Healthy Sleep, Healthy Brain

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Sleep is seen throughout the animal world...



... so it must be doing something important.... and that thing might be maintaining brain health.

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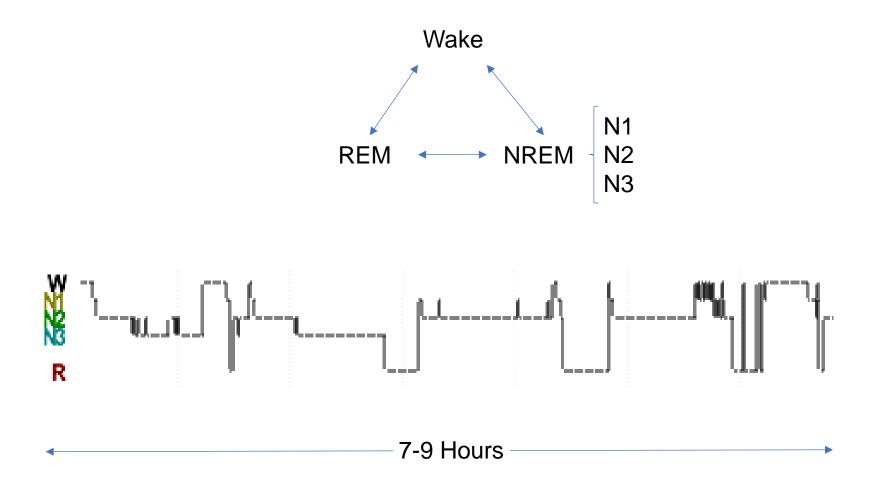
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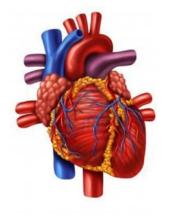
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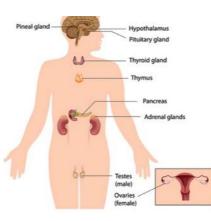


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Cardiovascular Health







Immune Function



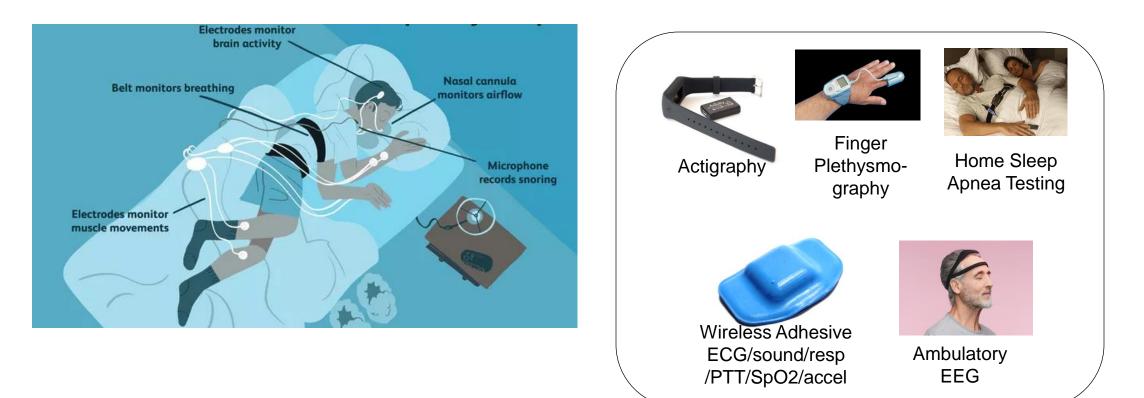




1.3 Measurement of Sleep

In the Sleep Lab

At Home



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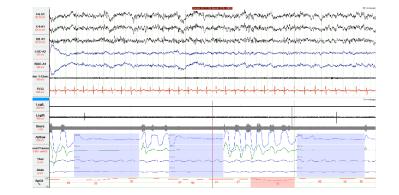
Sleep Deprivation

Poor Sleep Quality (e.g. Fragmentation, sleep stage distribution)

Disrupted Sleep Physiology (e.g. Apnea, RLS)

Circadian Rhythm Disruption (e.g. Shift-Work)

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15% of employed Americans report getting less than 6 hours a night of sleep

30-40% of older Americans complain of excessive awakenings at night

Up to 5% of middle-aged and 9-17% of older American adults has sleep apnea

~15 million Americans (~10% of workforce) are engaged in regular night work or rotating shift work

The Ontario Sleep Health Study

38% with excessive sleepiness

64% with difficulty maintaining sleep

3200 Adults Aged 35-70 (mean age 58)

13% with at least moderate sleep apnea (80% undiagnosed)

8% with restless legs syndrome

13% with difficulty initiating sleep

Part II: Sleep and Dementia

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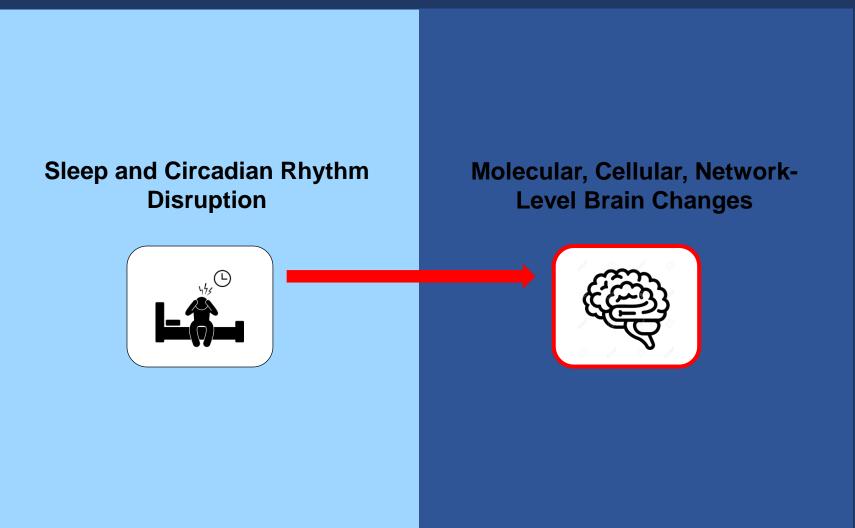
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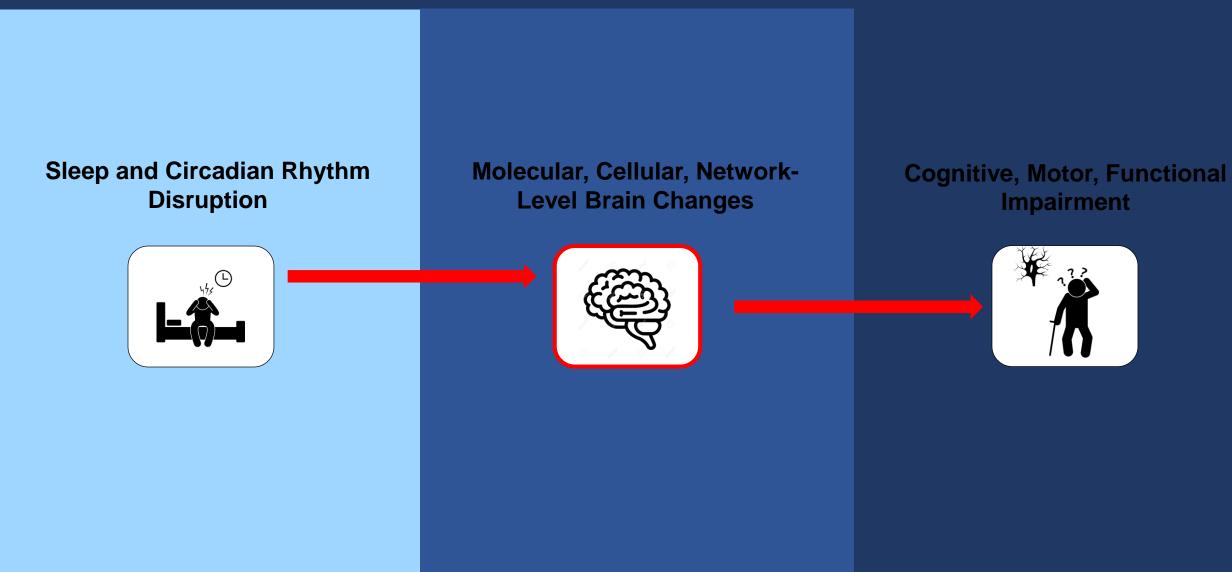
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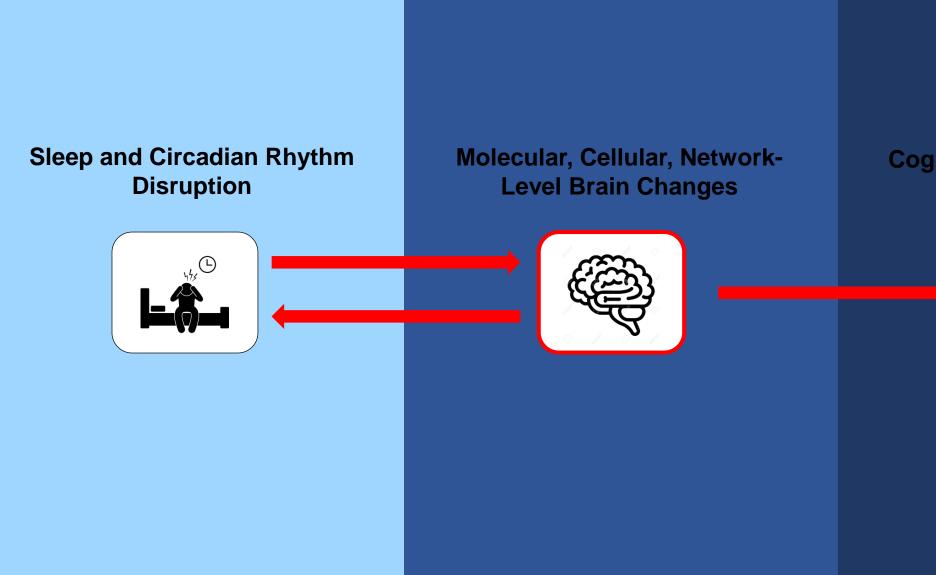
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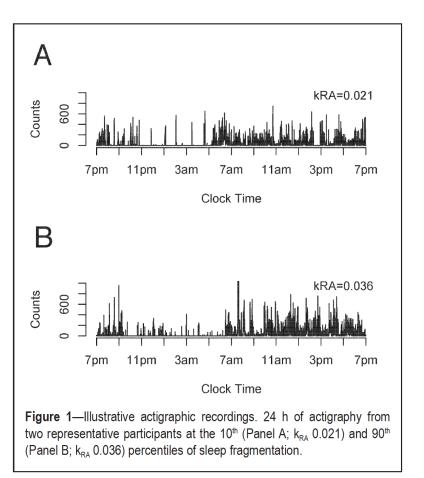


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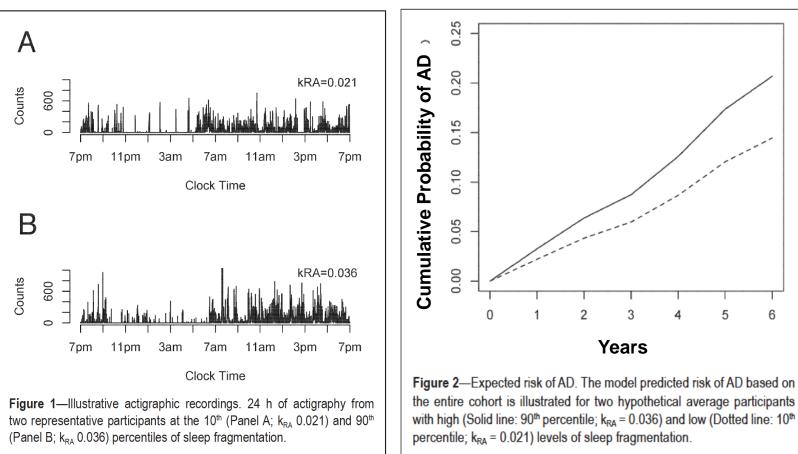
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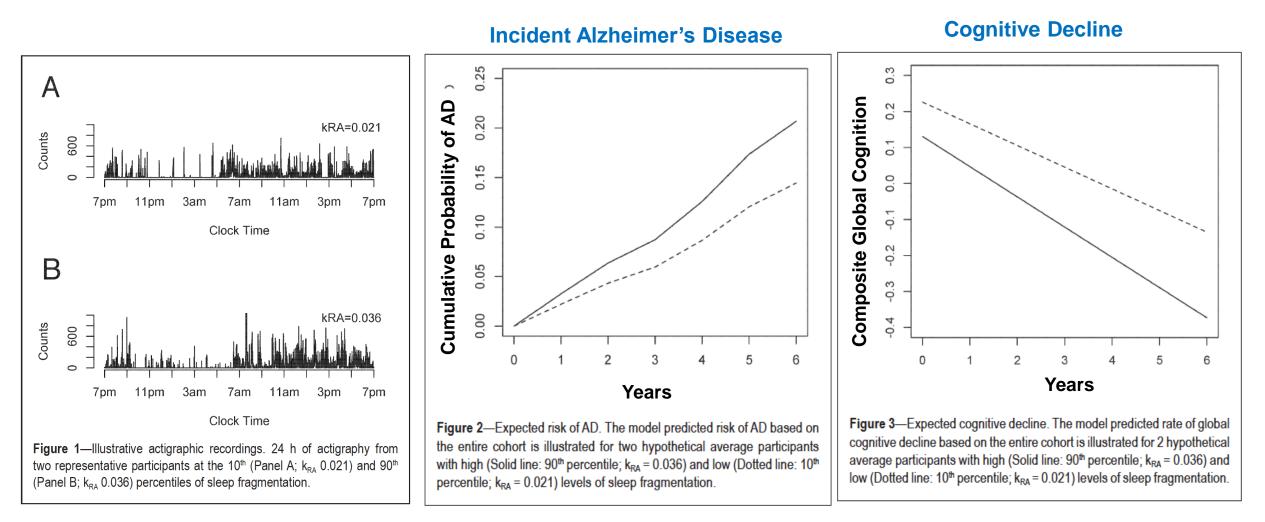


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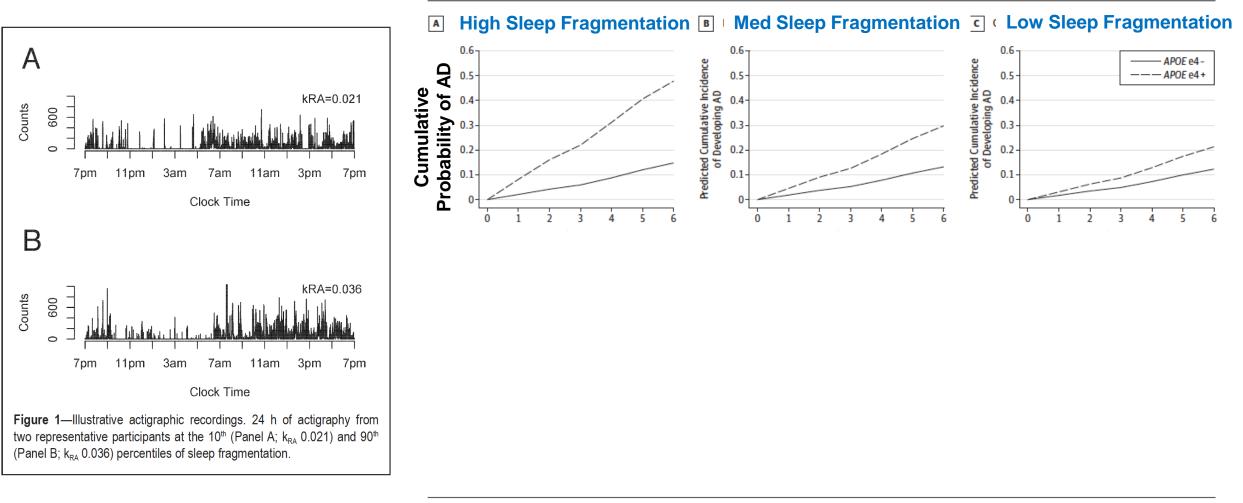


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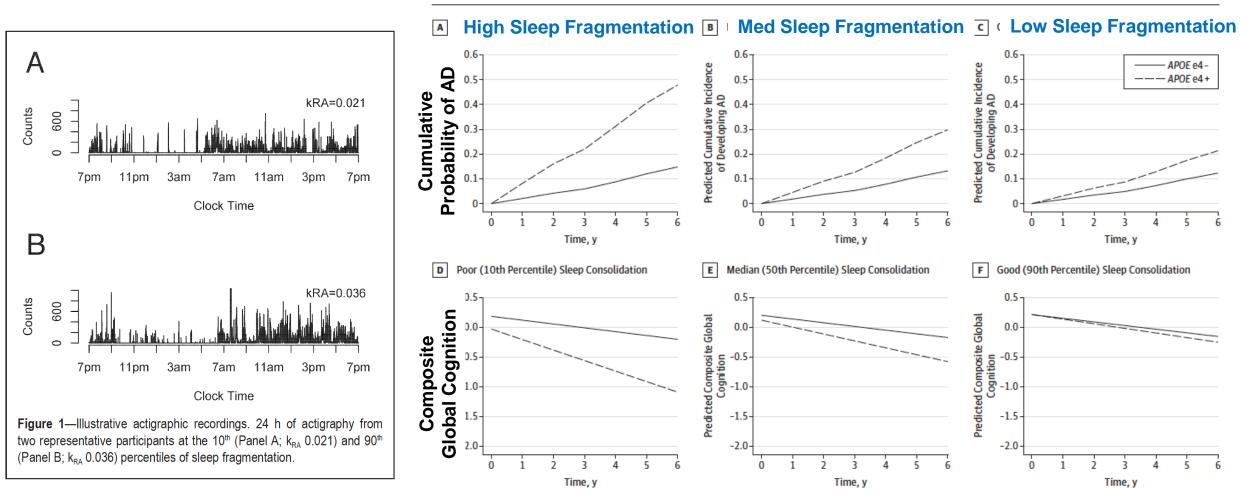


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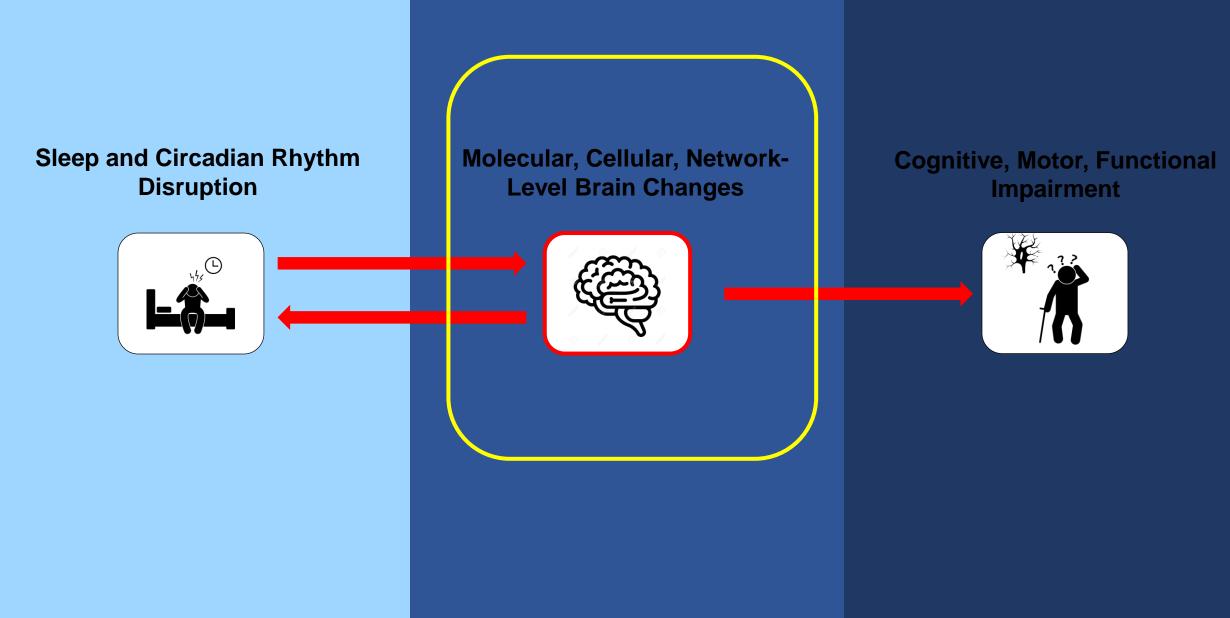
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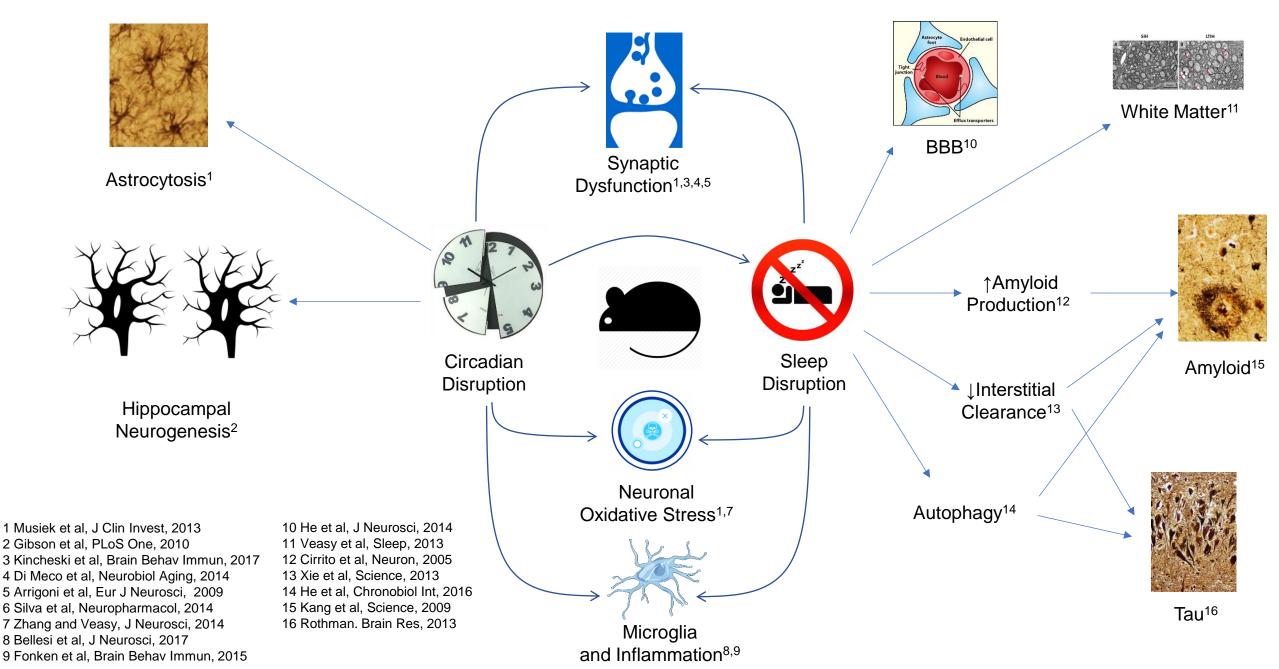
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Why is this?

What Mediates these Associations?

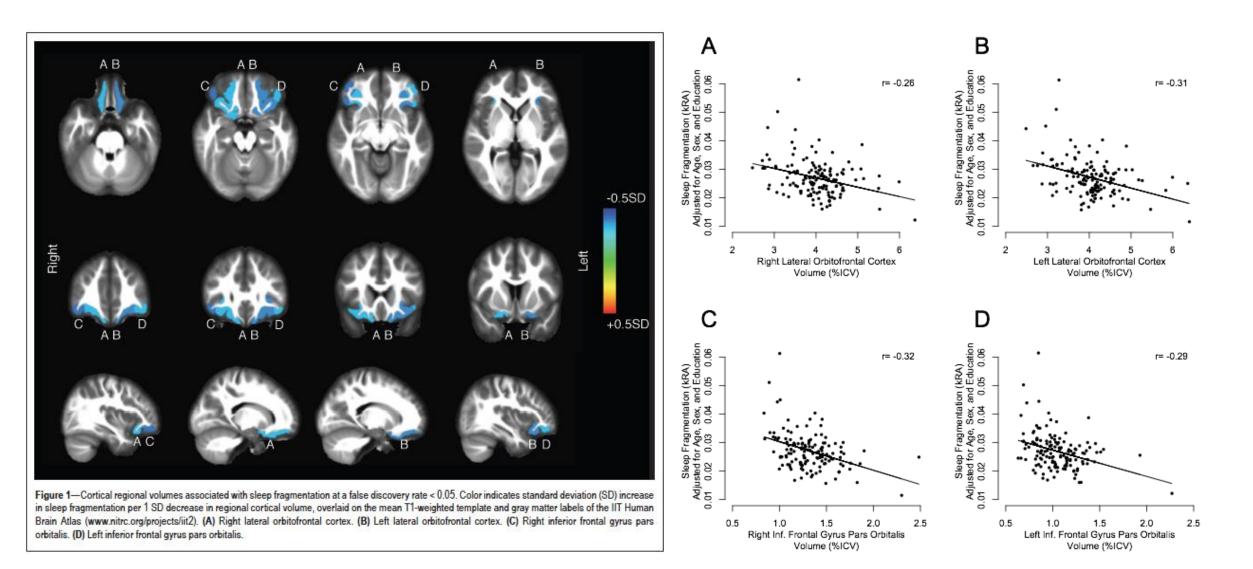


Brain Effects of Sleep and Circadian Disruption in Model Organisms



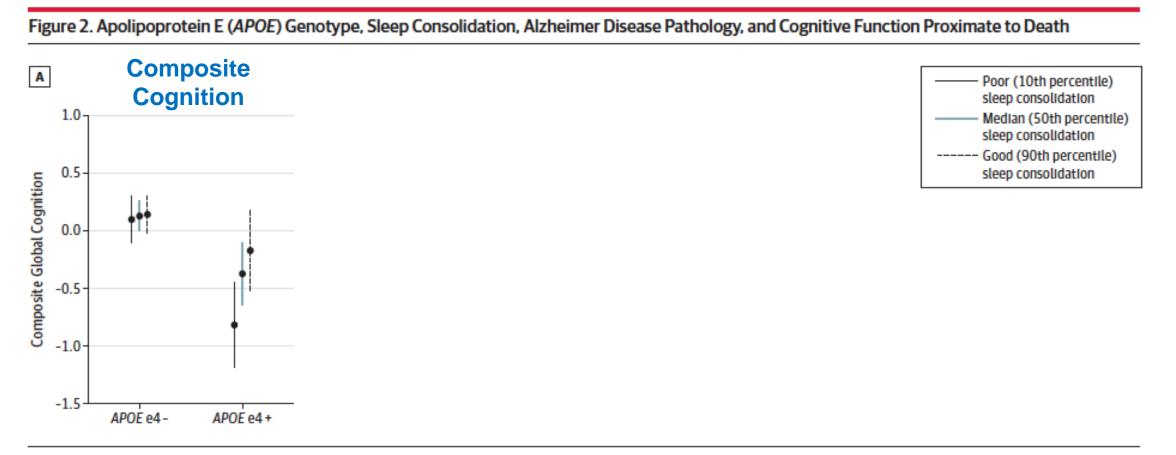
What happens in humans?

Sleep Fragmentation is Accompanied by Focal Brain Atrophy in Older Adults



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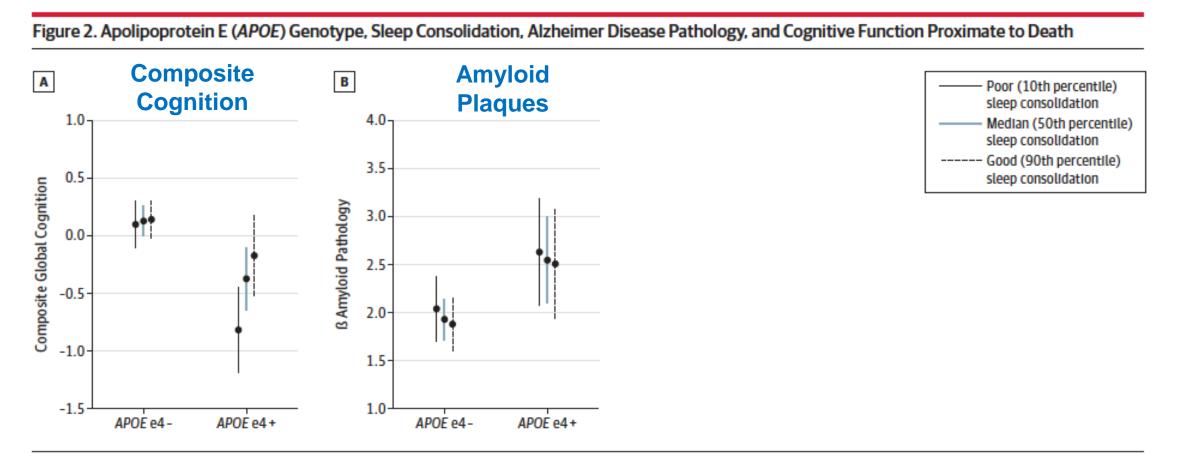
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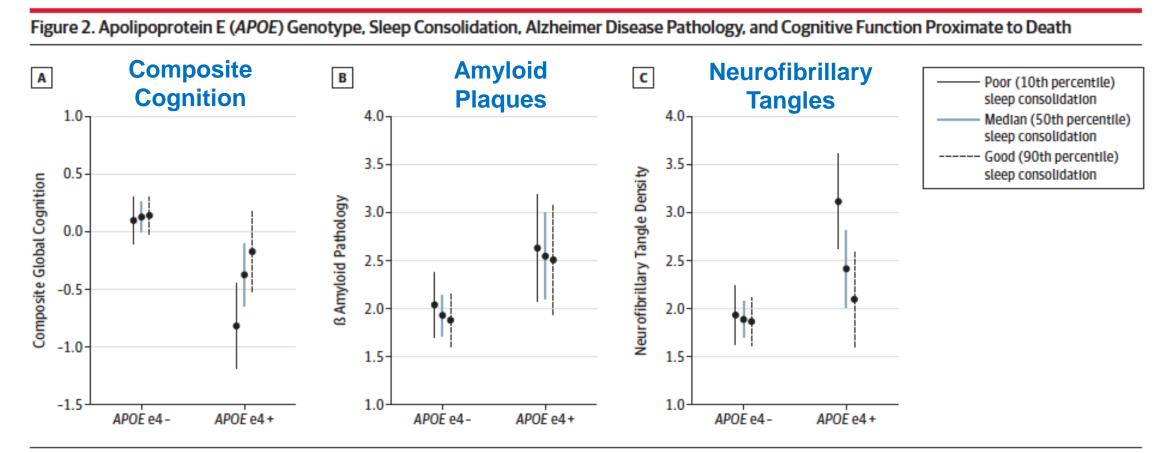
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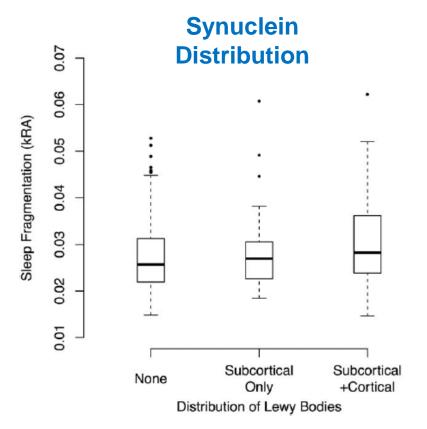


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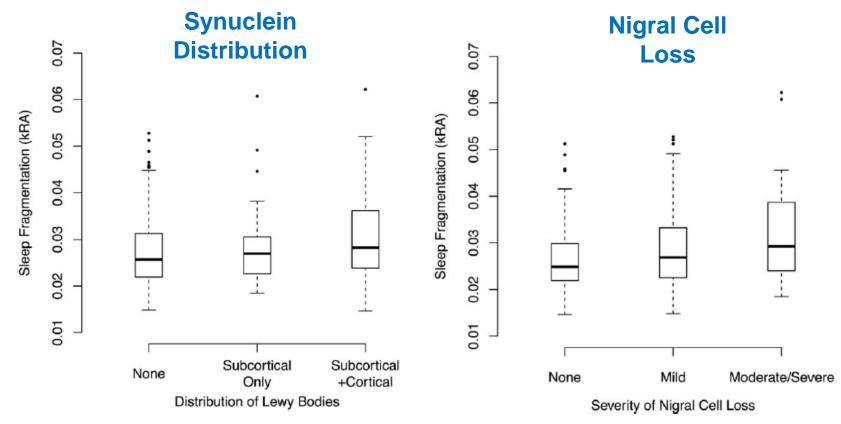


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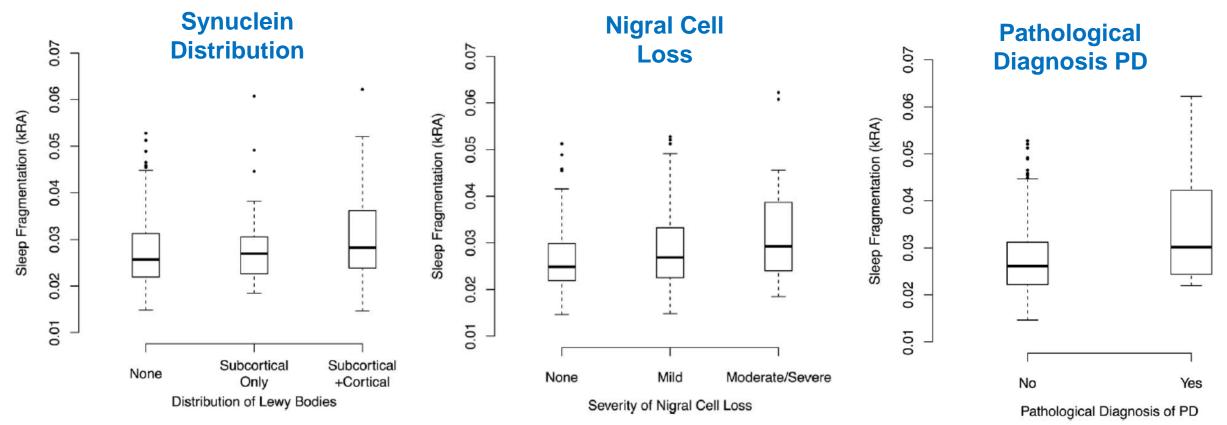


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Male sex	0.53 (0.33–0.85) 0.01	1.31 (0.80–2.13) 0.28	0.65 (0.65–1.71) 0.83		
Education (per year)	1.04 (0.97–1.13) 0.26	0.91 (0.84–0.98) 0.02	0.97 (0.90–1.05) 0.46		
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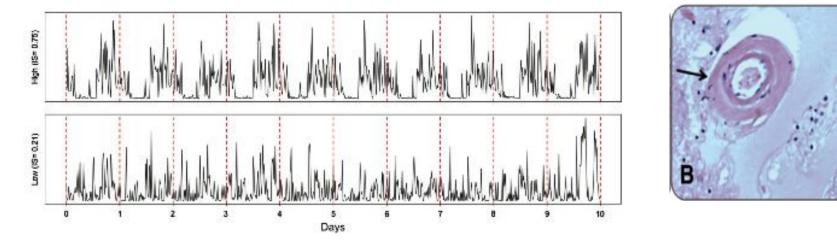
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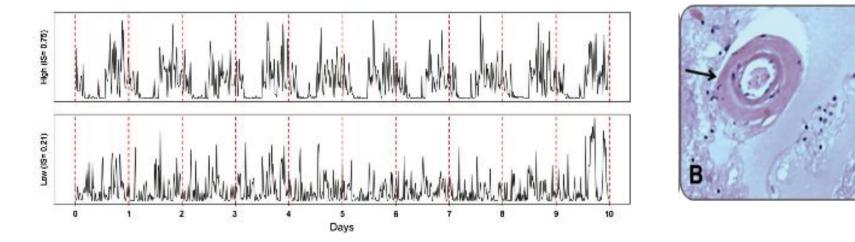
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	Subcortical	Cortical	Subcortical	Cortical		
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Male sex	0.98 (0.54–1.75) 0.96	1.83 (0.90–3.66) 0.09	0.67 (0.29–1.42) 0.32	1.01 (0.53–1.87) 0.98		
Education (per year)	0.87 (0.79–0.96) 0.01	0.98 (0.87–1.10) 0.73	0.95 (0.84–1.07) 0.41	0.98 (0.89–1.08) 0.72		
Sleep fragmentation (per 1 SD)	1.31 (1.01–1.68) 0.04	0.94 (0.65–1.29) 0.72	0.87 (0.58–1.22) 0.45	1.14 (0.86–1.48) 0.36		

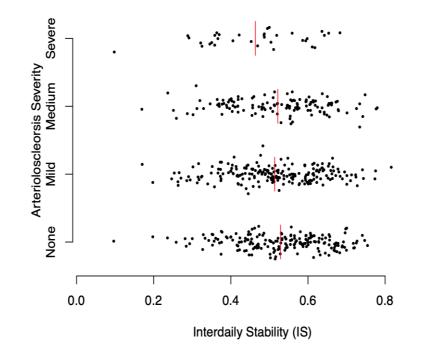
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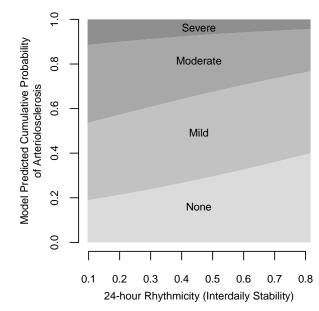
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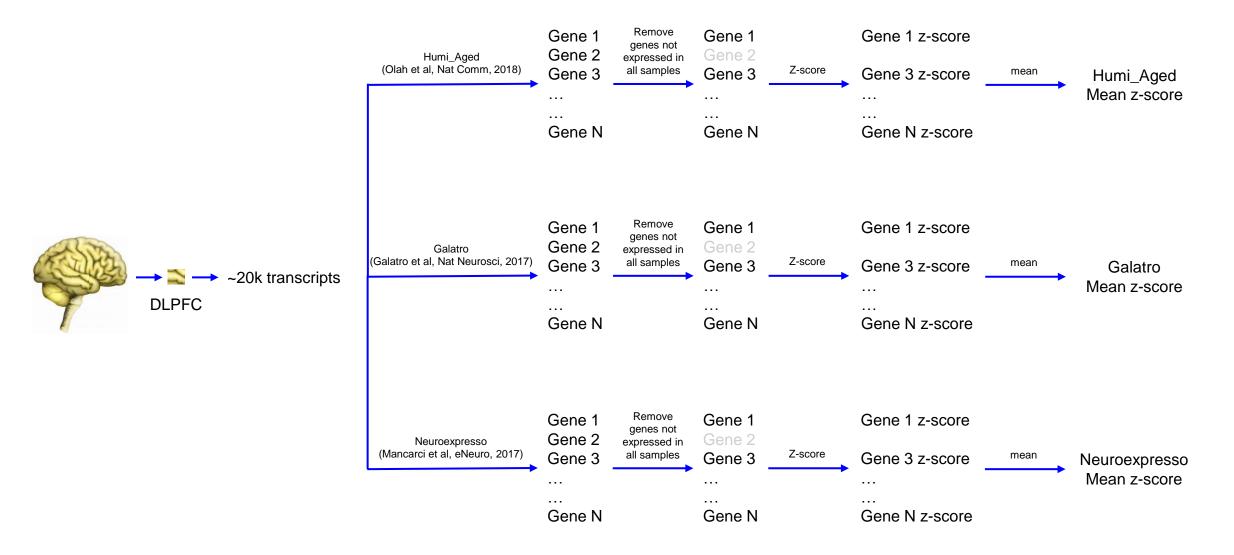




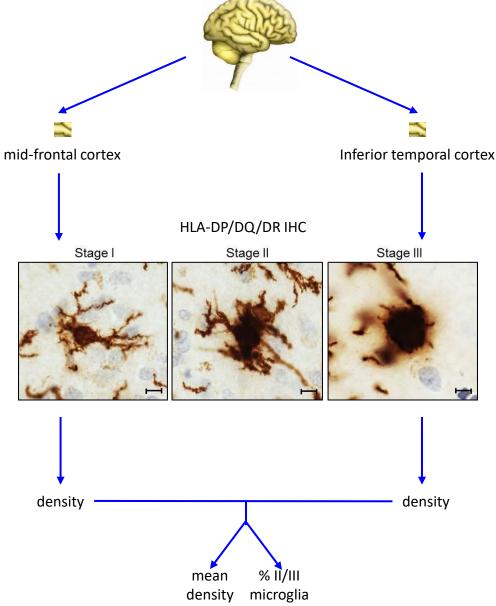


(Sommer et al, Stroke, 2021: Memory and Aging Project)

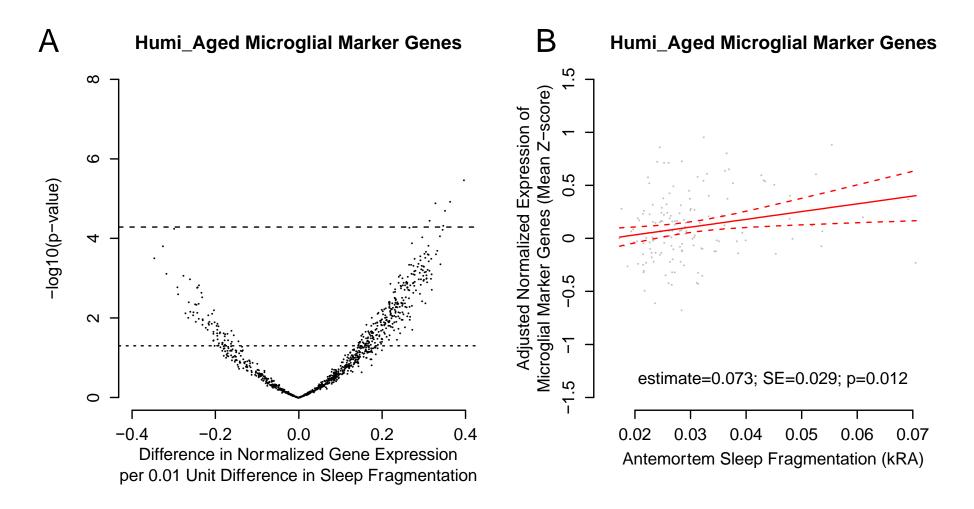
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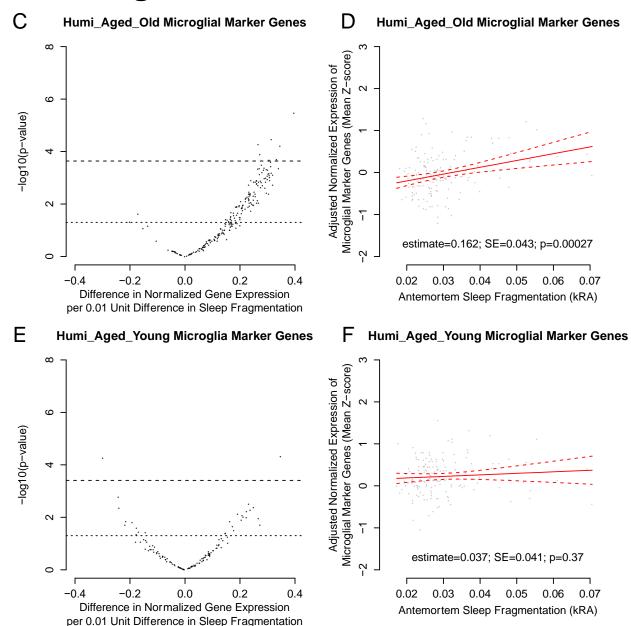
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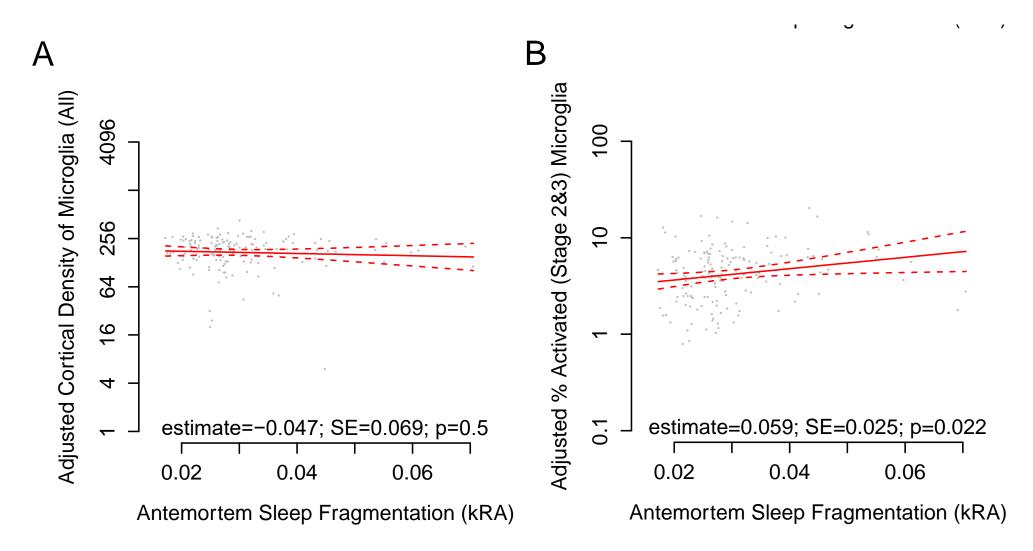


Sleep fragmentation is specifically associated with elevated expression of genes characteristic of aged microglia

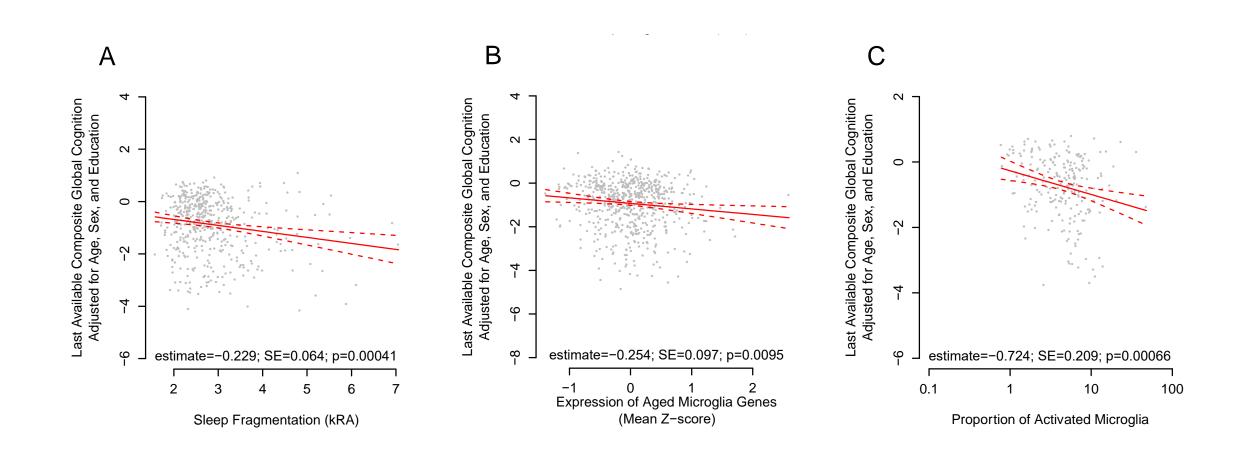


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Sleep fragmentation is also associated with a greater proportion of morphologically activated microglia

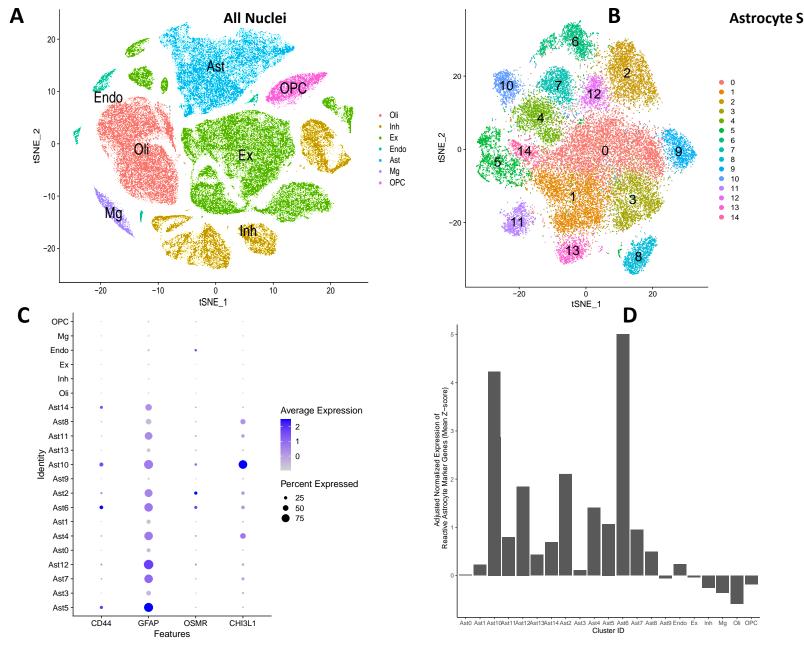


Sleep fragmentation, microglial transcriptional aging, and microglial activation are all associated with cognitive impairment

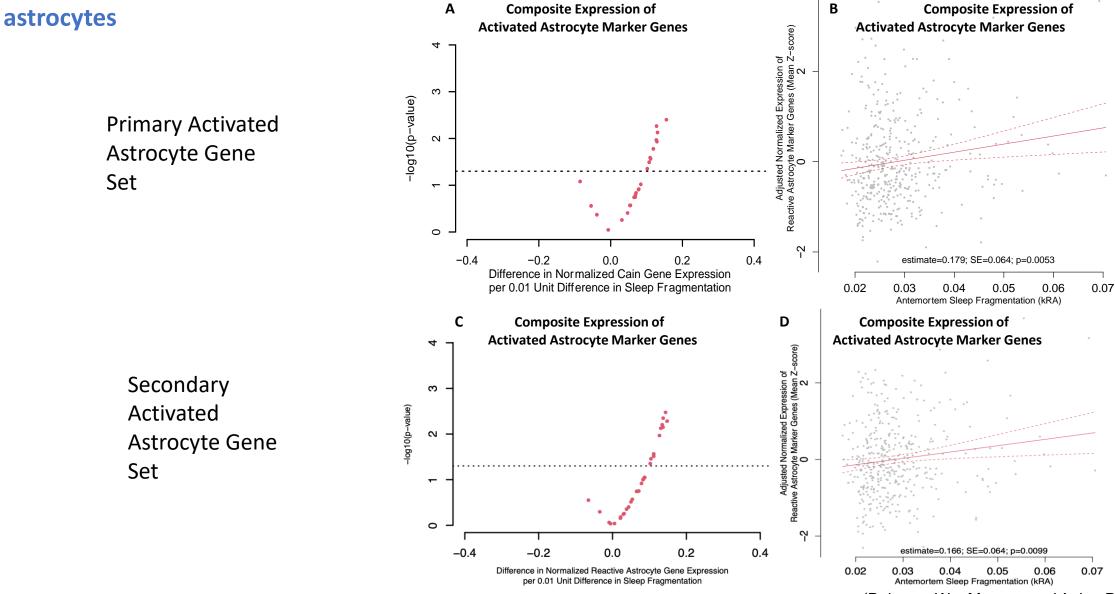


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Analysis of human snRNAseq data identifies marker genes for human activated astrocytes

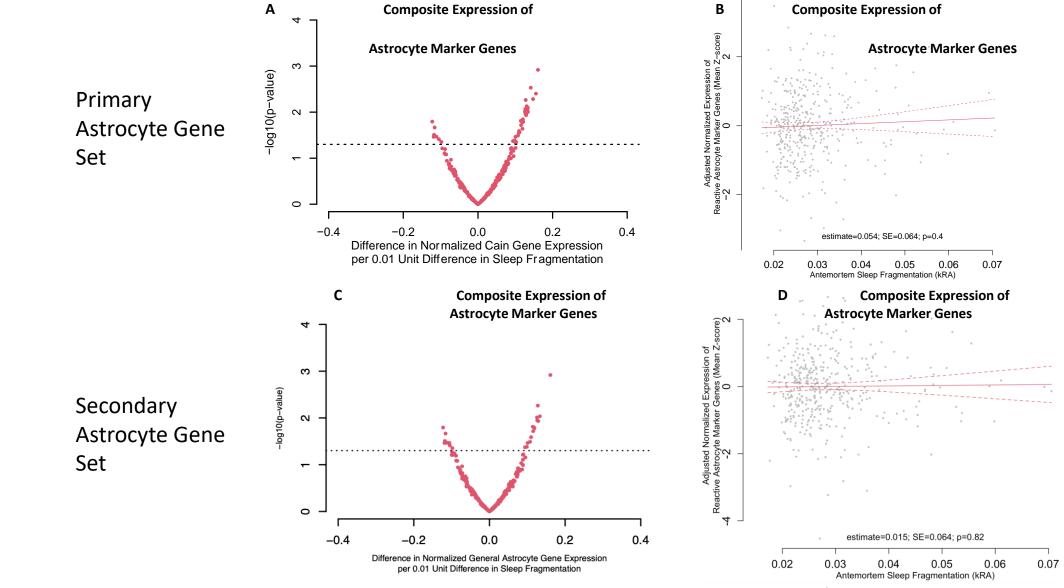


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Worse sleep fragmentation is associated with greater expression of genes characteristic of reactive

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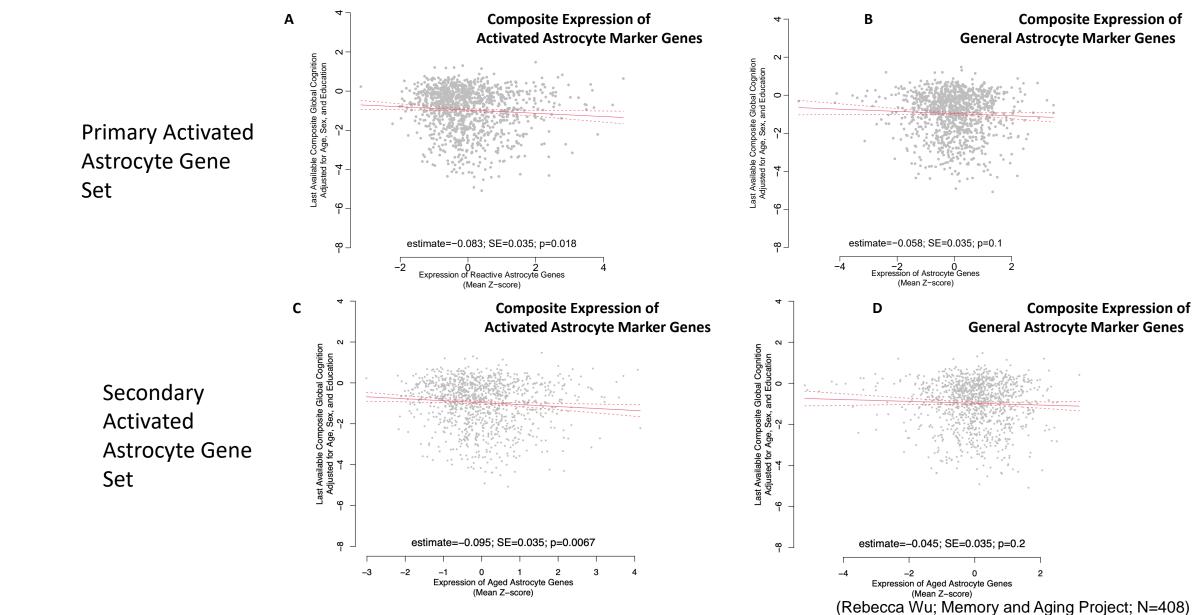


Sleep fragmentation is not associated with expression of genes characteristic of astrocytes in general

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This association with activated astrocytes is not accounted for by Dementia associated pathology

Model	Covariates	Predictor	Estimate	SE	Pval
A	Age+Sex+Education+Technical	Sleep	0.13	0.05	9.94E-03
В	A+AD Pathology	Sleep	0.14	0.05	6.63E-03
с	A+Lewy Body Pathology	Sleep	0.13	0.05	8.33E-03
D	A+Gross Infarcts	Sleep	0.13	0.05	8.56E-03
E	A+Micro Infarcts	Sleep	0.13	0.05	1.01E-02
F	A+TDP43	Sleep	0.13	0.05	1.14E-02
G	A+Hippocampal Sclerosis	Sleep	0.13	0.05	9.90E-03
н	A+All Pathologies	Sleep	0.15	0.05	4.37E-03

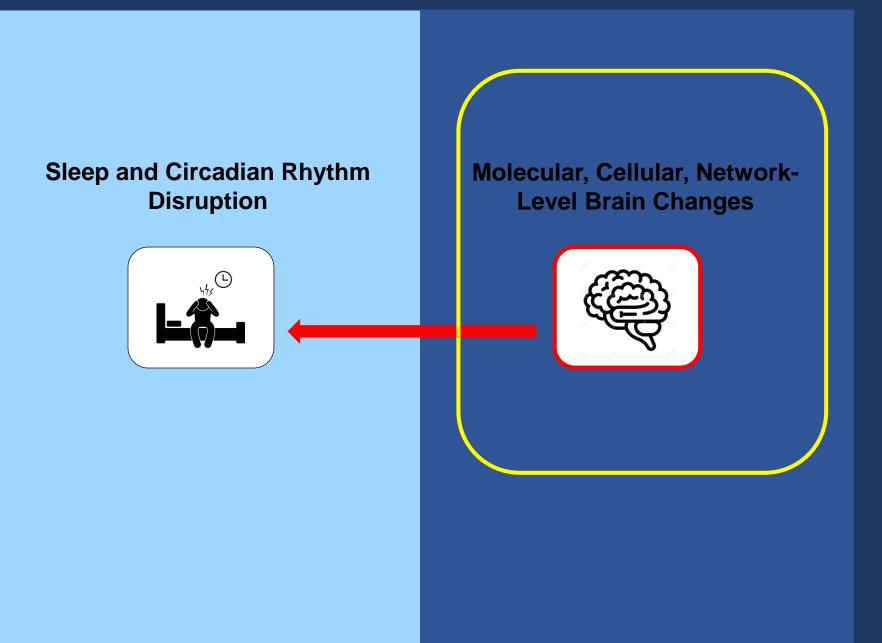


Reactive astrocytes are associated with impaired global cognition

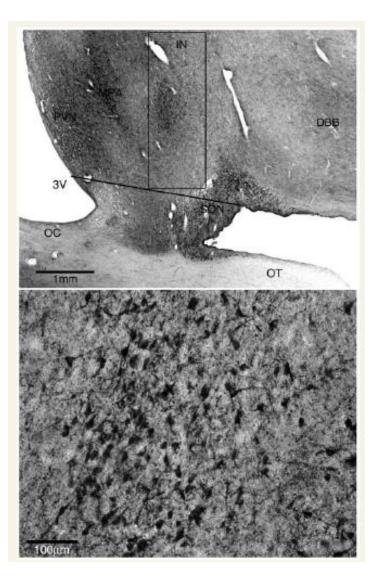
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A	Cognition	Age+Sex+Education+Techni cal	Composite Activated Astrocytes	-0.08	0.04	1.81E-02
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С	Cognition	A+Lewy Body Pathology	Composite Activated Astrocytes	-0.07	0.03	4.23E-02
D	Cognition	A+Gross Infarcts	Composite Activated Astrocytes	-0.08	0.03	2.01E-02
E	Cognition	A+Micro Infarcts	Composite Activated Astrocytes	-0.08	0.04	1.74E-02
F	Cognition	A+TDP43	Composite Activated Astrocytes	-0.07	0.04	4.12E-02
G	Cognition	A+Hippocampal Sclerosis	Composite Activated Astrocytes	-0.08	0.03	2.84E-02
Н	Cognition	A+All Pathologies	Composite Activated Astrocytes	-0.06	0.03	3.98E-02

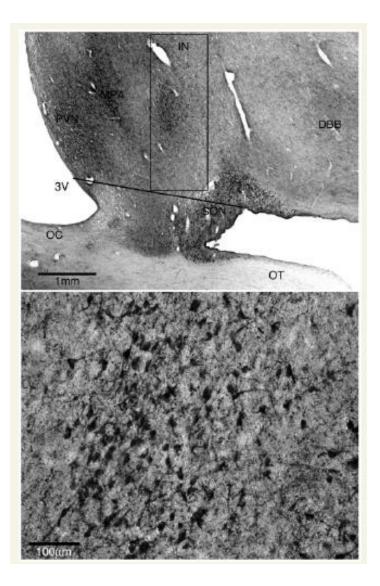
How might brain pathology affect sleep?

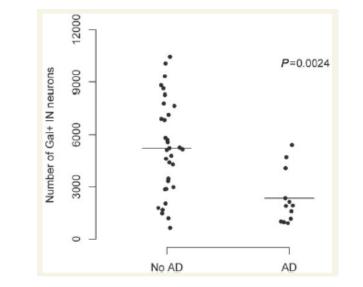


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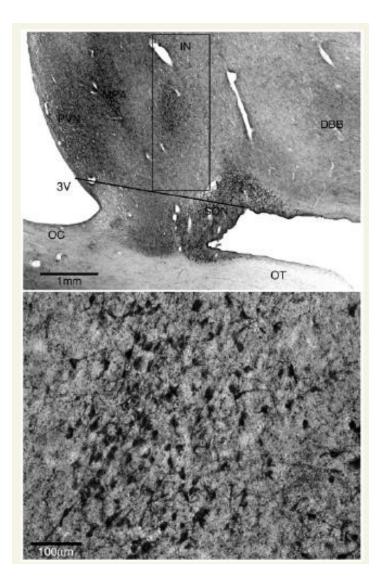
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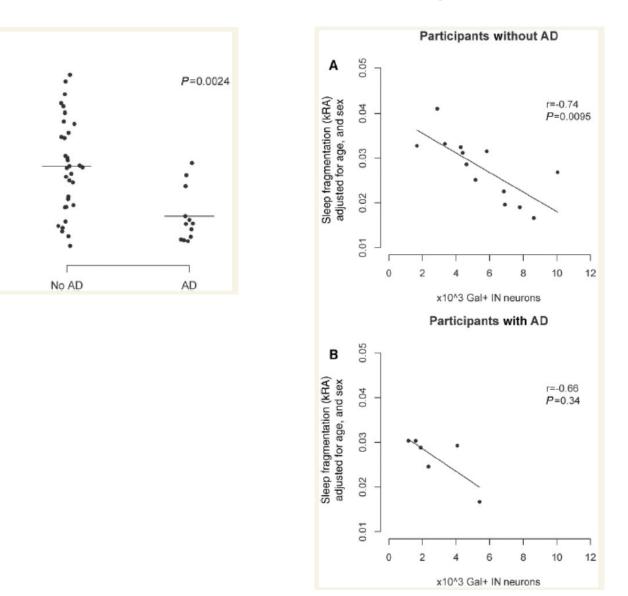




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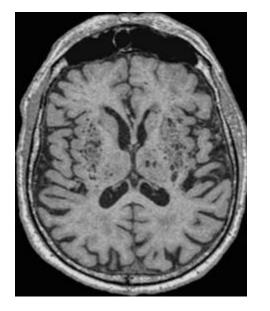
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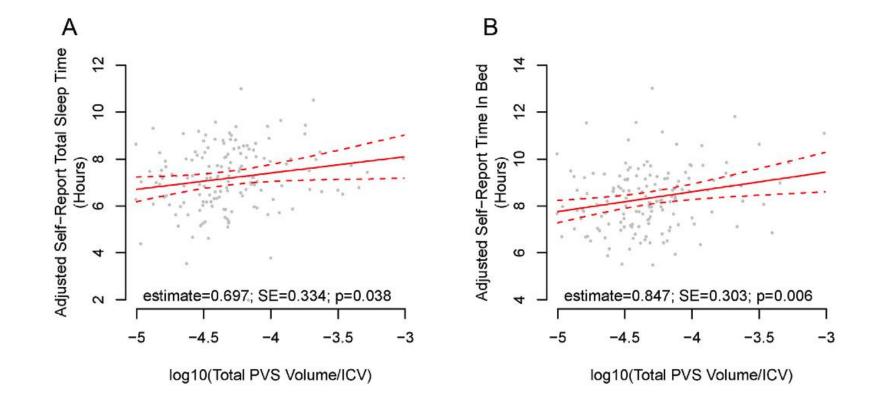


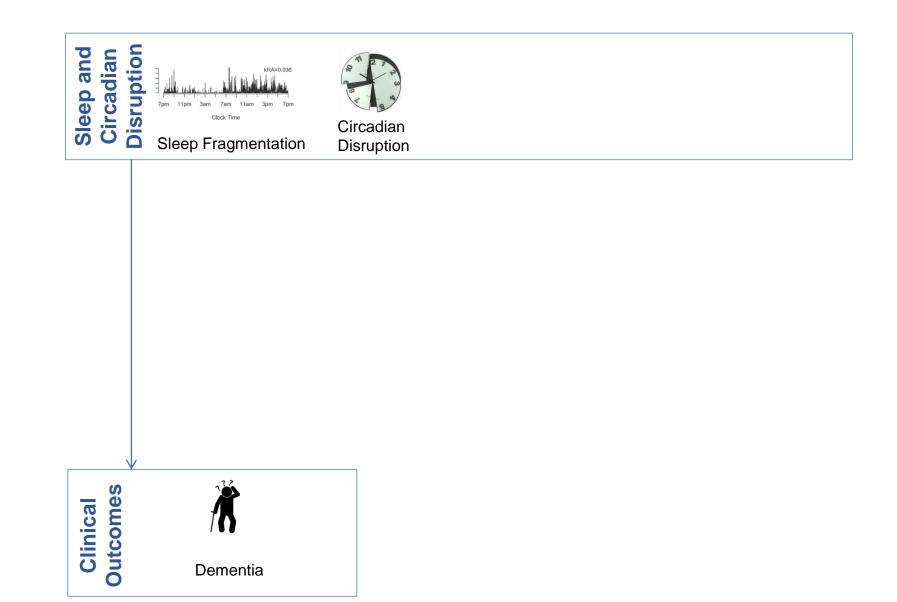


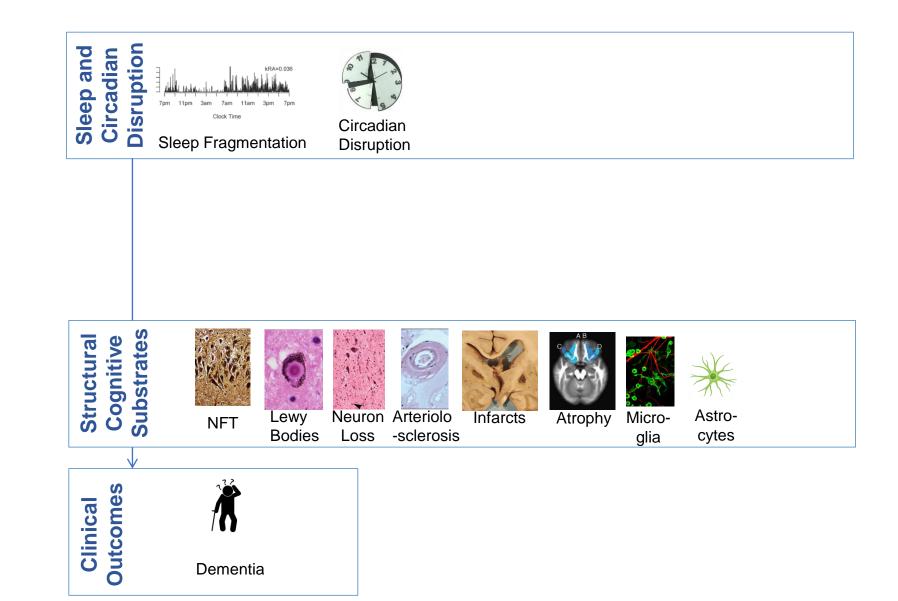
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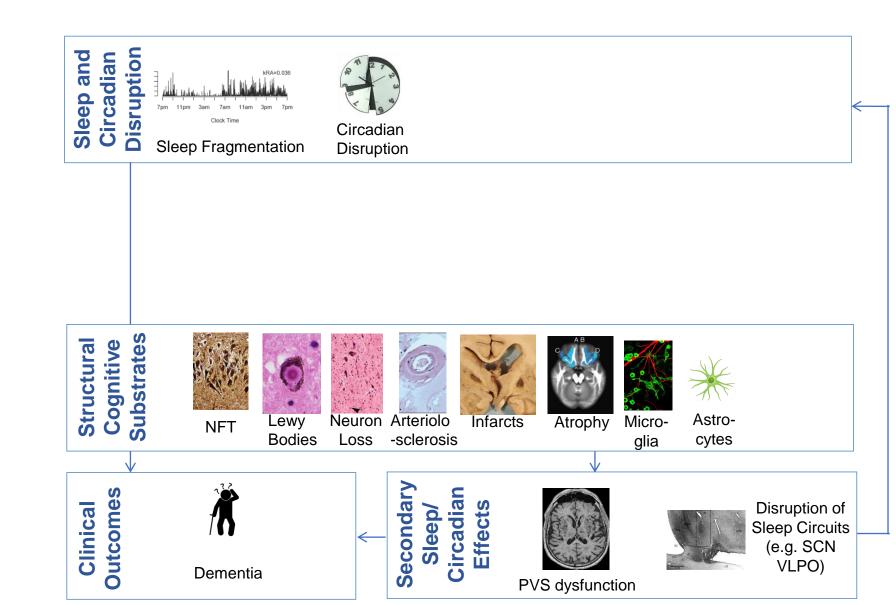
Enlarged Perivascular Spaces are Associated with Long Sleep Time in Patients with Cerebrovascular Disease

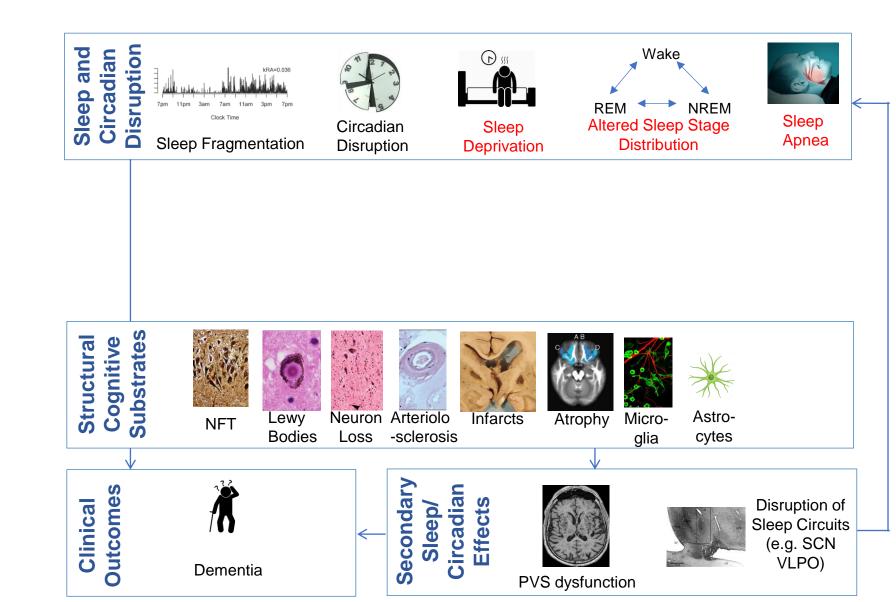


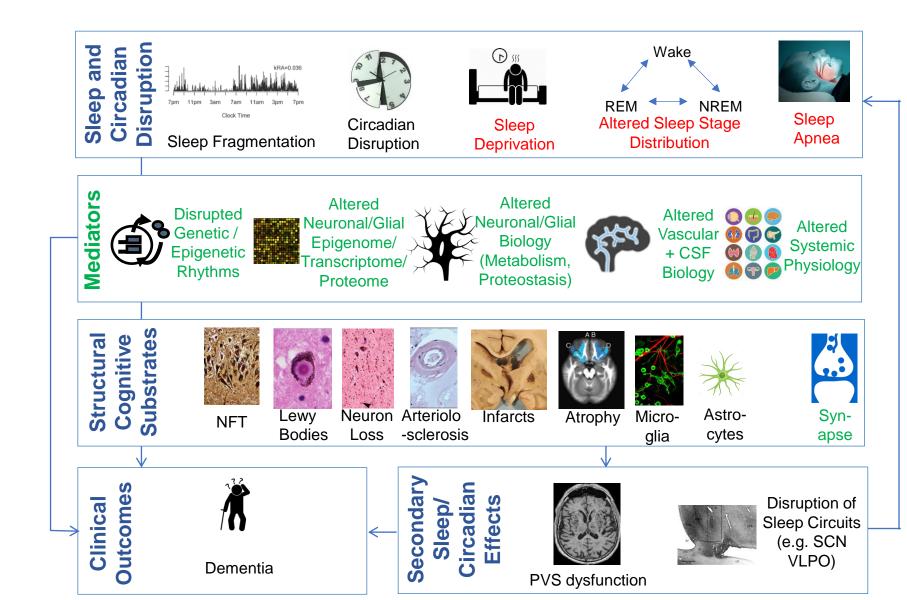


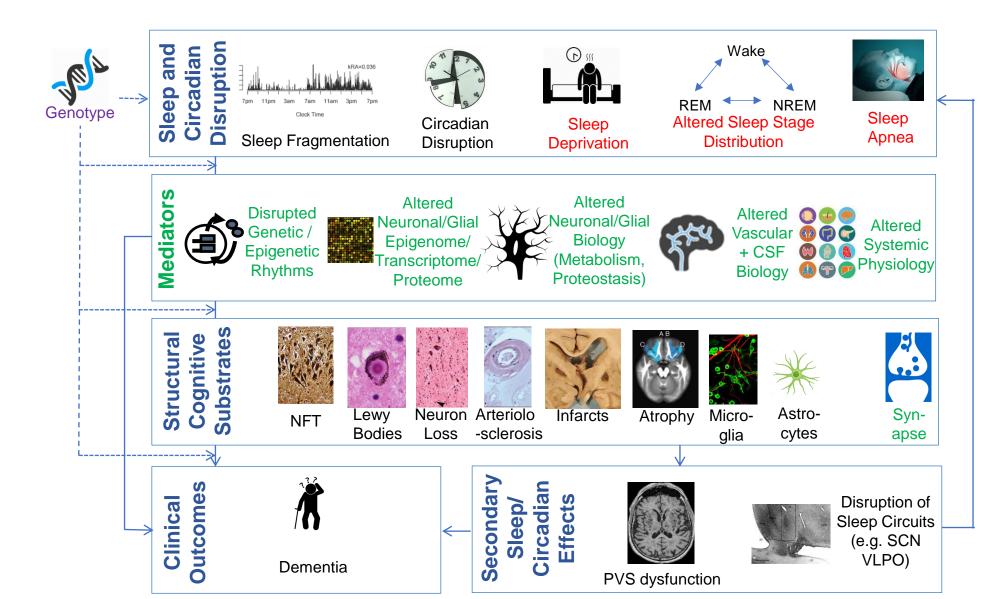


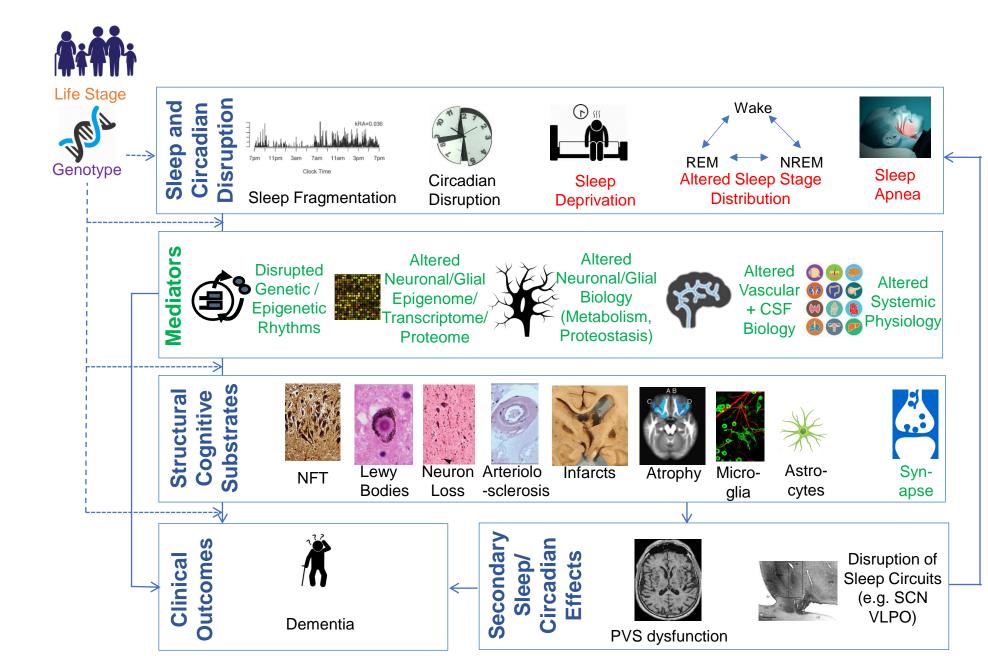


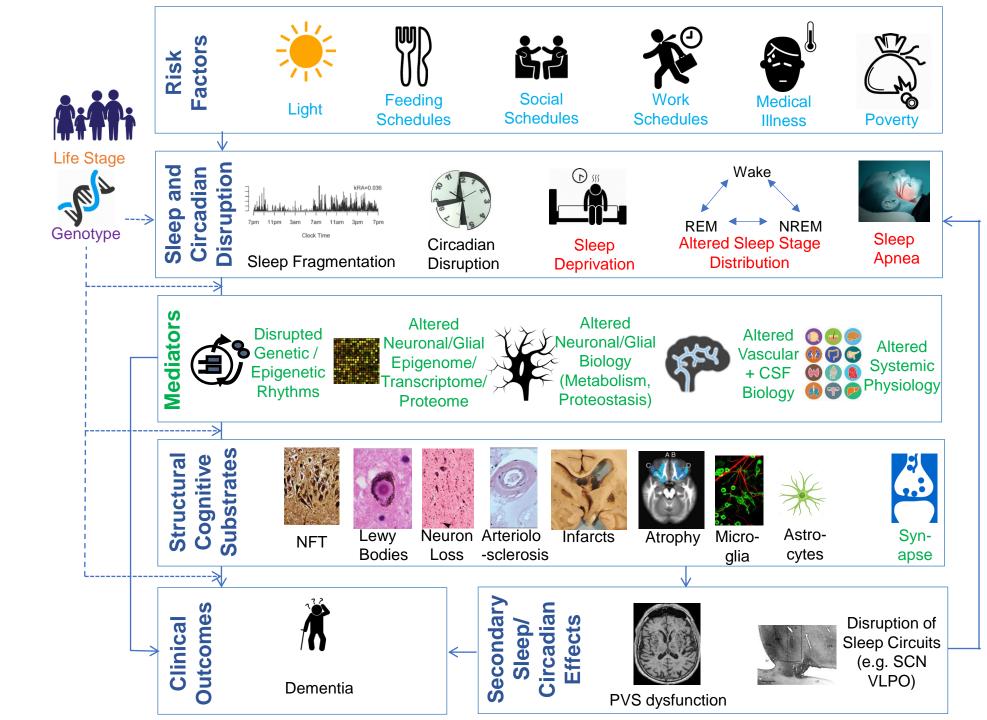












Part III – Managing Sleep Difficulties in Older Adults

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35-45% of older adults report INSOMNIA

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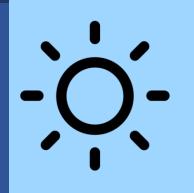


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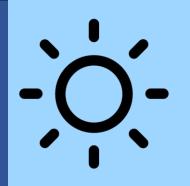
...has no trouble staying awake during the day even in sedentary situations (e.g. TV, meetings, passenger in car)











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 - No TV
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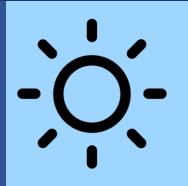
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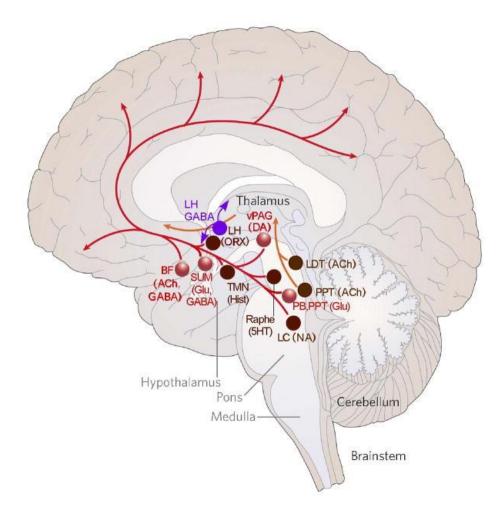
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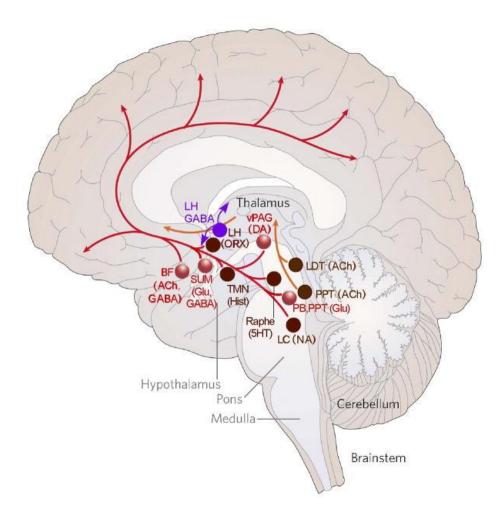
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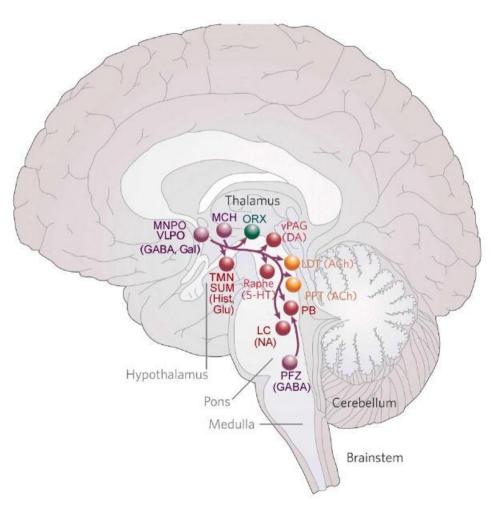


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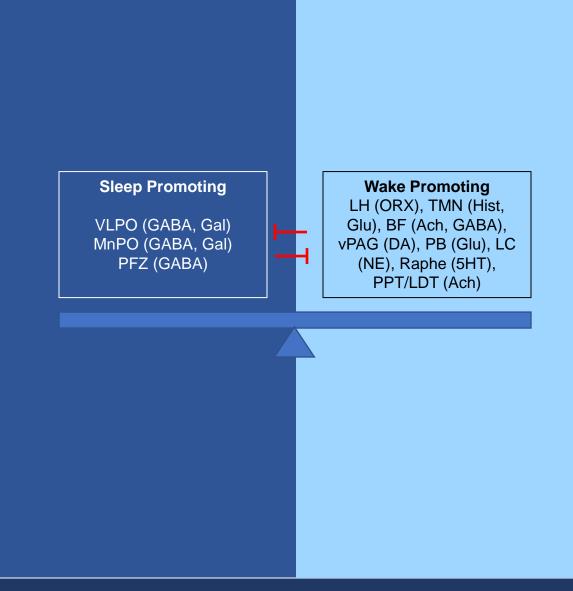


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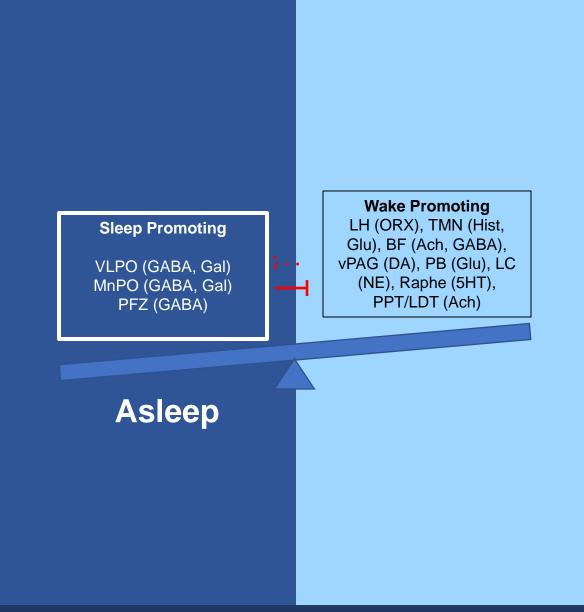


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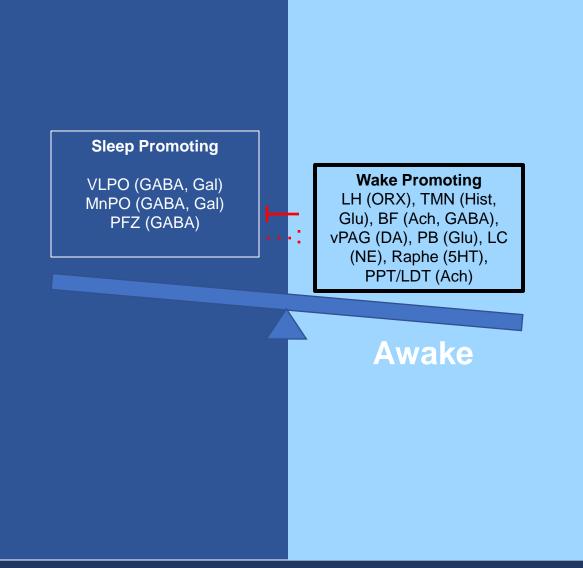
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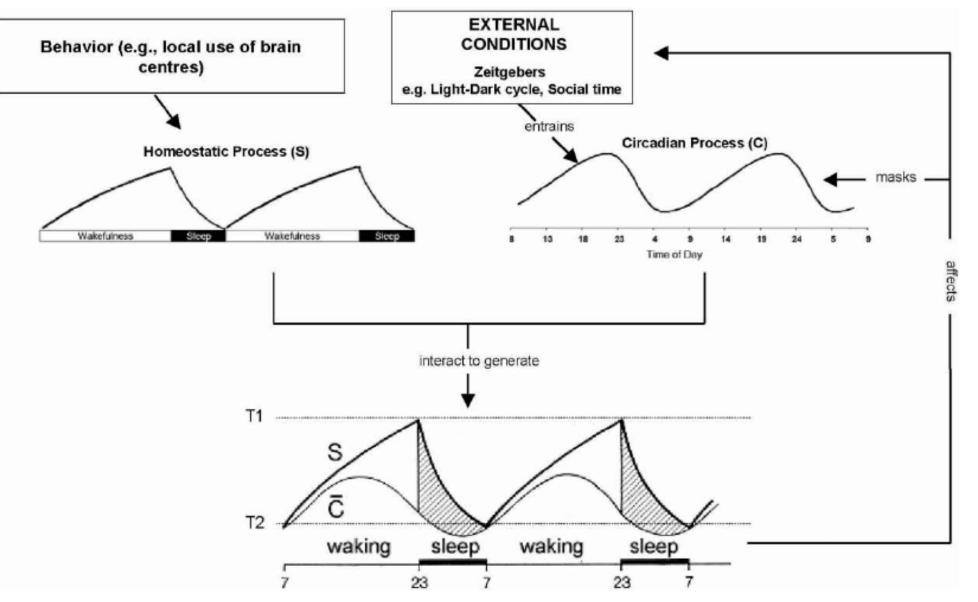
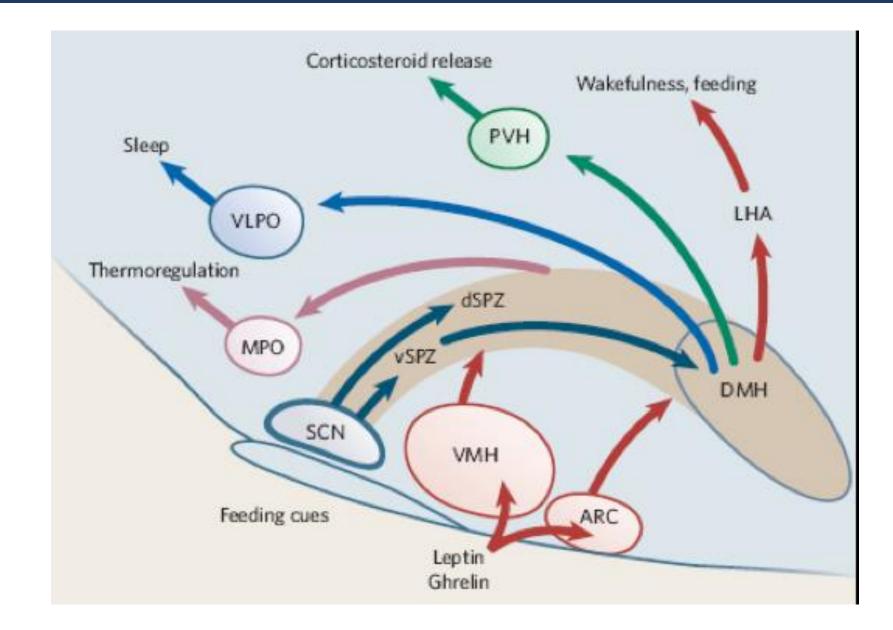
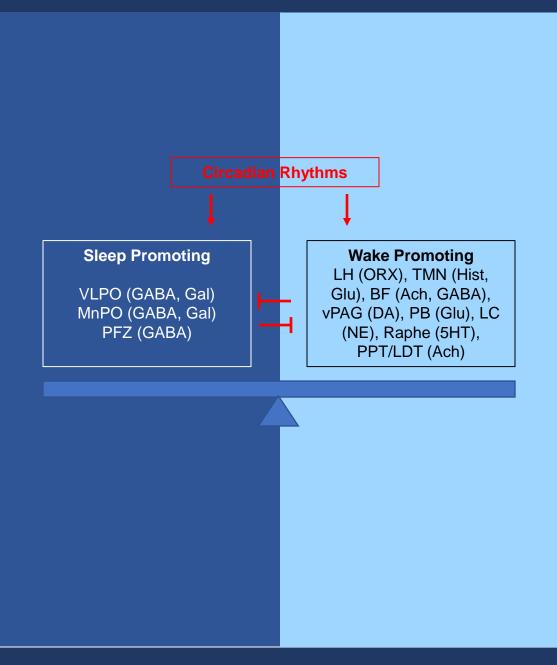
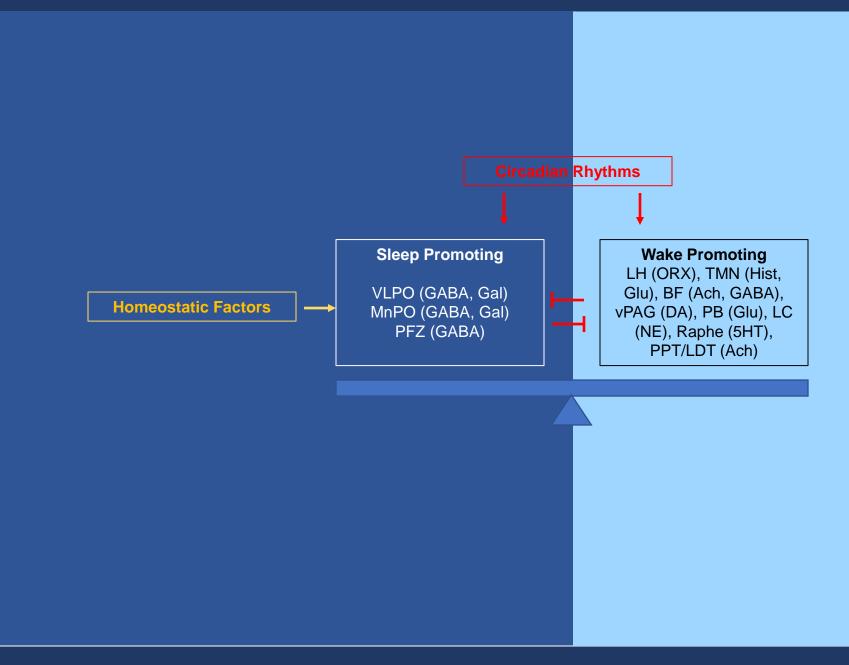


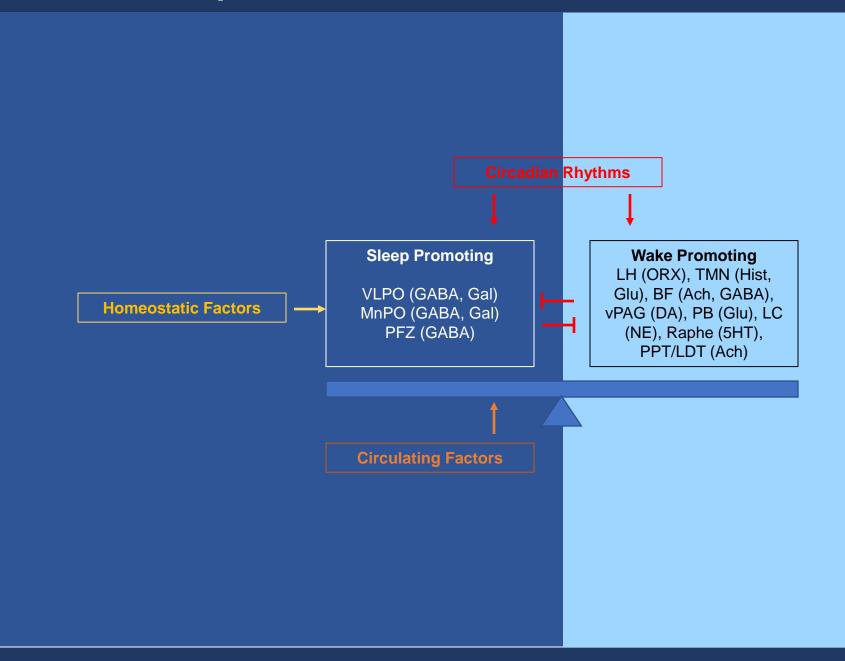
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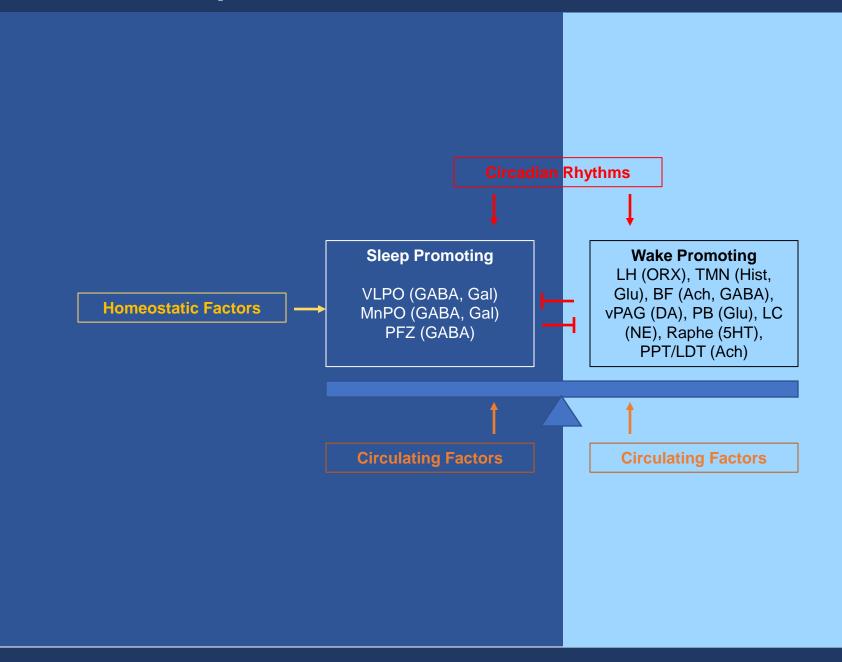
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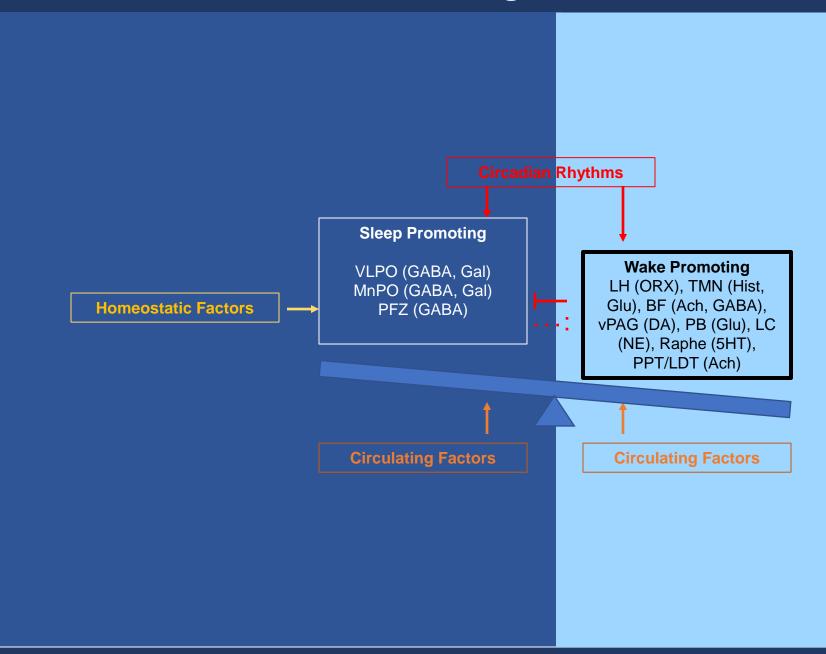


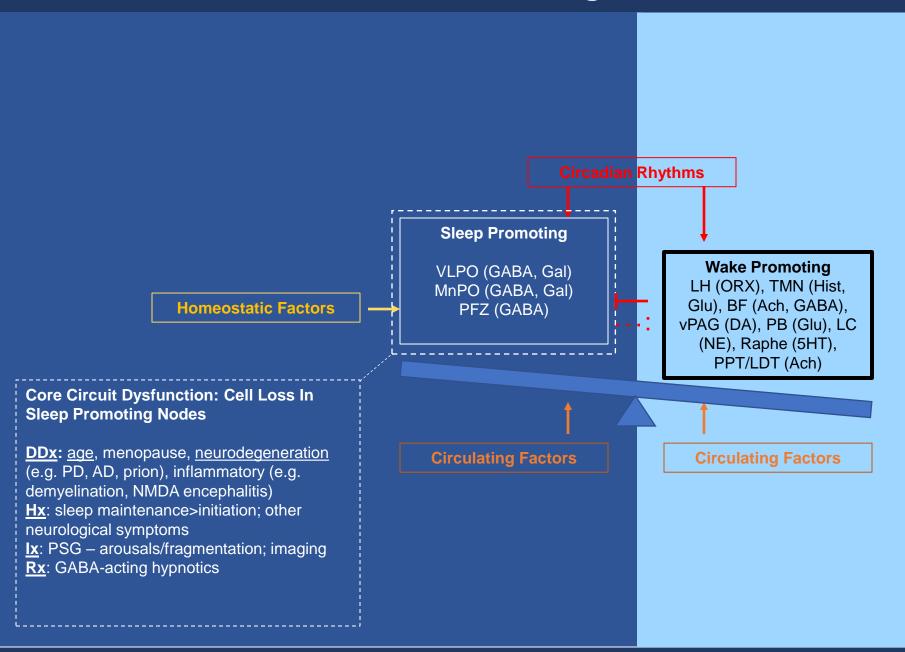


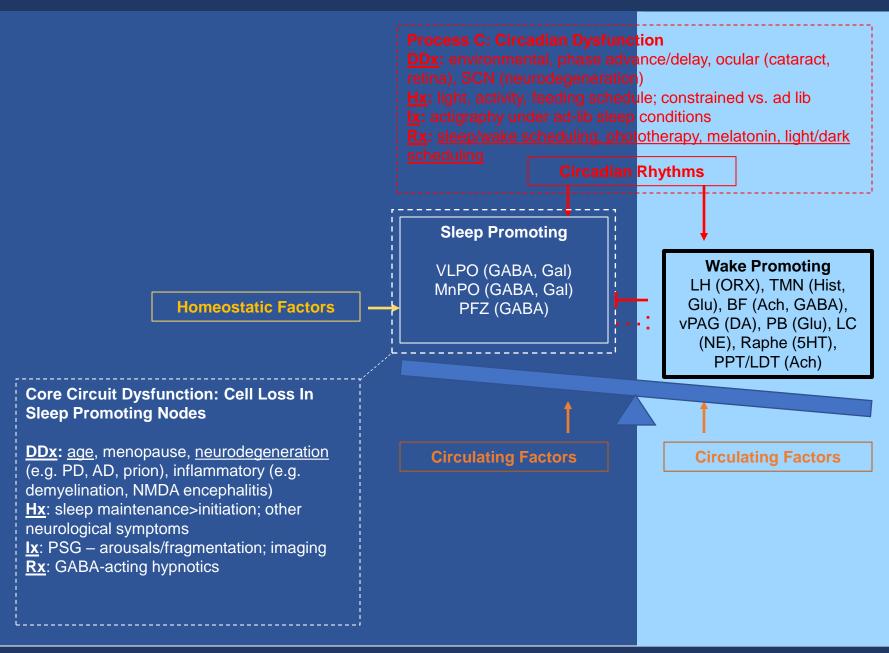


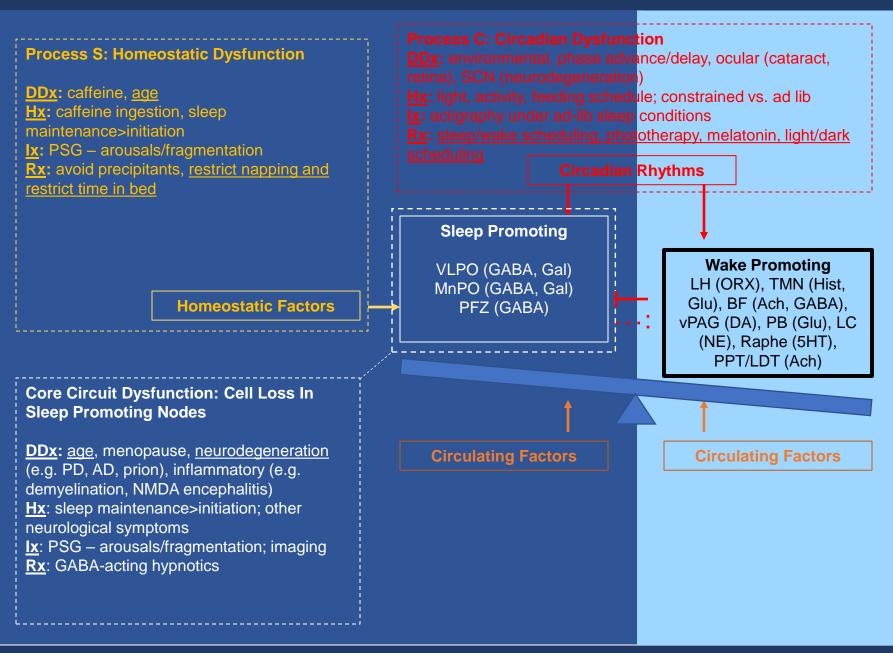


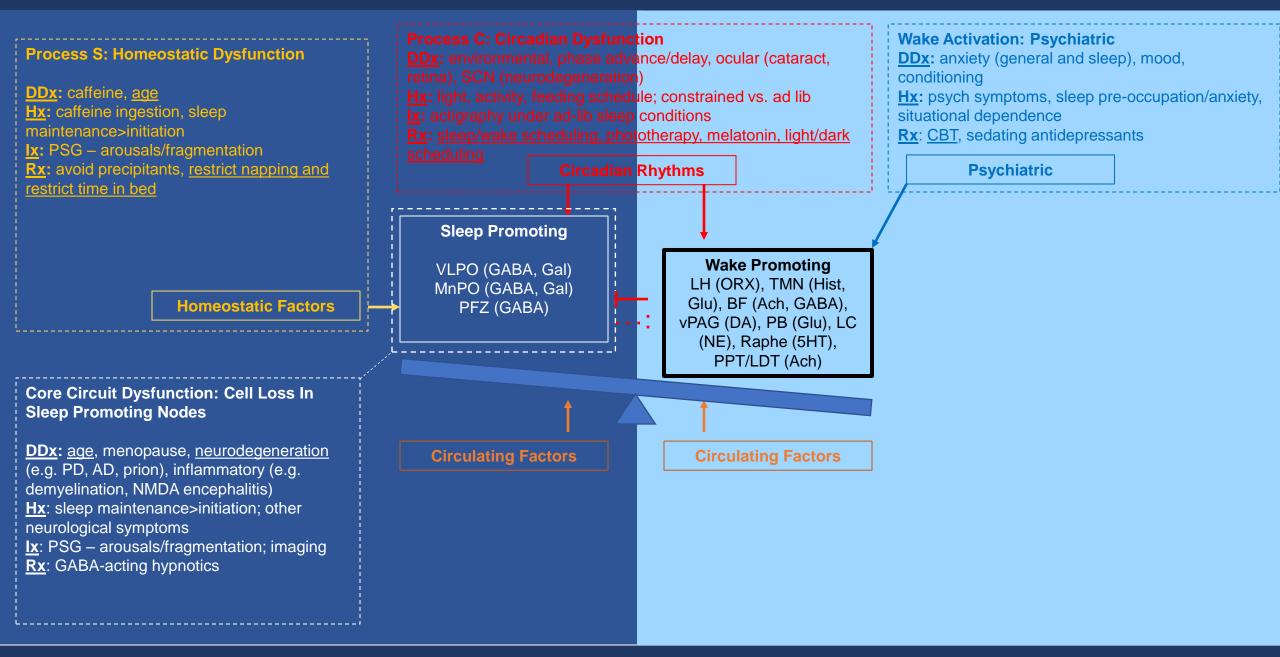


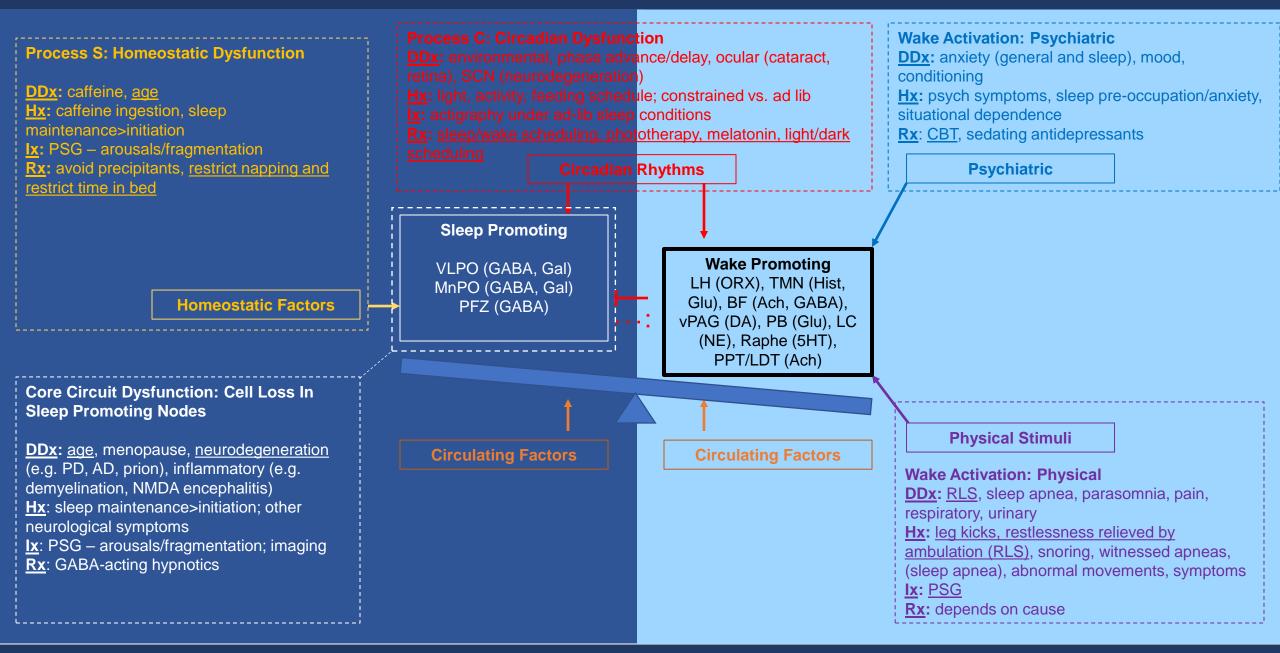


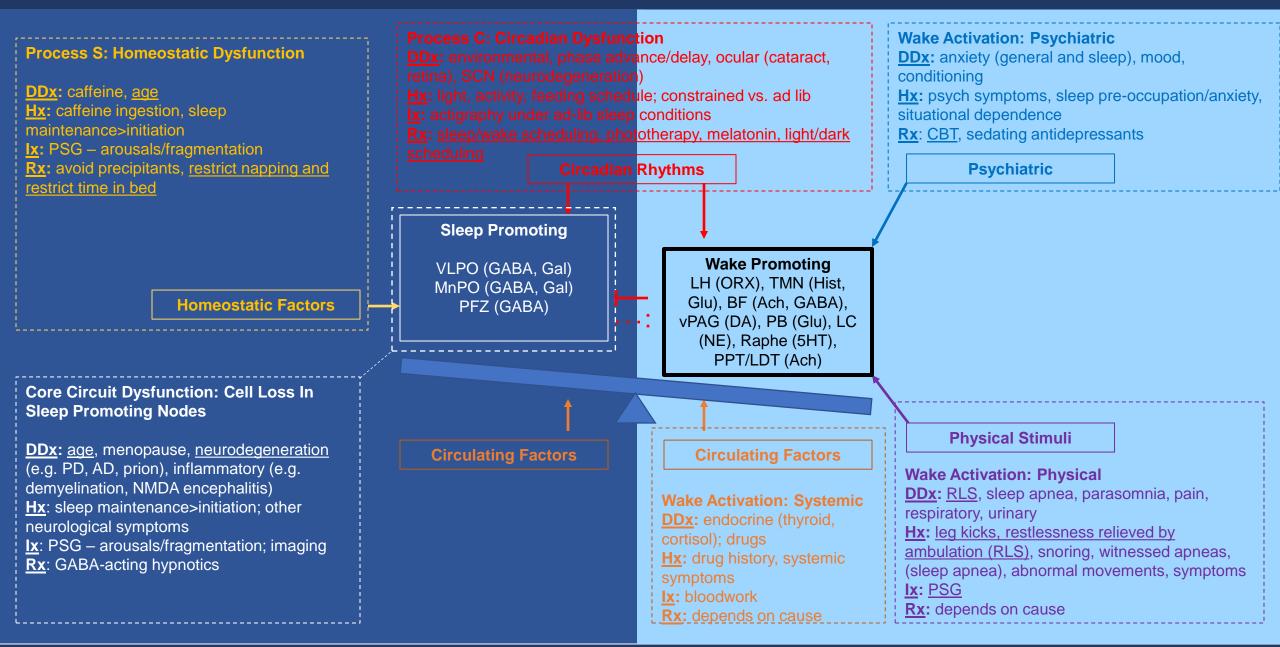


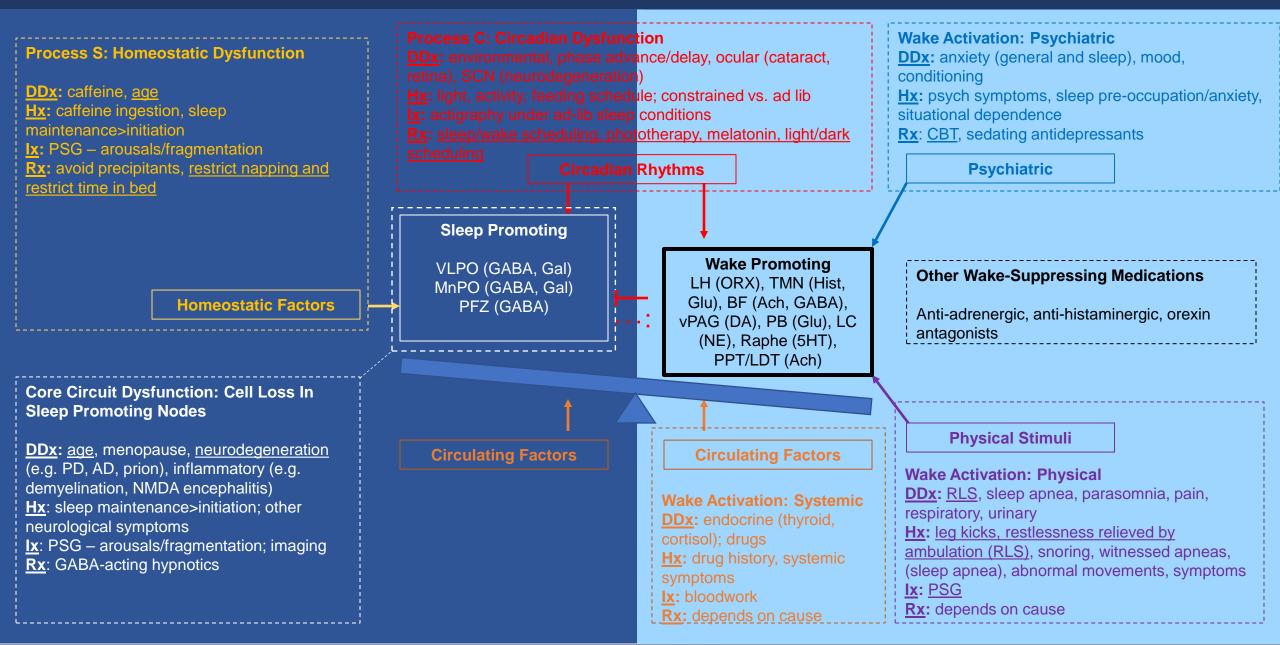


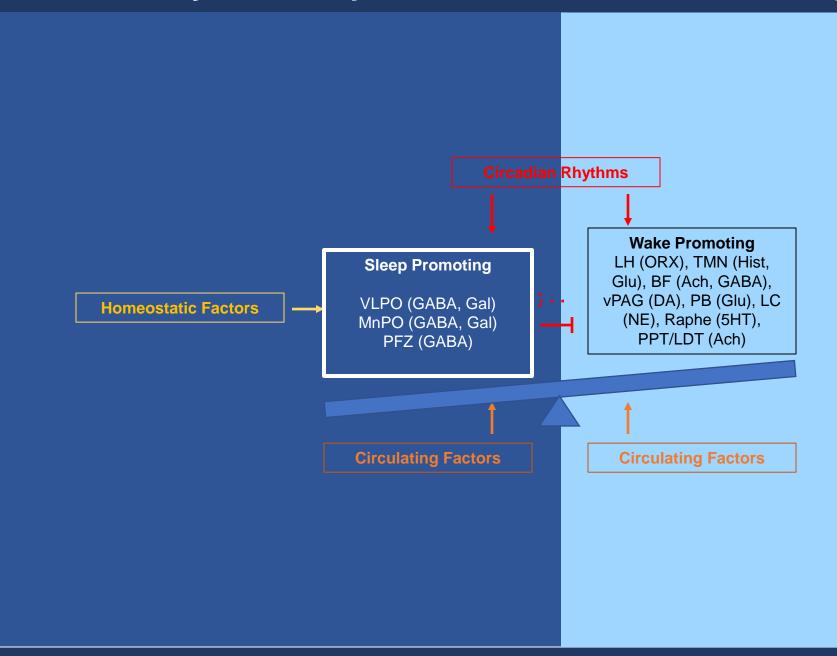


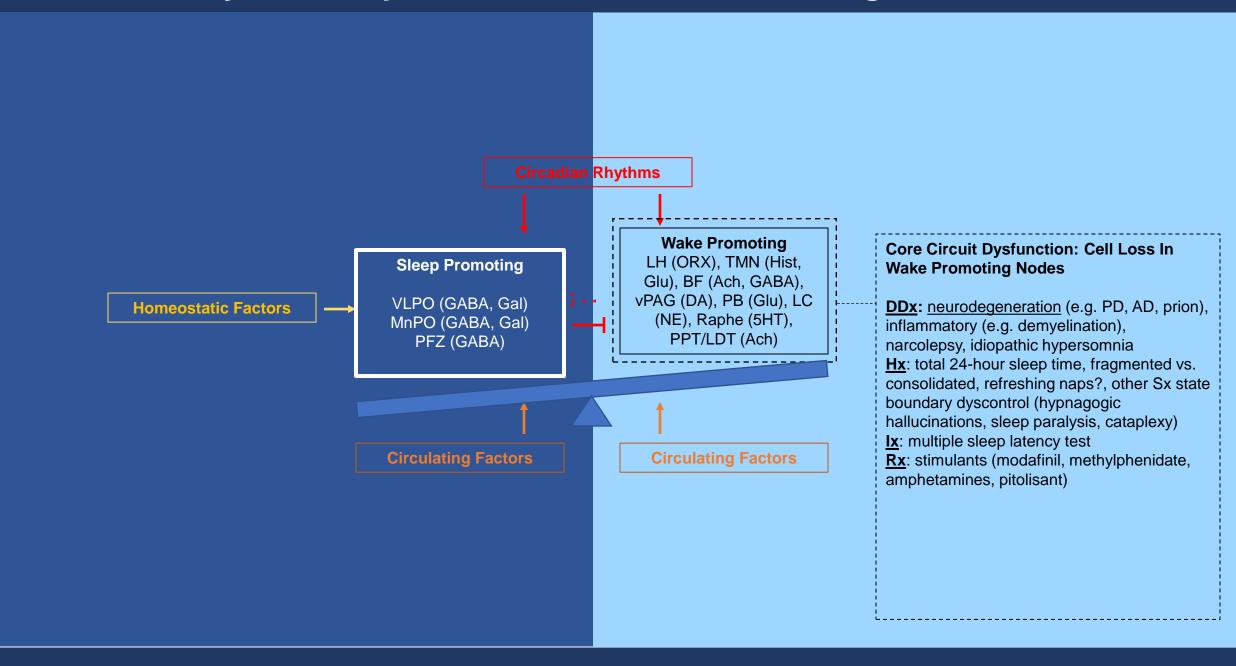


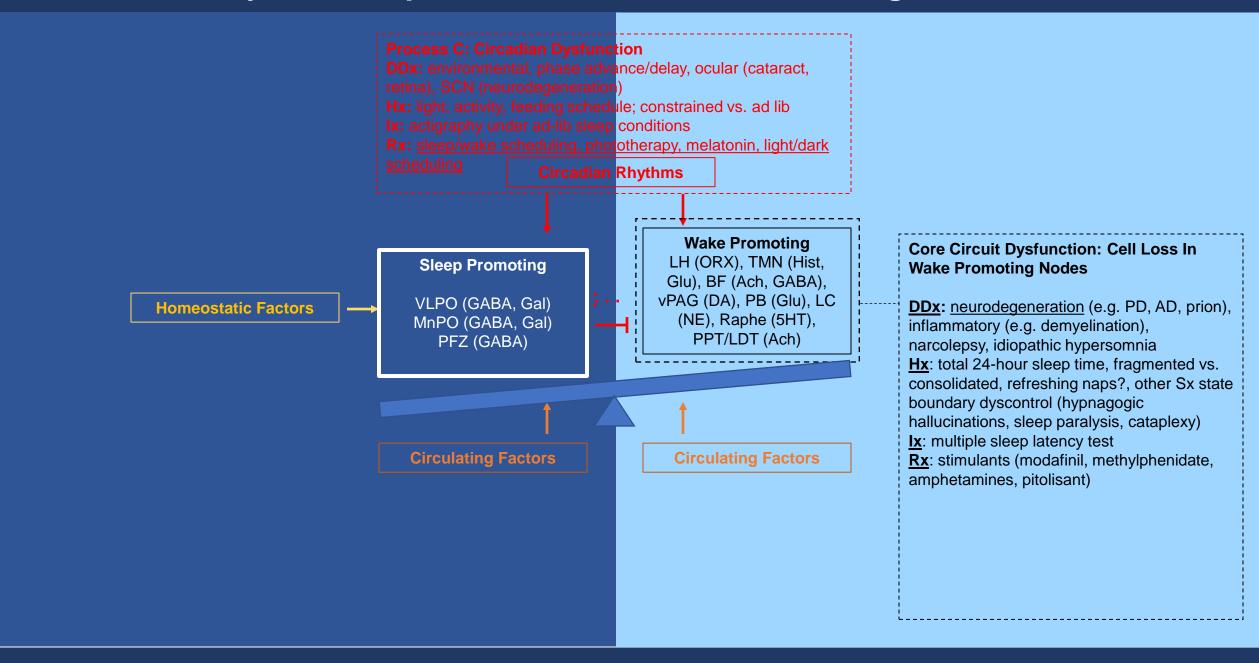


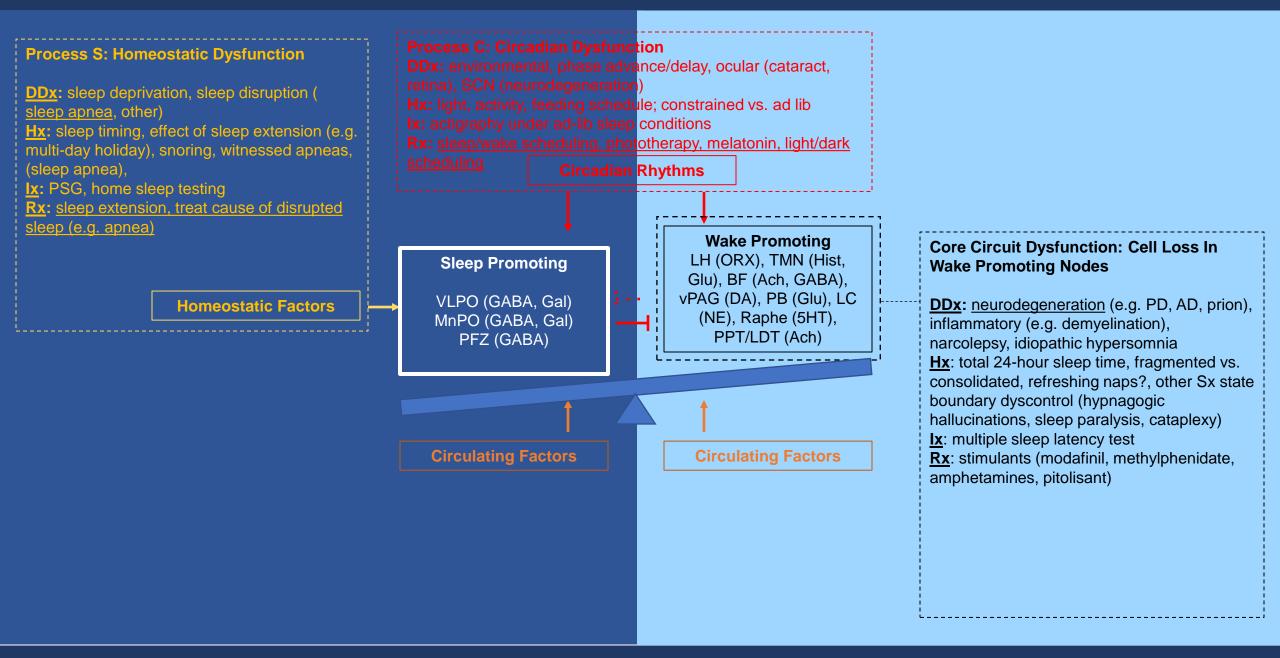


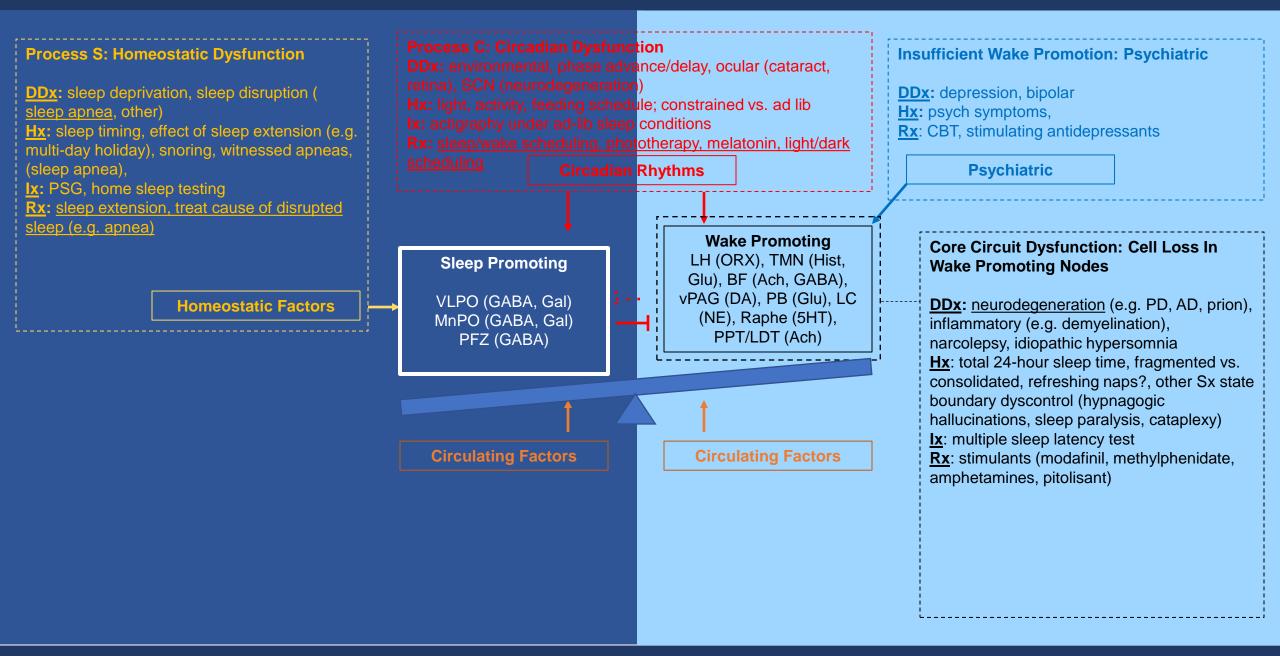


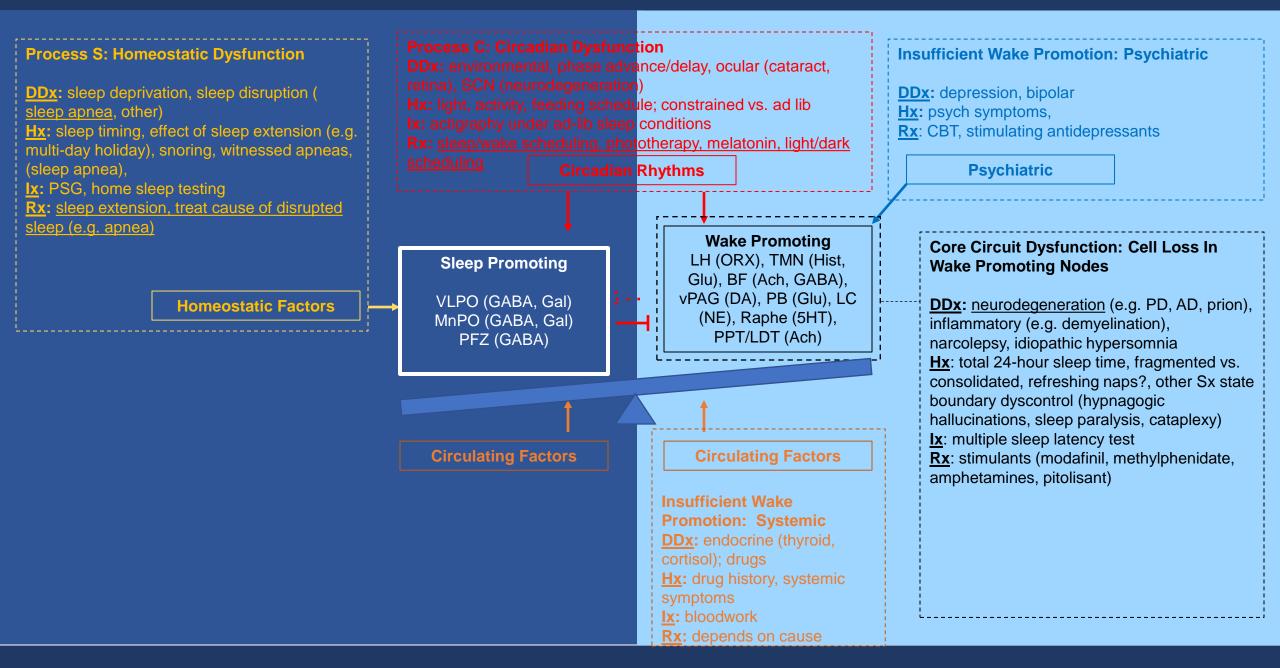


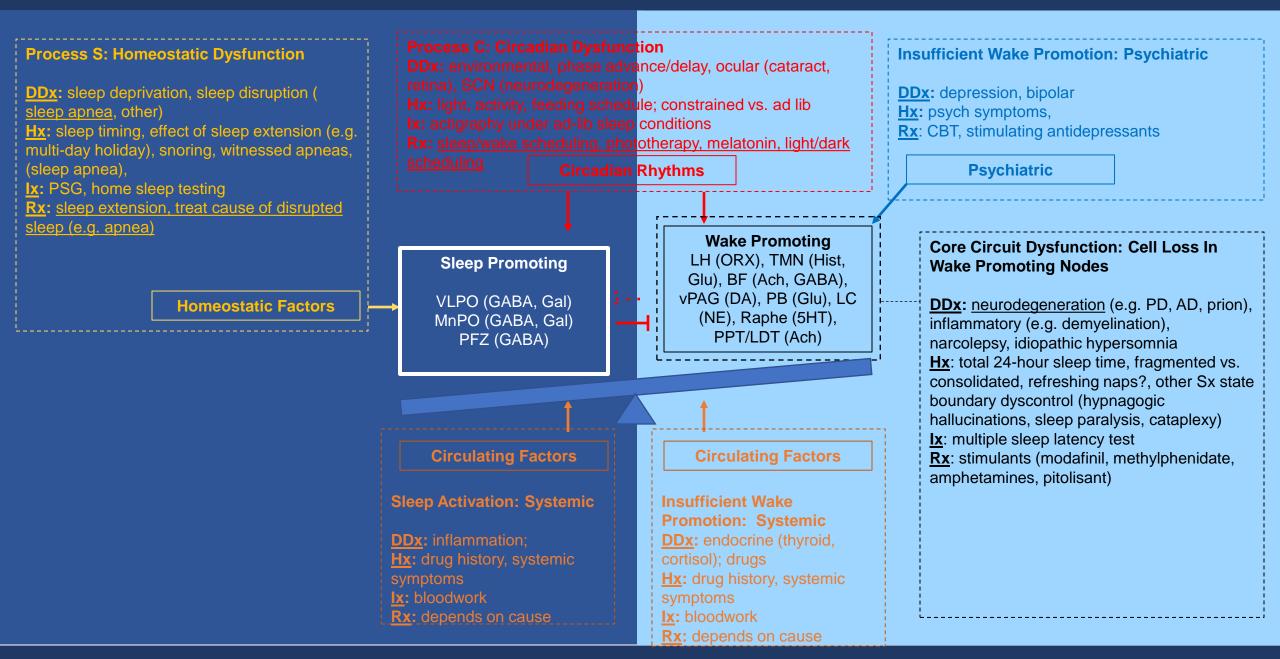












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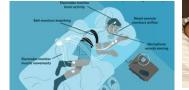
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□ If lesion suspected on history/physical examination, or specific

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