



# MY BEESON JOURNEY

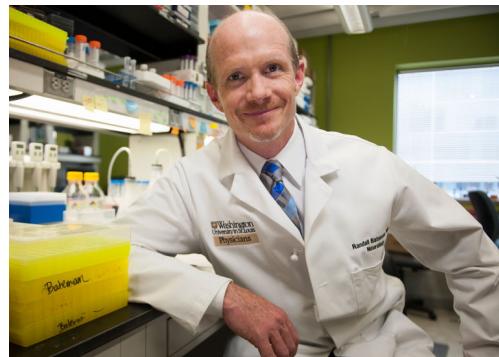
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# My Beeson Journey Begins...



Grandpa  
**David Holtzman**  
**Beeson 1995**

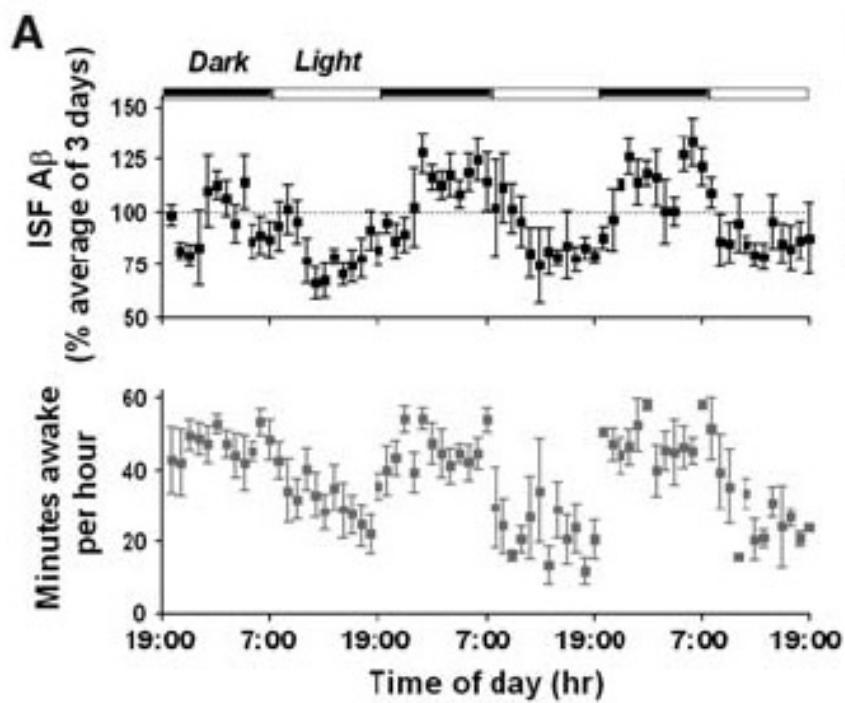
Papa  
**Randall Bateman**  
**Beeson 2007**

Me  
**Beeson 2016**



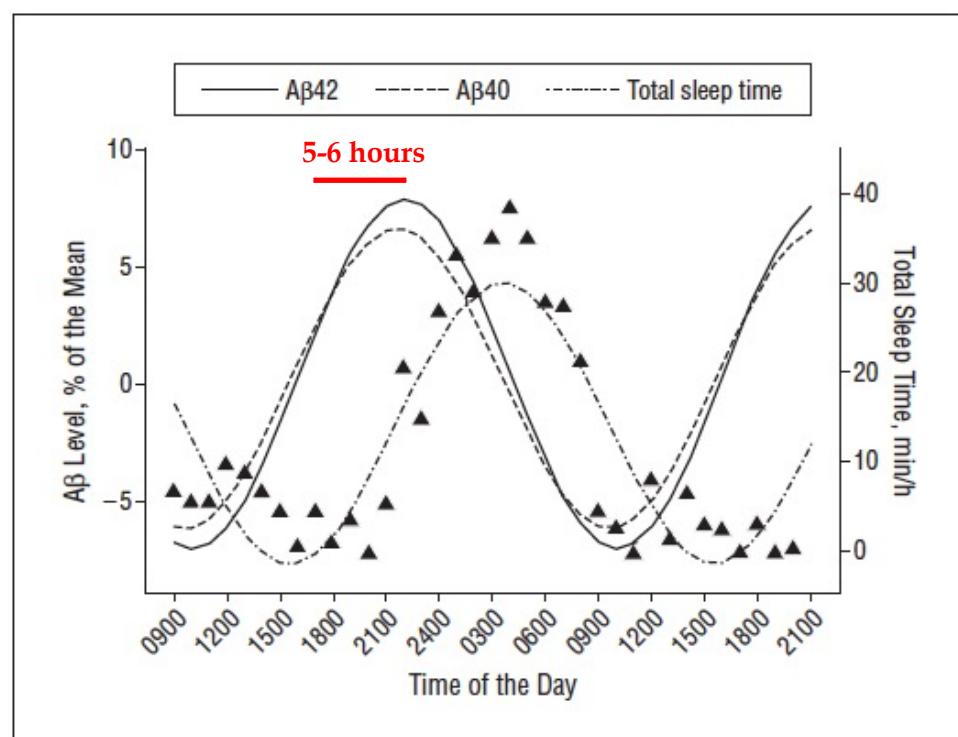
# A $\beta$ Fluctuates with Sleep-Wake Activity

Mice



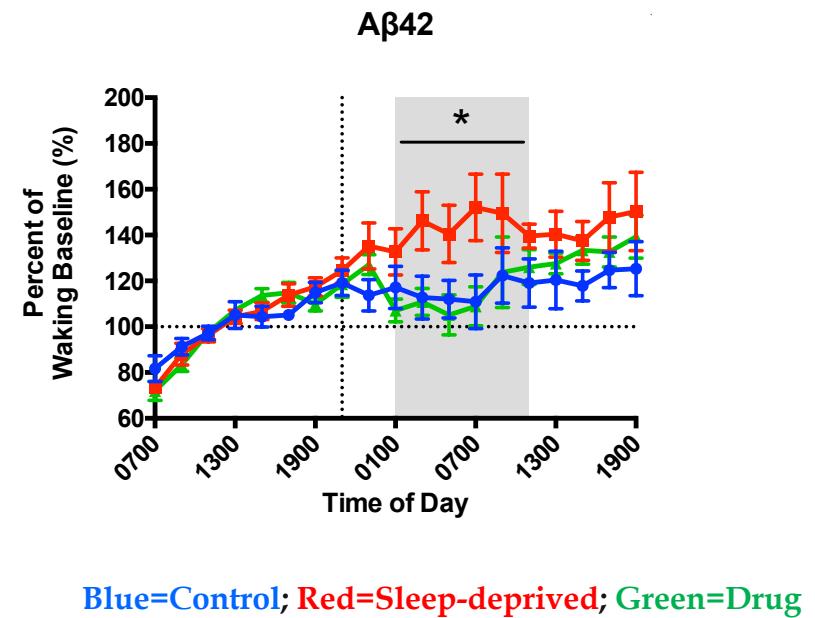
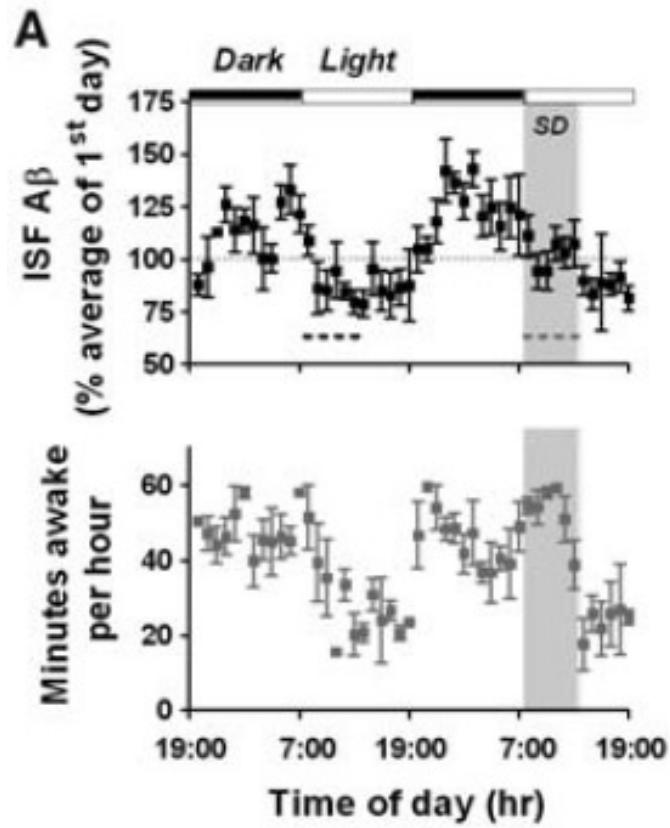
Kang JE, et al., Science 2009; 326:1005

Humans



Huang Y, et al., Arch Neurol 2012; 69:51

# Sleep Deprivation and ISF/CSF A $\beta$



Lucey BP, et al., Ann Neurol 2018; 83:197

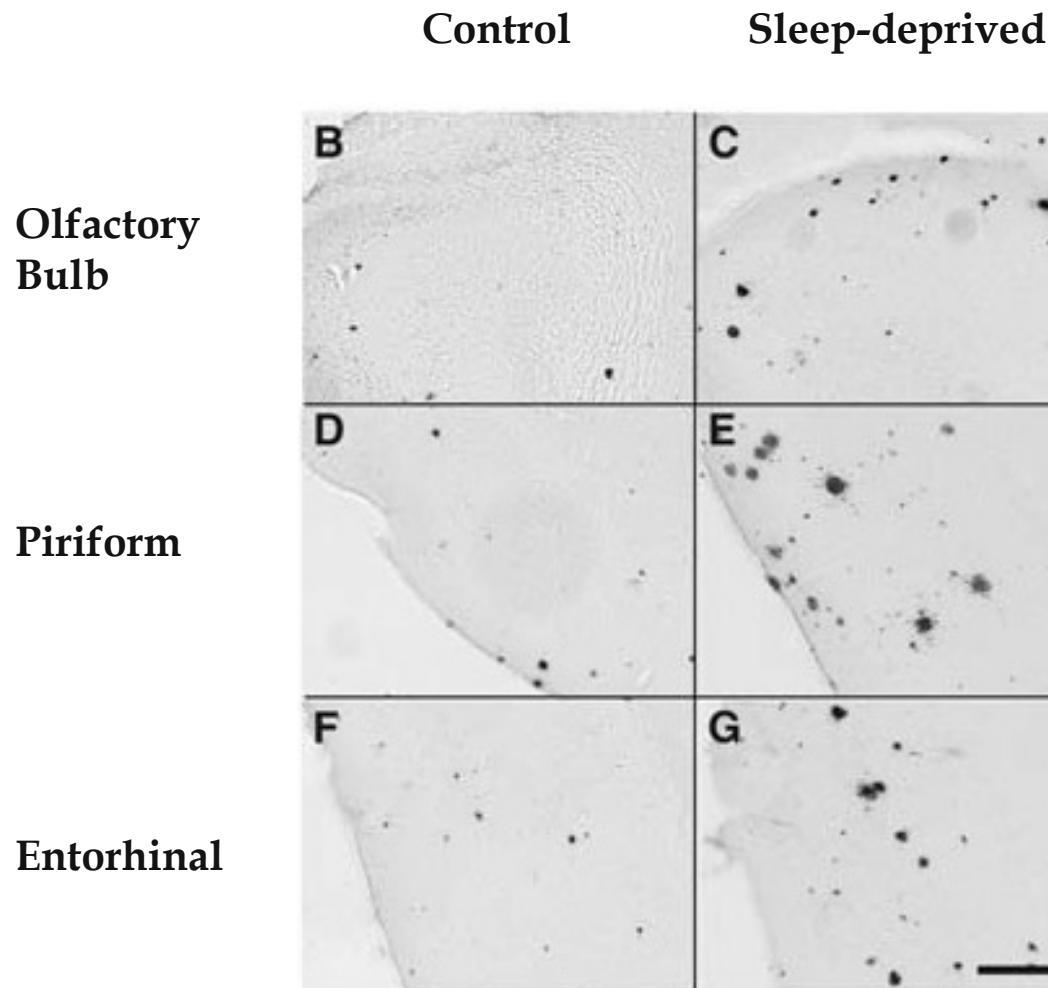
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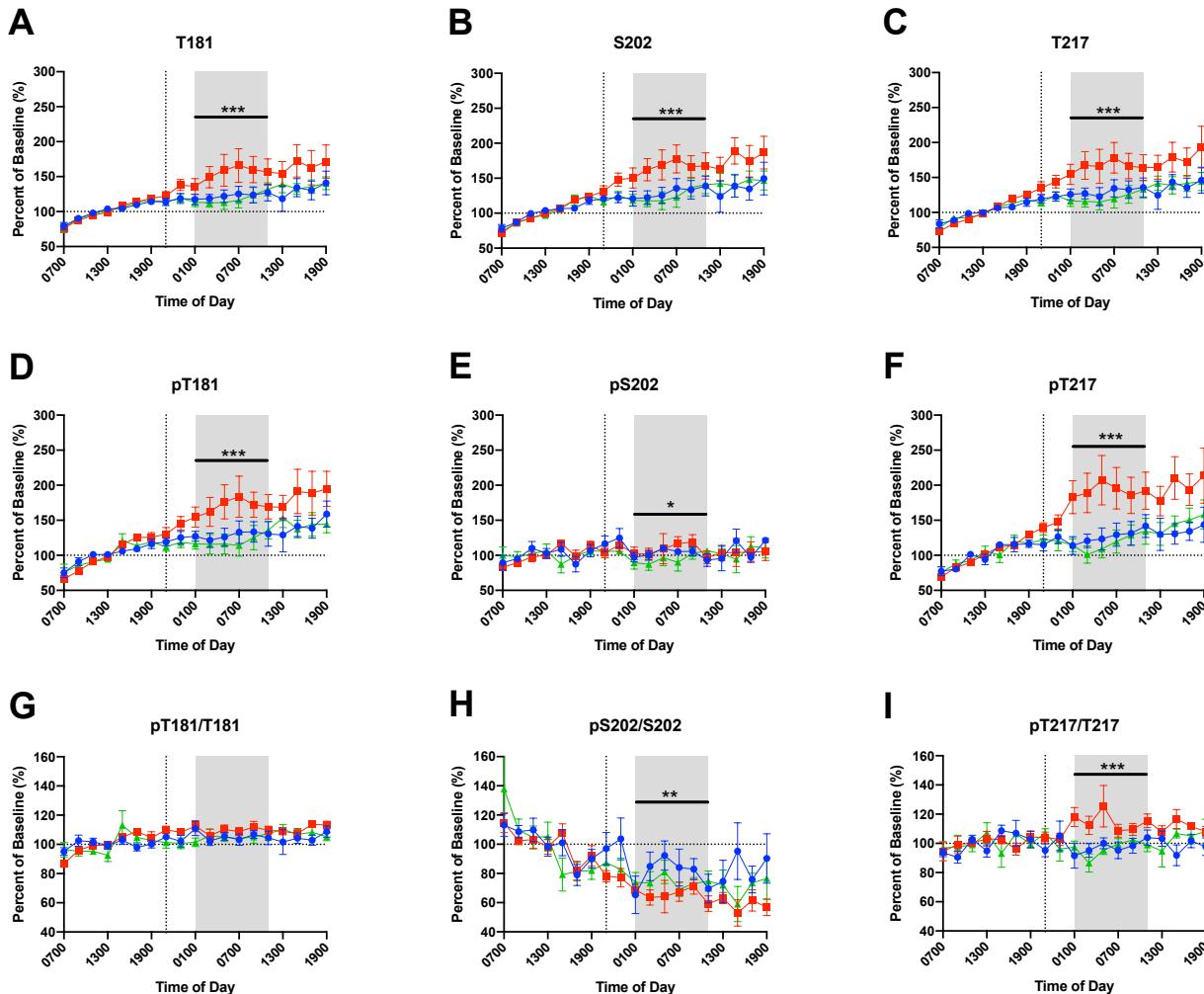
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# Sleep Deprivation Affects A $\beta$ Pathology



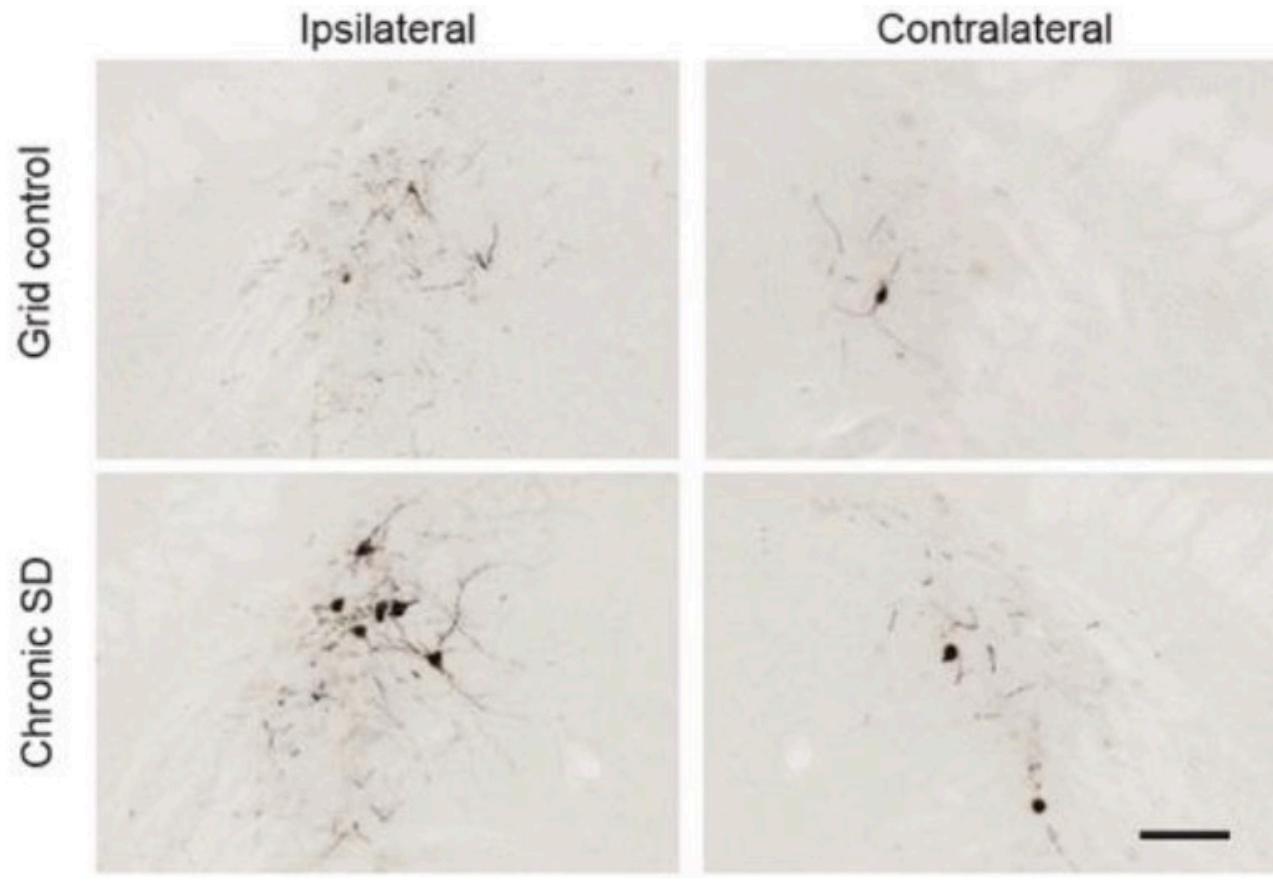
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# Sleep Deprivation Increases CSF Tau, But Tau Phosphorylation Is Site Specific



Barthelemy NR, et al.,  
Ann Neurol 2020;  
87:700

# Sleep Deprivation Increases Tauopathy



**Locus ceruleus**

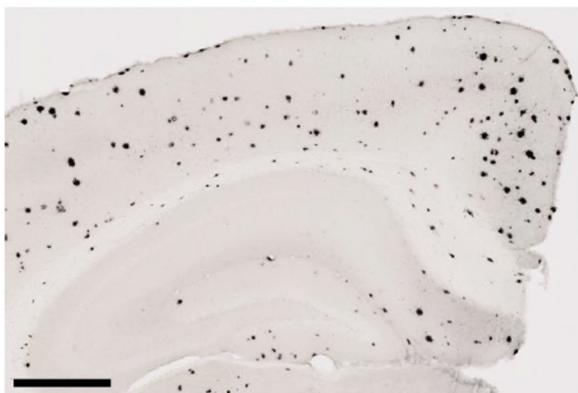
Holth JK, et al., Science 2019; 363:880



# Orexin and AD Pathology

A

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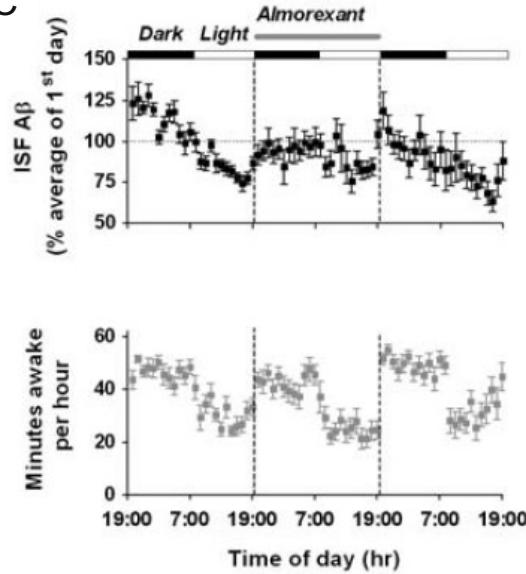


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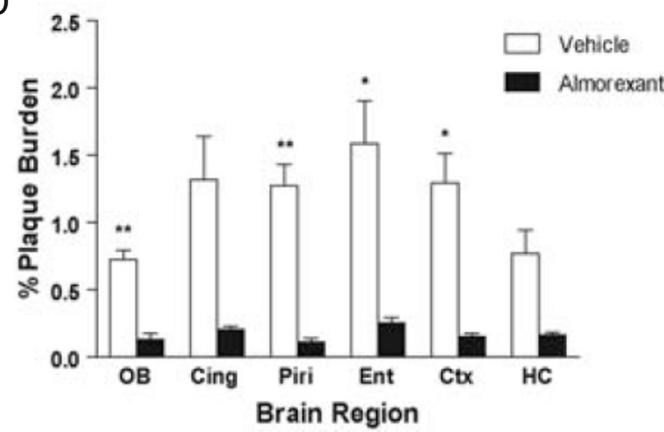
APP/PS1-21/OR<sup>-/-</sup> (3.5 mo)



C



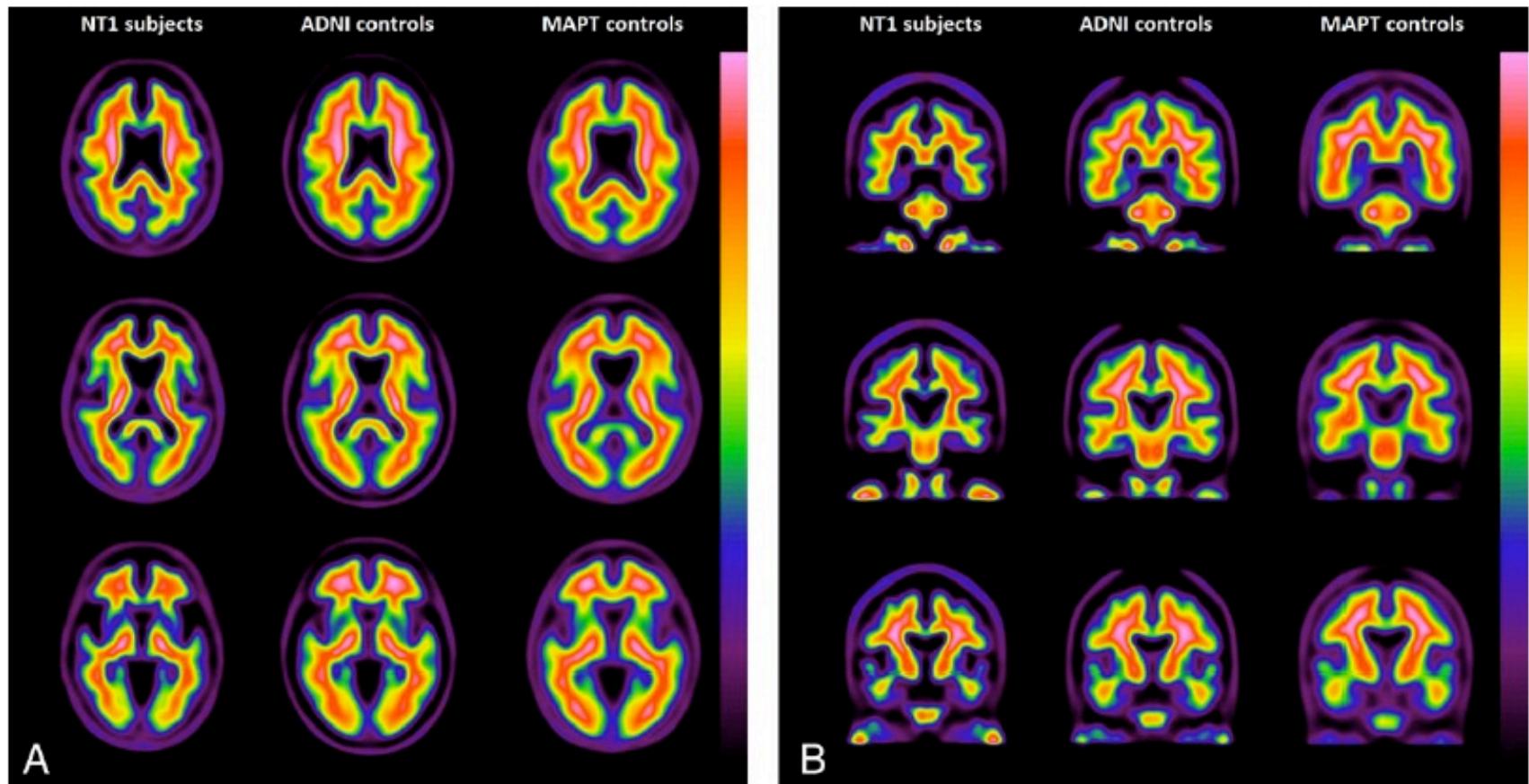
D



Panels A and B: Roh JH, et al., J Exp Med. 2014; 211: 2487  
Panel C and D: Kang JE, et al., Science. 2009; 326: 1005



# Orexin and AD Pathology

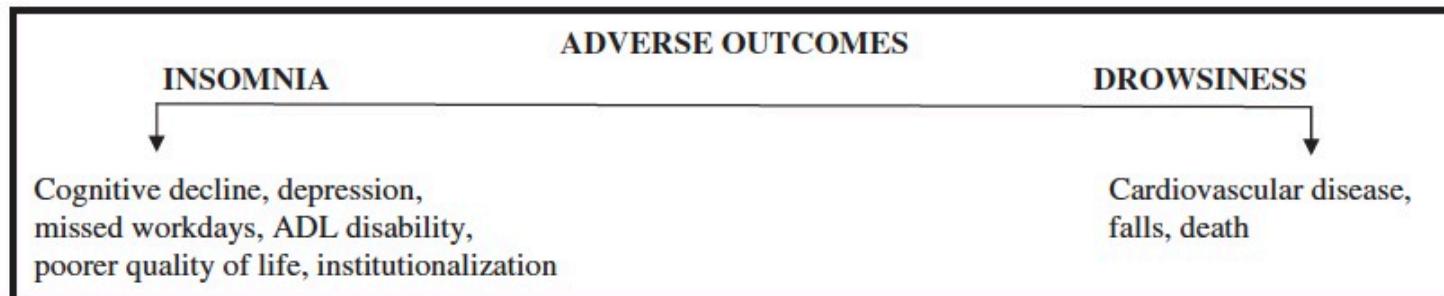
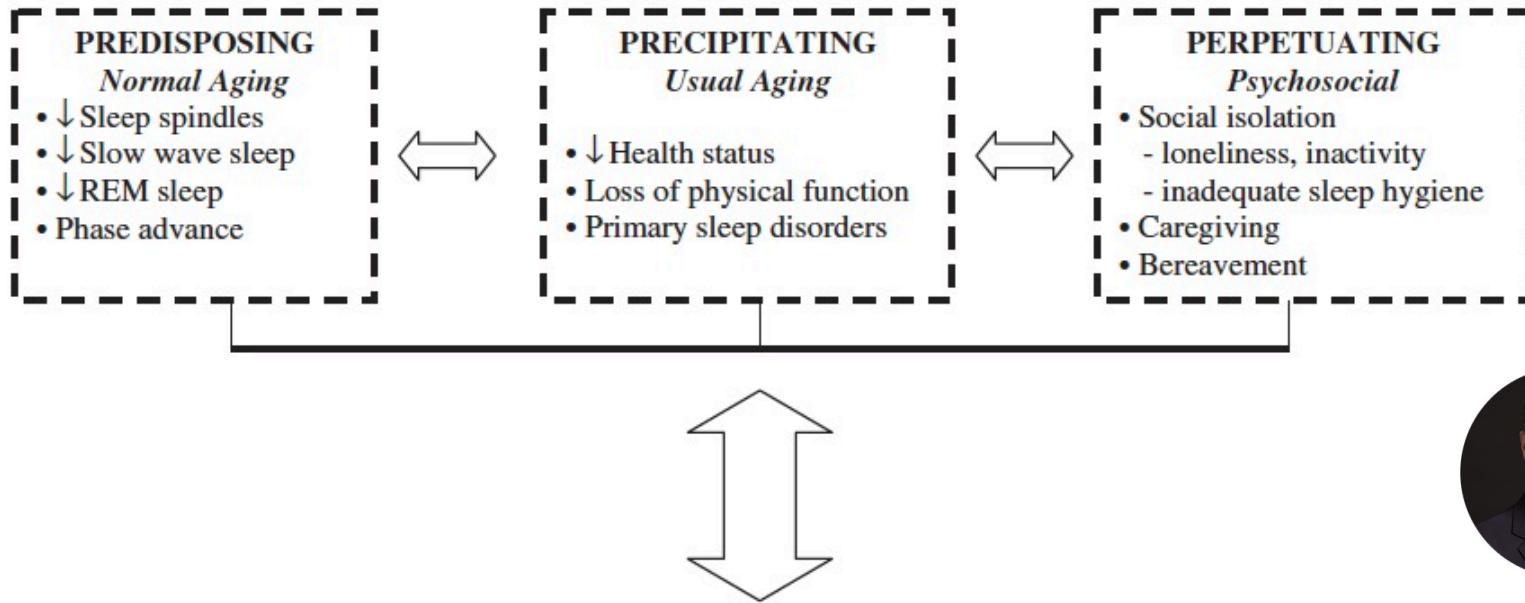


Gabelle A, et al., Ann Neurol 2019; 85:74

# Beeson Goals

- Project aims:
  1. To determine if CSF A $\beta$  levels are lower in cognitively normal individuals 45-65 years old with poor vs. good sleep efficiency (time asleep/time in bed)
  2. To determine if CSF A $\beta$  levels are lower in cognitively normal individuals 45-65 years old with poor sleep efficiency treated with suvorexant (a dual orexin receptor antagonist FDA-approved to treat insomnia) vs. placebo

# Sleep Disturbances in Older Adults: A Multifactorial Geriatric Syndrome



Vaz Fragoso CA, Gill TM, J Am Geriatr Soc 2007; 55:1853

# Future Directions

- Preliminary data from the Beeson directly lead to \$9.4 million in funding from Open Philanthropy / Good Ventures to support a trial testing the effect of suvorexant on amyloid PET in cognitively normal amyloid-positive adults 65 years and older
- Industry-sponsored study
- A major future goal is to test the effect of different doses of suvorexant and other drugs in the same class on CSF AD biomarkers
  - Suvorexant (approved 2015)
  - Lemborexant (approved 2020)
  - Others in the pipeline

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