

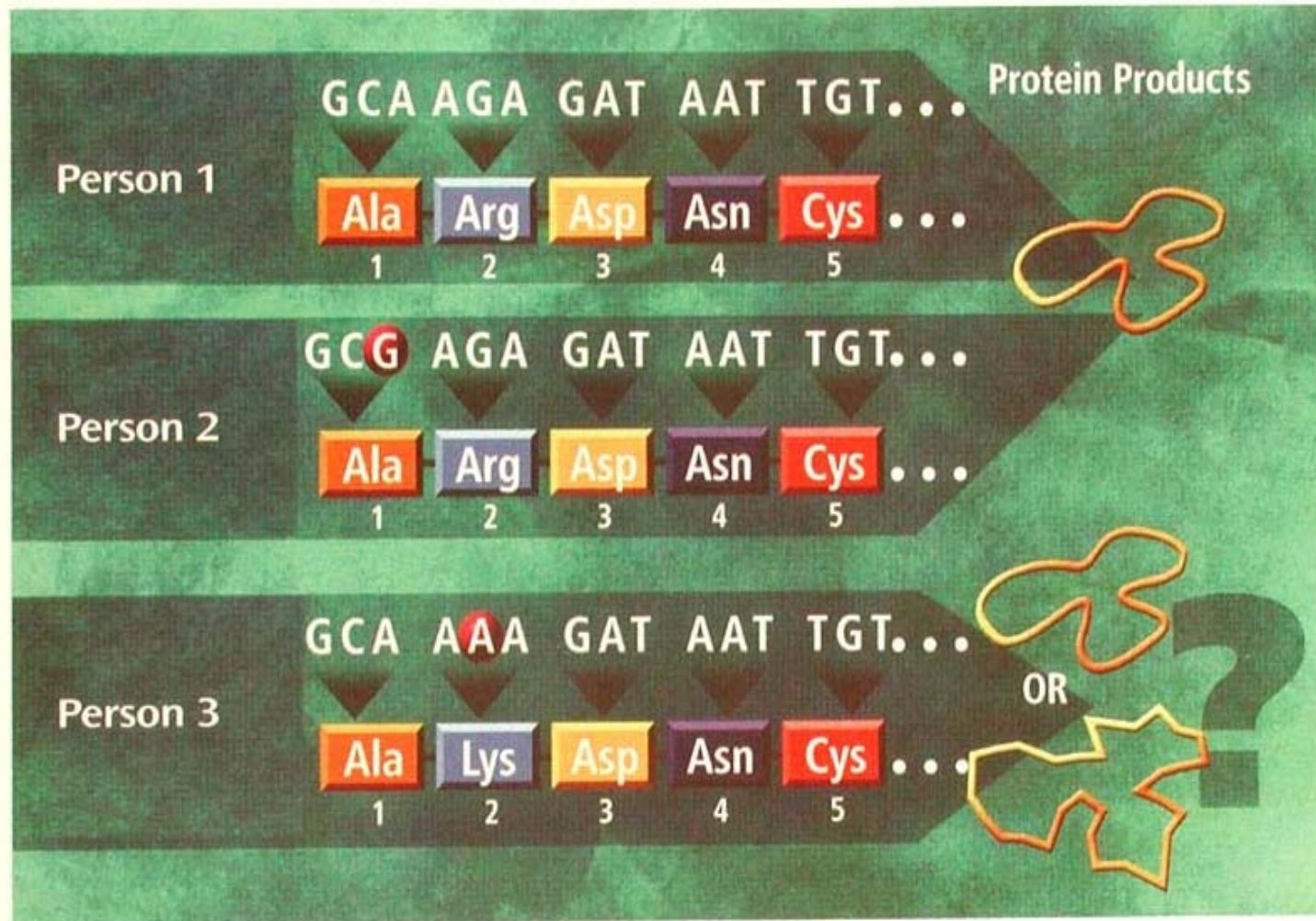
# Attention Problems – SNP association

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# SNP=single nucleotide polymorphism



Test of association between SNP and trait = test of genetic association

Simple biometrical system:

One SNP with two alleles (di-allelic):

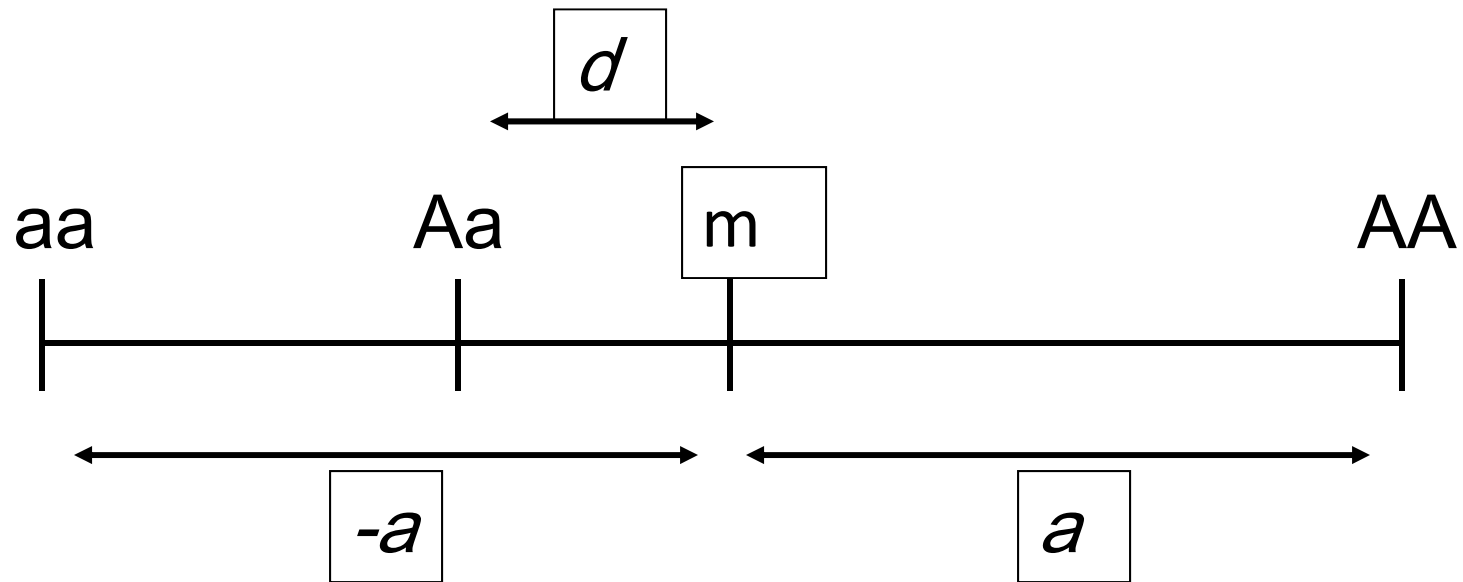
A and a; with frequencies  $p$  and  $q$ ; ( $p+q = 1$ ).

Three genotypes: AA, Aa, aa;

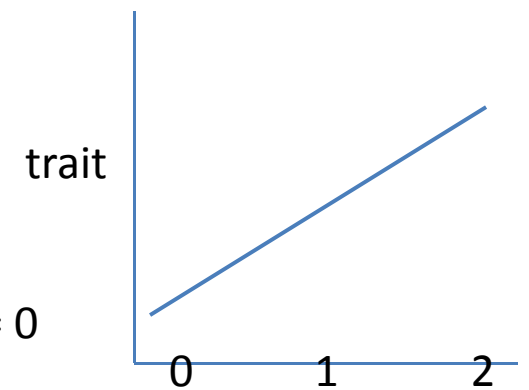
with frequencies  $p^2$ ,  $2pq$  and  $q^2$ ; ( $p^2 + 2pq + q^2 = 1$ ).

AA, Aa and aa are coded as 0, 1, 2 (N of copies of e.g. a)

# model



With the 0,1,2 coding we assume that  $d = 0$



$$Y = \text{intercept} + \beta_1 * \text{SNP} + \beta_2 * \text{Sex} + \text{residual}$$

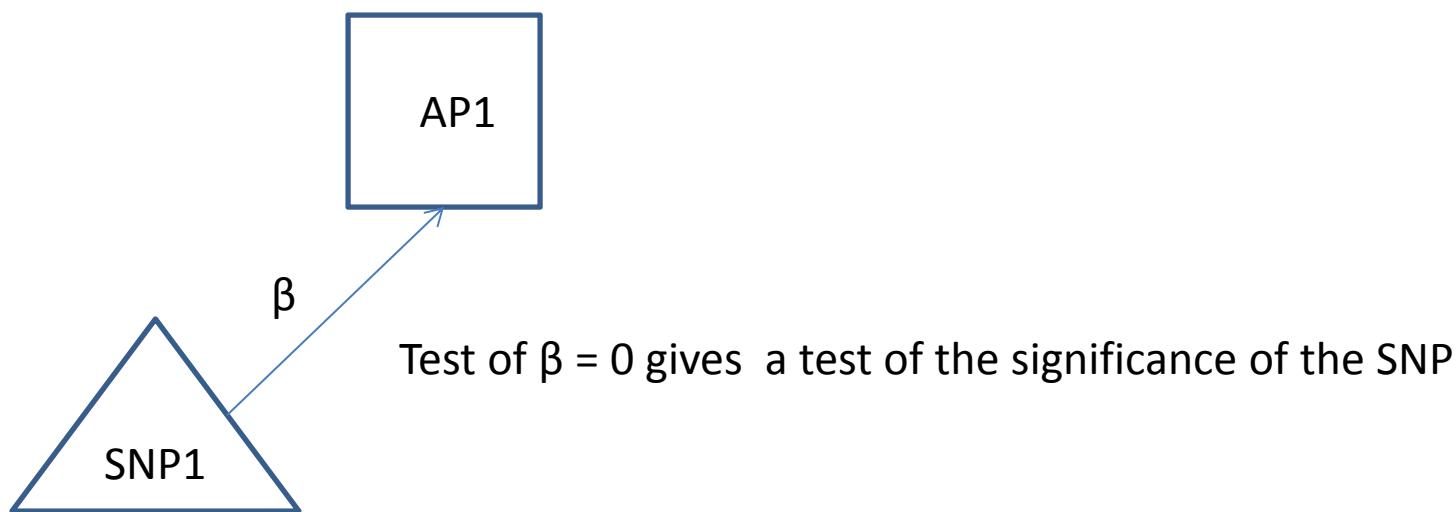
$$\text{ADHD score} = \mu + \beta_1 * \text{SNP} + \beta_2 * \text{Sex} + \varepsilon$$



**SNP and Sex are observed and are treated as 'definition variables'**

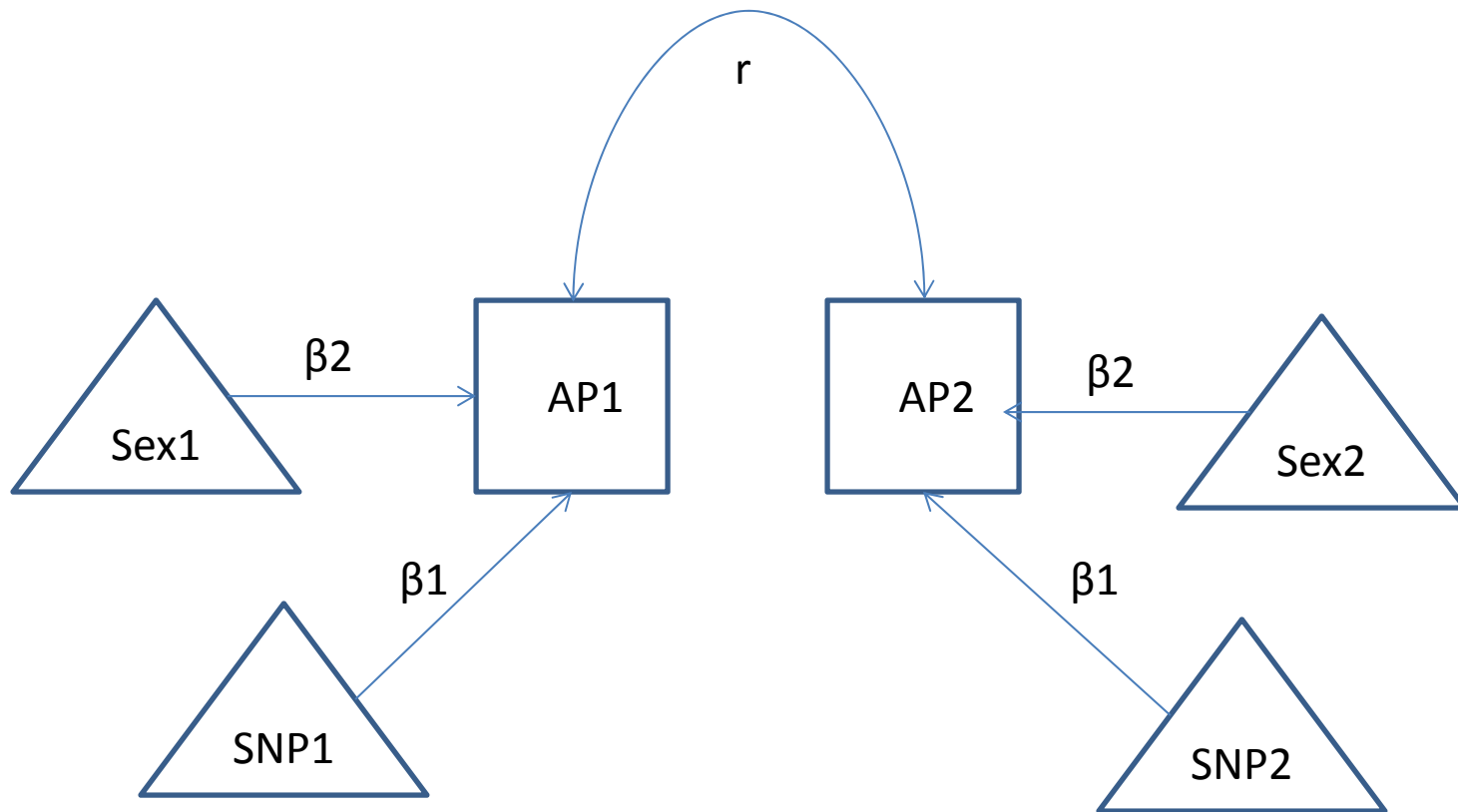
**We do not model their covariance structure, but only their effect on phenotypes**

Are Attention Problems influenced by measured genotypes?



**The value of the SNP (0,1,2) MUST be present in the data file for each subject**

Attention Problems in twin1 and twin2 are correlated (as a function of zygosity)



# Data file

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rs6265t1 rs4680t1 rs6314t1 rs1007023t1 rs12231356t1 SEXt1 mo3t1 fa3t1 mo7t1 fa7t1 mo10t1 fa10t1 mo12t1 fa12t1 selft
1 1 1 0 0 0 0 1.3 . 2.68 . -1.21 . -1.12 -0.88 5.11 17.61 1 1 0 0 0 0 3.23 . 2.7 . 1.45 . -1.05 -0.88 8.77 17.61
2 0 2 0 1 1 0 3.22 3.2 2.68 1.46 4.72 3.76 3.85 2.85 . -9 0 2 0 1 1 0 4.1 5.72 2.7 2.7 4.73 3.74 3.81 3.81 . -9
3 -9 -9 -9 -9 -9 0 . . . . . 17.51 -9 -9 -9 -9 -9 0 . . . . . 17.51
4 -9 -9 -9 -9 -9 0 . . . . . 17.6 -9 -9 -9 -9 -9 0 . . . . . 17.7
5 0 2 0 0 0 0 4.1 4.93 4.68 4.58 5.55 2.81 2.85 5.9 6.07 17.99 0 2 0 0 0 0 4.1 4.08 4.71 4.54 3.84 3.74 1.55 | 3.81 2
6 0 2 1 0 0 0 . . . . . 2.76 . 1.52 . 4.18 17.63 -9 -9 -9 -9 -9 0 . . . . . 17.64
7 1 1 0 0 0 0 9.71 7.43 . . . . . 11.24 8.15 4.18 17.43 1 1 0 0 0 0 9.67 8.22 . . . . . 8.82 5.9 4.19 17.43
8 1 2 0 0 0 0 . . . . . -1.21 . . . . . -9 -9 -9 -9 -9 0 . . . . . -9
9 0 0 0 0 0 0 -0.58 2.31 2.68 3.71 1.43 4.64 2.85 2.85 3.2 17.47 0 0 0 0 0 0 -0.52 2.32 1.38 3.69 1.45 2.79 3.81 -0
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## Note:

- missing values for phenotypes are “.”
- missing values for definition variables are -9

(!! Take care that Ss with missing definition variables also have missing phenotypes)



## Genotyping in 4 candidate genes:

\*mono-aminergic system:

-serotonin receptors (HTR) 2A (**HTR2A**)

-catechol-O-methyltransferase (**COMT**)

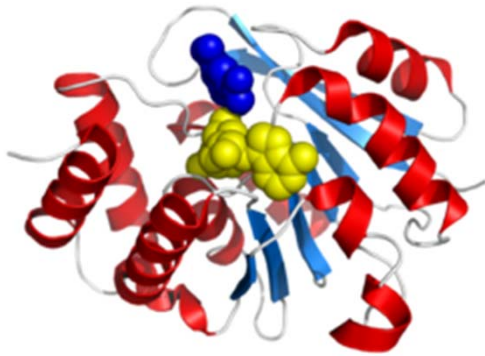
-tryptophane hydroxylase type 2 (**TPH2**)

\*neurogenesis:

-brain derived neurotrophic factor (**BDNF**)

<b>Genes</b>	<b>SNPs</b>		<b>MAF</b>	<b>p-value HWE</b>
<b>BDNF</b>	<b>rs2049048</b>	<b>A&lt;G</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>Ns</b>
	<b>rs7103873</b>	<b>C&lt;G</b>	<b>45.1</b>	<b>Ns</b>
	<b>rs6265</b>	<b>T&lt;C</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>Ns</b>
	<b>rs11030107</b>	<b>G&lt;A</b>	<b>24.8</b>	<b>Ns</b>
	<b>rs11030123</b>	<b>A&lt;G</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>Ns</b>
	<b>rs1491851</b>	<b>T&lt;C</b>	<b>40.6</b>	<b>Ns</b>
	<b>rs17309930</b>	<b>A&lt;C</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>Ns</b>
	<b>rs7124442</b>	<b>C&lt;T</b>	<b>31.6</b>	<b>Ns</b>
<b>COMT</b>	<b>rs4680</b>	<b>G&lt;A</b>	<b>43.8</b>	<b>Ns</b>
<b>HTR2A</b>	<b>rs6311</b>	<b>T&lt;C</b>	<b>42.0</b>	<b>Ns</b>
	<b>rs6314</b>	<b>A&lt;G</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>Ns</b>
	<b>rs6313</b>	<b>A&lt;G</b>	<b>44.1</b>	<b>0.008</b>

# COMT: Catechol-O-methyltransferase



COMT is involved in the inactivation of the catecholamine neurotransmitters (dopamine, epinephrine, and norepinephrine).

A functional single-nucleotide polymorphism (a common normal variant) of COMT results in a valine to methionine mutation at position 158 (Val158Met) [rs4680 ].

## HTR2A 5-hydroxytryptamine (serotonin) receptor 2A

This gene encodes one of the receptors for serotonin, a neurotransmitter with many roles

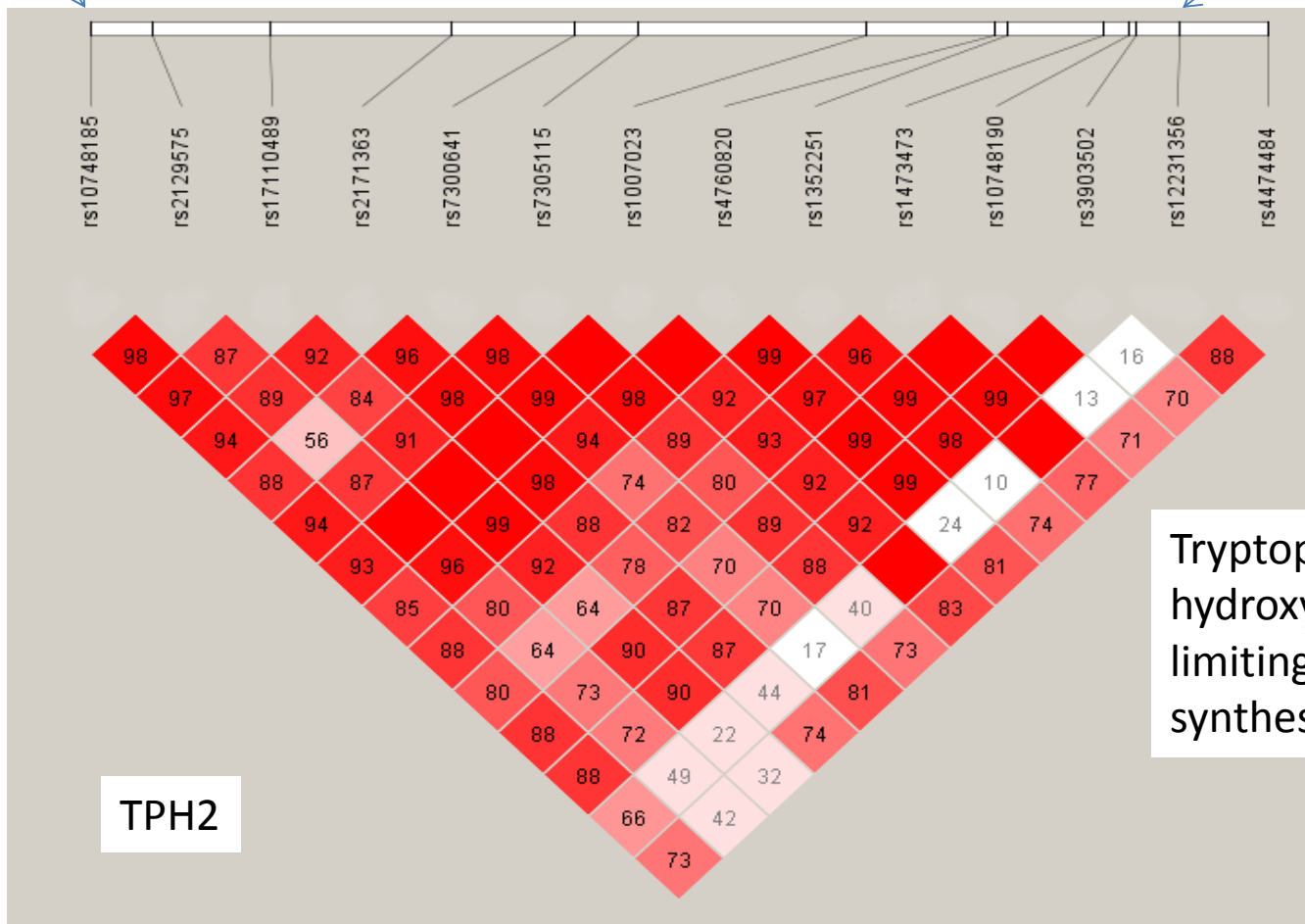
# BDNF (Brain-derived neurotrophic factor) LD plot of $D'$ between the SNPs



**LD: linkage disequilibrium is the non-random association of alleles at two or more loci**

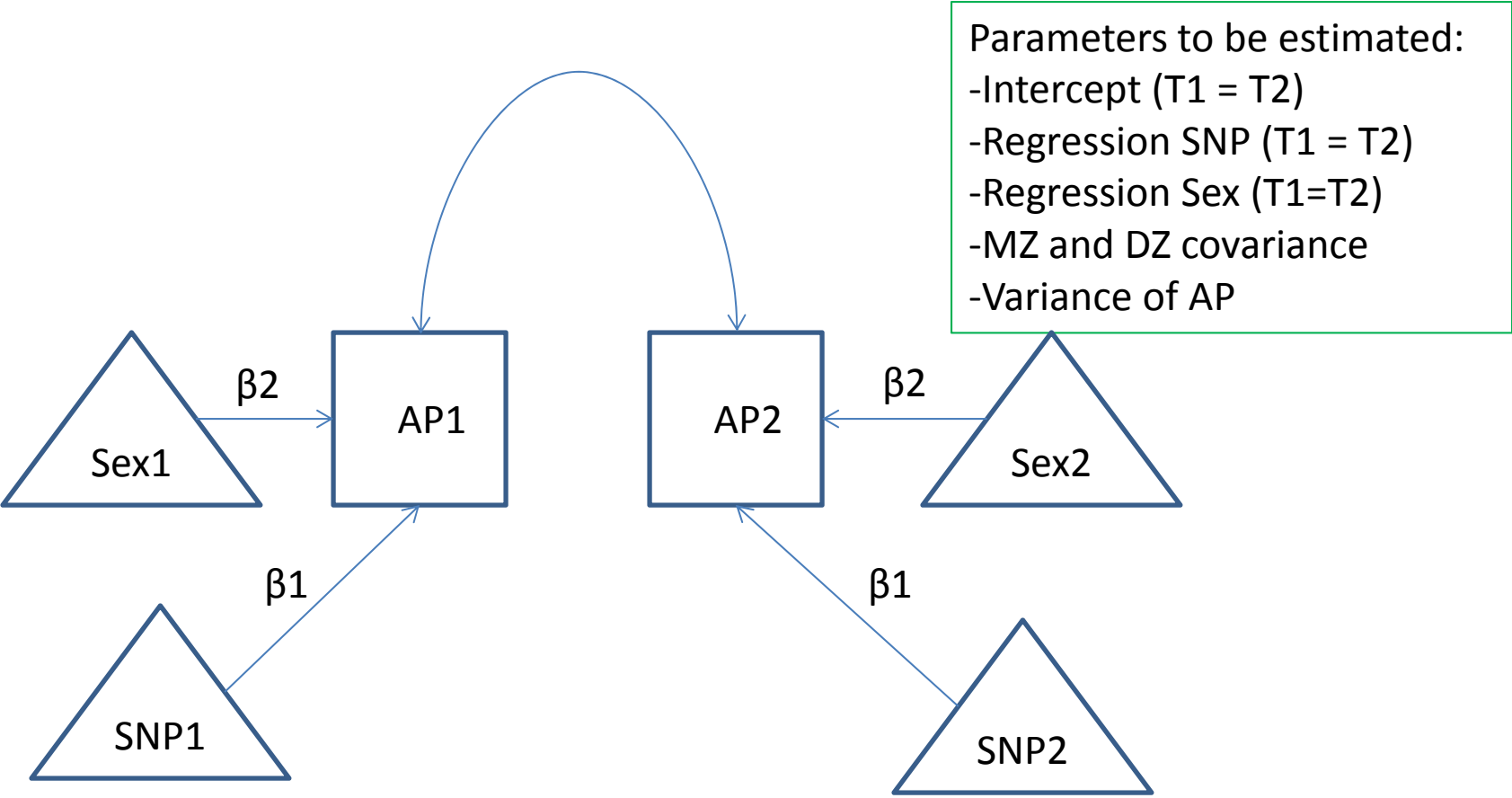
TPH2	rs1007023	G<T	14.9	Ns
	rs10748190	G<A	42.0	Ns
	rs12231356	T<C	7.3	Ns
	rs1352251	C<T	43.2	Ns
	rs1473473	C<T	16.1	0.00005
	rs2129575	T<G	25.4	Ns
	rs2171363	A<G	44.4	Ns
	rs3903502	T<C	41.7	Ns
	rs4474484	A<G	36.9	Ns
	rs4760820	G<C	41.6	Ns
	rs7305115	A<G	44.2	Ns
	rs10748185	A<G	48.7	Ns
	rs17110489	C<T	26.5	Ns
rs7300641	T<G	17.7	Ns	

# LD plot of TPH2 indicating D' between the SNPs



Tryptophan hydroxylase is the rate-limiting enzyme in the synthesis of serotonin

Attention Problems in twin1 and twin2 are correlated (as a function of zygosity)



Test of  $\beta = 0$  gives the significance of the SNP

# Exercise

**Fit the association model for 1 SNP per run (we consider 5 SNPs, script is for BDNF - SNP).**

**Try to run for the other 4 SNPs.**

**Test the significance of the regression coefficients (by comparing constrained and free model).**



# Univariate means modeling practical

# Univariate mean moderation

- Copy the folder univariate means moderation to your drive (its in faculty/Michel)
- Open the R project in R studio.
- It is a five group script.  
(MZM,DZM,MZF,DZM,DOS)
- First we read in the data, run the script till line 20.
- Then we run “universal” matrices, these are the same in each group (till line 32)

# Univariate mean moderation

- On line 41,65,91,116 and 142 we read in the SNP rs4680 for twin 1 and twin 2.
- In openMX we tell the software to read actual data by adding the prefix "data." to the labels.
- Change the snp id into one of the following:
  - rs6265, rs4680, rs6314, rs1007023, rs12231356
- Now run the model until the mxRun command around line: 172.

# Univariate mean moderation

- Around line 180 you are required to drop the SNP. Reset the starting value. What should this be according to you guys?
- Also reset the parameter to fixed!

# Results

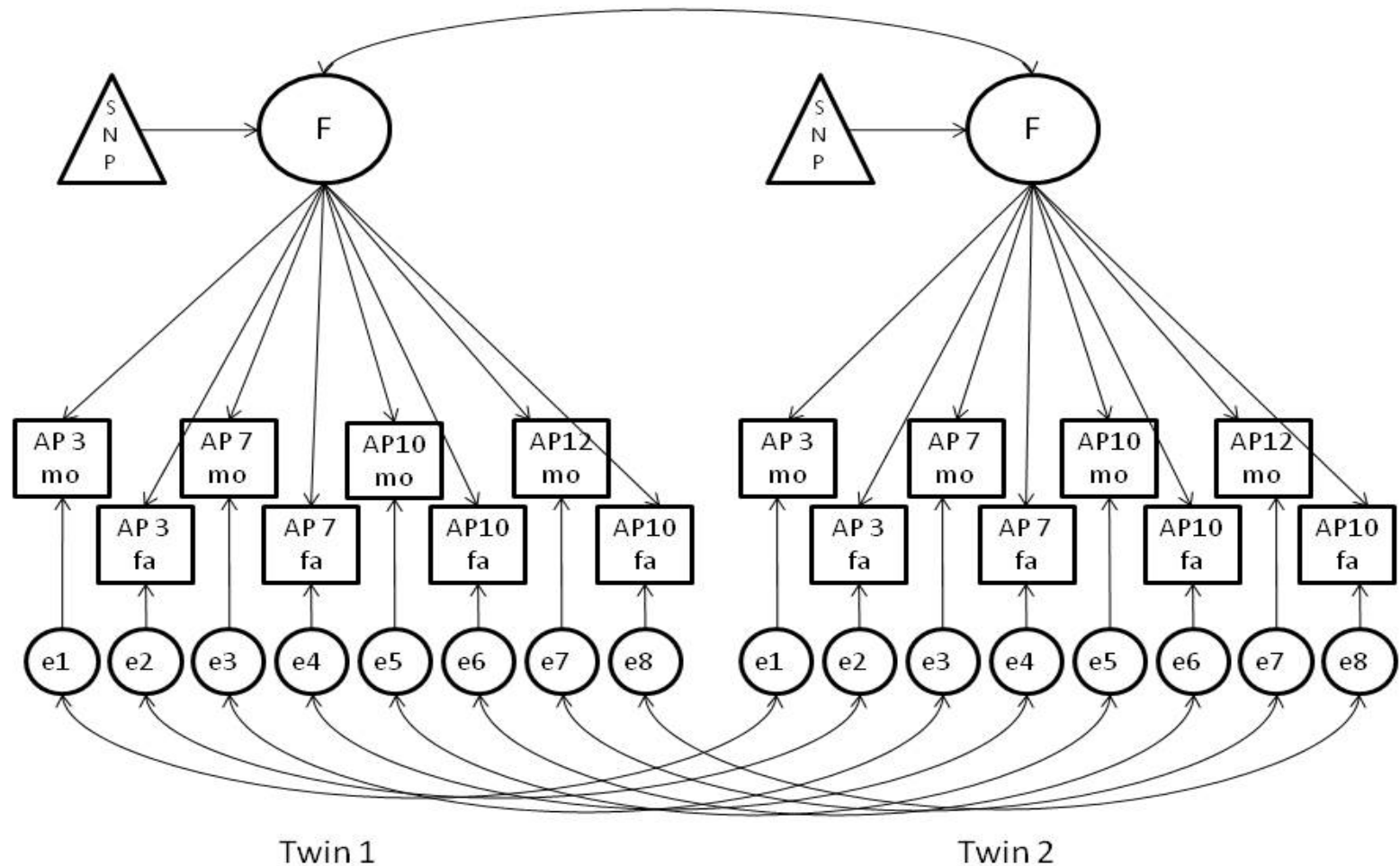
rs6265	
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rs12231356	

## **Influence of Candidate Genes on Attention Problems in Children: A Longitudinal Study**

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- Genotyping was done in twin pairs (related)
- Phenotypes : ratings by both parents (bivariate)
- Parental ratings at ages 3, 7, 10, 12 (longitudinal)
- Not all children reached at 12 yet (missing data)

# Factorial association model for longitudinal Attention Problems in children



**Circle = latent (not observed) individual score; square / triangle = observed score; arrow = regression; double headed arrow = correlation**

## Implementation in Mx

Factor loadings and correlations among latent phenotypes were obtained from running the model in a larger dataset of > 32,000 twins from 16,169 families, who participated at least once:

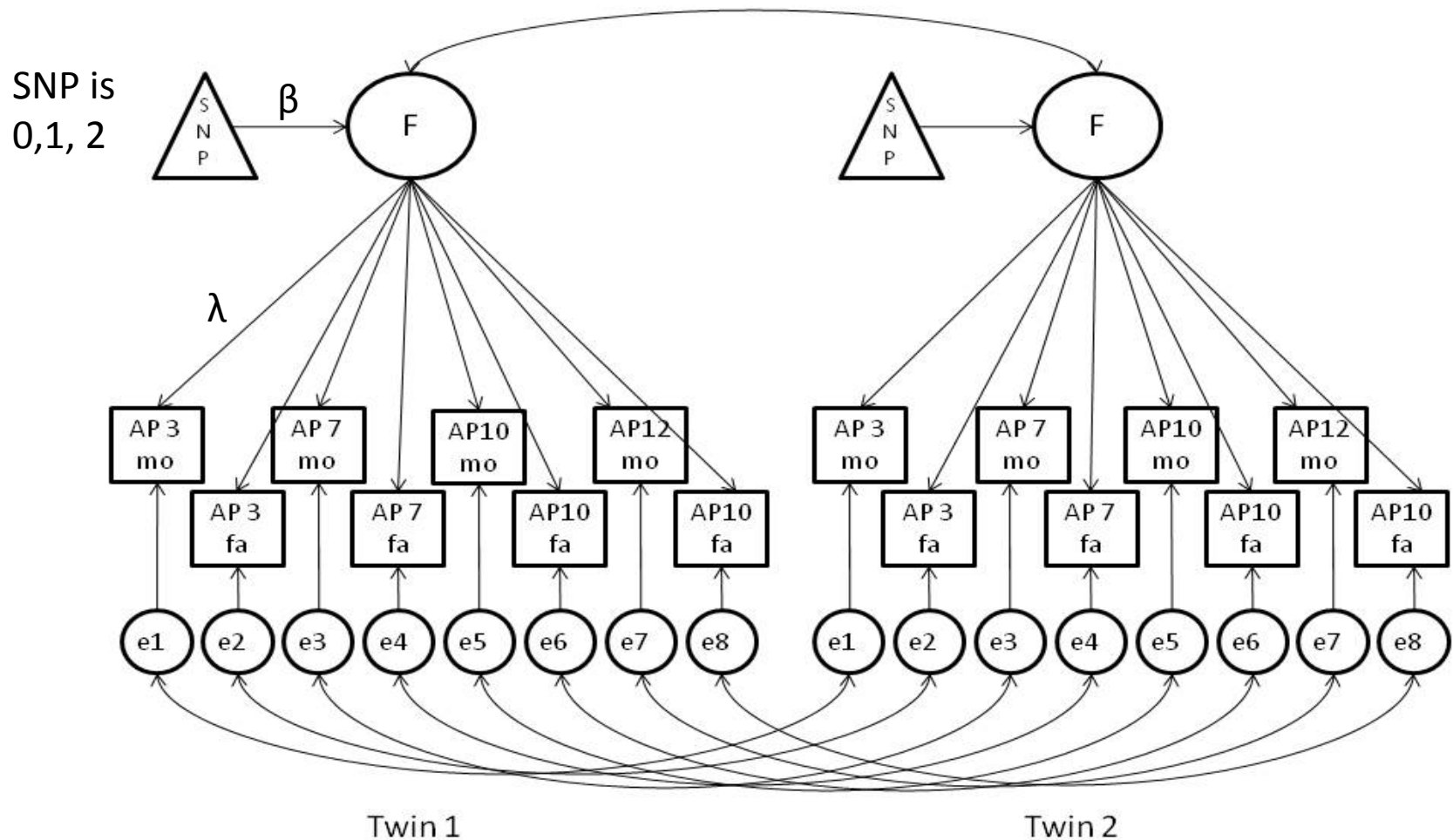
2,436 MZM, 2,856 DZM,

2,742 MZF, 2,556 DZF, 5,602 (DOS) twin pairs



<b>Age</b>	<b>Rater</b>	<b>Factor Loading</b>	<b>Factor loading Residual</b>	<b>rMZ (residual)</b>	<b>rDZ (residual)</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Mother</b>	<b>1.2337</b>	<b>1.7753</b>	<b>0.6465</b>	<b>0.1539</b>
	<b>Father</b>	<b>1.2310</b>	<b>1.7186</b>	<b>0.6334</b>	<b>0.1807</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Mother</b>	<b>2.3359</b>	<b>1.8036</b>	<b>0.5994</b>	<b>0.3254</b>
	<b>Father</b>	<b>2.0936</b>	<b>1.7091</b>	<b>0.6365</b>	<b>0.3872</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Mother</b>	<b>2.5046</b>	<b>1.7403</b>	<b>0.5652</b>	<b>0.3108</b>
	<b>Father</b>	<b>2.2797</b>	<b>1.6928</b>	<b>0.6110</b>	<b>0.3767</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Mother</b>	<b>2.3230</b>	<b>1.7810</b>	<b>0.6231</b>	<b>0.3063</b>
	<b>Father</b>	<b>2.1039</b>	<b>1.7563</b>	<b>0.6472</b>	<b>0.4104</b>

# Factorial association model : 16 phenotypes (2 twins, 2 raters, 4 time points)



Parameters to be estimated: **effect of SNP**, effect of sex /age /rater, grand mean, twin correlations (for MZ and DZ twins)

# Exercise

**1 Fit the Factorial association model for 1 SNP per run (consider one of the 5 SNPs).**

**2 Fit the Factorial association model for all 5 SNPs simultaneously.**

# The factor model

Use multivariate approaches to model all phenotypic data (all time points / all raters / all indicators) and do not force multivariate data into a single sum score.

**Advantage:** increase in power

**Disadvantage:** no standard GWAS software

# Increase in statistical power

Ferreira MA, Purcell SM. [A multivariate test of association.](#) *Bioinformatics*. 2009, 1;25(1):132-3 (intercorrelations among phenotypes equal)

Medland SE, Neale MC. [An integrated phenomic approach to multivariate allelic association.](#) *Eur J Hum Genet*. 2010 18(2):233-9 (factor models)

van der Sluis S, Verhage M, Posthuma D, Dolan CV. [Phenotypic complexity, measurement bias, and poor phenotypic resolution contribute to the missing heritability problem in genetic association studies.](#) *PLoS One*. 2010 ;5(11):e13929 (measurement invariance)

Minica CC, Boomsma DI, van der Sluis S, Dolan CV. [Genetic association in multivariate phenotypic data: power in five models.](#) *Twin Res Hum Genet*. 2010, 13(6):525-43 (also includes longitudinal simplex models)

