

**2018 Spring ADC Meeting**

*DIRECTORS MEETING*

**Los Angeles, CA**

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## **"NIA/Division of Neurosciences UPDATE"**

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# Key 2012/2015 AD Summits Recommendations

NAPA



Scientific community recommendations

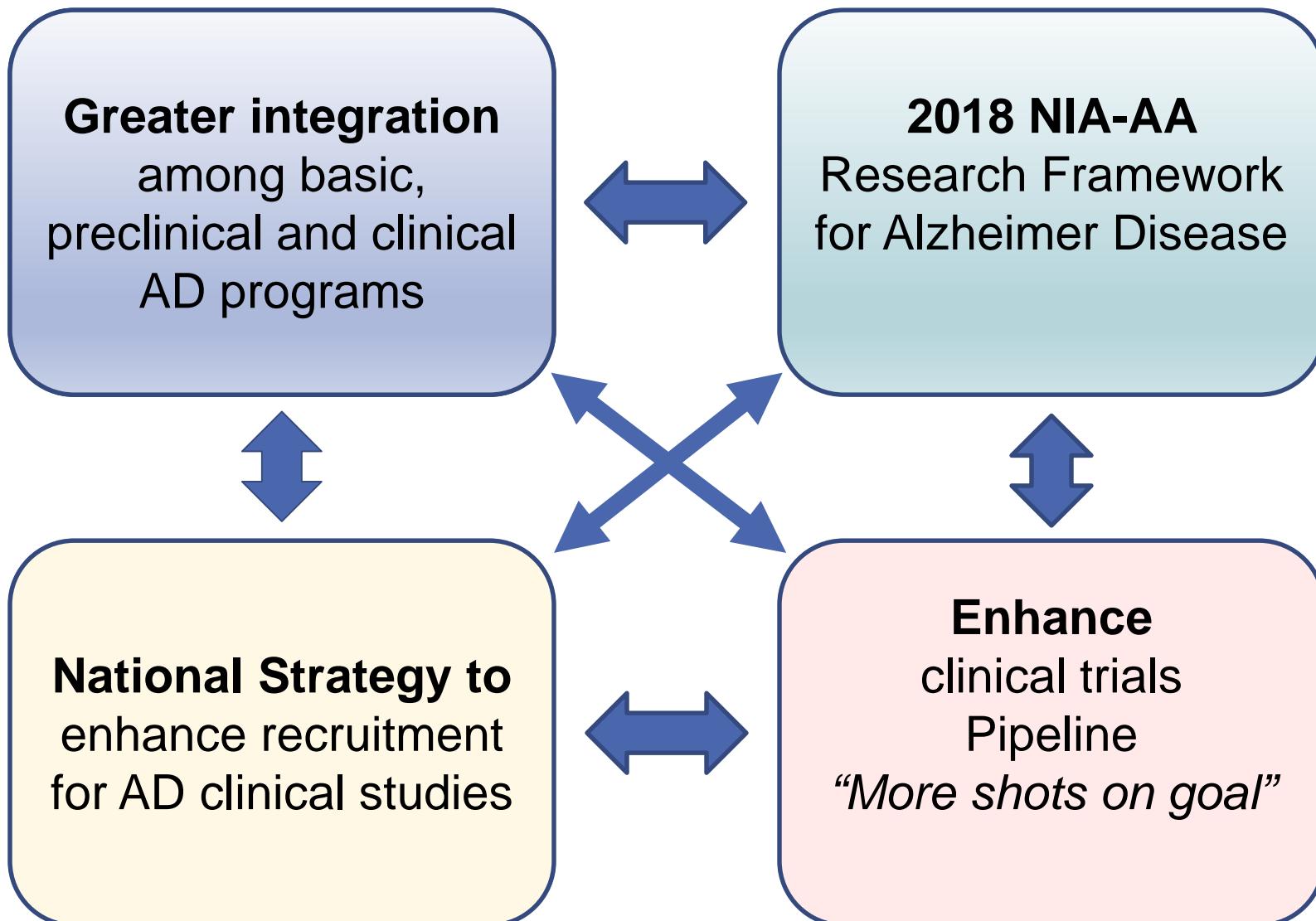
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FOA's

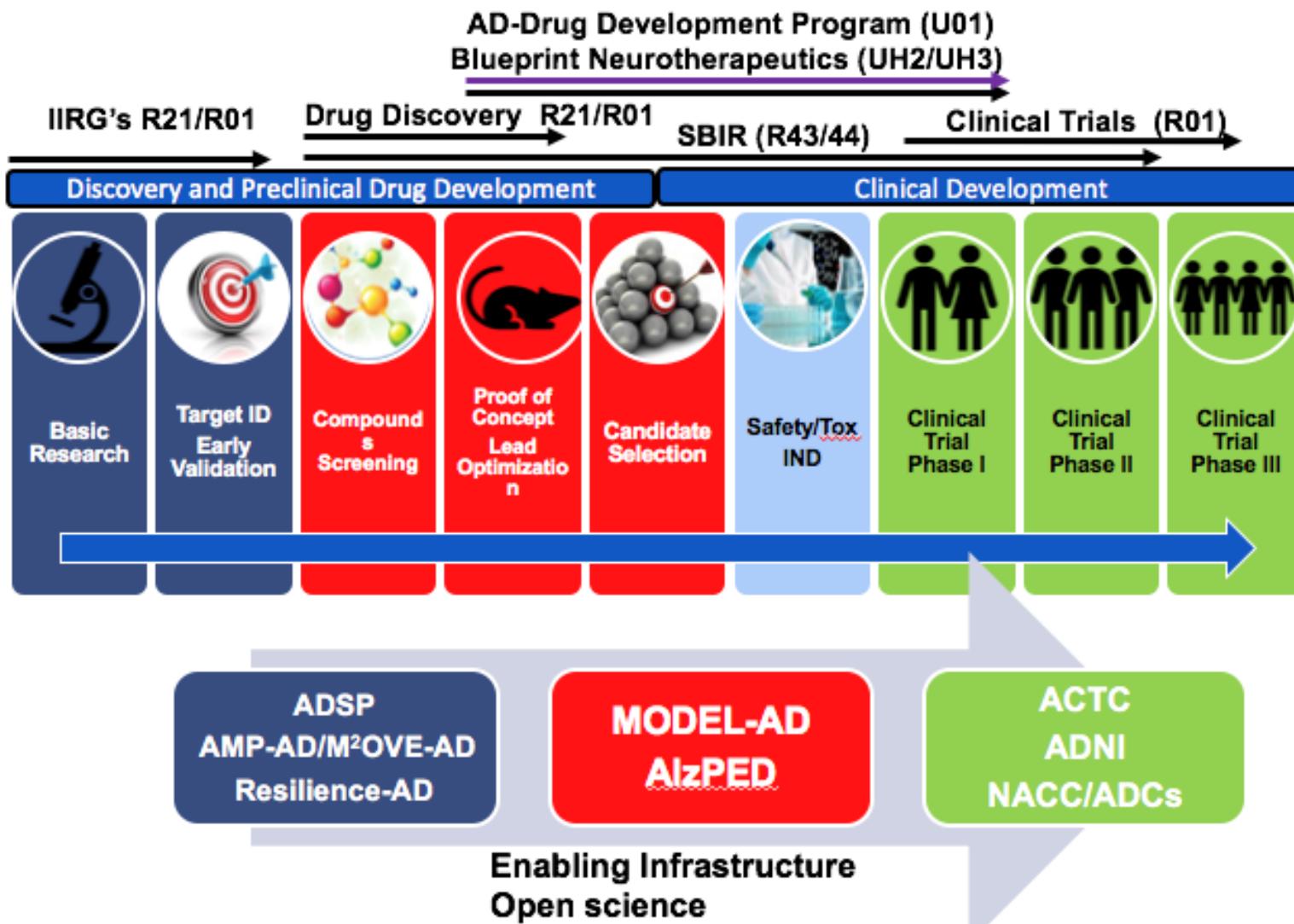
Grants

- Recognize the **heterogeneity and the multifactorial nature** of the disease.
- Support extensive molecular profiling of existing and establish new cohorts to **fill the gaps in large-scale human data** needed to build **predictive models** of disease and wellness.
- Employ **new research paradigms** such as systems biology and systems pharmacology.
- Enable **rapid and extensive sharing** of data, disease models, and biological specimens.
- Develop **computational tools and infrastructure** for storage, integration, and analysis of large-scale biological and other patient-relevant data.
- Build **new multidisciplinary translational teams** and create virtual and real spaces where these teams can operate.
- Contribution of complex biology of Aging to AD.**
- Develop new **precompetitive public-private partnerships**.
- Change academic, publishing, and **funding incentives** to promote collaborative, transparent, and reproducible research.
- Engage **patients, caregivers** and citizens as direct partners in research.»

# NIA-AD Research Priorities



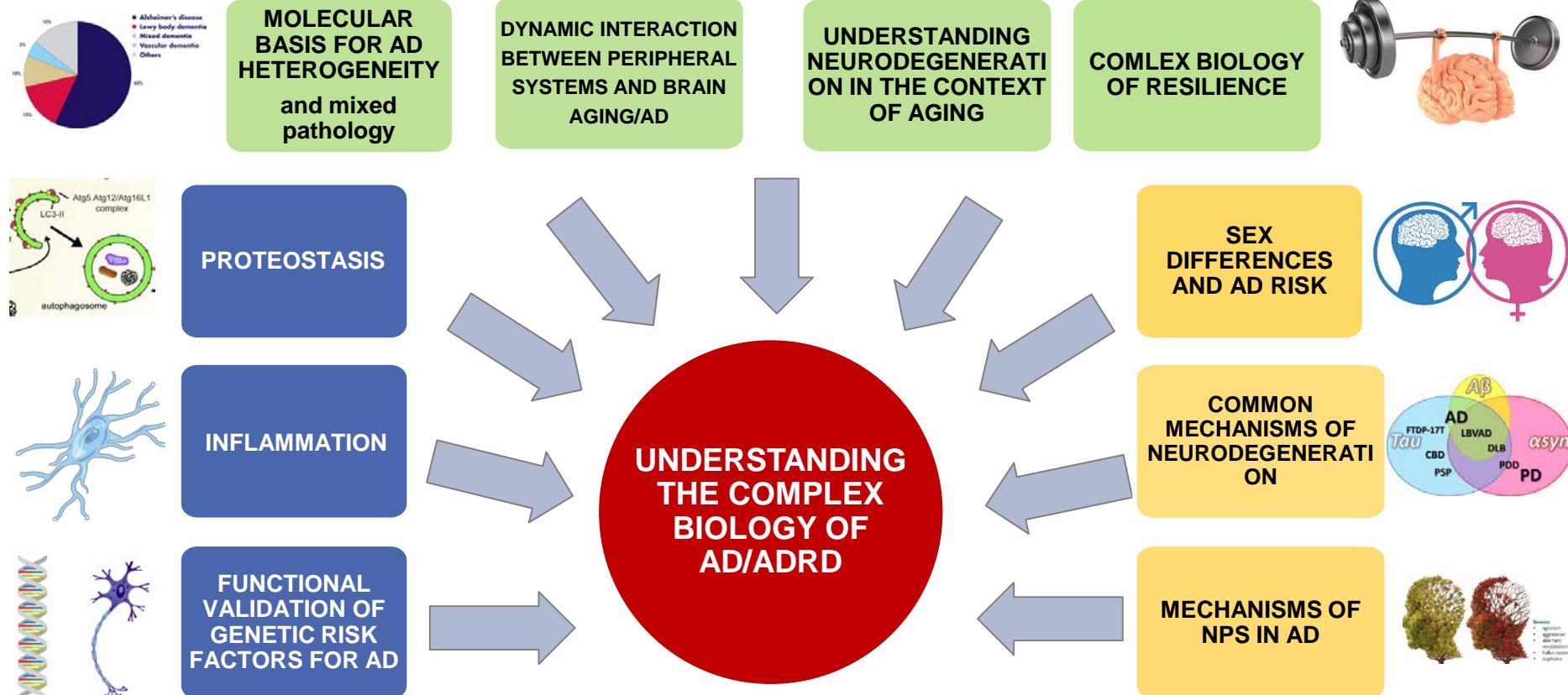
# Greater integration of among AD programs



# \*NEW Funding opportunities (NOT-AG18-001)

- Disparities in Quality and Access to Dementia Care
- Improving the Lives of Persons with Dementia
- *in vivo* Synaptic Function in AD/ADRD
- Genetic Underpinnings of Endosomal Trafficking as a Pathological Hub in AD/ADRD
- **Collaborative Studies on AD/ADRD (NIA Contact; Nina Silverberg)**
- ***Deciphering the Glycosylation Code of AD (NIA Contact; Austin Yang)***
- ***Data-Driven Approaches to Understand the Molecular Mechanisms of NPS in AD/ADRD (NIA Contact; Laurie Ryan and Suzana Petanceska)***

# NIA-AD current priority research areas



## Initiatives in development:

- Microbiome in Aging;
- AD/Sleep and Circadian Rhythm;
- Selective neuronal vulnerability
- Amyloid fibril strains; glycobiology, endosome pathways,

# New cryo-EM structure of amyloid fibrils might help develop new drugs and PET radioligands

## RFA-AG-18-025 Consequences of amyloid protein polymorphisms in Alzheimer's disease (R01) NIA Contact; Austin Yang

Science

REPORTS

Cite as: L. Gremer *et al.*, *Science* 355, eaao2825 (2017). DOI: 10.1126/science.aao2825

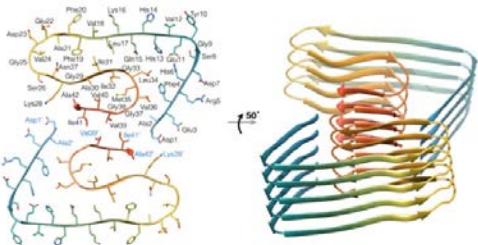
### Fibril structure of amyloid- $\beta$ (1-42) by cryoelectron microscopy

Lothar Gremer,<sup>1,2</sup> Daniel Schötz,<sup>1,3</sup> Carla Schembri,<sup>2</sup> Elke Reimartz,<sup>2</sup> Jörg Labahn,<sup>1,3</sup> Raimond E. G. Ravelli,<sup>4</sup> Markus Tuschl,<sup>5</sup> Carmen Lopez-Iglesias,<sup>6</sup> Wolfgang Hoyer,<sup>1,3</sup> Henrike Heise,<sup>1,3</sup> Dieter Willbold,<sup>1,3\*</sup> Gunnar F. Schröder<sup>1,3\*</sup>

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**Amyloids are implicated in neurodegenerative diseases.** Fibrillar aggregates of the amyloid- $\beta$  protein (A $\beta$ ) are the primary pathogenic lesions in Alzheimer's disease. We present the structure of an A $\beta$ (1-42) fibril composed of two intertwined protofilaments determined by cryoelectron microscopy (cryo-EM) to 4.0 Å resolution, complemented by solid-state nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) experiments. The backbone of all 42 residues and nearly all sidechains are well resolved in the EM density map, including the entire N terminus, which is part of the cross- $\beta$  structure resulting in an overall "L"-shaped topology of individual subunits. The dimer interface protects the hydrophobic C termini from the solvent. The unique staggering of the nonplanar subunit results in markedly different fibril ends, termed "groove" and "ridge," leading to different binding pathways on both fibril ends, which has implications for fibril growth.



### ARTICLE

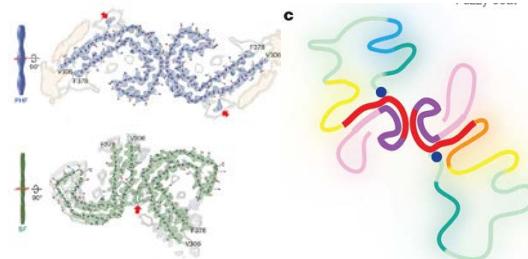
doi:10.1074/jbc.M115.698787

### Cryo-EM structures of tau filaments from Alzheimer's disease

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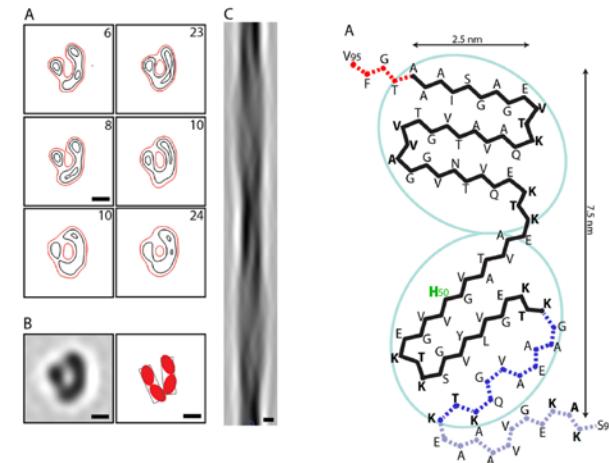
Alzheimer's disease is the most common neurodegenerative disease, and there are no mechanism-based therapies. The disease is defined by the presence of abundant neurofibrillary lesions and neuritic plaques in the cerebral cortex. These neurofibrillary lesions are hyperphosphorylated tau protein filaments with a distinct morphological character often seen in neurodegenerative diseases. No high-resolution structures of tau filaments are available. Here we present cryo-electron microscopy (cryo-EM) maps of 3.4–3.5 Å resolution and corresponding atomic models of paired helical and straight filaments from the brain of an individual with Alzheimer's disease. Filament cores are made of two identical protofilaments comprising residues 306–378 of tau protein, which adopt a combined cross- $\beta$ -helix structure and define the need for tau aggregation. Paired helical and straight filaments differ in their inter-protofilament packing, showing that they are ultrastructural polymorphs. These findings demonstrate that cryo-EM allows atomic characterization of amyloid filaments from patient-derived material, and pave the way for investigation of a range of neurodegenerative diseases.



### $\alpha$ -Synuclein Amyloid Fibrils with Two Entwined, Asymmetrically Associated Protofibrils\*

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Altaira D. Dearborn,<sup>1</sup> Joseph S. Wall,<sup>1</sup> Naqian Cheng,<sup>1</sup> J. Bernard Heymann,<sup>1</sup> Andrey V. Kajava<sup>4</sup>, John Varkey<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Ralf Langen<sup>1,2</sup>, and Alasdair C. Steven<sup>1,2</sup>

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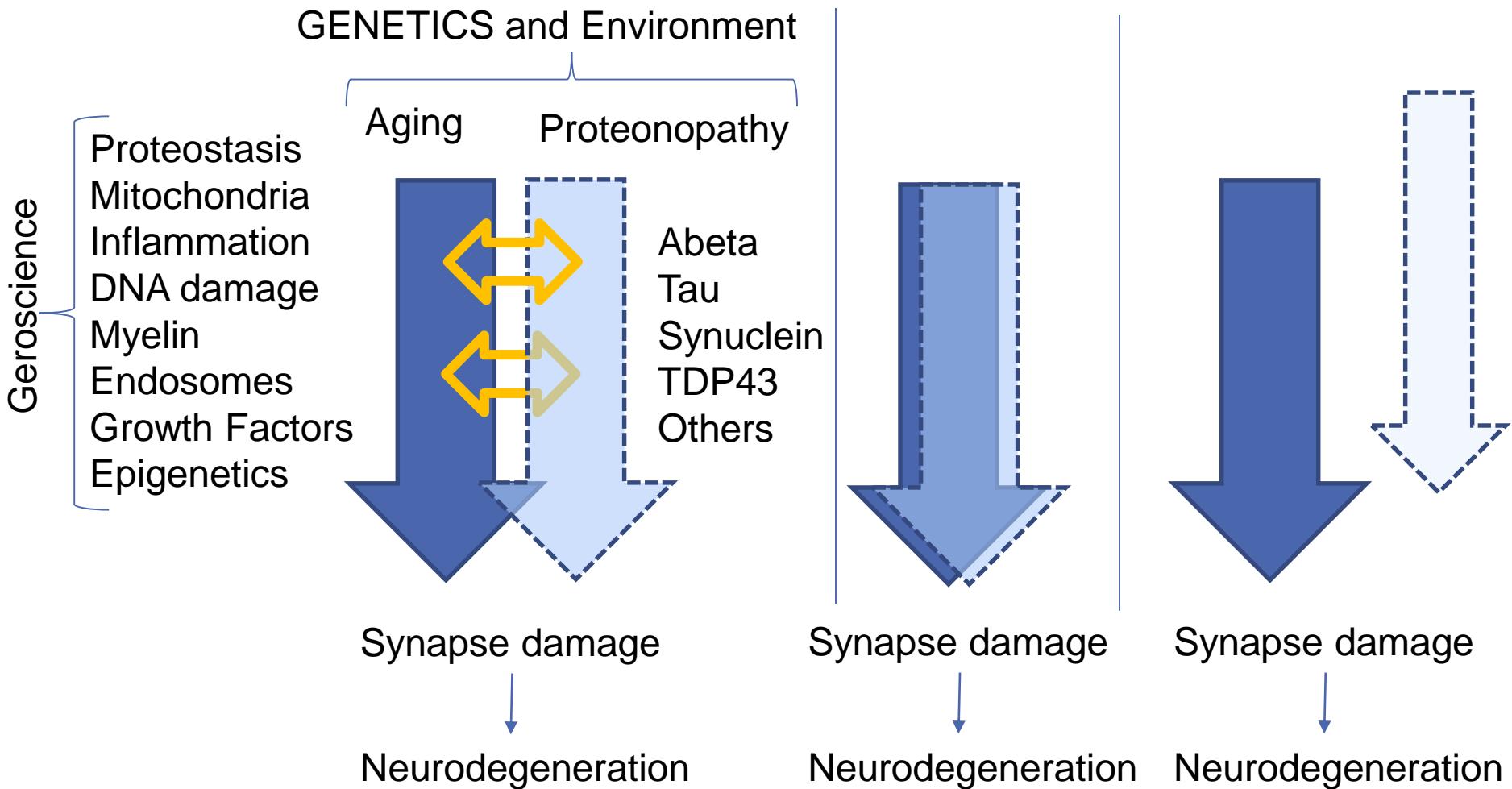


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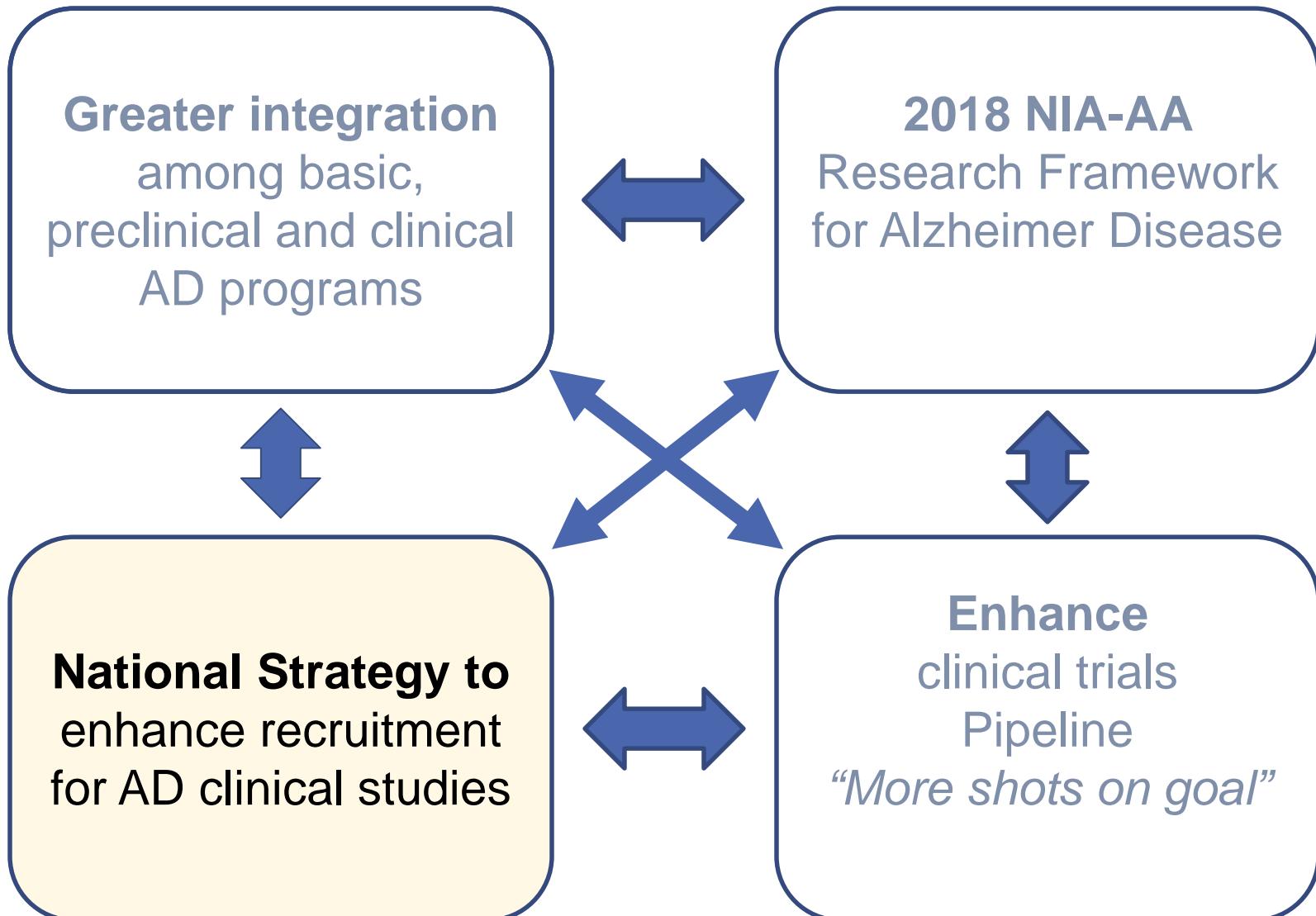
Tau

alpha-synuclein

# Understanding AD in the context of Aging



# NIA- AD Research Priorities



# National Strategy for Alzheimer's Disease Recruitment and Participation in Clinical Research (ADRP)

- A. **National Efforts**- strategies that can lead to successful recruitment
- B. **Capacity building**- bolster infrastructure to enhance recruitment
- C. **Connecting at the local level**- best practices to build trusting relations

Funding Opportunity Title

Examining Diversity, Recruitment and Retention in Aging Research  
(R24 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

Activity Code

R24 Resource-Related Research Projects

Announcement Type

New

Related Notices

None

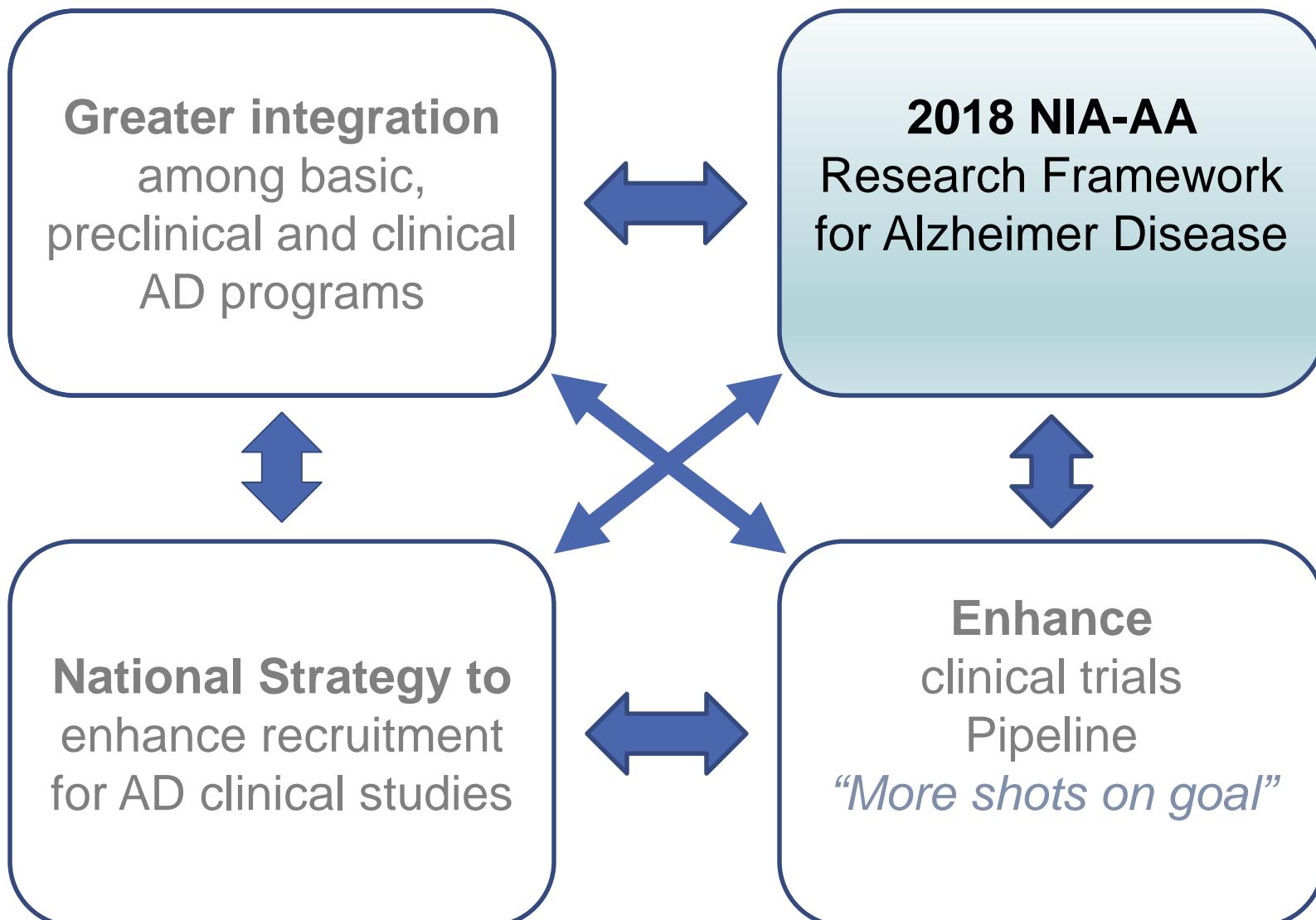
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**PAR-18-749**

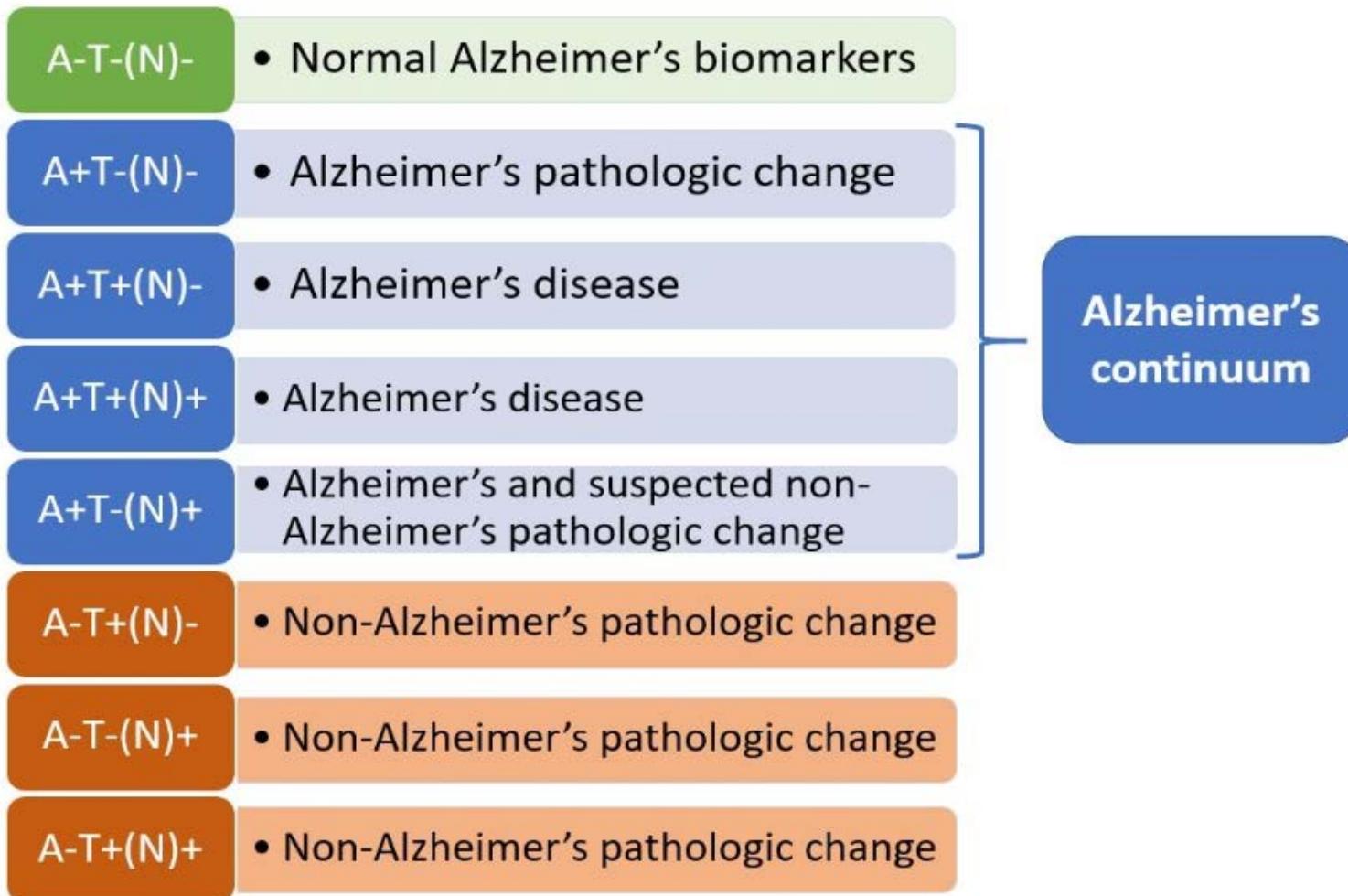
NIA Contact: Cerise Elliott



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# 2018 NIA-AA Research Framework

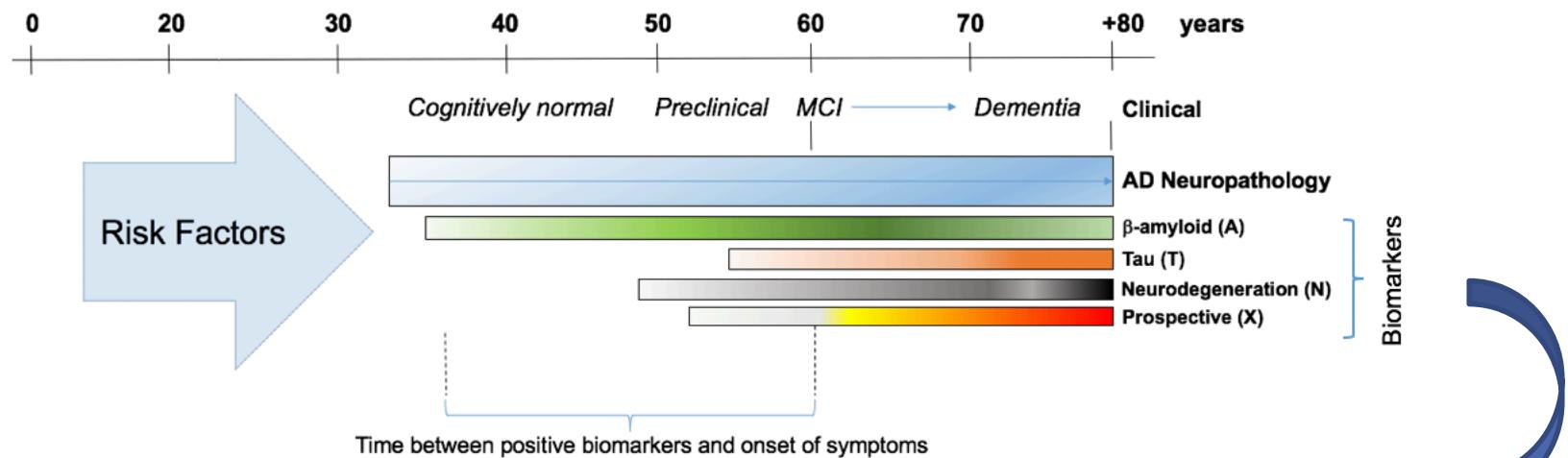


**A = Amyloid; T = Tau;**  
**N = Neurodegeneration**

Adapted from Jack et al.,  
*Alzheimer's & Dementia* (2018)  
14(4): 535-562.

# 2018 NIA-AA Framework- Commentary

- Considers AD pathology separate from dementia
- Considers disease as a continuum including aging
- Very long incubation period between onset of pathology and cognitive impairment



The research framework is...	The research framework is NOT...
A testable hypothesis	A requirement for NIH grant submission
An approach that facilitates standardized research reporting	A statement about Alzheimer's pathogenesis or etiology
A common language and a reference point for researchers for longitudinal studies and clinical trials	An NIA policy, guideline or criterion for papers or grants
A welcome for other approaches	A disease definition for standard medical use
A welcome for other indicators of Alzheimer's and comorbidities	A fixed notion of Alzheimer's

**NEW  
ADC's Biomarkers  
Core**

**X = NEW**



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- Disparities in Quality and Access to Dementia Care
- Improving the Lives of Persons with Dementia
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- *Genetic Underpinnings of Endosomal Trafficking as a Pathological Hub in AD/ADRD (NIA Contact; Marilyn Miller)*
- Collaborative Studies on AD/ADRD,
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- Geroscience Approaches to AD:
- Data-Driven Approaches to Understand the Molecular Mechanisms of NPS in AD/ADRD,

# Live imaging of synapses in AD with the SV2A radioligand $^{11}\text{C}$ -UCB-J

## Physical Basis of Cognitive Alterations in Alzheimer's Disease: Synapse Loss Is the Major Correlate of Cognitive Impairment

Robert D. Terry, MD,\* Eleazar Matlach, MD,\* David P. Salmon, PhD,\* Nelson Butters, PhD,† Richard DeTeresa, BS,\* Robert Hill, PhD,\* Lawrence A. Hansen, MD,\* and Robert Katzman, MD\*

We present here both linear regressions and multivariate analyses correlating three global neuropsychological tests with a number of structural and neurochemical measurements performed on a prospective series of 15 patients with Alzheimer's disease and 9 neurologically normal subjects. The statistical data show only weak correlations between psychometric indices and plaques and tangles, but the density of mesocortical synapses measured by a new immunocytochemical/densitometric technique reveals very powerful correlations with all three psychological assays. Multivariate analysis by stepwise regression produced a model including midfrontal and inferior parietal synapse density, plus inferior parietal plaque counts with a correlation coefficient of 0.96 for Mattis's Dementia Rating Scale. Plaque density contributed only 26% of that strength.

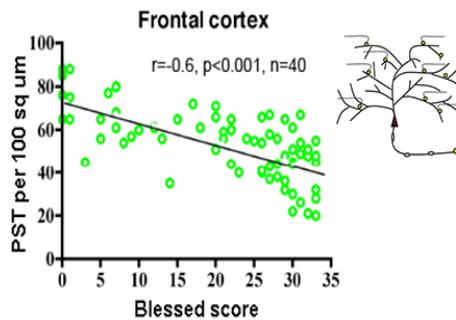
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## RESEARCH ARTICLE

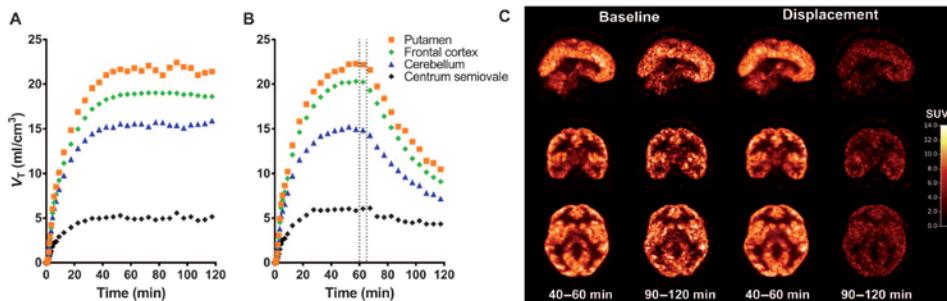
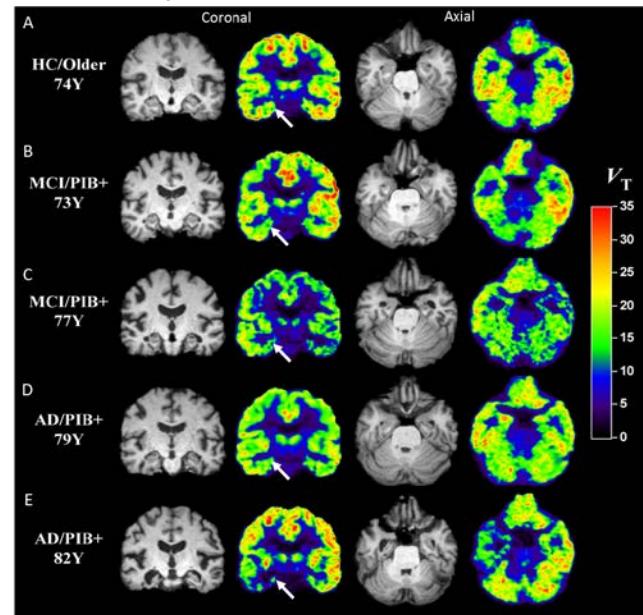
### NEUROLOGY

## Imaging synaptic density in the living human brain

Sjoerd J. Finnema,<sup>1,\*</sup> Nabeel B. Nabulsi,<sup>1</sup> Tore Eid,<sup>2</sup> Kamil Detyniecki,<sup>3</sup> Shu-fei Lin,<sup>1</sup> Ming-Kai Chen,<sup>1</sup> Roni Dhaher,<sup>2</sup> David Matuskey,<sup>1</sup> Evan Baum,<sup>1</sup> Daniel Holden,<sup>1</sup> Dennis D. Spencer,<sup>4</sup> Joël Mercier,<sup>5</sup> Jonas Hannestad,<sup>5†</sup> Yiyun Huang,<sup>1</sup> Richard E. Carson<sup>1,6</sup>

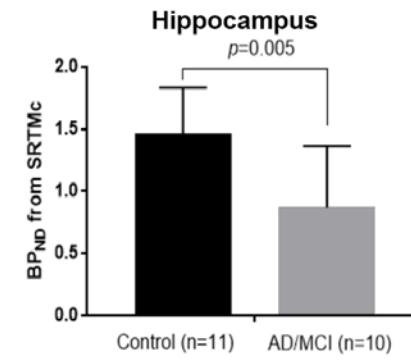


Chris Van Dyck (Yale U) CTAD 2017

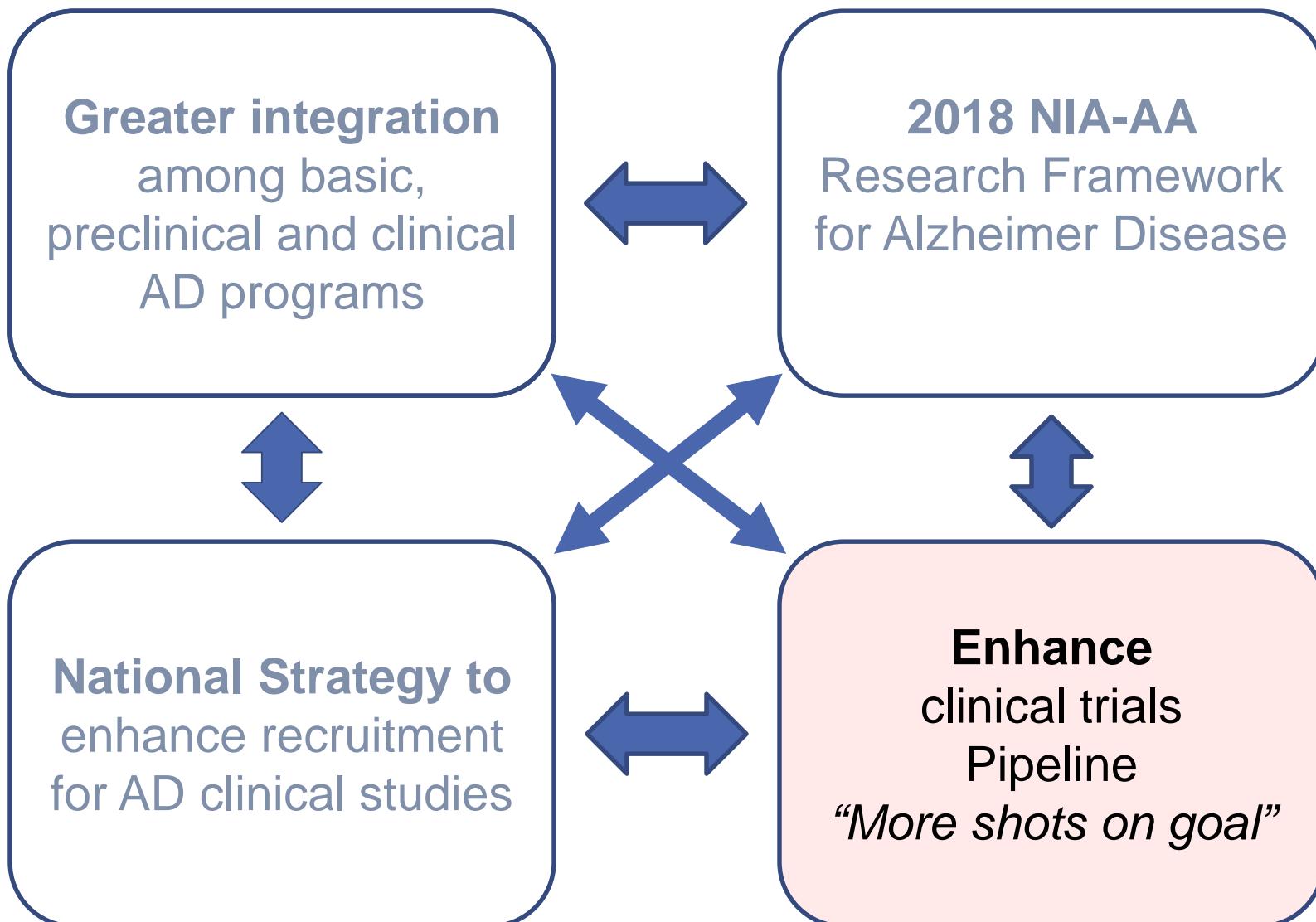


**Fig. 3.**  $[^{11}\text{C}]$ JUCB-J binds to SV2A in the healthy human brain. (A and B) Regional TACs of  $V_t$  values in four brain regions after  $[^{11}\text{C}]$ JUCB-J administration by a bolus plus constant infusion protocol in three control subjects under baseline (A) or displacement conditions in which levetiracetam (1500 mg) was intravenously infused 60 to 65 min after the start of  $[^{11}\text{C}]$ JUCB-J infusion (B).

Data are means ( $n = 3$ ); the SD was not displayed for the sake of clarity. Individual subject data are shown in fig. S5. (C) PET summation images 40 to 60 min or 90 to 120 min after  $[^{11}\text{C}]$ JUCB-J injection in subject 8. In the displacement study, levetiracetam (1500 mg) was intravenously infused 60 to 65 min after the start of  $[^{11}\text{C}]$ JUCB-J infusion. Individual subject images are shown in fig. S6.



# NIA-AD Research Priorities





**PI: G. Schellenberg; L. San U Penn; NIA Lead: Marilyn Miller**

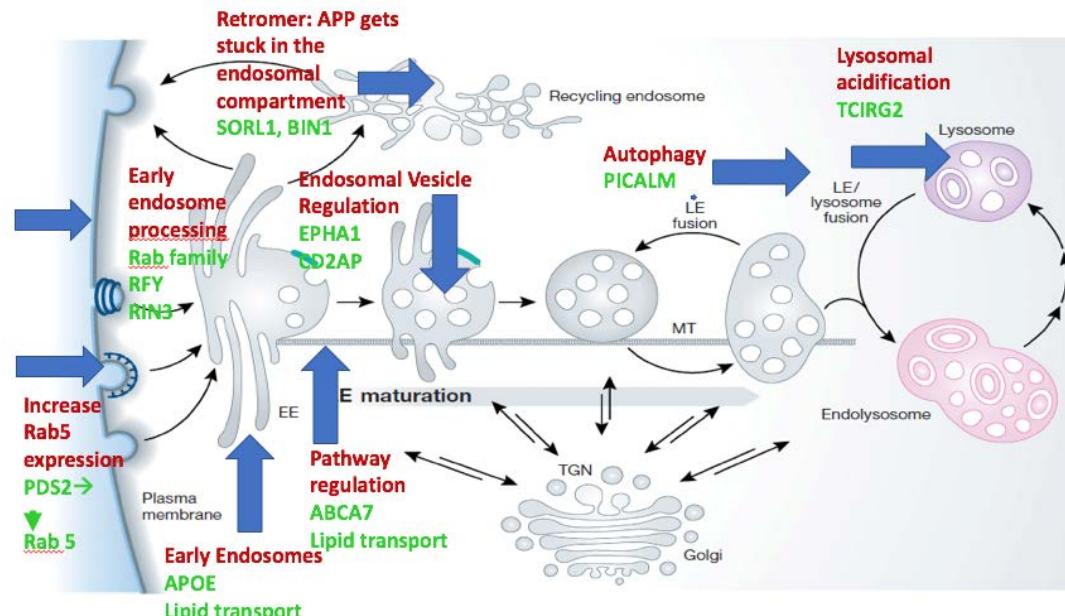
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**PSD2**  
**TCIRG1**  
**RIN3**  
**RUFY1**

JAMA Neurology | Original Investigation

### Early-Onset Alzheimer Disease and Candidate Risk Genes Involved in Endolysosomal Transport

Brian W. Kunkle, PhD, MPH; Badri N. Vardarajan, PhD; Adam C. Naj, PhD; Patrice L. Whitehead, BS; Sophie Rolati, MS; Susan Slifer, MS; Regina M. Carney, MD; Michael L. Cuccaro, PhD; Jeffrey M. Vance, MD, PhD; John R. Gilbert, PhD; Li-San Wang, PhD; Lindsay A. Farrer, PhD; Christiane Reitz, MD, PhD; Jonathan L. Haines, PhD; Gary W. Beecham, PhD; Eden R. Martin, PhD; Gerard D. Schellenberg, PhD; Richard P. Mayeux, MD, MSc; Margaret A. Pericak-Vance, PhD



**PLCG2**  
**ABI3**  
**TREM2**

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**LETTERS**

Rare coding variants in *PLCG2*, *ABI3*, and *TREM2* implicate microglial-mediated innate immunity in Alzheimer's disease

# ACCELERATING MEDICINES PARTNERSHIP (AMP)

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

- Target Discovery and Preclinical Validation Project

NIA Lead: Suzana Petanceska

## Generate

High-dimensional multi-omic data:  
~2,500 human brains; ~1000 blood samples

## Integrate

Molecular profiling  
Predictive Modeling  
Experimental validation

6 Academic Teams  
– NIA U01/R01 grants –

Data  
Network models  
Code

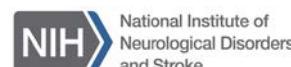
[www.synapse.org.ampad](http://www.synapse.org.ampad)

AMP-AD  
Knowledge  
Portal



- P. De Jager, D. Bennett
- E. Schadt, B. Zhang, S. Gandy, J. Zhu, M. Ehrlich
- T. Golde, N. Price, N. Ertekin-Taner, S. Younkin,
- A. Levey, T. Montine, J. Troncoso, D. Geschwind
- R. Kaddurah-Daouk
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## AMP-AD Partners



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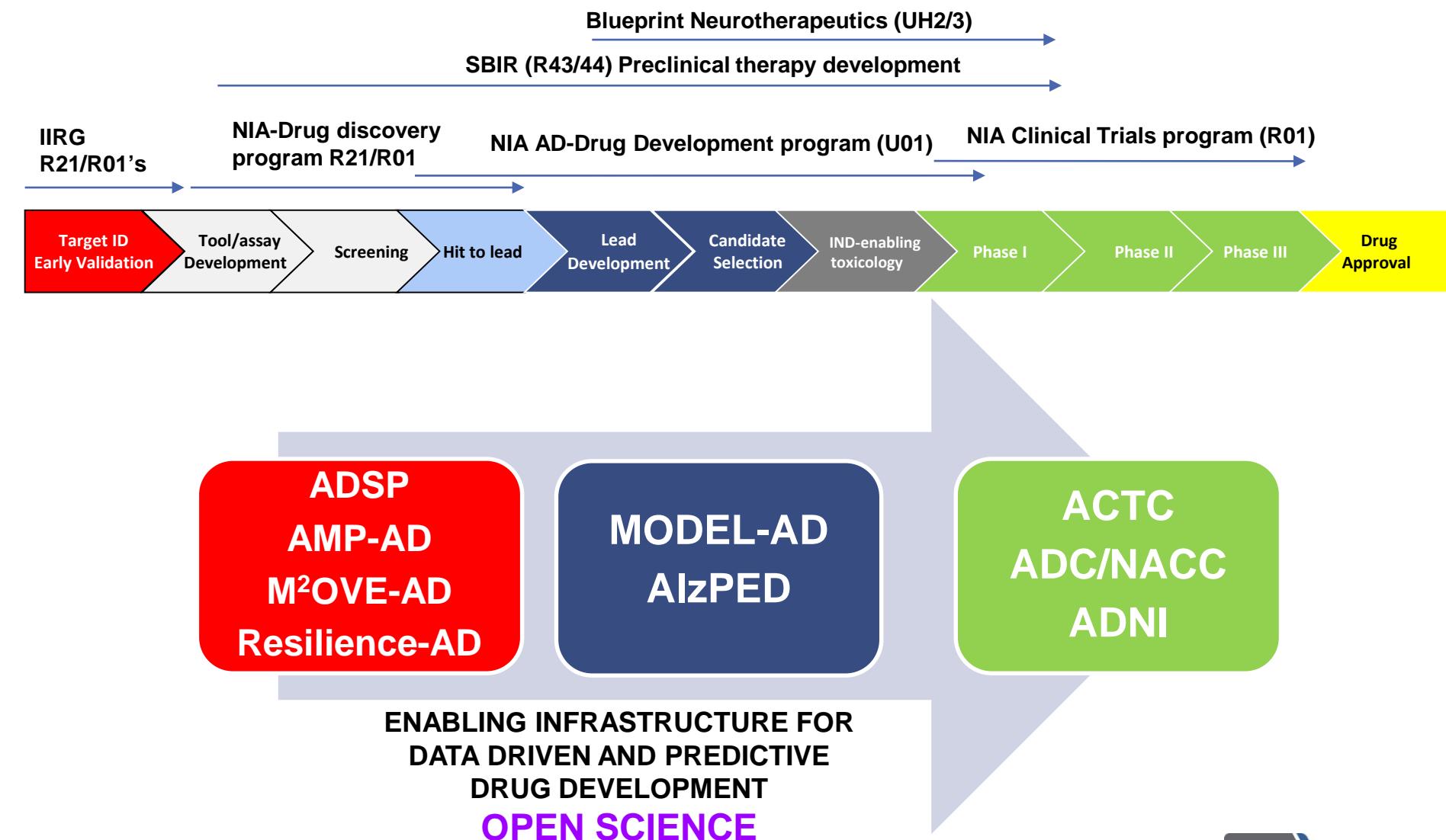
## Progress over 4 years:

- Centralized data resource established- AMP-AD portal
- All data sharing deliverables met
- Over 100 candidate targets nominated; currently undergoing data-driven prioritization for further preclinical validation
- A variety of experimental validation models developed
- Novel biomarker discovery initiated

## AMP-AD Teams Candidate Targets: preliminary list

SNRNP70	TGFBR1	CCDC85C	RGS4
U1-A	TGFBR2	CIC	SCN2A
U1-C	BMPR1A	CSRP1	OLFM3
SNRPN	BMPR1B	DAB2IP	SLC22A10
SNRPB	CRHR1	FAM63A	ENAH
PLCD1	TREM2	FURIN	WWTR1
PTRHD1	TYROBP	HMG20B	LRP10
SFRP1	S100A8	IGFBP5	SYP
PPP1R7	S100A9	ISYNA1	PCSK1
DNM3	P2RY2	KIF1C	KMO
RTN4	P2RX7	PADI2	PTTG1IP
EPB41L3	P2RY12	SLC38A2	MLIP
TUBB3	P2RY13	SNAP25	DLGAP1
PLEC	OSMR	STX1A	MOAP1
ANXA5	TLR4	STXBP3	PRKCB
MSN	CR1	SV2B	YAP1
CD44	CSF1R	SYT1	GNA13
LMNA	CX3CR1	SYT12	TRIM56
	SPI1	ZBTB47	
	TNFRSF10A	VGF	
	TNFRSF10B	PLXNB1	

# NIA and Trans-NIH translational programs and infrastructure for AD



# NIA- AD clinical trials pipeline toward 2025

NIA contact: Laurie Ryan and Kristina McLinden

- **Over 140 active trials**

- **40 Early-stage Clinical Drug Development (Phase I and Phase II Clinical Trials)**

- Amyloid (9)
- Neurotransmitter Receptors (3)
- Metabolism and Bioenergetics (4)
- Vasculature (3)
- Growth Factors and Hormones (1)
- Multi-target (6)- **Tau, inflammation, ApoE4, MAPK, JNK1**
- Oxidative Stress (1)

- **8 Late-stage Clinical Drug Development (Phase II/III and Phase III Clinical Trials)**

- Amyloid (6)- **DIAN-TU, A4, API-ADAD, API-E4, others**
- Vasculature (2)- **SPRINT-MIND, ASPREE**

- **62 Non-Pharmacological Interventions**

- Exercise (16)
- Diet (2)
- Cognitive Training (20)
- Combination Therapy (11)

- **7 Clinical Therapy Development for the Neuropsychiatric Symptoms of AD/ADRD**

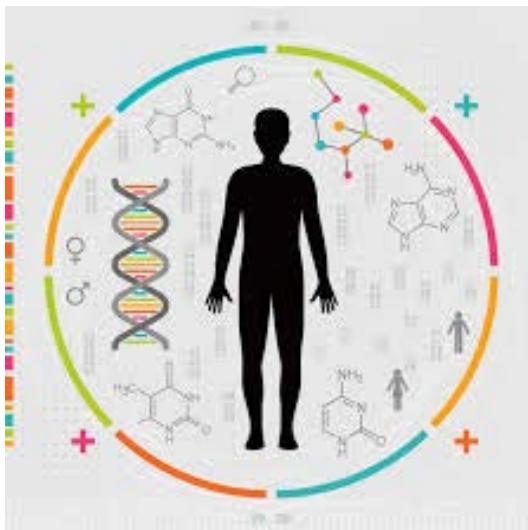
- Pharmacological (5)- **lithium, methylphenidate, escitalopram, dronabinol, others**
- Non-Pharmacological (2)- CAP, PATH

- **37 Care and Caregiver Interventions**



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# Plans for the Future



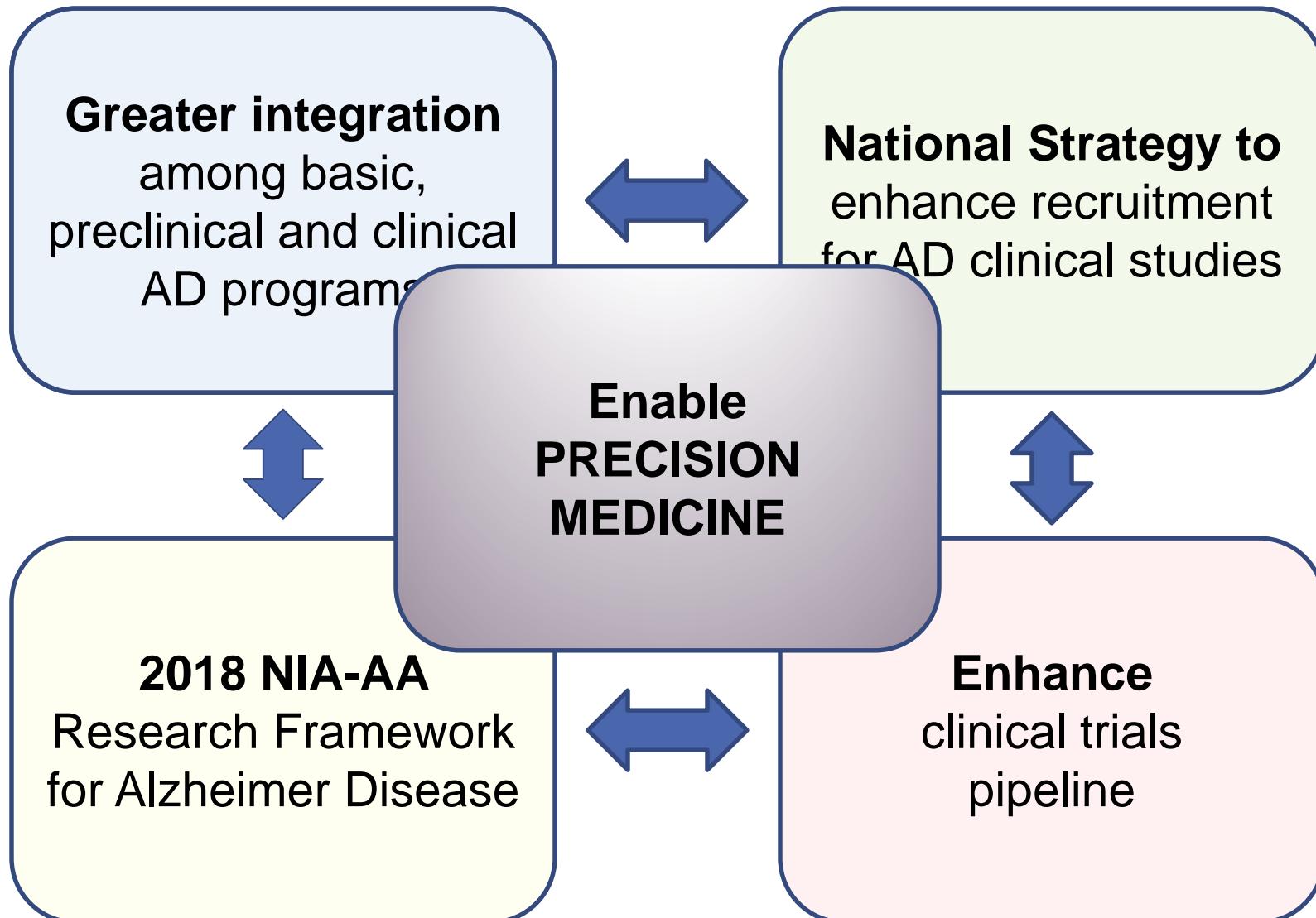
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- Novel Mechanistic Insights into the ***Complex Biology and Heterogeneity of AD***
- Enabling ***Precision Medicine for AD***
- Translational Tools and Infrastructure to ***Enable Predictive Drug Development***
- Emerging Therapeutics- ***novel targets***
- Understanding the ***Impact of the Gene-Environment to Advance AD Prevention***
- Advances in ***Disease Monitoring, Assessment and Care***
- Building ***Open Science Research Ecosystem to Accelerate AD Therapy Development***



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# Research Priorities following 2018 AD Summit



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