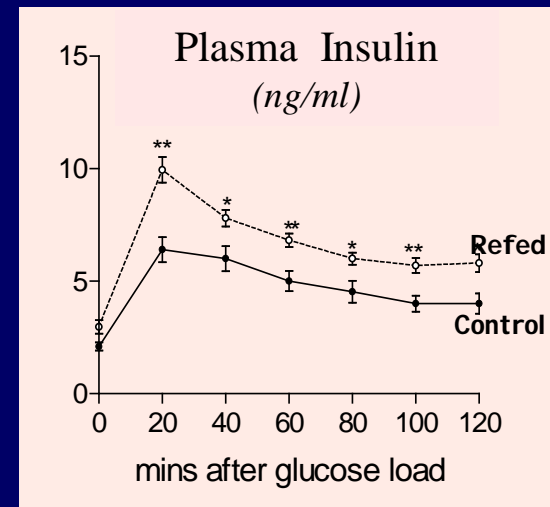
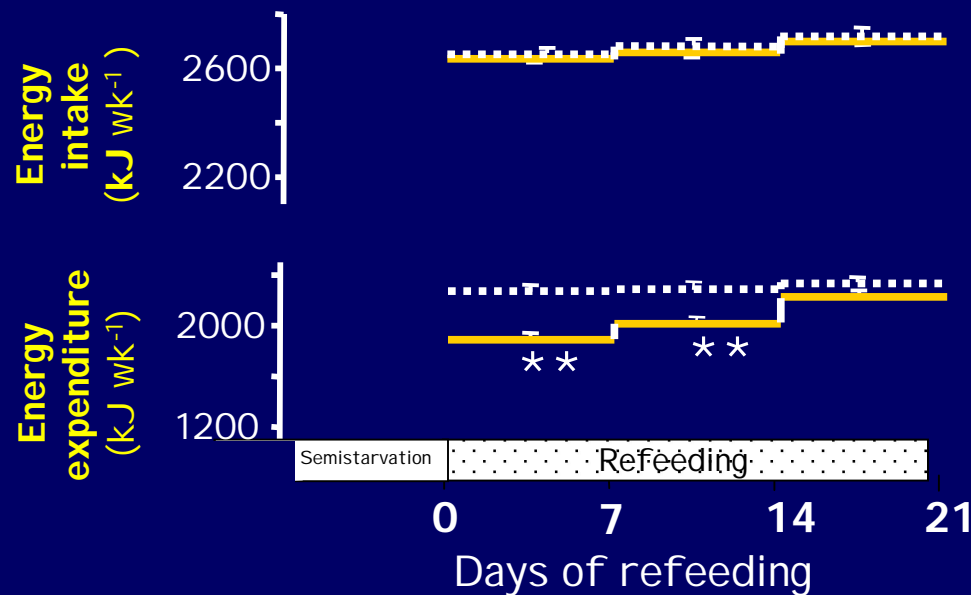
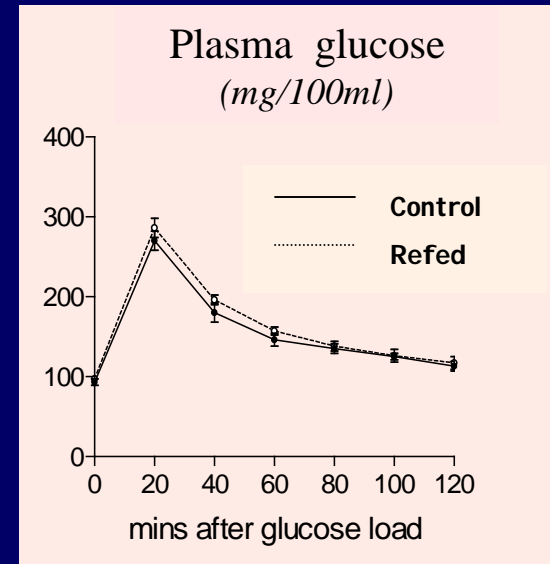
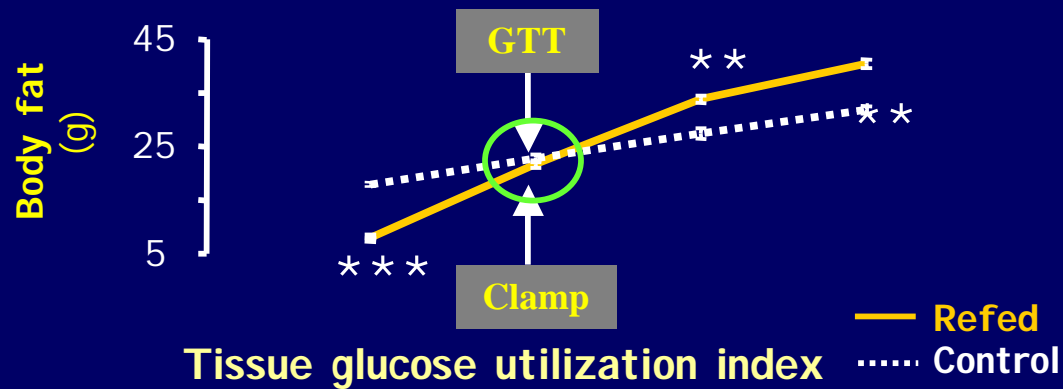


Catch-up fat resulting only from suppressed thermogenesis: a rat model

Adapted from Dulloo, Seydoux & Girardier (1990, 1991)



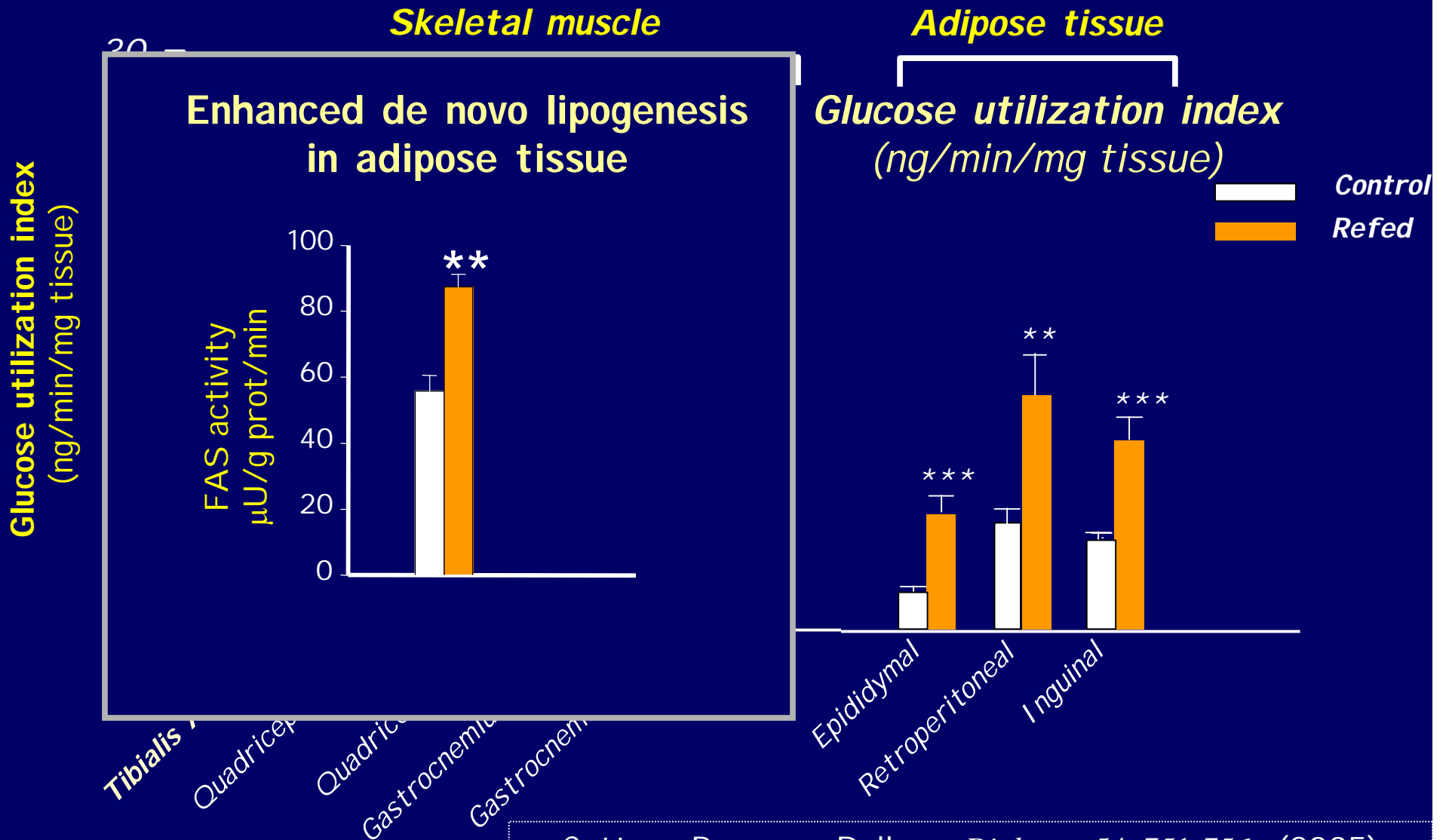
Suppressed thermogenesis favouring catch-up fat: a state of hyperinsulinemia / Insulin resistance



Crescenzo,, Dulloo .: *Diabetes* 52: 1090-1097. (2003)

Suppressed thermogenesis favouring catch-up fat:

Glucose redistribution from skeletal muscle to adipose tissue



Suppressed
thermogenesis

Adipose tissue
insulin hyperresponsiveness

Skeletal muscle
insulin resistance
Hyperinsulinemia

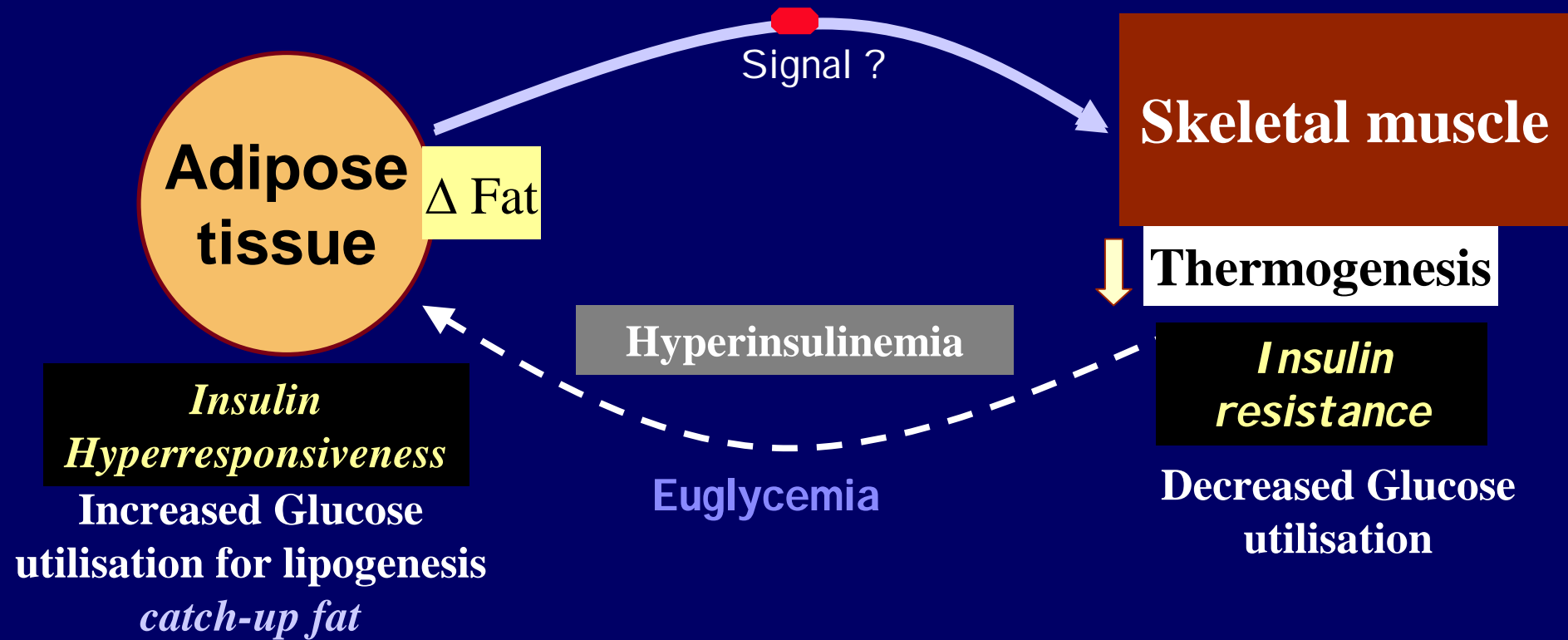


Catch-up fat

Excess adiposity

Skeletal muscle insulin resistance and hyperinsulinemia
precede the development of excess adiposity

Suppressed thermogenesis favouring catch-up fat (on a low-fat diet): Glucose redistribution



*Will an increase in dietary fat
compromise this homeostatic system ?*

Role of suppressed thermogenesis in susceptibility to insulin resistance & glucose intolerance

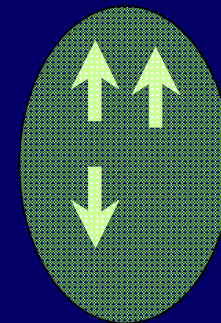
Adaptive
Catch-up fat
on **low-fat** diet

maladaptive
Catch-up fat
on **high-fat** diet

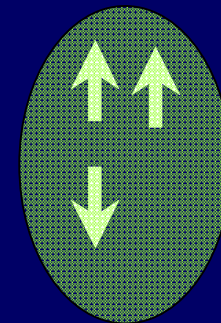
Thermogenesis



Insulin



Glucose tolerance



Muscle *PI3K*

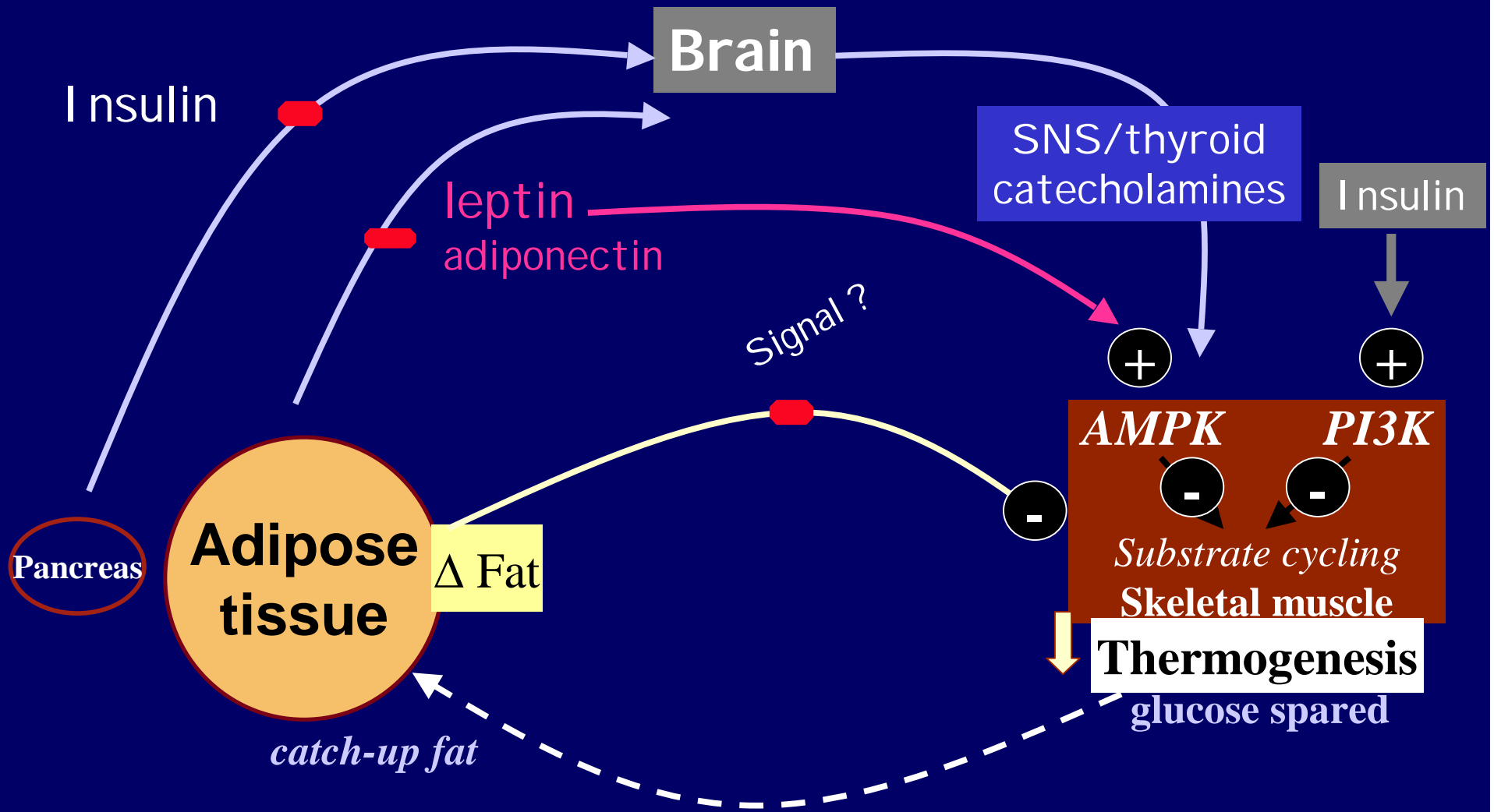


Muscle *AMPK*



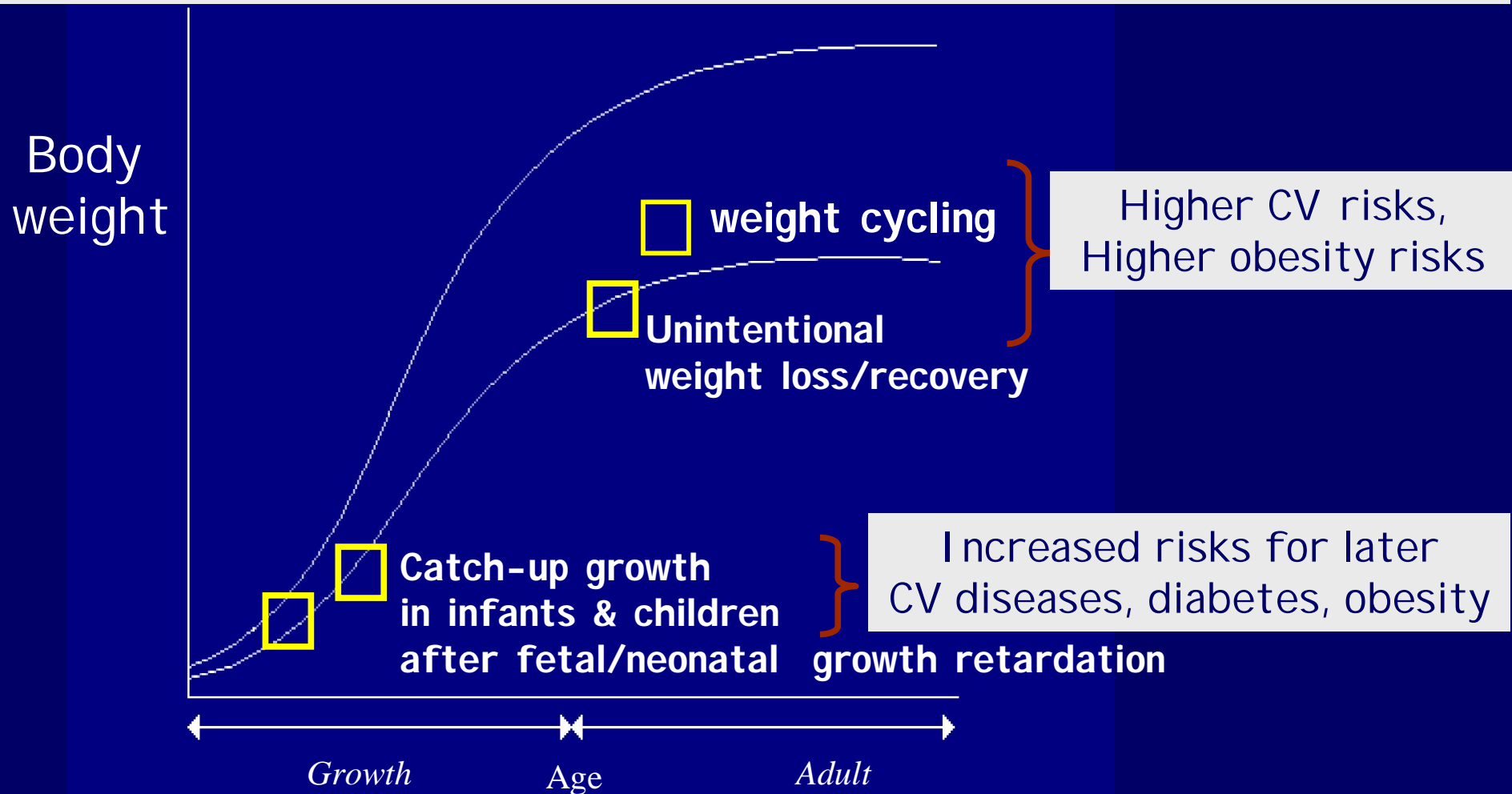
Summarized from: Summermatter,, Dulloo. FASEB J 22: 774-785 (2008)

Putative molecular-physiological mechanisms underlying **adipose-muscle crosstalks** in thrifty catch-up fat phenotype



Take home message

A role for a 'thrifty catch-up fat phenotype'
in pathways to insulin-resistance syndrome



For review: Dulloo et al.: *Int J Obesity* 30 (suppl. 4): S23-S35 (2006)

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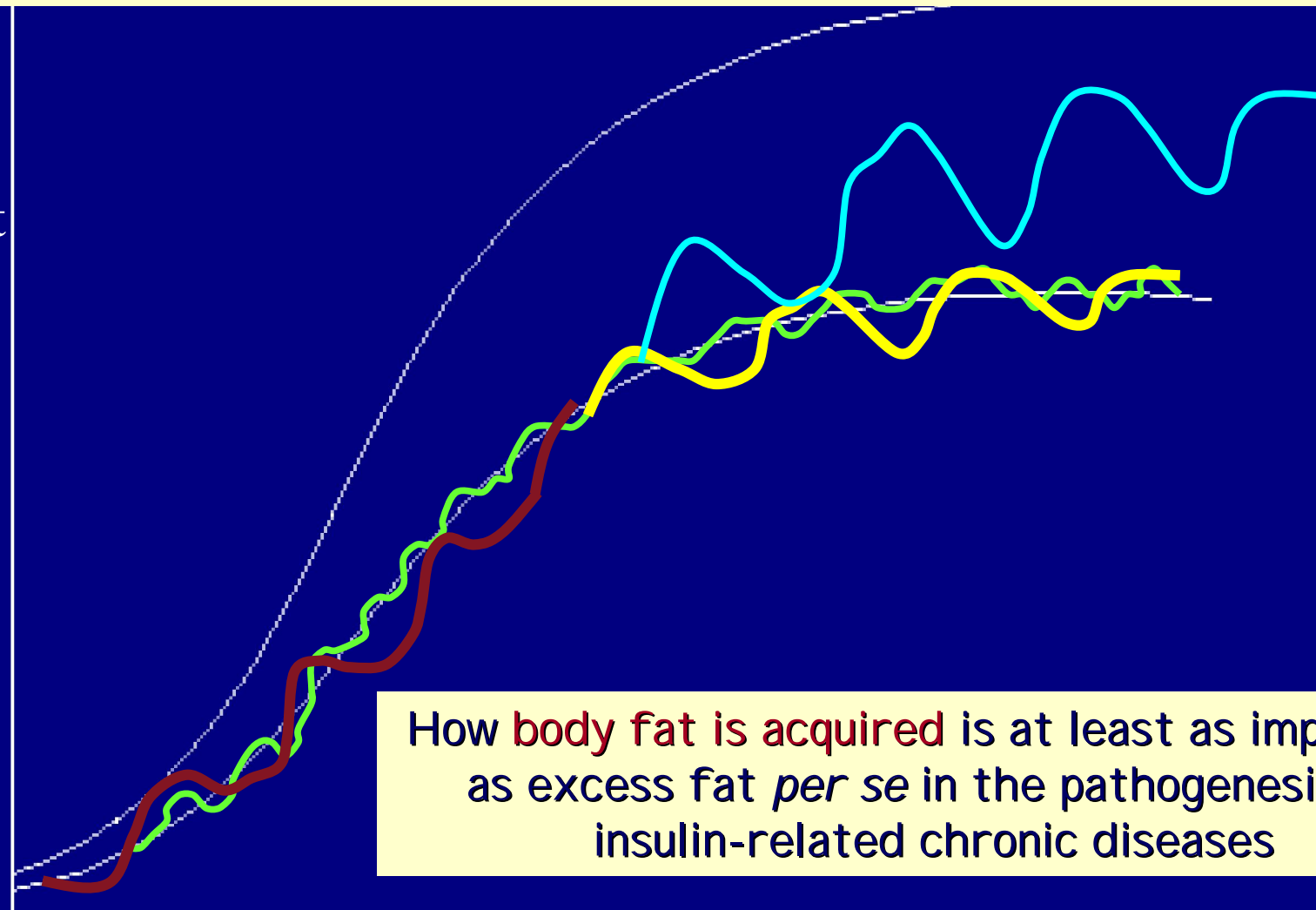
Genes/reprogramming/lifestyle
Interactions



Regulation of fat storage via suppressed thermogenesis
(*energy conservation for the purpose of catch-up fat*)

Pathophysiology of weight fluctuations across the life cycle: the role of preferential catch-up fat

Body
weight



How **body fat is acquired** is at least as important
as excess fat *per se* in the pathogenesis of
insulin-related chronic diseases

Growth

Age

Adult

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Hippocrates *400 BC*

“ Do not allow the body to attain extreme thinness,
for that, too, is treacherous,

but bring it only to a condition
that will naturally continue unchanged,
whatever that may be ’’