

# Phenomics

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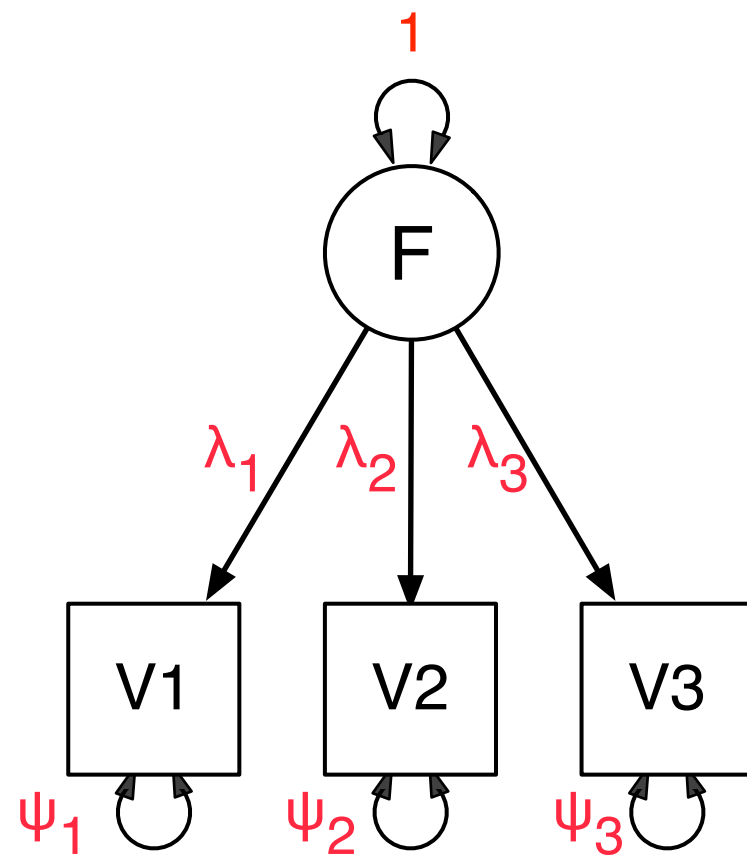
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# Measurement Invariance: Factor Model



*We usually  
want to  
know  
about the  
factor!*



# Correlations across Substances: Add Health

	Stimulants	Tranquilizers	Marijuana
Stimulants	1		
Tranquilizers	0.74	1	
Marijuana	0.63	0.66	1
Factor Loadings	0.84	0.87	0.75

Medland & Neale (2010) An integrated phenomic approach to  
multivariate allelic association

European Journal of Human Genetics 18, 233–239



# DRD2 Association Results

- Univariate associations

- Stimulants:  $\chi^2=3.88$ ,  $\beta= -.18$ ,  $p < .05$
- Tranquilizers:  $\chi^2=1.65$ ,  $\beta= .13$ , NS
- Marijuana:  $\chi^2=2.60$ ,  $\beta= .11$ , NS

- Factor level association

- $\chi^2=0.65$ ,  $kF= .06$ , NS

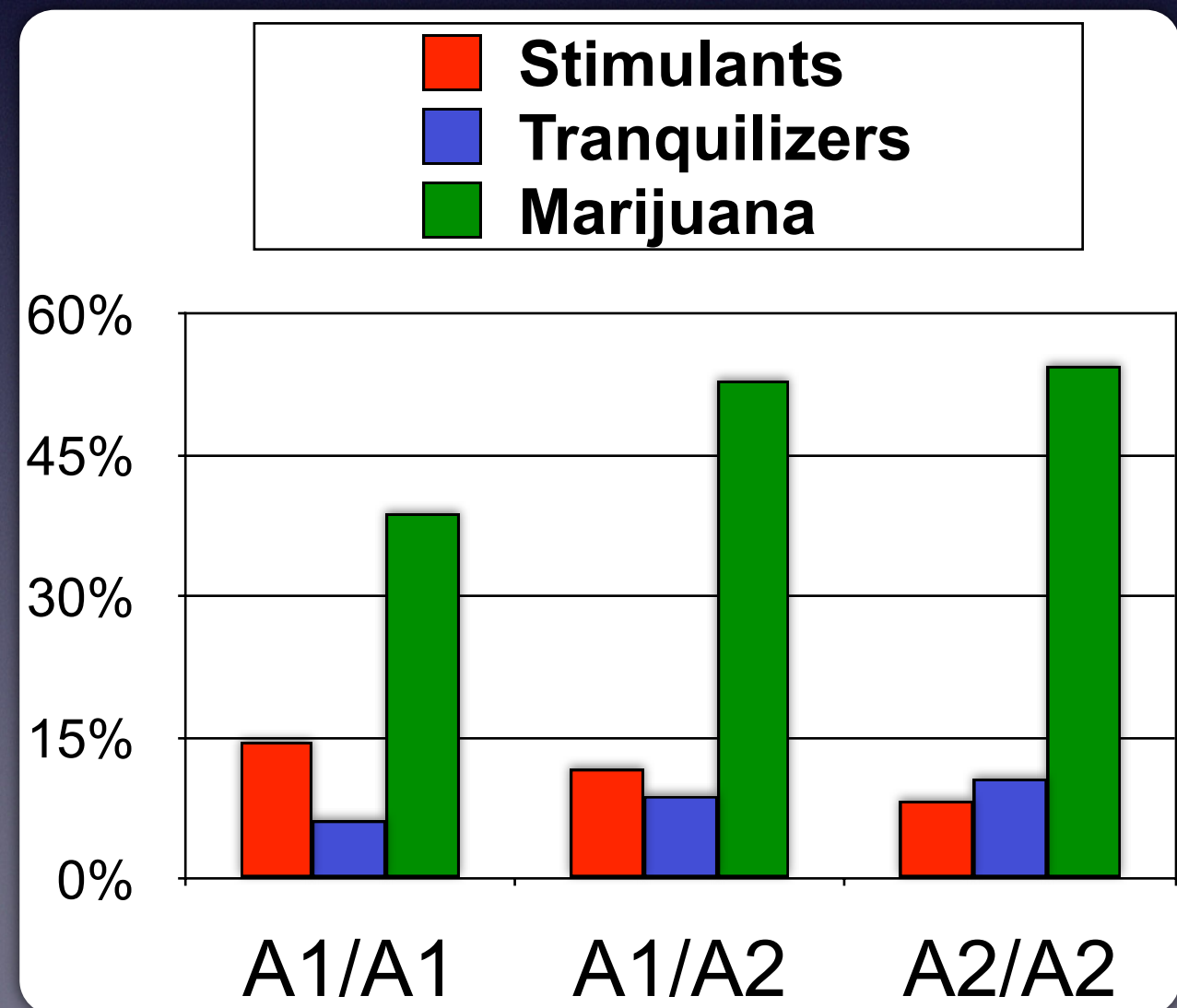
- Multivariate association

- $\chi^2=13.91$  (3df;  $p < 0.005$ )

–  $k_{\text{Stimulants}} = -0.19$

–  $k_{\text{Tranquilizers}} = 0.14$

–  $\beta_{\text{Marijuana}} = 0.11$





# Measurement Invariance

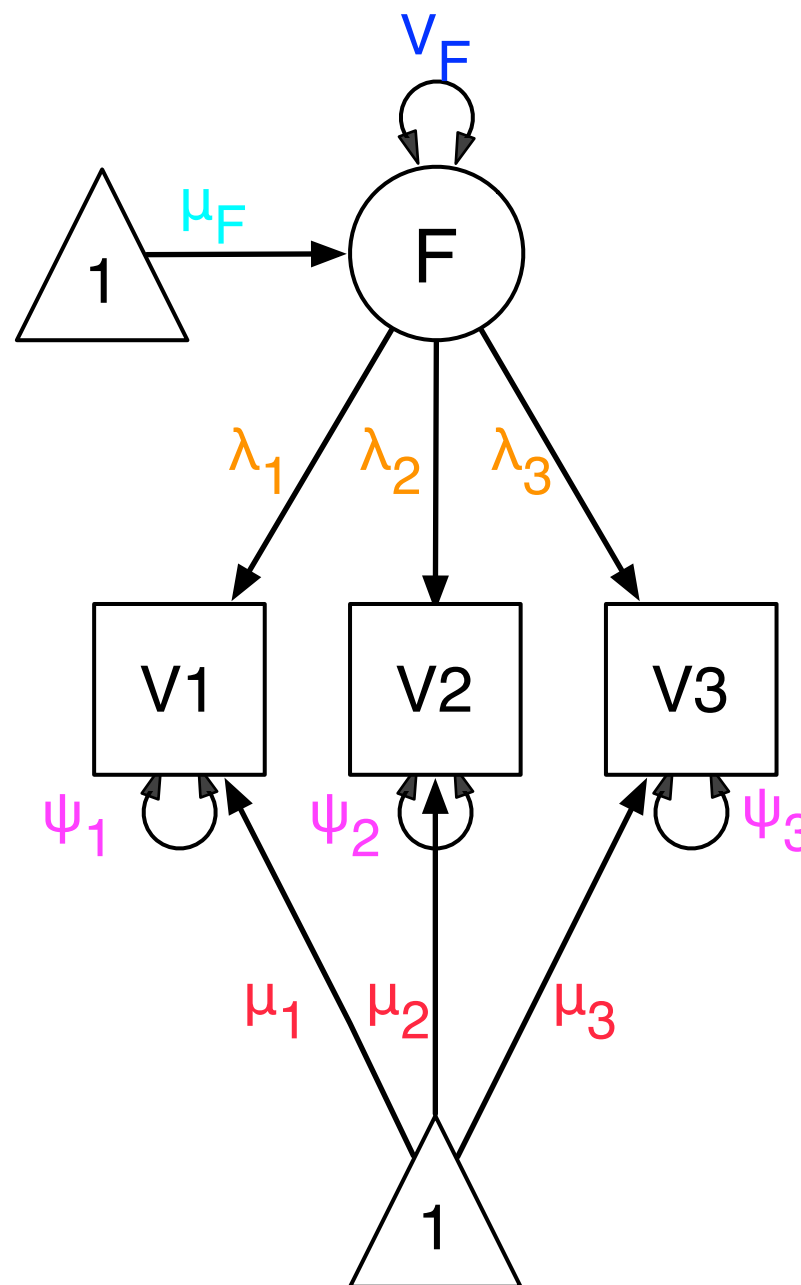
## Classic Papers

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- Widaman KF, Ferrer E, & Conger RD (2010). Factorial Invariance within Longitudinal Structural Equation Models: Measuring the Same Construct across Time. *Child Dev Perspect* 4:10–18
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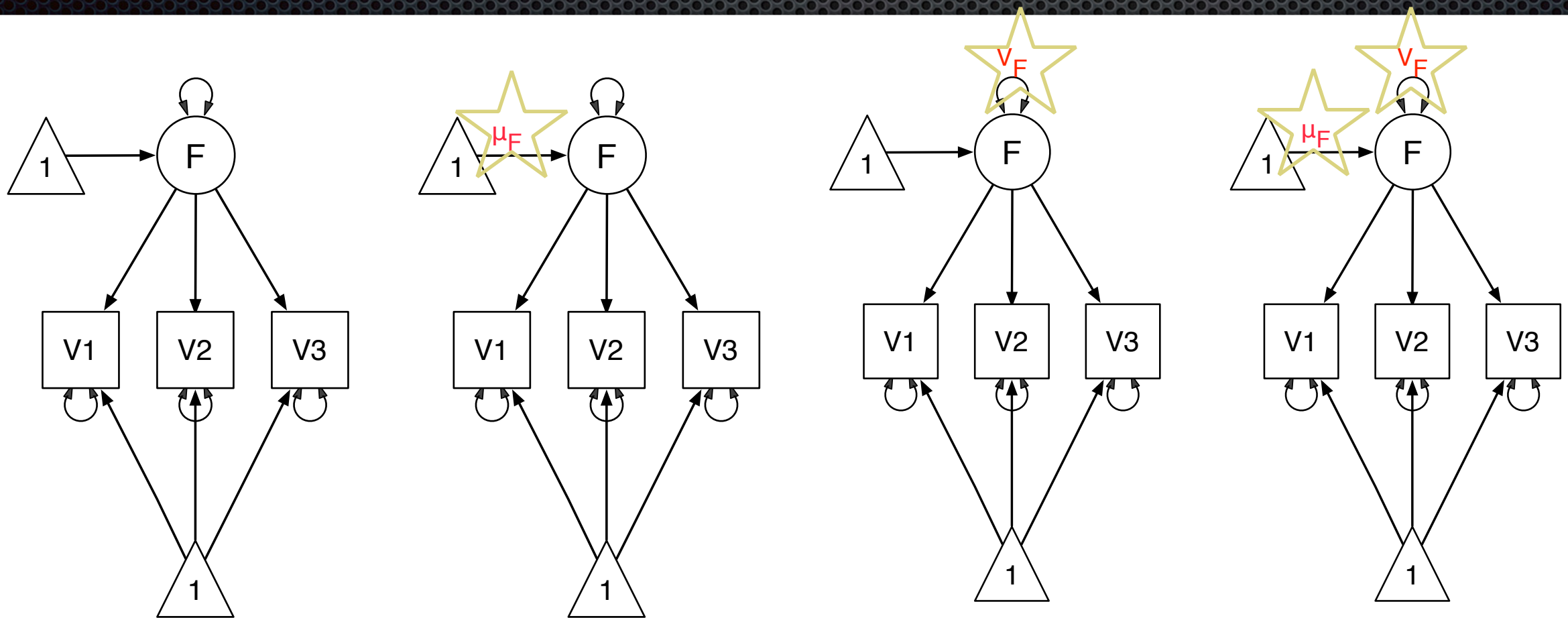
# Invariance: Five Potential Types of Difference

- ✦ Factor Variances
- ✦ Factor Means
- ✦ Factor Loadings
- ✦ Item Variances
- ✦ Item Means





# Invariance Models of Factor-Level Effects wrt Sex and Age



1. No Covariates

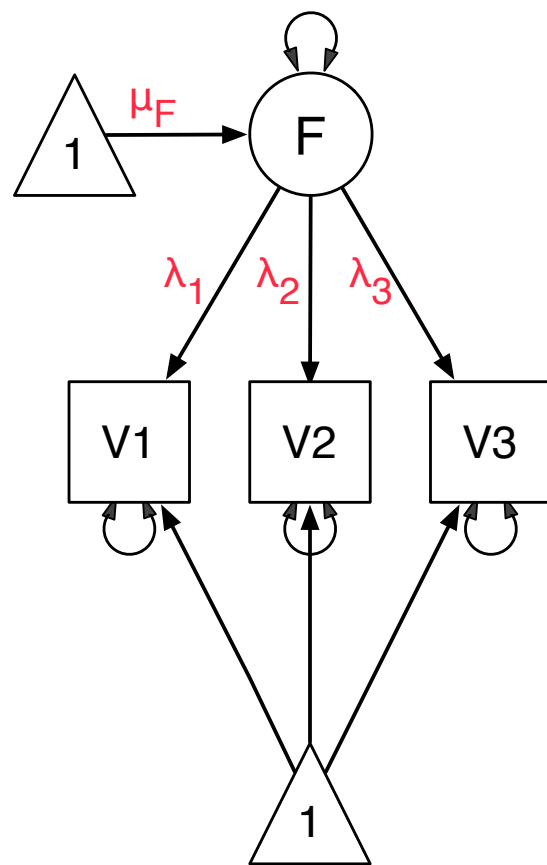
2. Age/Sex on  
Factor Mean

3. Age/Sex on  
Factor Variance

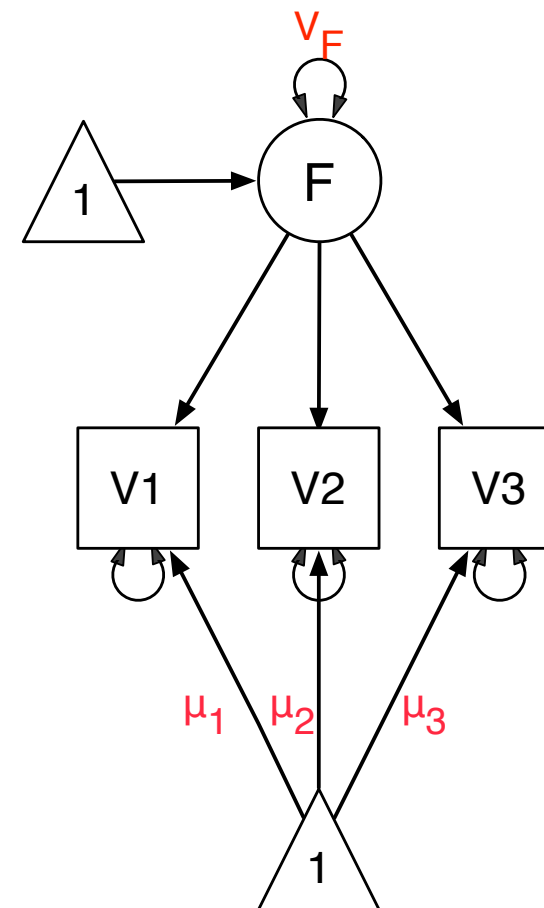
4. Age/Sex on Factor  
Mean and Variance



# Non-Invariance Models of Item-Level Effects wrt Sex and Age



5. Age/Sex on Mean and Loadings



6. Age/Sex on Thresholds and Factor Variance



# Application: National Survey of Drug Use in Households (NSDUH)

- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSA) regular data collection
- ~50,000 persons per assessment
- Face-to-face Interviews(!)
- Audio-Computer-Assisted Testing



# Map Items to DSM-IV Substance Abuse and Dependence Criteria

- **A1** During the past 12 months, did using marijuana or hashish cause you to have serious problems like this either at home, work, or school?
- **A2** During the past 12 months, did you regularly use marijuana or hashish and then do something where using marijuana or hashish might have put you in physical danger?
- **A3** During the past 12 months, did using marijuana or hashish cause you to do things that repeatedly got you in trouble with the law?
- **A4** Did you continue to use marijuana or hashish even though you thought it caused problems with family or friends?



# DSM-IV Dependence Criteria

- **D1** During the past 12 months, did you need to use more marijuana or hashish than you used to in order to get the effect you wanted?
- **D3** Were you able to keep to the limits you set, or did you often use marijuana or hashish more than you intended to?
- **D4** During the past 12 months, did you want to or try to cut down or stop using marijuana or hashish?
- **D5** During the past 12 months, was there a month or more when you spent a lot of your time getting or using marijuana or hashish?
- **D6** This question is about important activities such as working, going to school, taking care of children, doing fun things such as hobbies and sports, and spending time with friends and family.
  - During the past 12 months, did using marijuana or hashish cause you to give up or spend less time doing these types of important activities?
- **D7** Did you continue to use marijuana or hashish even though you thought it was causing you to have physical problems?



# OpenMx Function for MNI Testing (FIML)

**#function definition:**

```
nonInvar <- function(data, variableNames, moderatorNames, nFactors,  
testFactorMeans=NULL, testFactorVariances=NULL, testLoadings=NULL,  
testItemMeans=NULL, testItemVariances=NULL, useDeviations=T)
```

**#example use:**

```
vars <- c( 'ALCA1', 'ALCA2', 'ALCA3', 'ALCA4', 'ALCD1', 'ALCD3', 'ALCD4',  
'ALCD5', 'ALCD6', 'ALCD7')  
mods <- c('sex')
```

```
nsduhALC <- nonInvar(nsduh[,c(vars,mods)] , vars, mods, nFactors=1)  
nsduhALCFM <- nonInvar(nsduh[,c(vars,mods)] , vars, mods,  
nFactors=1, testFactorMeans=c(T) )
```



# Test of Factor Loading Invariance: Cannabis in NSDUH

Model	Npar	Comparison Model	Likelihood	df	AIC	diffLL	diffdf	p	Age Effect	Sex Effect
1. No Covariates (1f model)	20	NA	62514	78204	-93894	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2. Age/Sex on Factor Mean	22	1	62009	78202	-94395	505	2	<.0001	-3.85567	-0.09112
3. Age/Sex on Factor Variance	22	1	62480	78202	-93924	33.84	2	<.0001	0.70624	0.40302
4. Age/Sex on Factor Mean and Variance	24	1	61893	78200	-94507	620.4	4	<.0001		
5. Age/Sex on Mean and Loadings	42	4	61801	78182	-94563	92.34	18	<.0001		
6. Age/Sex on Thresholds and Factor Variance	42	4	61802	78182	-94562	91.2	18	<.0001		



# Test of Item Mean Invariance: Cannabis in NSDUH

Model	Npar	Comparison Model	Likelihood	df	AIC	diffLL	diffdf	p	Age Effect	Sex Effect
1. No Covariates (1f model)	20	NA	62514	78204	-93894	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
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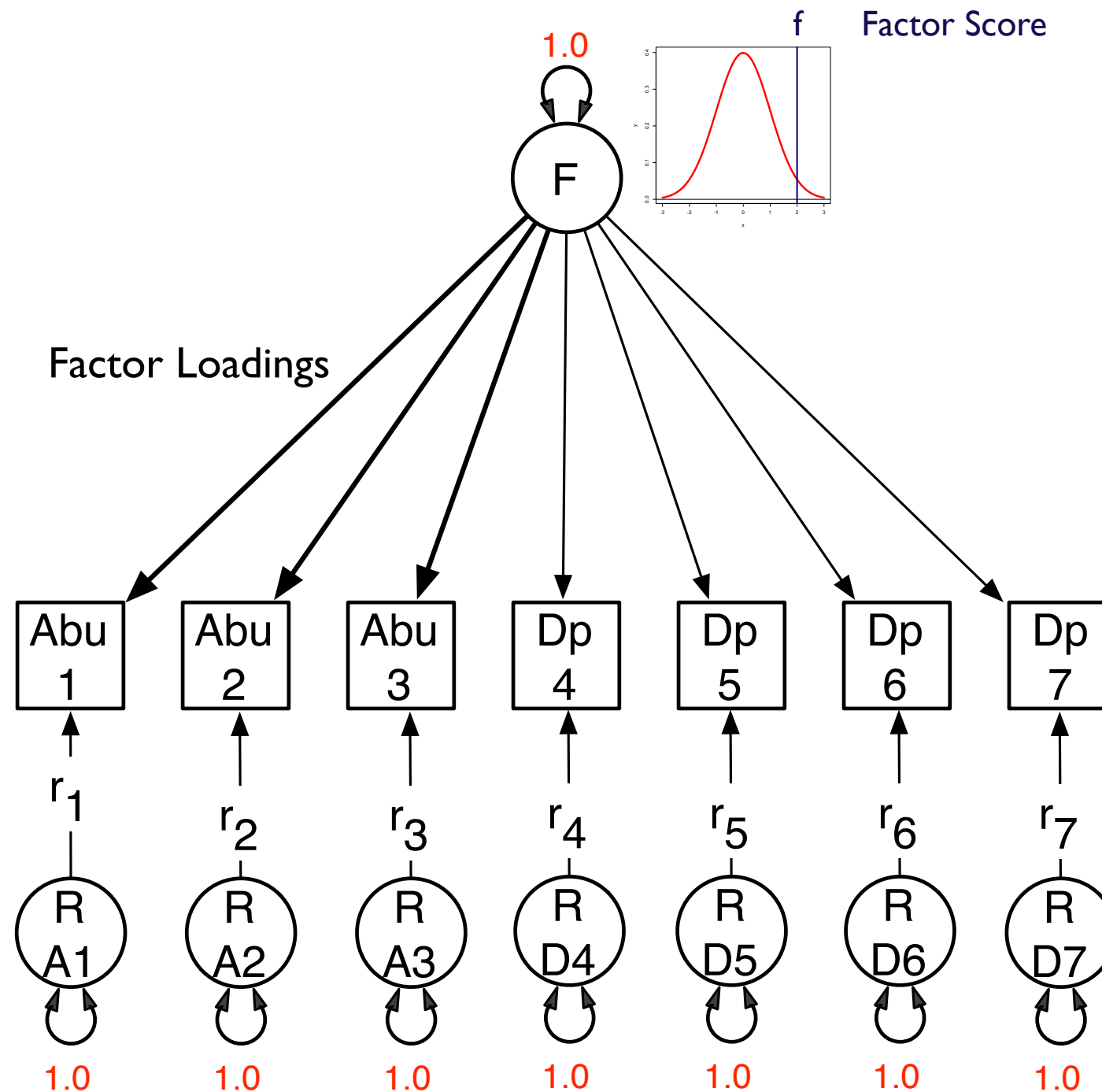
# -2lnL Likelihood Ratio Test Statistics: Marijuana Item Means & Factor Loadings

	Sex		Age		
	2.51	0.46	18.48	2.7	MRJA1
	0.36	1.04	1.64	0.31	MRJA2
	26.06	-0.07	7.26	2.47	MRJA3
	0.3	1.47	13.05	0.31	MRJA4
	1.5	-0.46	10.57	10.3	MRJD1
	-0.06	0.23	23.26	3.88	MRJD3
	10.41	10.79	6.33	-0.06	MRJD4
	25.49	25.05	0.42	0.05	MRJD5
	0.32	-0.12	13.21	18.91	MRJD6
	30.86	24.59	22.85	7.66	MRJD7
	IM_sex	FL_sex	IM_age	FL_age	

Work  
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 Law  
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 PhysProb

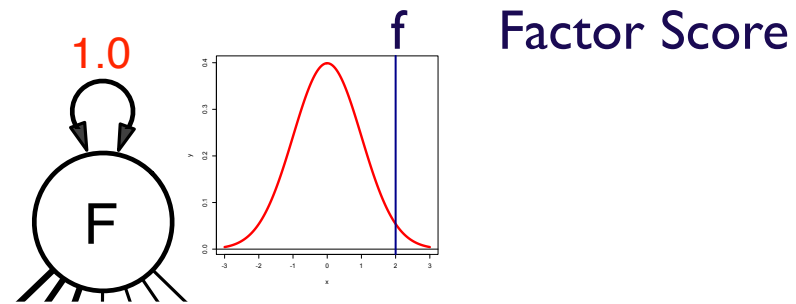


# Estimating Factor Scores



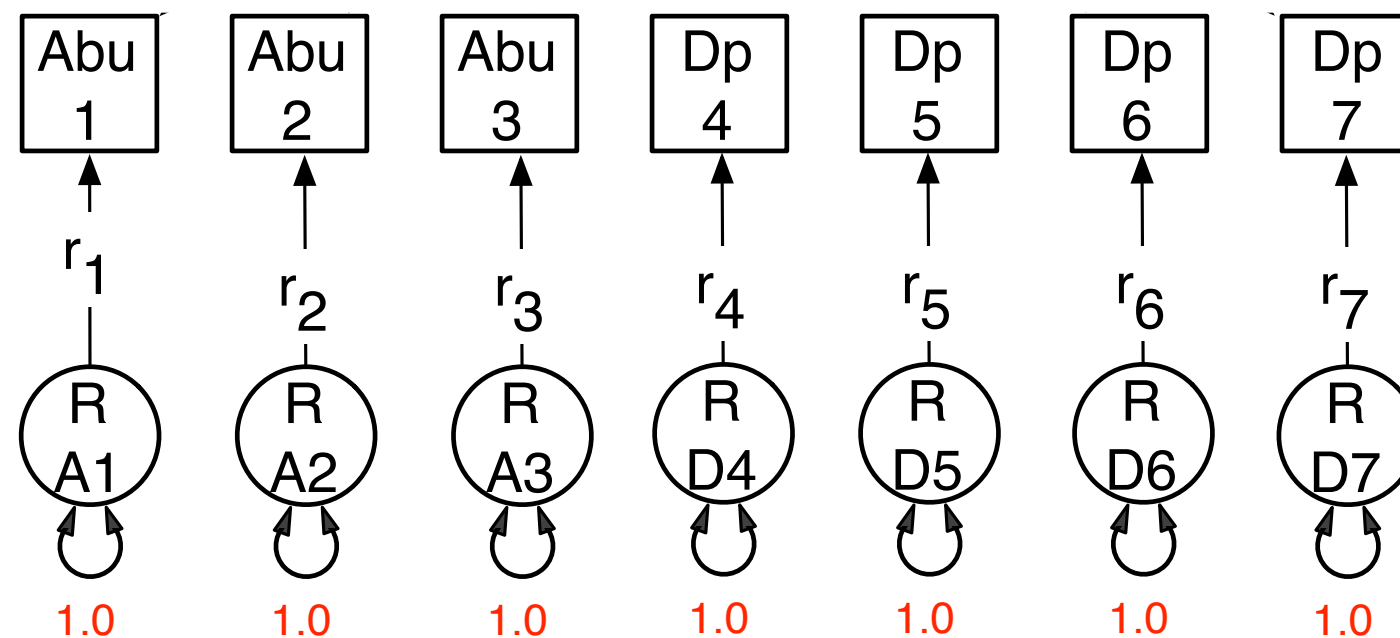


# ML Estimation of Factor Scores



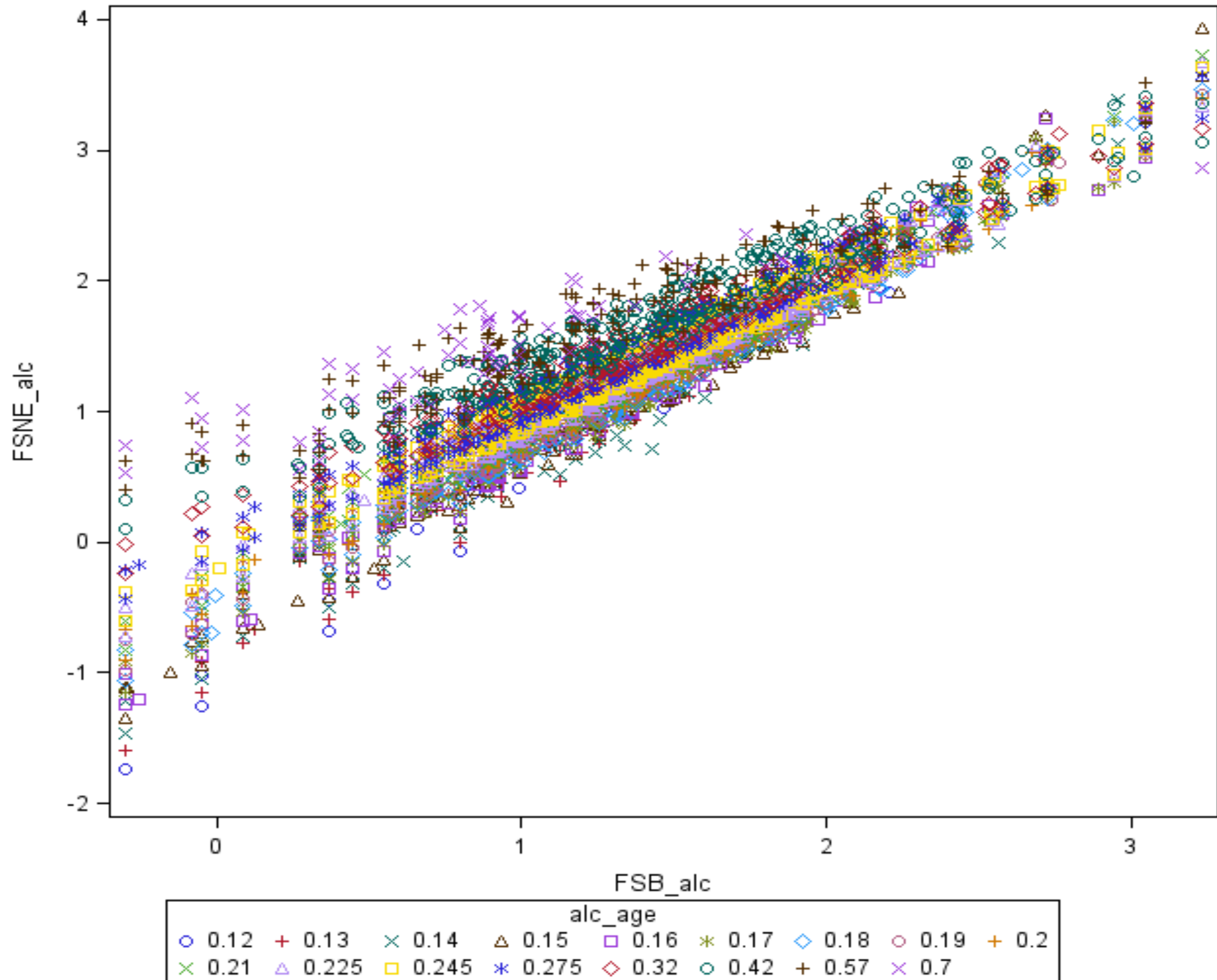
Factor Score \* Likelihood of items conditional on factor score

Items independent conditional on factor score:  
Means and variances change according to size of factor loadings



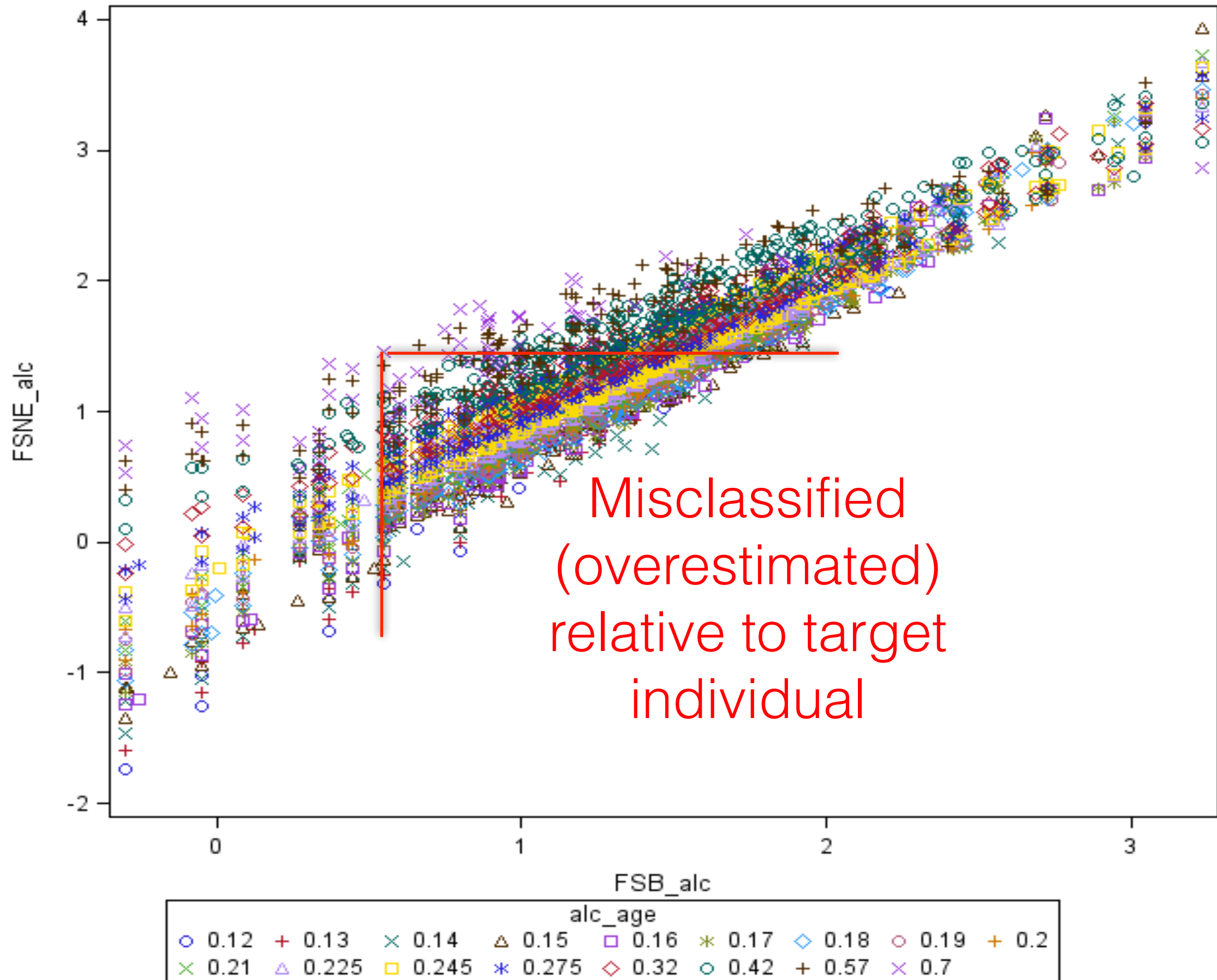


Comparison Plot of Base and MNIE Adjusted Alcohol Problem Factor Scores (Age)





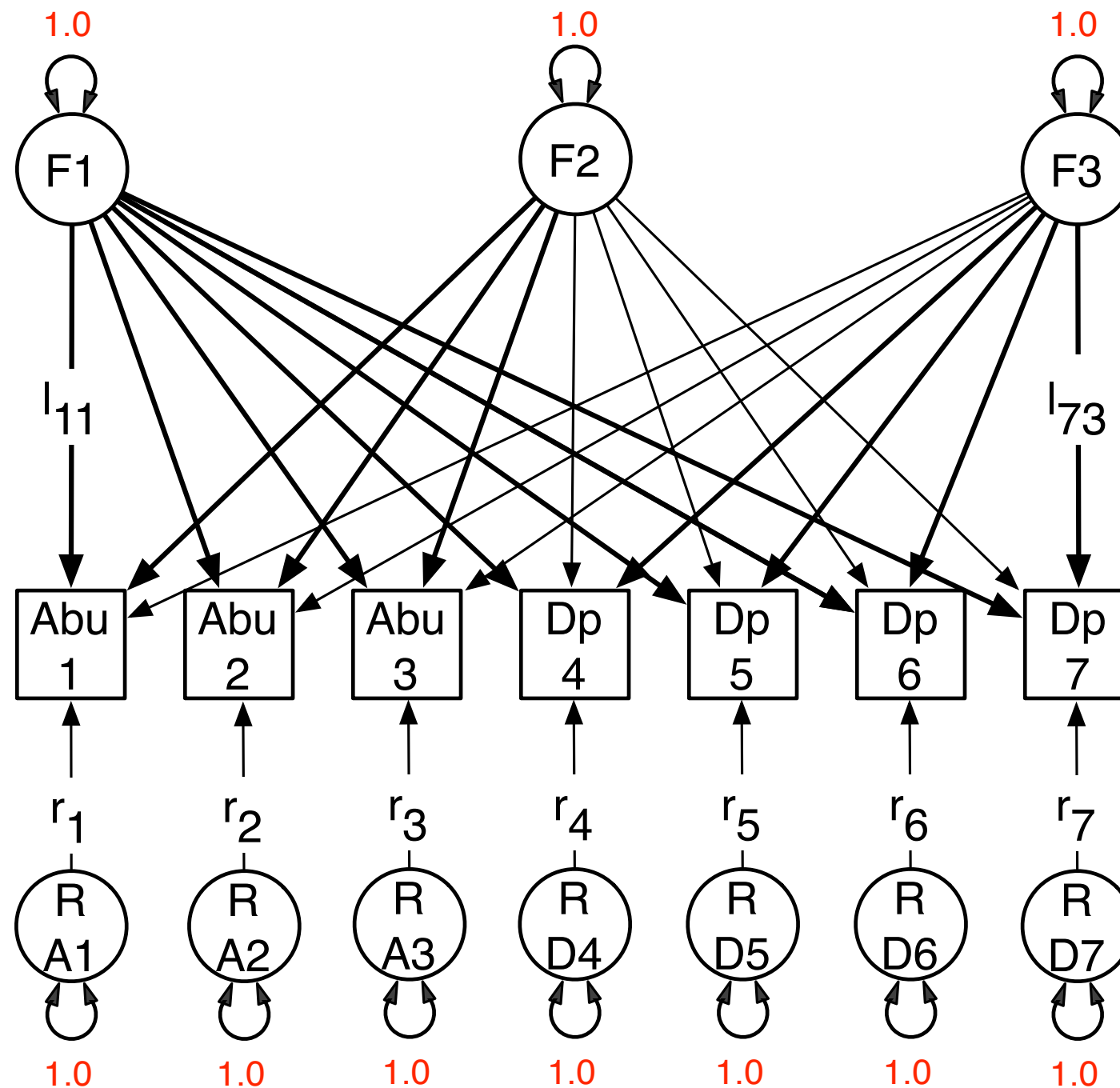
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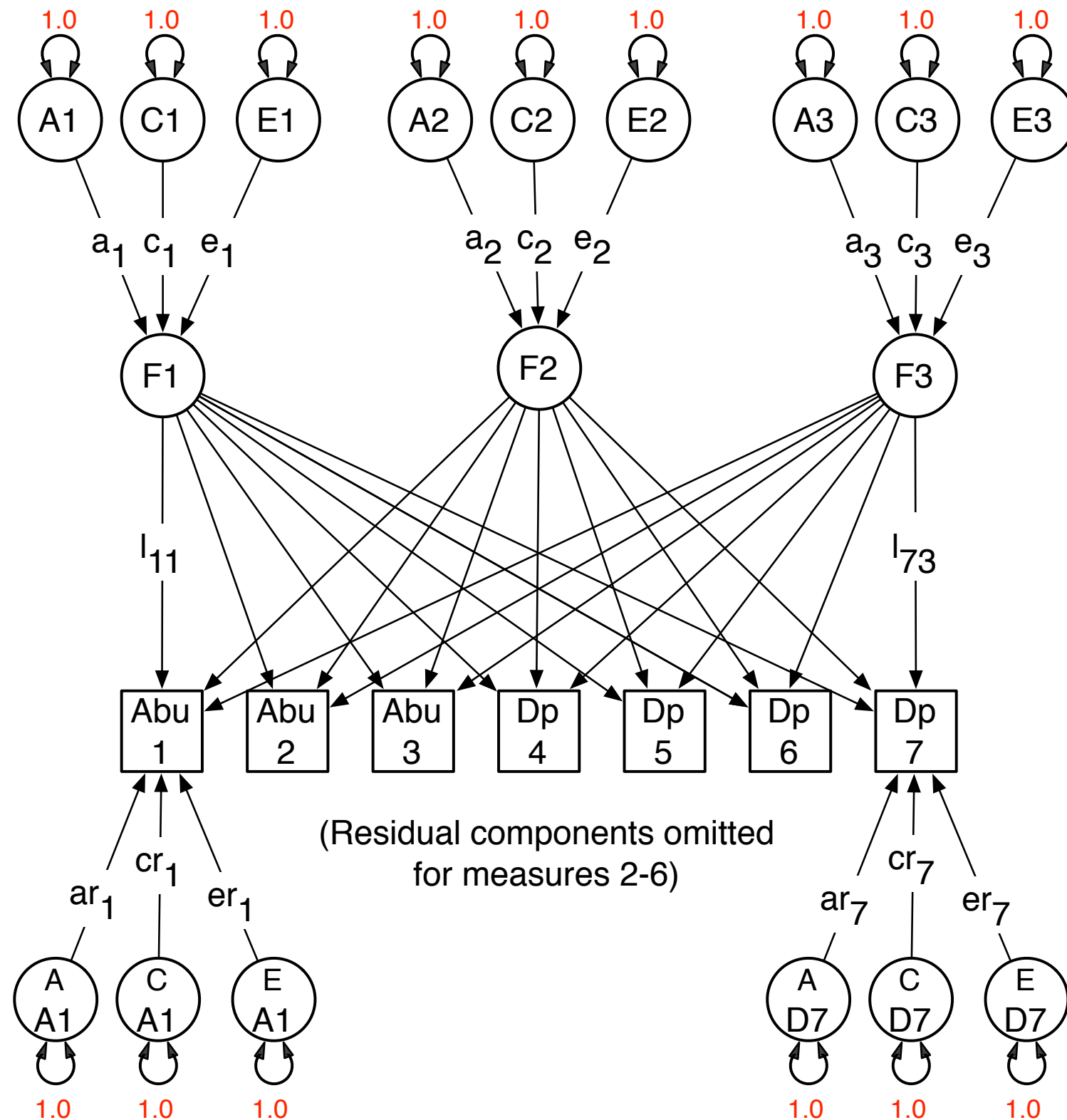
# Multiple Factor Model

## Beware Rotation



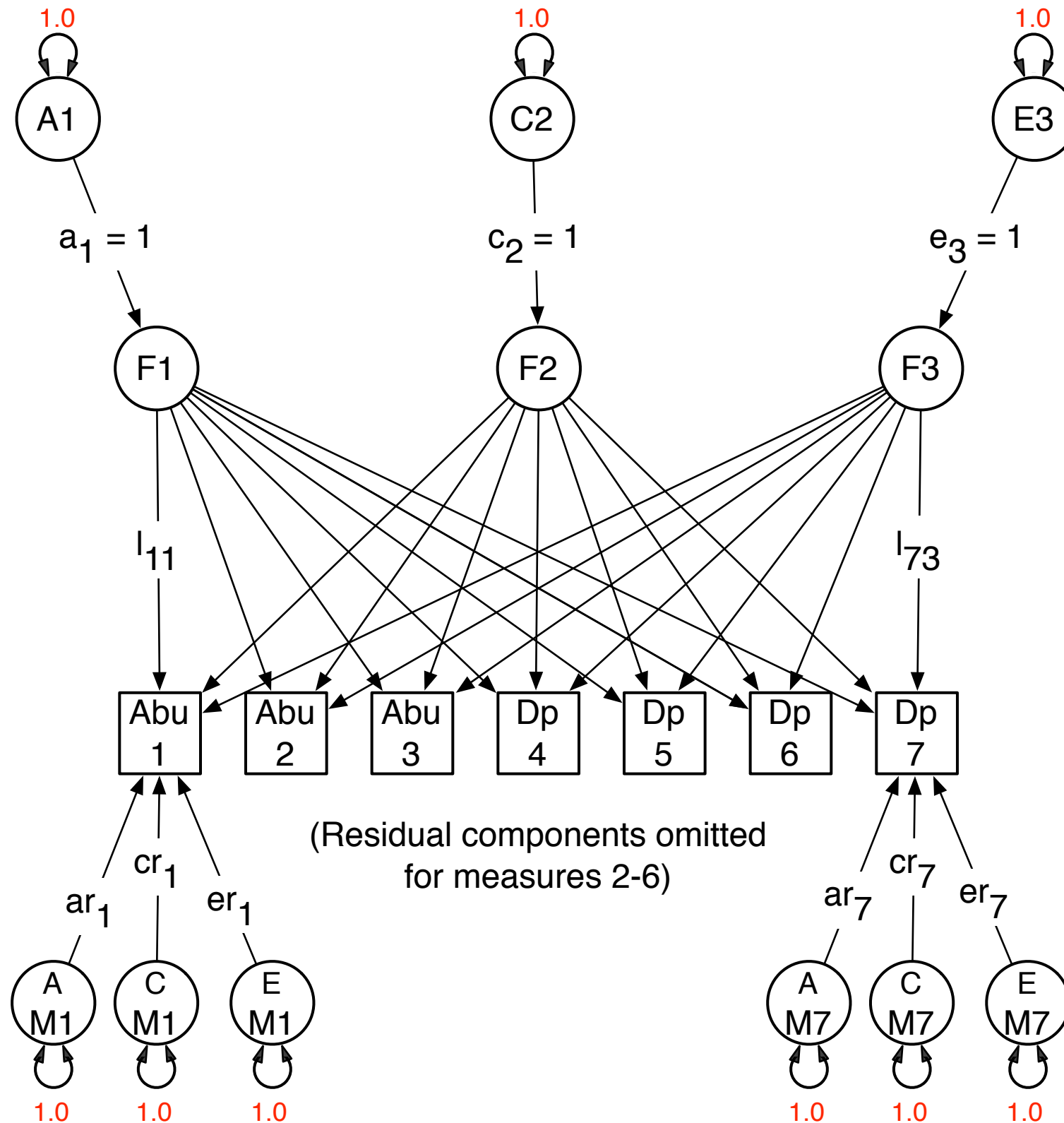


# Genetic and Environmental Factors: Common Pathway Model





# Genetic and Environmental Factors: Independent Pathway Model





# Application

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## **ORIGINAL ARTICLE**

### **Association between glutamic acid decarboxylase genes and anxiety disorders, major depression, and neuroticism**

JM Hettema, SS An, MC Neale, J Bukszar, EJCG van den Oord, KS Kendler and X Chen

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- Used genetic factor scores to select extreme groups
- Found significant association
- Step right up - everyone's a winner



# Factor Score Notes

- Factor scores do not all have same error variance
- Factor scores of A, C & E components may correlate highly
- Latent trait may be non-normal (Schmitt et al 2006 Multiv Behav Res)
- Factor loadings (precision) may vary across the distribution and give spurious GxE results
- Variation may be discrete not continuous



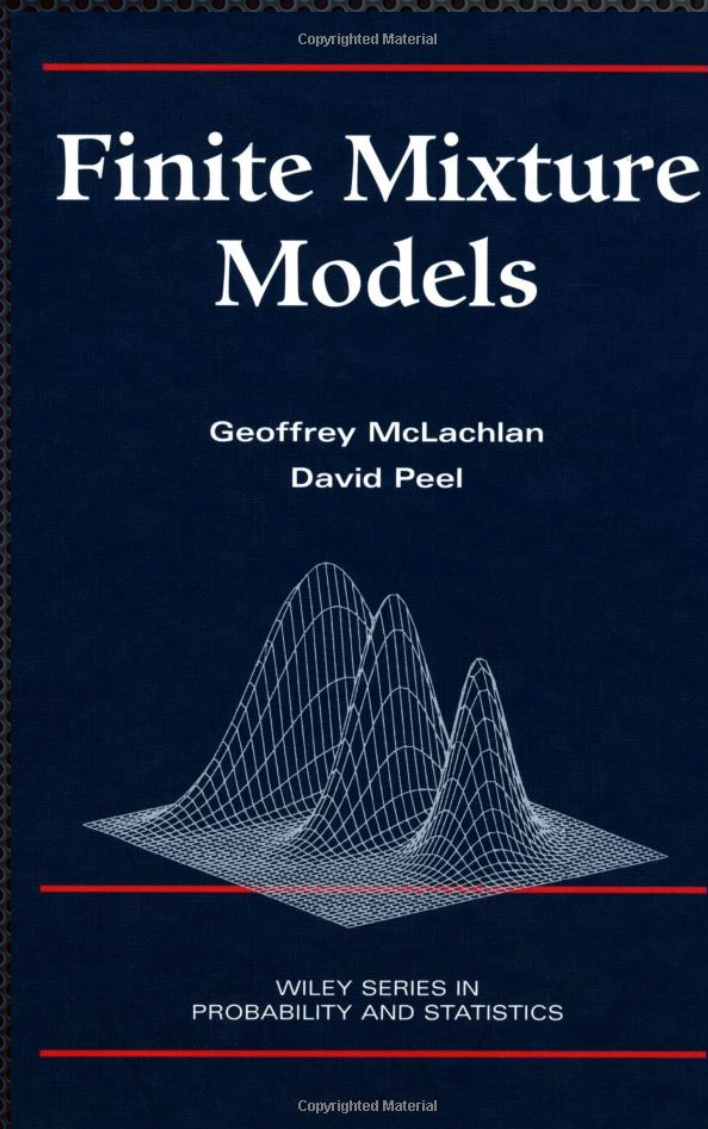
# What if Variation is Discrete?

- Latent Class and Latent Profile Models
- Factor Mixture Models
- Latent Growth Curve Mixture Models
- Regime Switching



# Mixture Distributions

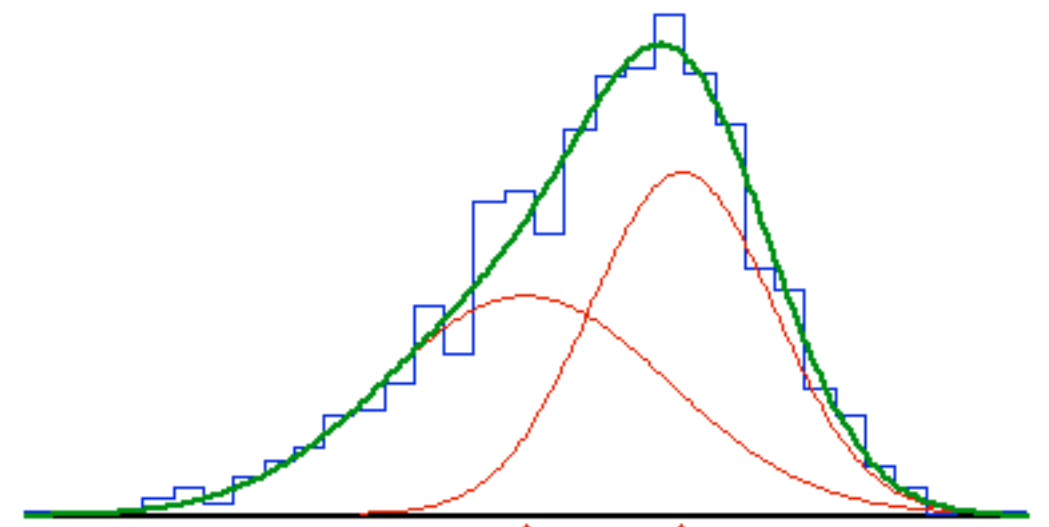
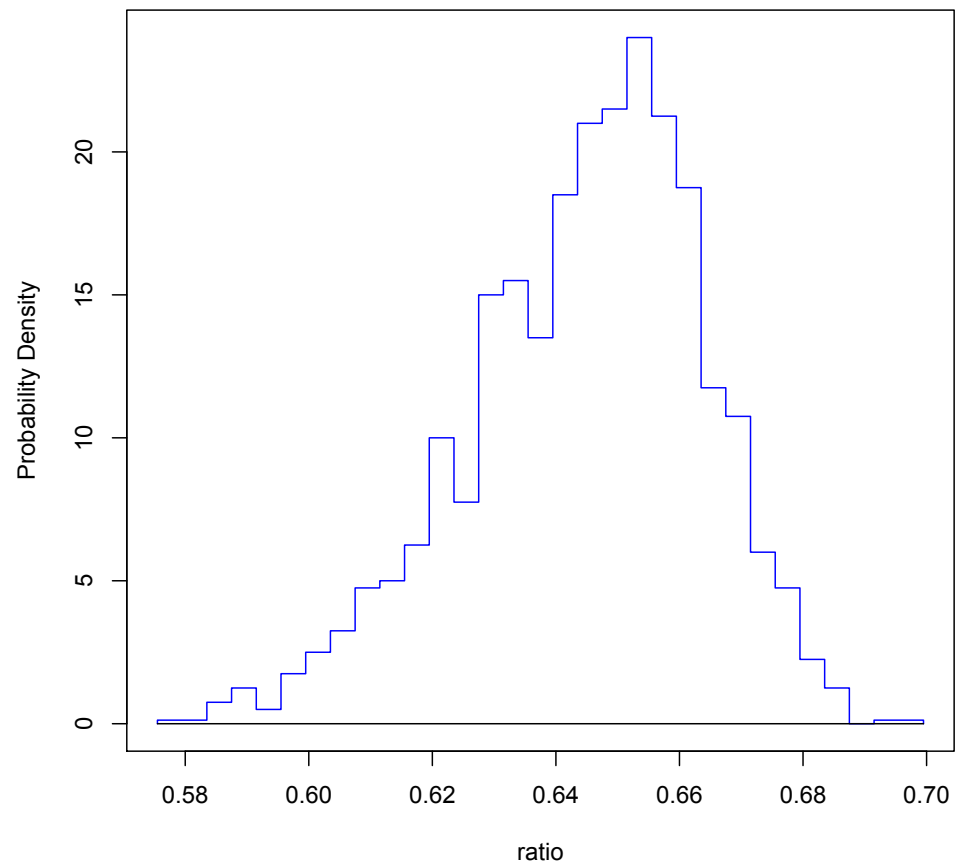
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- Skewness in a set of measurements of the ratio of forehead to body length of crabs
- Two species or one?



# Data & Model

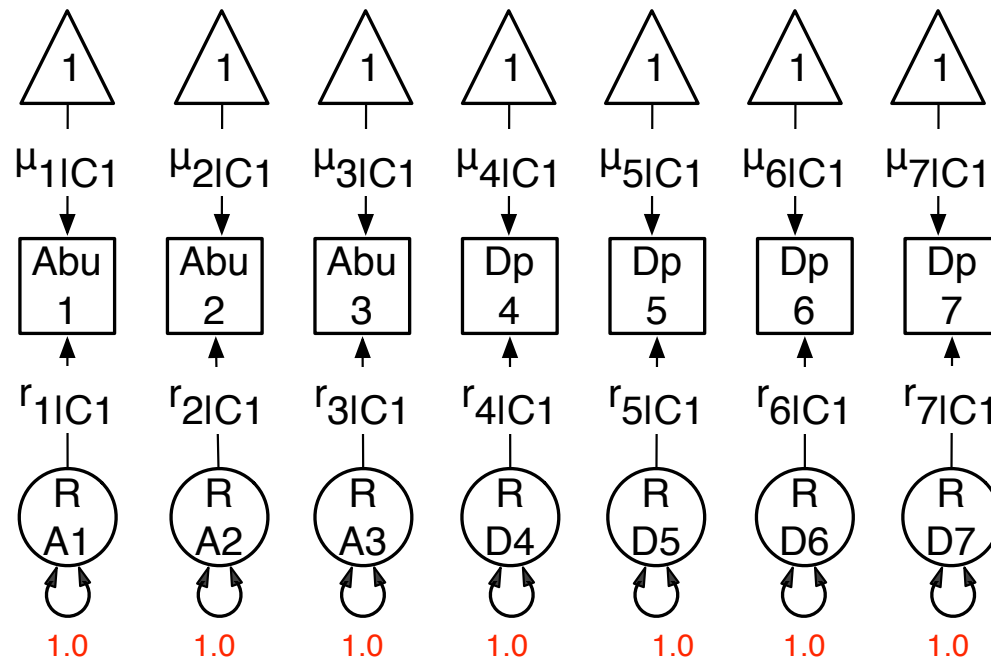


Plot #012 Data: Pearson's crabs Components: Normal



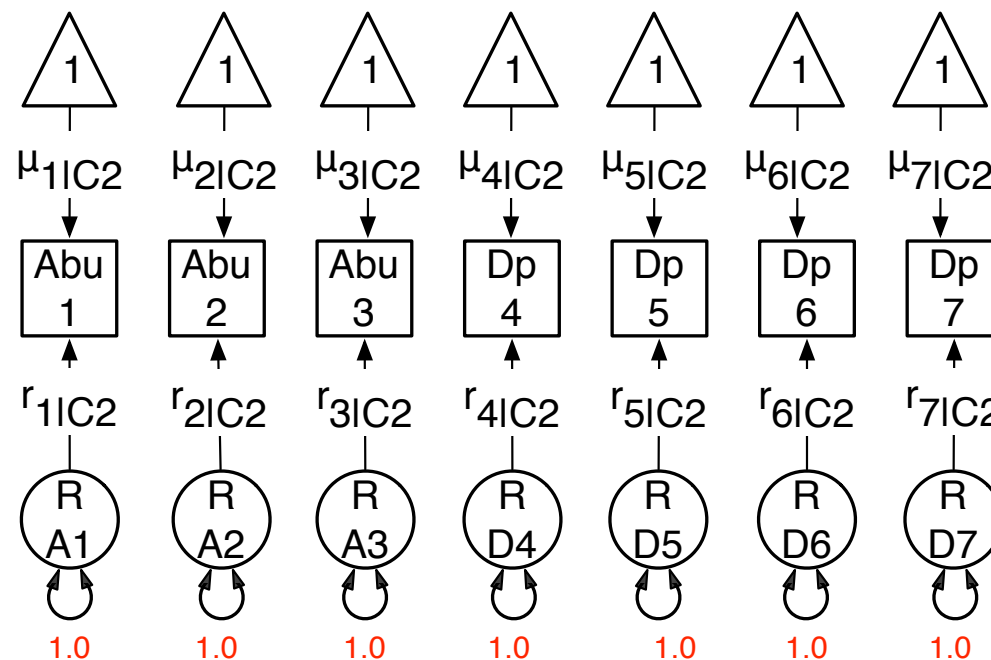
# Latent Class (Subgroup)

Class 1  
probability  
 $p$



Conditionally  
Independent?!

Class 2  
probability  
 $(1-p)$



Expensive!

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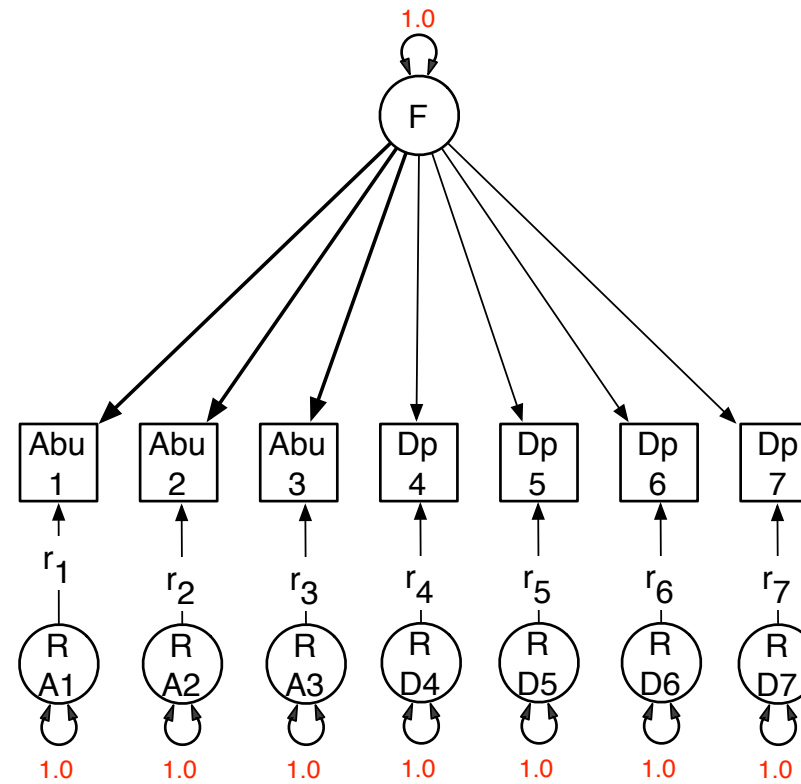
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Variable Models

Jeannie-Marie S. Leoutsakos, PhD, MHS<sup>1</sup>, Peter P. Zandi, PhD, MHS<sup>2</sup>, Karen Bandeen-Roche,  
PhD<sup>3</sup>, and Constantine G. Lyketsos, MD, MHS<sup>1,2</sup>

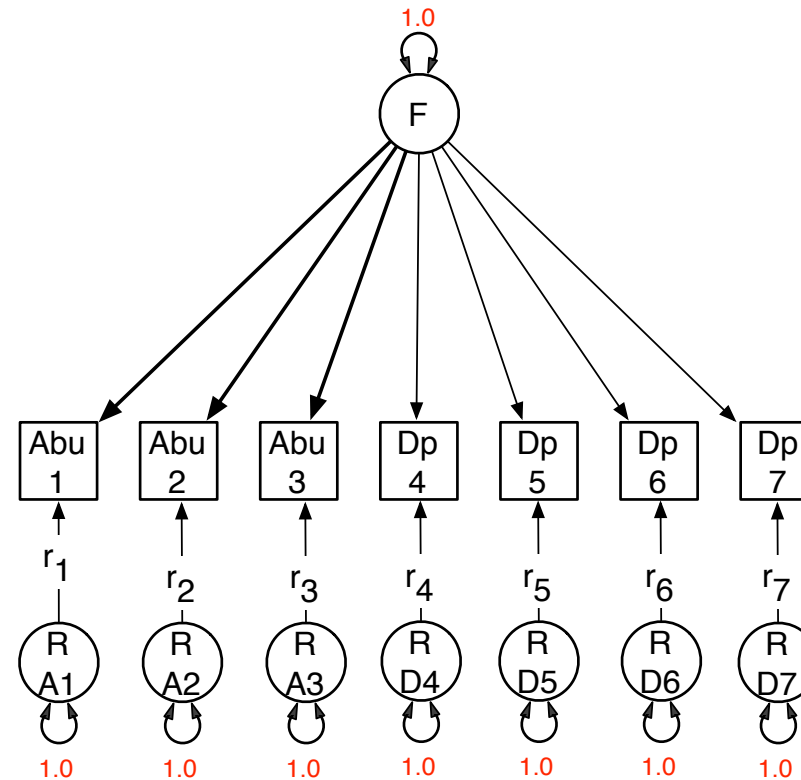


# Factor Mixture Model

Class 1  
probability  
 $p$



Class 2  
probability  
 $(1-p)$

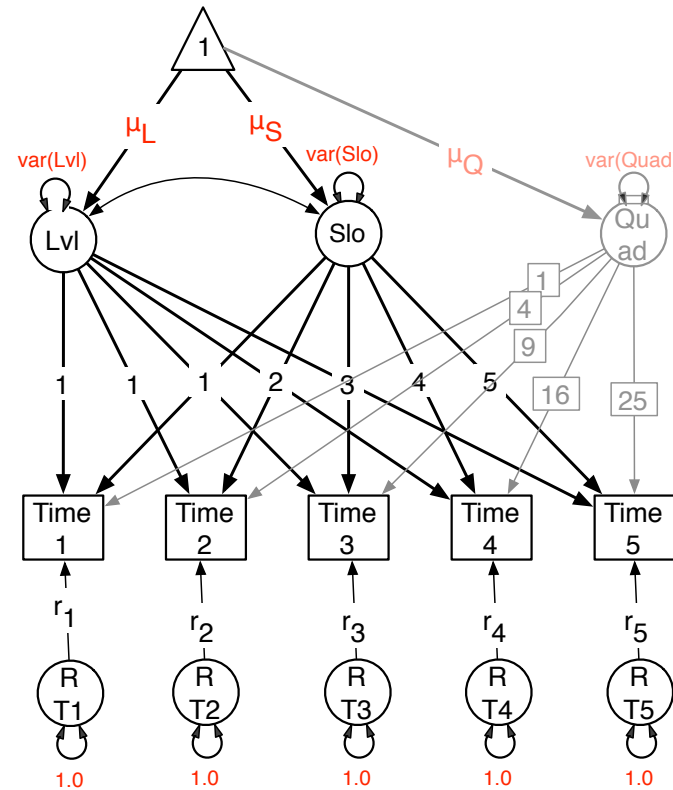


Very  
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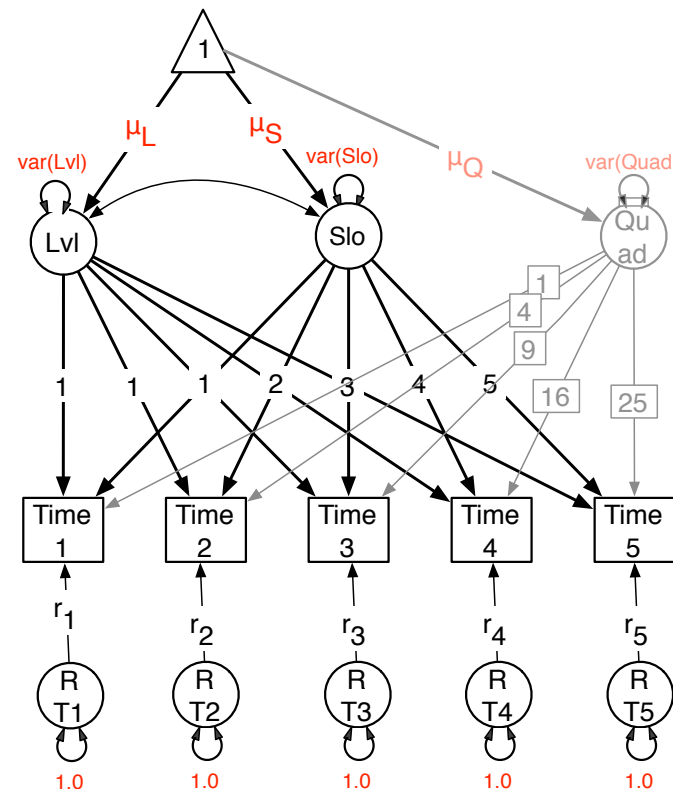


# Growth Curve Mixture

Class 1  
probability  
 $p$

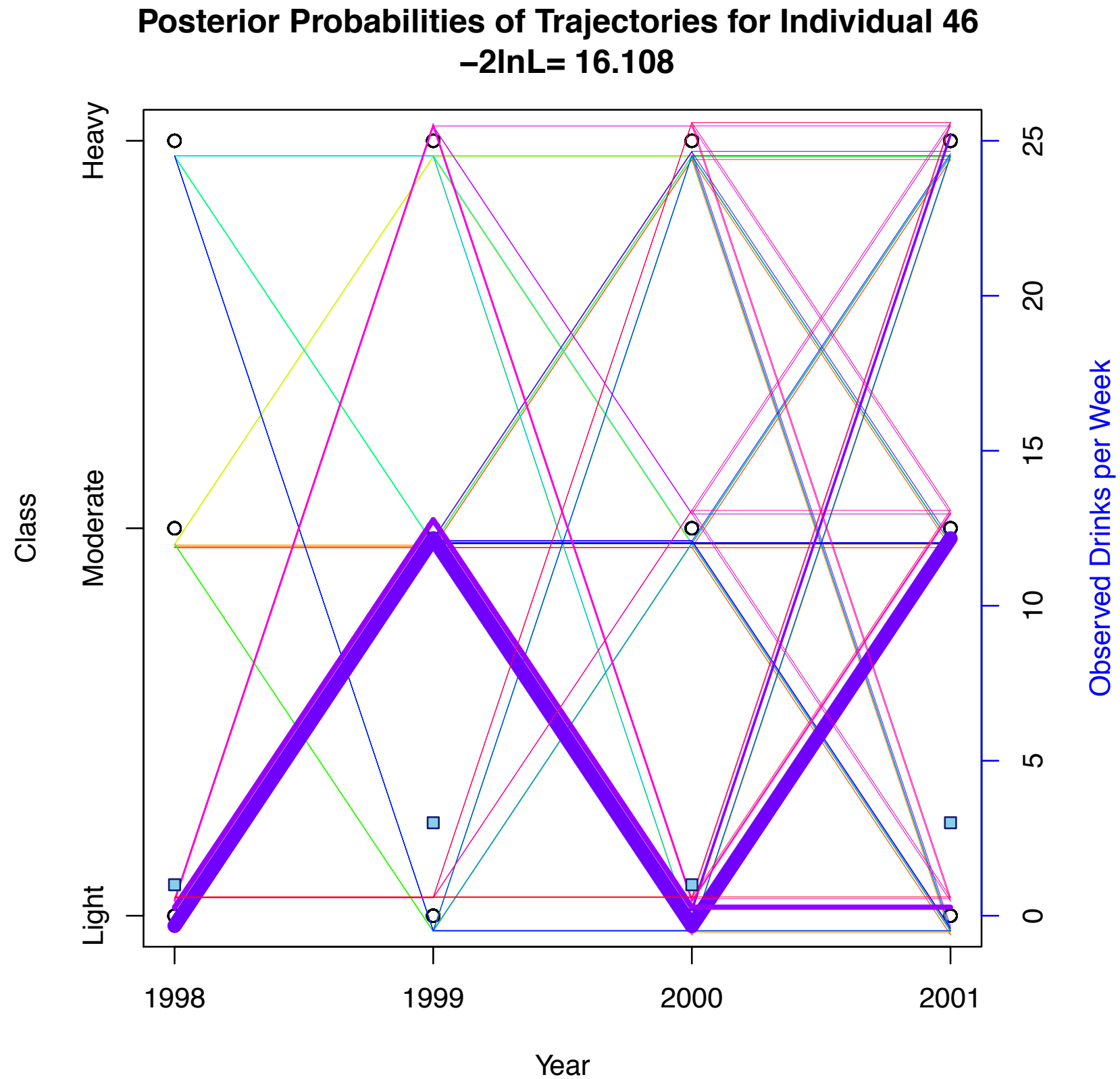


Class 2  
probability  
 $(1-p)$



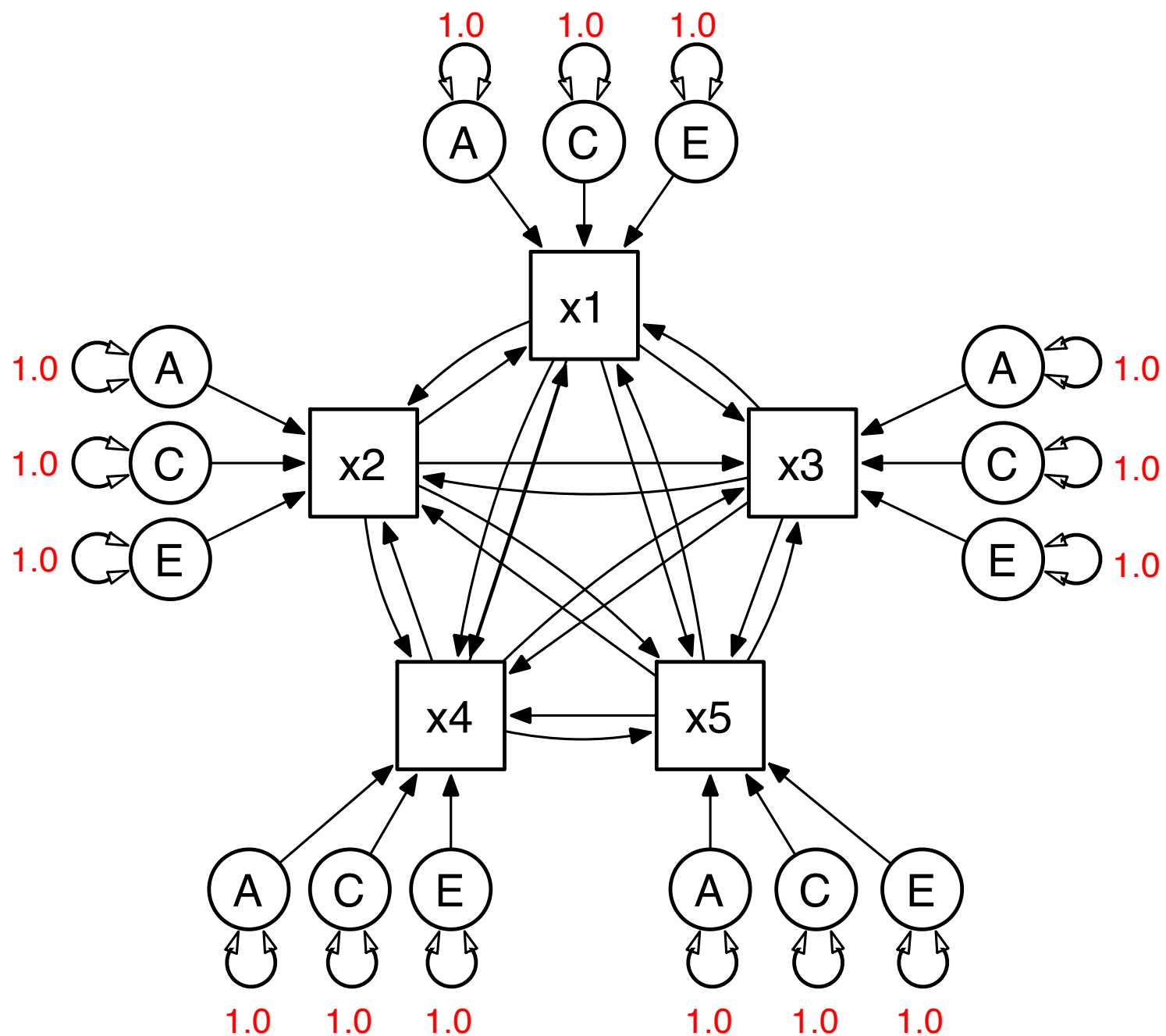


# Regime Switching Model





# No Latent Variables Model (Mutualism)





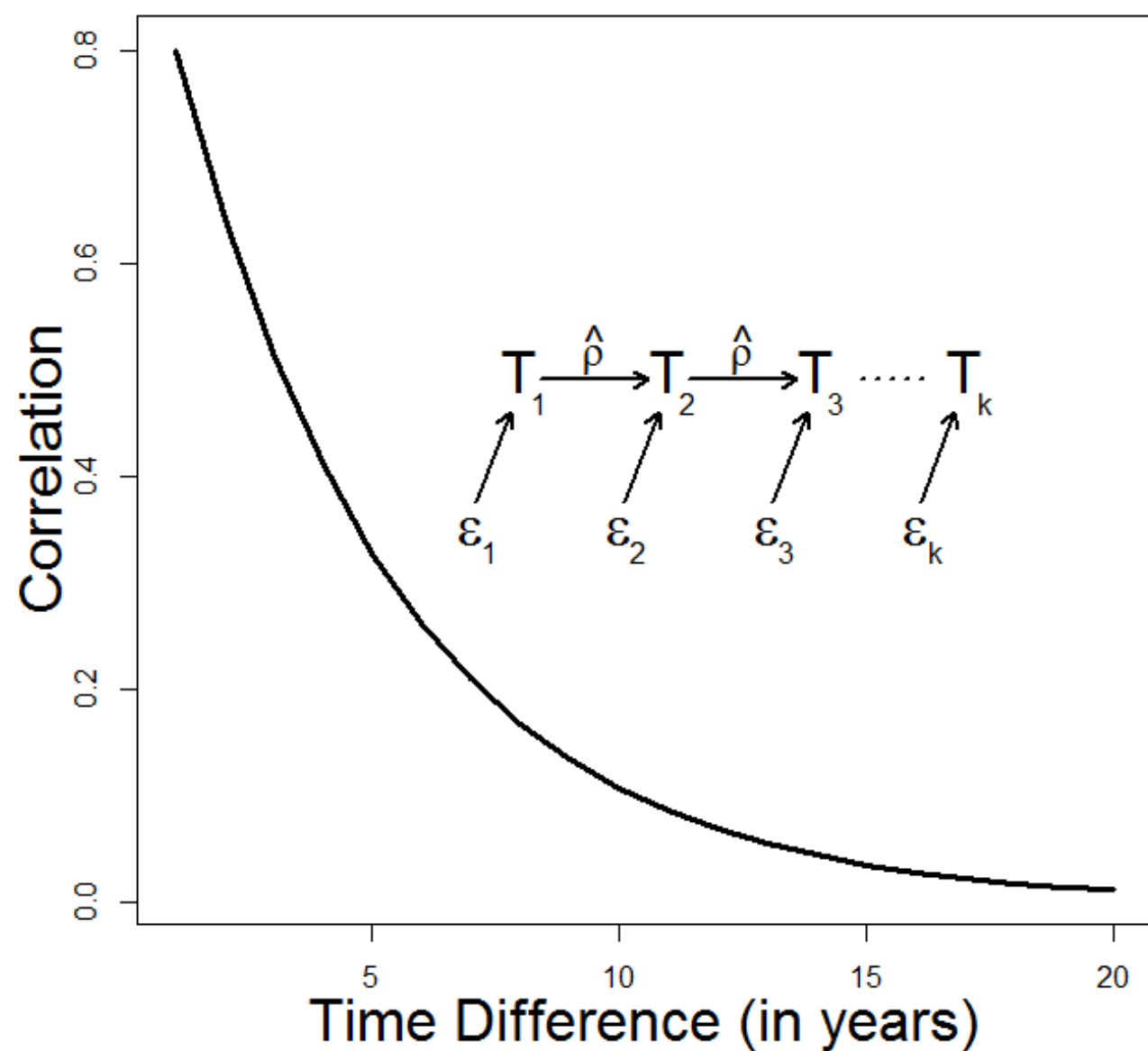
# Genetic Heterogeneity

- Genetic factors change during development
- Height
- Neuroticism
- Detection



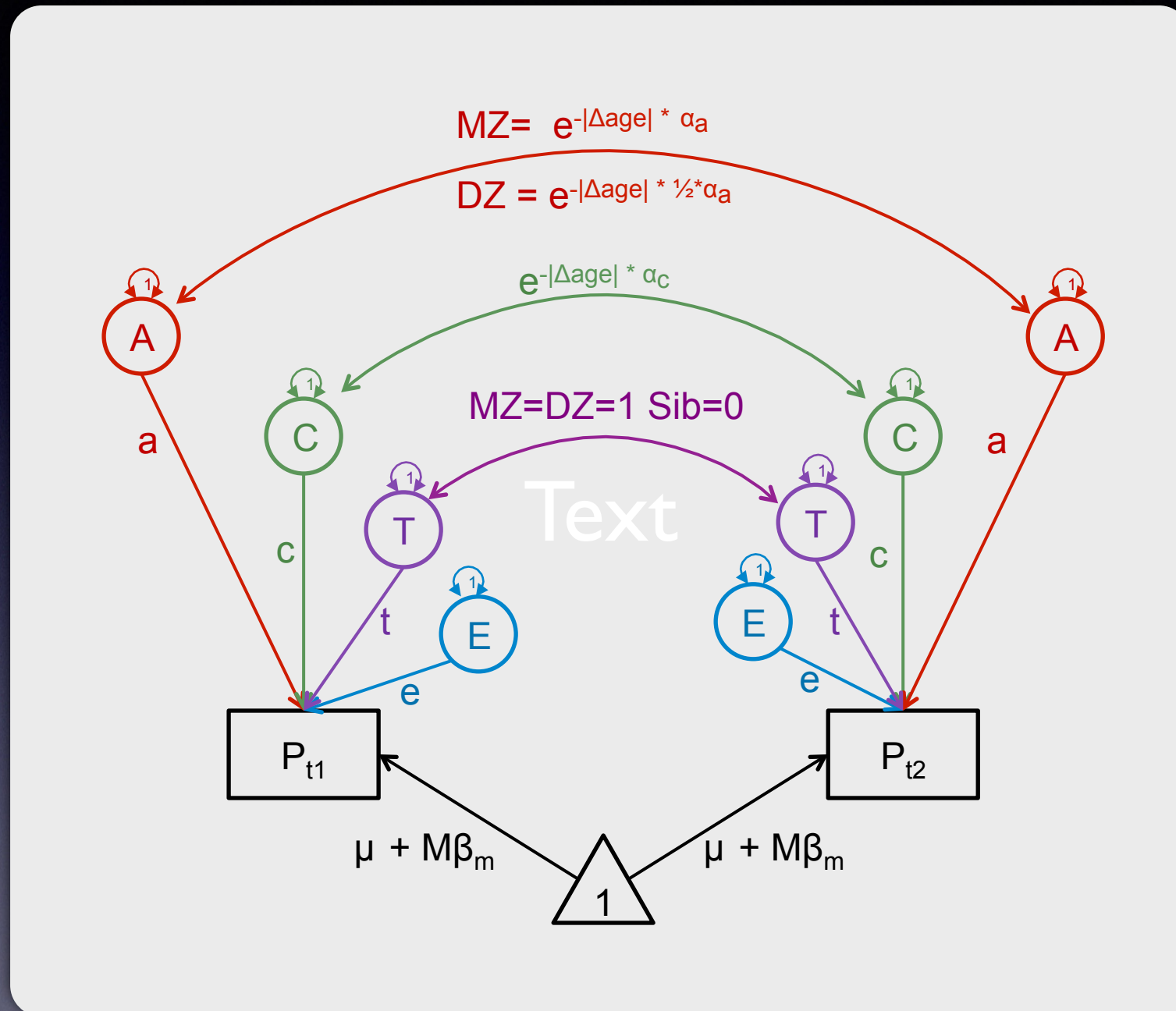
# Different age, different genes?

The Decay in the Correlation over Time





# Verhulst, Eaves & Neale

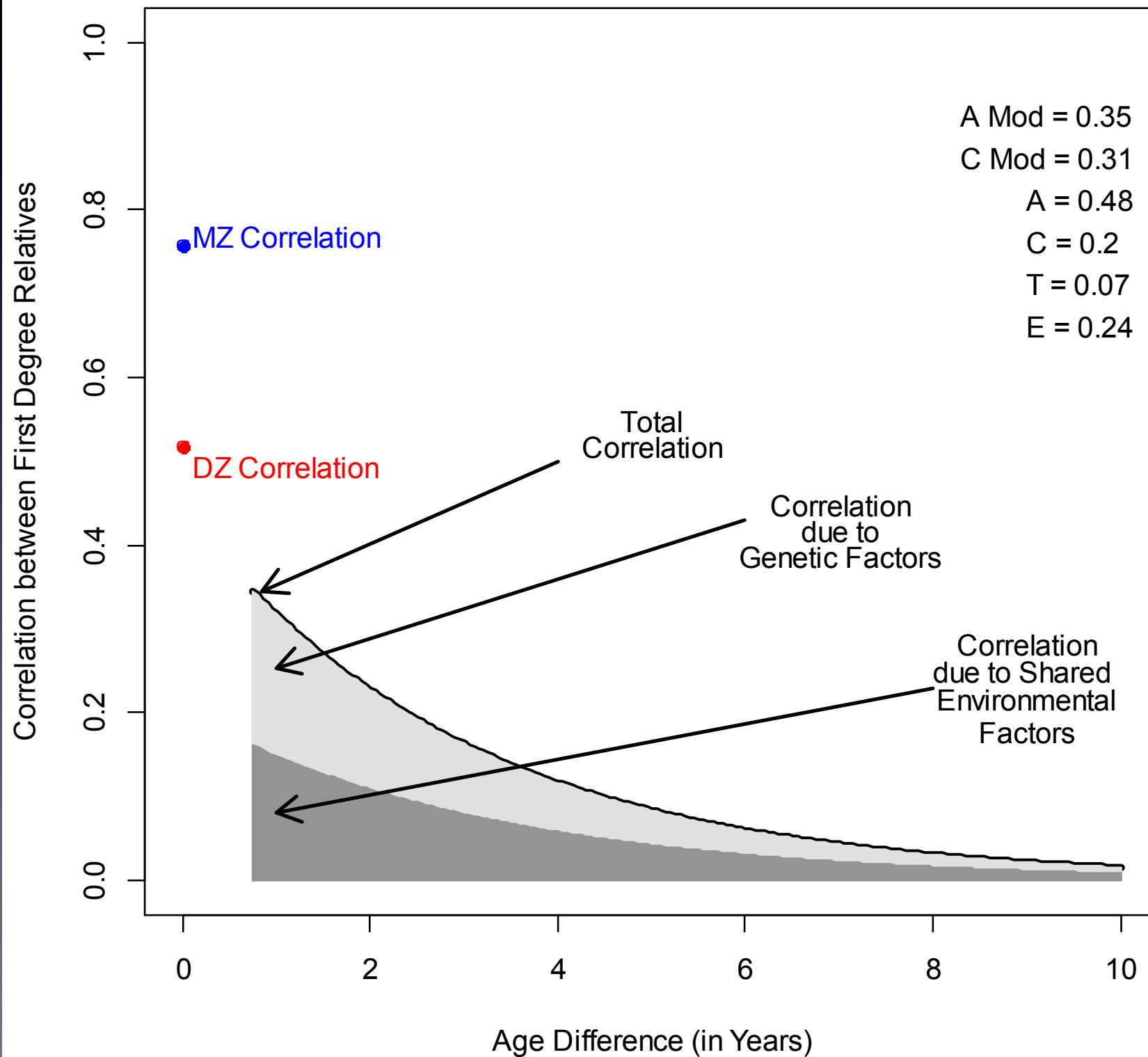


$$Cov = A_{cov} * e^{-|\Delta age|} \alpha_a + C_{cov} * e^{-|\Delta age|} \alpha_c + T_{cov}$$



# Verhulst, Eaves & Neale

The Decay in the Correlation between First Degree Relatives as a Function of Age Difference





# Care with Ascertainment

- Factor Analysis in Cases
- Latent Class Analysis in Cases
- Selection for Case Status
- Selection of (Super) Controls
- All the above can give very different results



# Summary

- Measurement of complex traits is complex
- Measurement invariance desirable
- ML factor scores good start
- Mixture distribution models should be tested
- Choose your study participants carefully
- Analyze what you measure, and measure well what you analyze