

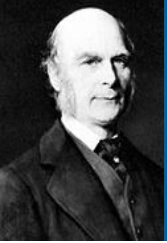
Genetic correlation and LD Score Regression

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Twin and family studies



RATE OF REGRESSION IN HEREDITARY STATURE.
Fig. (a)

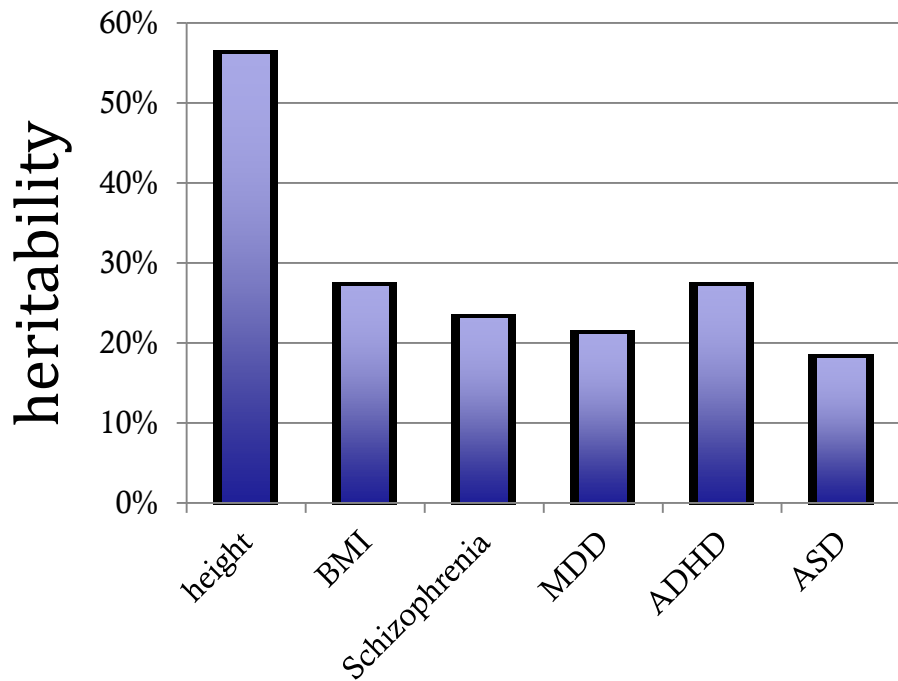
• Relatives are more similar

Meta-analysis of the heritability of human traits based on fifty years of twin studies

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Average estimate of heritability 49%
69% of twin studies support a purely additive genetic model

GREML/GCTA



- Use estimated genetic similarity

REPORT

GCTA: A Tool for Genome-wide Complex Trait Analysis

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Common SNPs explain a large proportion of the heritability for human height

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ARTICLE

Estimating Missing Heritability for Disease from Genome-wide Association Studies

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LD Score regression



With thanks



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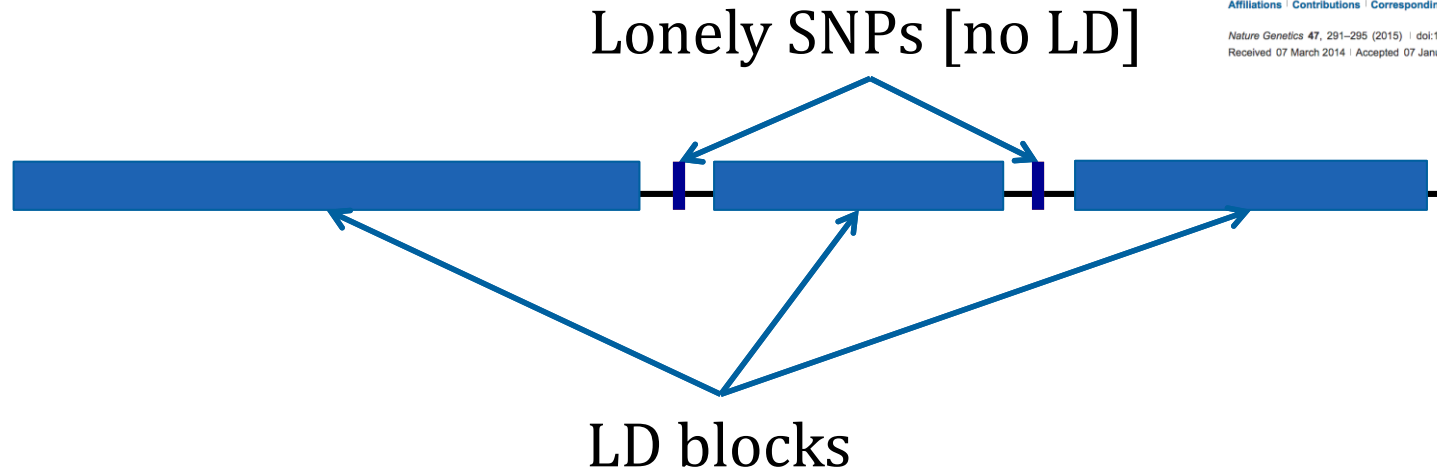


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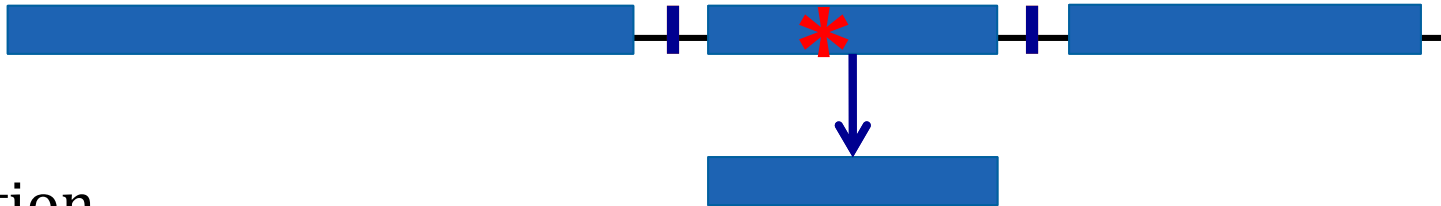
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All markers correlated with a causal variant show association

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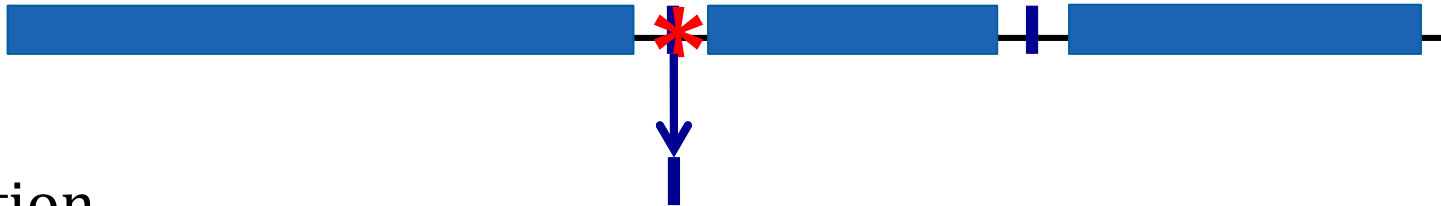
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Association

Lonely SNPs only show association if they are causal

What happens under polygenicity?



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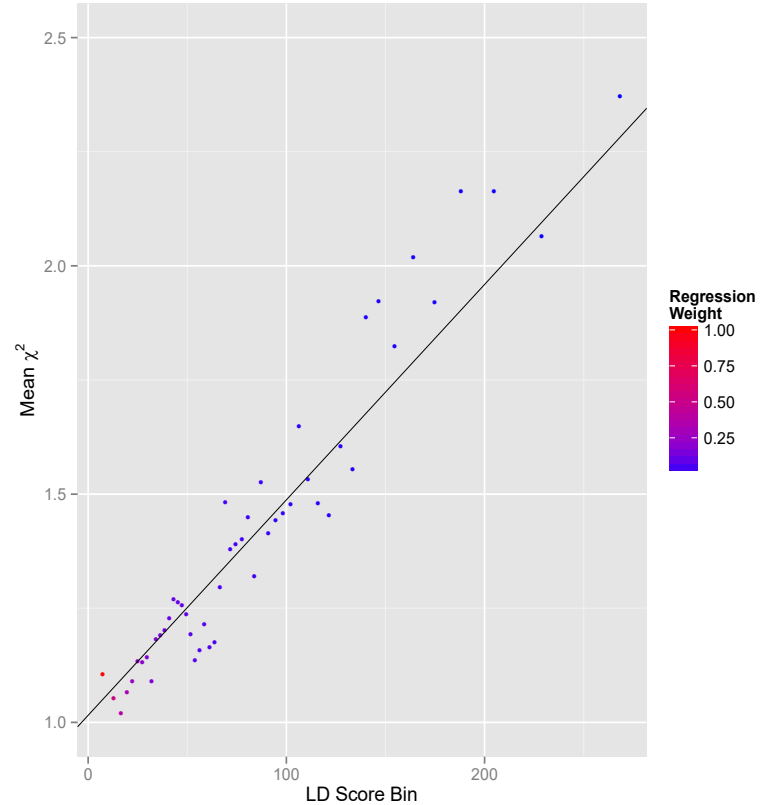
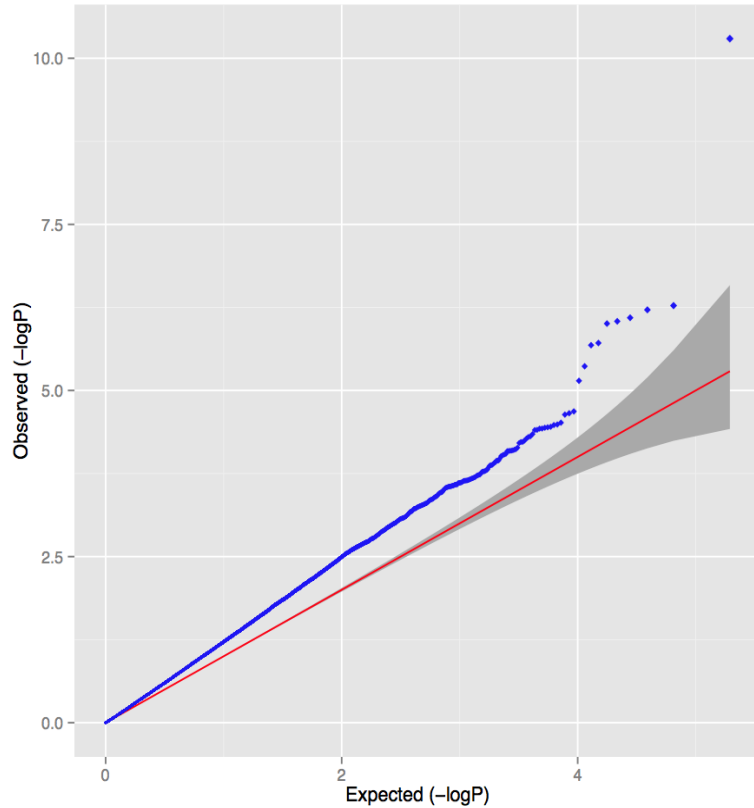


Assuming a uniform prior, we see SNPs with more LD friends showing more association

The more you tag, the more likely you are to tag a causal variant

Simulated polygenic architecture

Lambda = 1.30 LD score intercept = 1.02



What happens under stratification?



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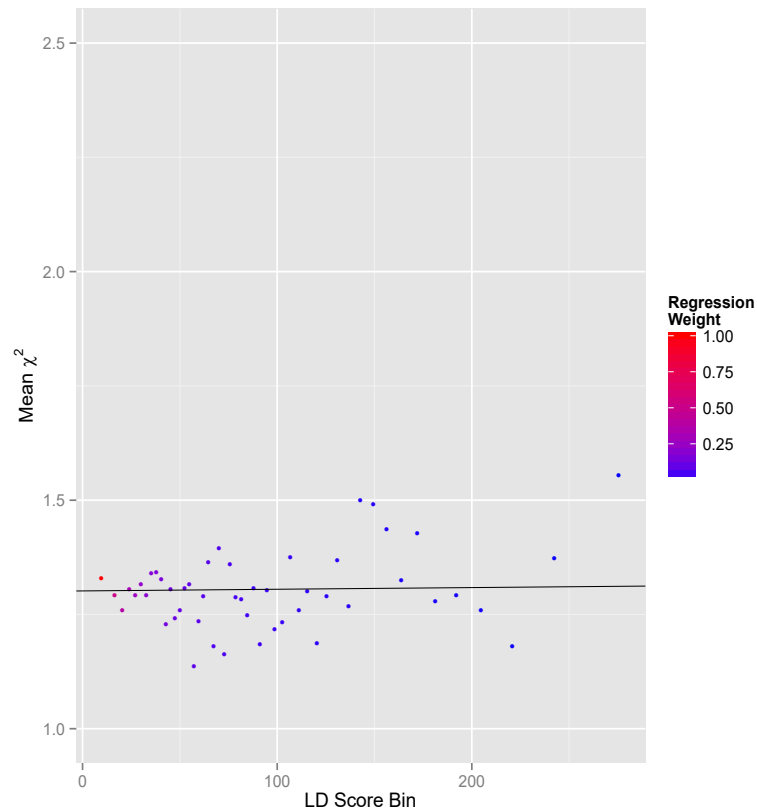
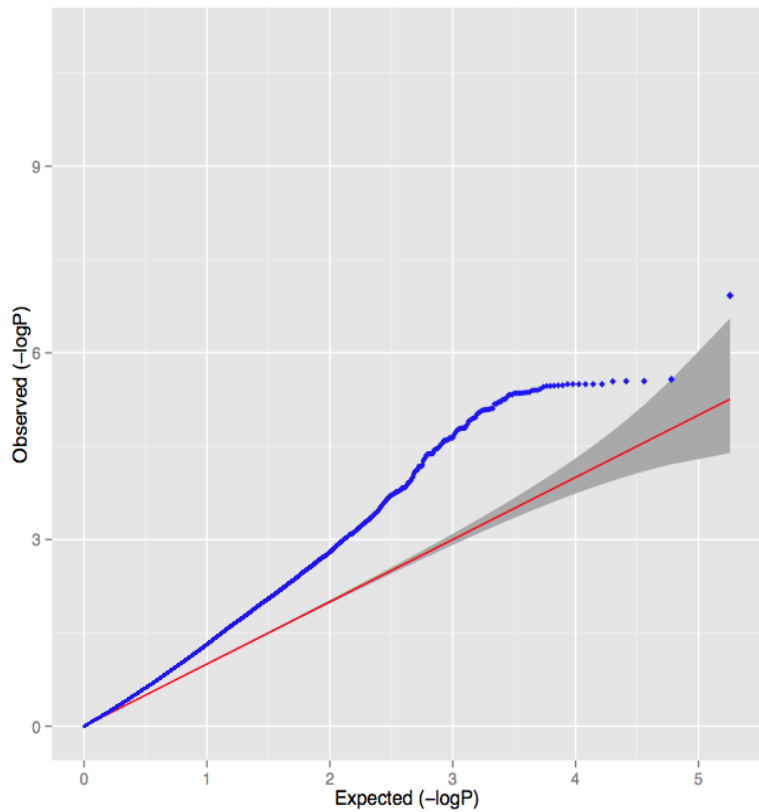
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Under pure drift we expect LD to have no relationship to differences in allele frequencies between populations

UK controls versus Sweden controls

Lambda = 1.30 LD score intercept = 1.32



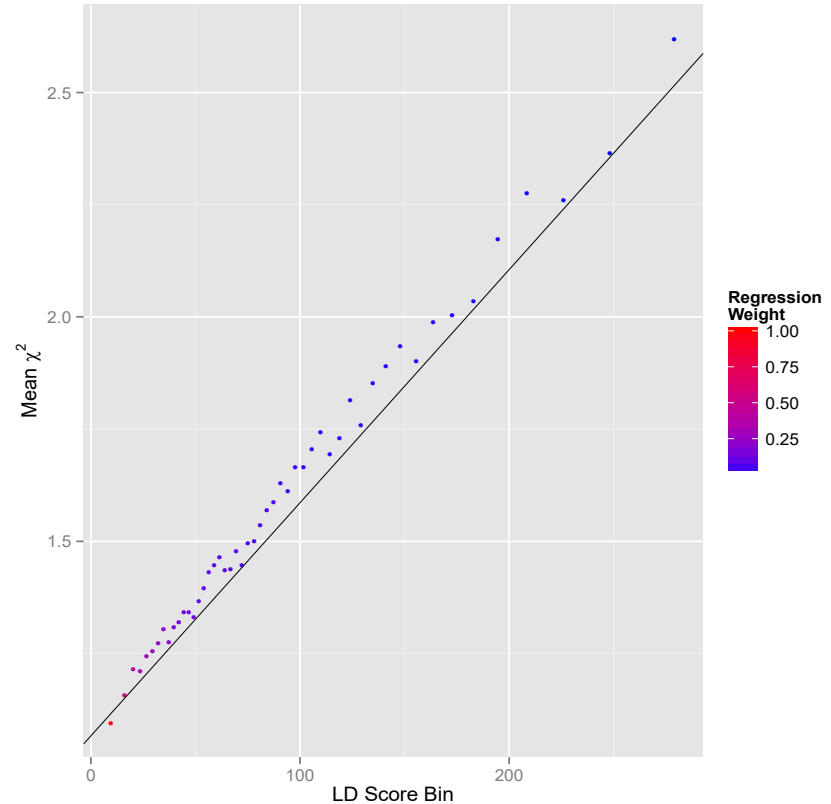
PGC Schizophrenia

Lambda = 1.48

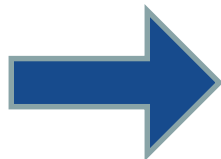
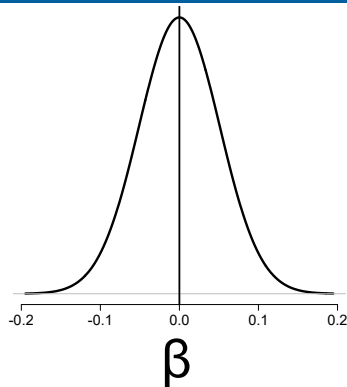
Intercept = 1.06

Slope p -value $< 10^{-300}$

Overwhelming majority of
inflation is consistent with
polygenic architecture



LD Score regression



Draw polygenic effects from $N(0, n/m^2)$, var =



What is the $E[\chi^2]$ for variant j ?

$$E[\chi_j^2] = 1 + Na + \frac{h_g^2 N}{M} l_j$$

New estimator of heritability

where N =sample size, M =# of SNPs, a =inflation due to confounding, h_g^2 is heritability (total obs.) and l_j is the *LD Score*

$$l_j = \sum_{k \neq j} r_{jk}^2$$



Questions for the audience



- What are the model assumptions?
- What are ways we can relax some of those assumptions?



Analysis of UK Biobank

GWAS of UK Biobank



Download
and
decryption



Sam Bryant



Software
development



Cotton Seed



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wrangling



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Heritability
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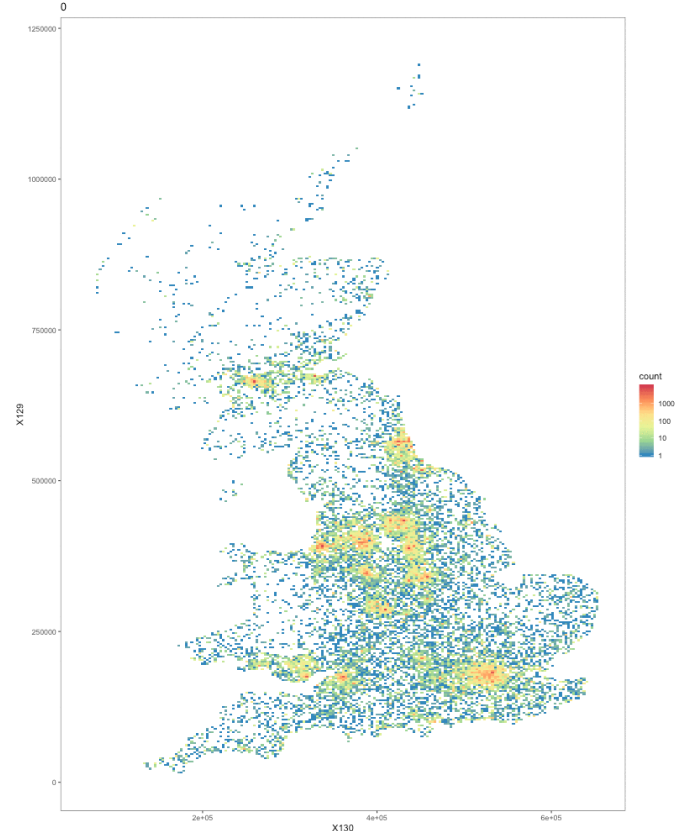
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- Follows health and well-being of 500,000 participants
- Genotyped using the Affymetrix Biobank Array
- Lots of phenotypes collected [needs harmonization]
- Lots of opportunity!



Example self-report



Data-Field 1080

Description: Time spent using computer

Category: Physical activity - Lifestyle and environment - Touchscreen - UK Biobank Assessment Centre

Participants	498,619
Item count	535,025
Stability	Complete

Value Type	Integer, hours/day
Item Type	Data
Strata	Primary

Sexed	Both sexes
Instances	Defined (3)
Array	No

Data | **3 Instances** | **Notes** | **4 Categories** | **0 Related Data-Fields** | **0 Tabulations** | **2 Resources**

535,025 items of data are available, covering 498,619 participants.
Some values have special meanings defined by Data-Coding 100329.
Defined-instances run from 0 to 2, labelled using Instancing 2.
Units of measurement are hours/day.

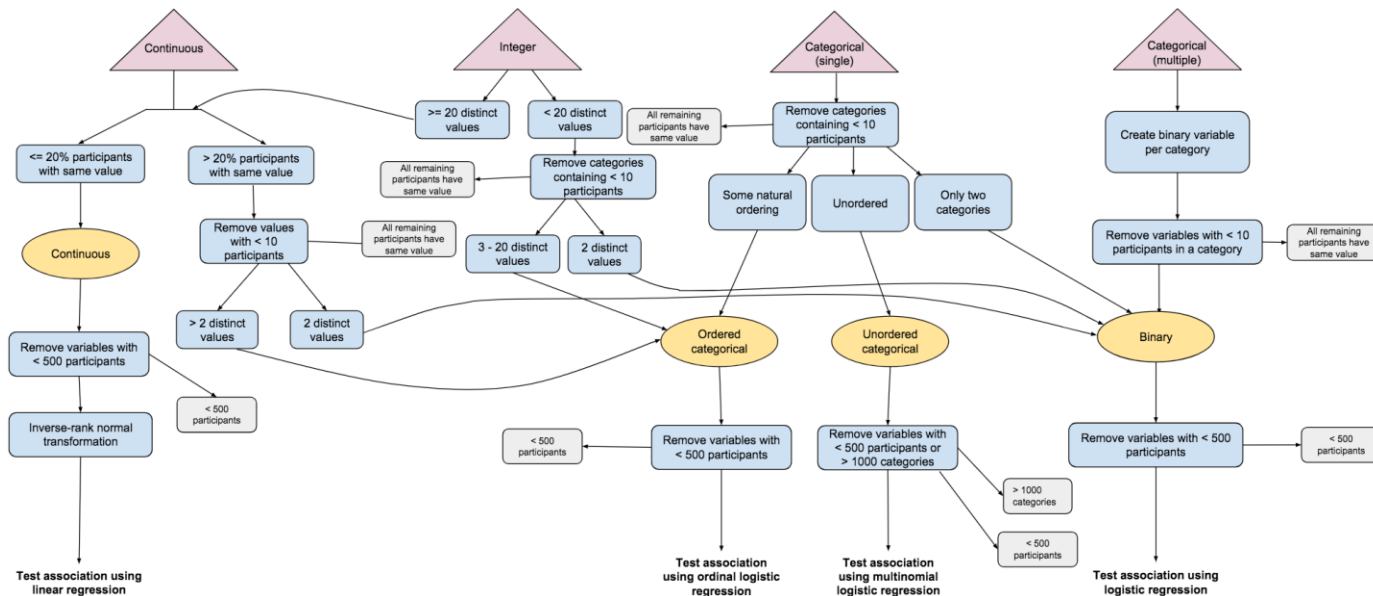
Maximum	24
Decile 9	3
Decile 8	2
Decile 7	1
Decile 6	1
Median	1
Decile 4	1
Decile 3	0
Decile 2	0
Decile 1	0
Minimum	0



- There are 23 distinct values.
- Mean = 1.27211
- Std.dev = 1.52124
- 5230 items above graph maximum of 6
- 109750 items have value -10 (Less than an hour a day)
- 1598 items have value -3 (Prefer not to answer)
- 3240 items have value -1 (Do not know)

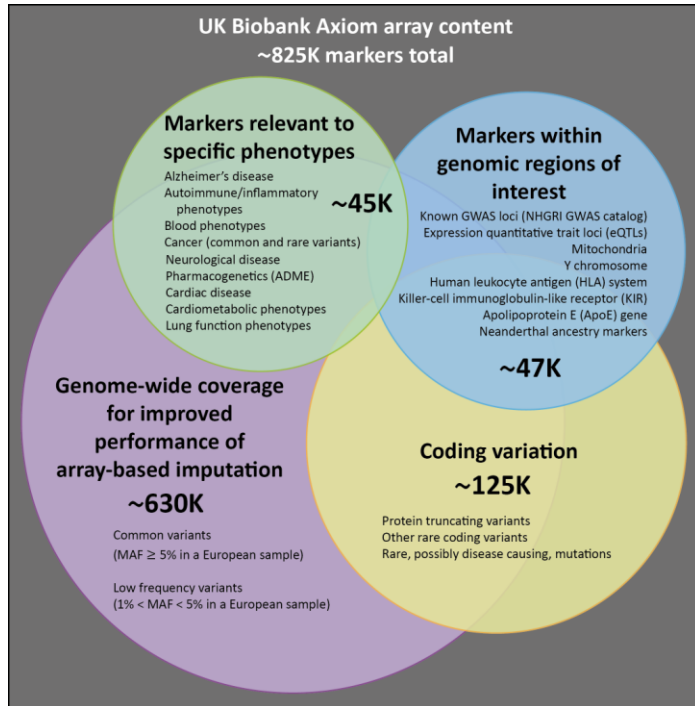
Counts of participants/items last updated 04 Feb 2017.

PHESANT!



Copious thanks to Millard LAC, Davies NM, Gaunt TR, Davey Smith G, Tilling K. PHESANT: a tool for performing automated phenome scans in UK Biobank. bioRxiv (2017)

What's on the array?



Imputed to HRC + 1KG

Round 1 GWAS



- Fall 2017, the Neale lab...
 - GWASed 2,419 phenotypes
 - Blogged about it
 - Put them on dropbox
 - And people made browsers
 - Estimated h^2 for all of them
 - Made an h^2 browser
 - Blogged about that too

Nealelab.is/blog



Benjamin Neale @bmneale · 20 Sep 2017

We've generated association summary stats for >2000 traits from UK Biobank - available for download! Start here: nealelab.is/blog/2017/7/19... 1/5



Rapid GWAS of thousands of phenotypes for 337,0...

Start by reading this post for an overview on the analyses we ran on the UK Biobank data.

nealelab.is



3



247



318



Show 10 entries

Search: home area

ID	Phenotype	N	Prev.	Int.	Int. p	h2	h2 p
20118_11	Home area population density - urban or rural: Scotland - Large Urban Area	333,997	0.056	2.103	0.00	0.0885	0.0000535
20118_12	Home area population density - urban or rural: Scotland - Other Urban Area	333,997	0.011	1.195	2.98e-59	0.0565	0.0994
20118_13	Home area population density - urban or rural: Scotland - Accessible Small Town	333,997	0.0031	1.079	1.88e-20	-0.117	0.932
20118_16	Home area population density - urban or rural: Scotland - Accessible Rural	333,997	0.0034	1.077	2.41e-18	-0.0363	0.686
20118_6	Home area population density - urban or rural: England/Wales - Town and Fringe - less sparse	333,997	0.073	1.031	0.0000822	0.00155	0.416
20118_7	Home area population density - urban or rural: England/Wales - Village - less sparse	333,997	0.052	1.013	0.0643	0.0219	0.0202
20118_8	Home area population density - urban or rural: England/Wales - Hamlet and Isolated Dwelling - less sparse	333,997	0.023	1.003	0.346	0.0139	0.199

Showing 1 to 7 of 7 entries (filtered from 2,304 total entries)

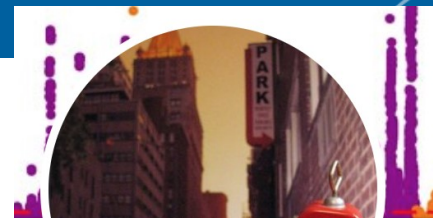
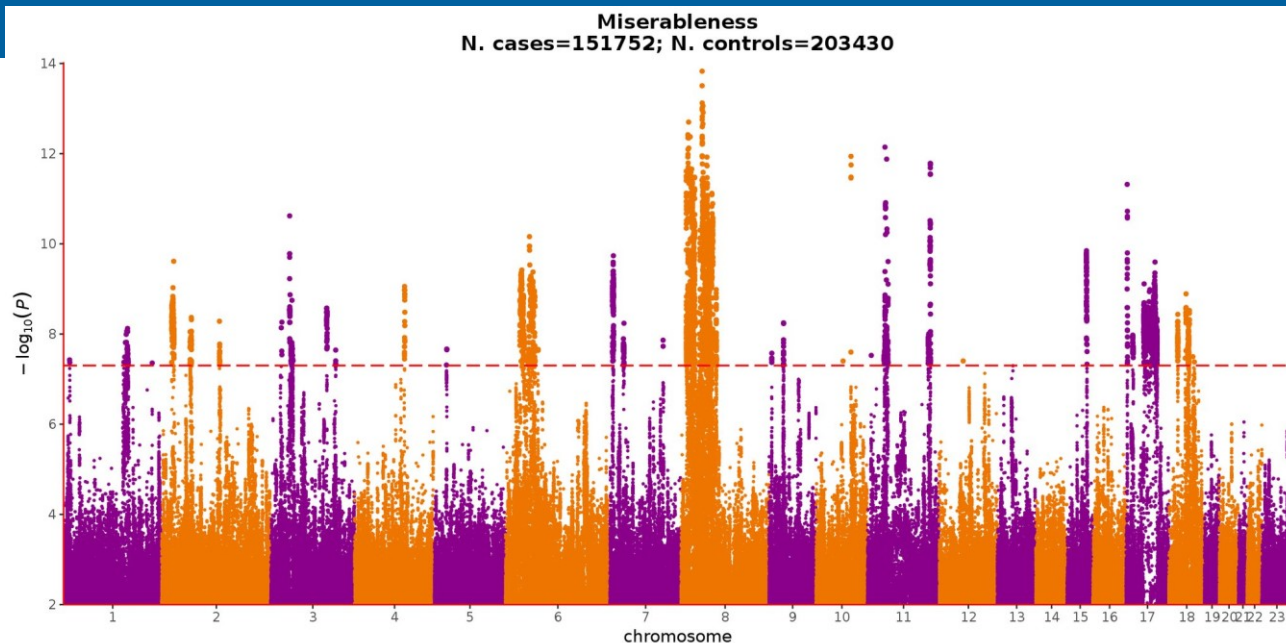
PREVIOUS

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NEXT

GWASbot!

@SbotGWA



GWASbot

@SbotGwa

I'm a bot that loves Manhattan plots

Trait info: <http://www.ukbiobank.ac.uk/data-showcase/>

All things UK Biobank GWAS: <http://www.nealelab.is/uk-biobank/>

Andrea Ganna

Heritability at scale!



- Description: <http://www.nealelab.is/blog/2017/9/15/heritability-of-2000-traits-and-disorders-in-the-uk-biobank>
- Browser: https://nealelab.github.io/UKBB_ldsc/



9,928 GWAS later... let's talk h^2 using LD score regression

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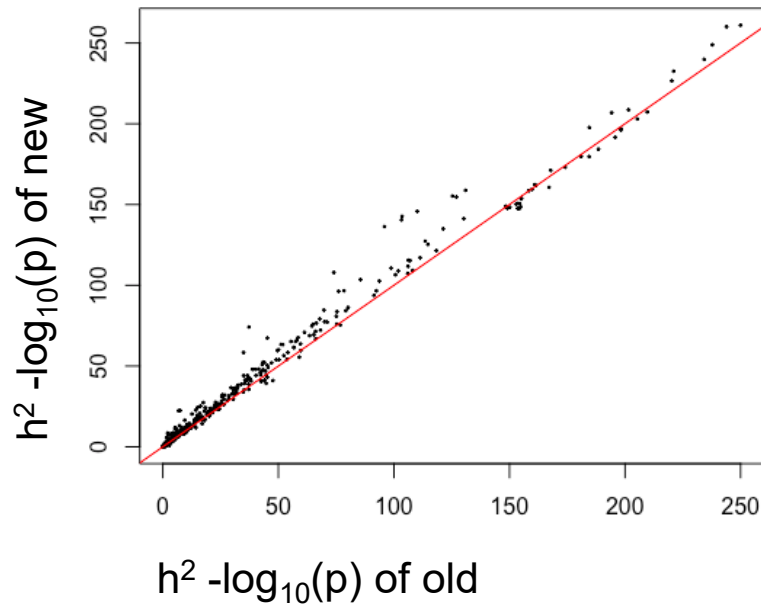
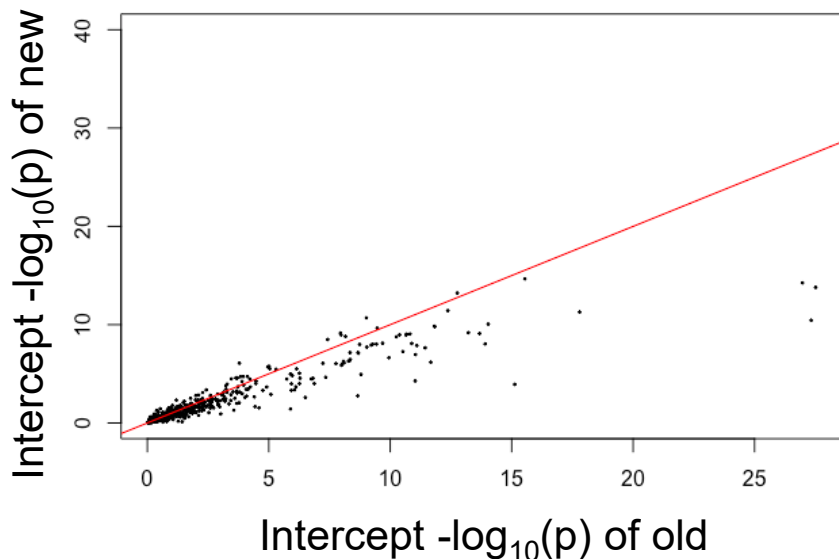
Estimating heritability from GWAS summary statistics

How do round 2 ldsc results compare?



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- Intercept less significant
- h^2 more significant with stable estimates



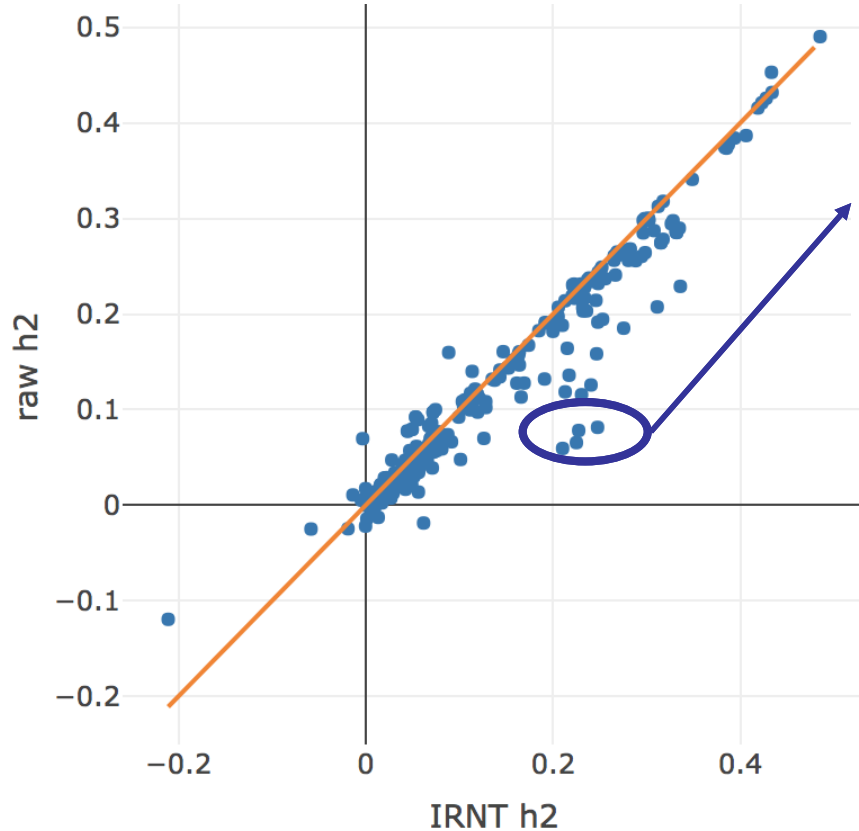


Contrasting raw phenotypes to
inverse rank normalize transformed

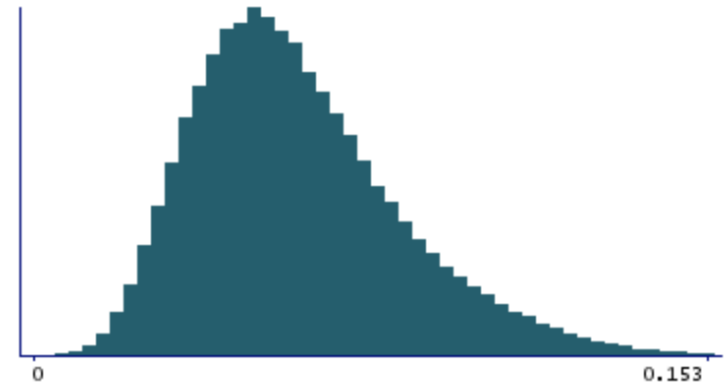
Let's look at heritability



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Lymphocyte count
Reticulocyte count
Reticulocyte %
High light scatter reticulocyte %



Reticulocyte count

What about sex-specific effects?

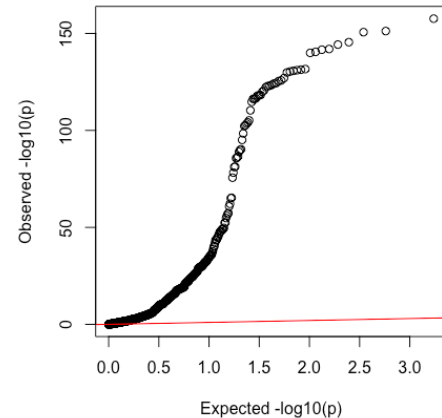
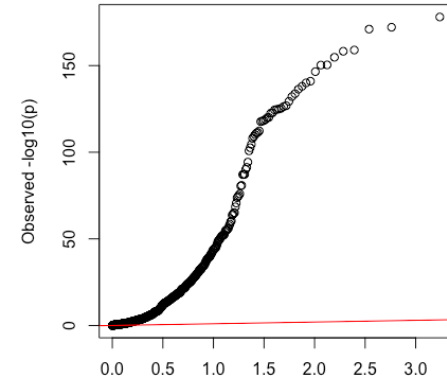
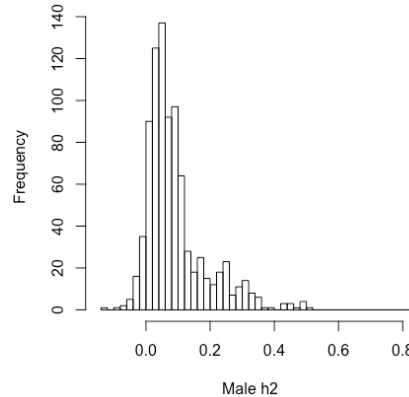
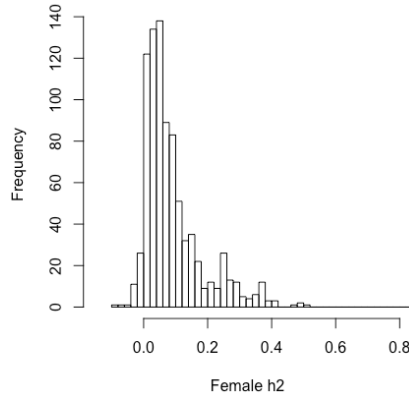


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- Sex-specific GWAS allow us to scan for:
 - Differences in female vs. male h^2
 - E.g. could indicate differences in variance of environmental effects, measurement differences
 - female vs. male $r_g < 1$
 - E.g. relative effects of different SNPs differ by sex
- Can also test for SNP-level differences
 - Slower and labor intensive, so h^2, r_g can help prioritize
- To start: look at 448 phenotypes with $N_{\text{eff}} > 10000$ in both sexes and z-score of $h^2 > 4$ is at least 1 sex

Strong h^2 observed in both sexes

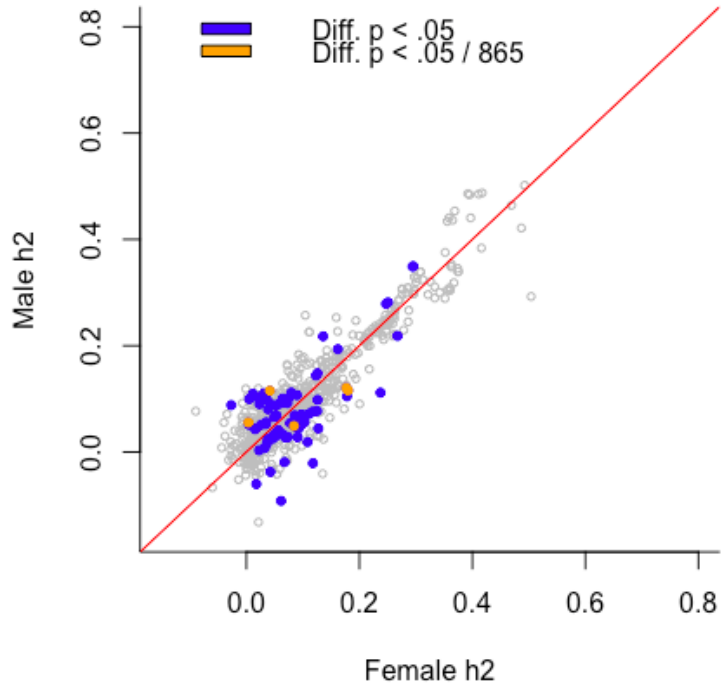
- >70% of traits at least nominally heritable in each sex
 - $P < .05$
- Mean $h^2 \sim .09$
- Consistent with joint analysis of both sexes



Is h^2 equal across sexes?



h^2 strongly correlated across sex



~10% of traits have nominally different h^2 between sexes

description	Fem. h^2	Male h^2	P diff
Average weekly beer plus cider intake	0.0416	0.1152	3.11E-10
Diastolic blood pressure, automated	0.1799	0.1160	1.13E-06
Systolic blood pressure, automated	0.1768	0.1208	1.03E-05
Number of operations, self-reported	0.0845	0.0491	2.53E-05
Duration of vigorous activity	0.0037	0.0555	3.91E-05

Functional partitioning

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Lonely SNPs [no LD]

DHS

LD blocks

Coding

* Causal variants



LD Score

9

1

4

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- | Lonely SNPs [no LD]
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- | DHS
- | Coding



LD Score	9	1	4	1	5
DHS Score	5	0	0	0	0
Coding Score	0	0	1	1	3

$$l_j = \sum_{k \in C} r_{jk}^2$$

Annotations

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Mark	Source/reference
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Digital Genomic Footprint, TFBS	ENCODE; Gusev et al., in press AJHG
CTCF binding site, Promoter Flanking, Repressed, Transcribed, TSS, Enhancer, Weak Enhancer	ENCODE; Hoffman et al., 2012 Nucleic Acids Research
DHS, fetal DHS, H3K4me1, H3K4me3, H3K9ac	Trynka et al., 2013 Nature Genetics.*
Conserved	Lindblad-Toh et al., 2011 Nature
FANTOM5 Enhancer	Andersson et al., 2014 Nature
lincRNAs	Cabili et al., 2011 Genes Dev
DHS and DHS promoter	Maurano et al., 2012 Science
H3K27ac	Roadmap; PGC2 2014 Nature

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Datasets for GWAS

Selected for a $Z > 7$ for h^2

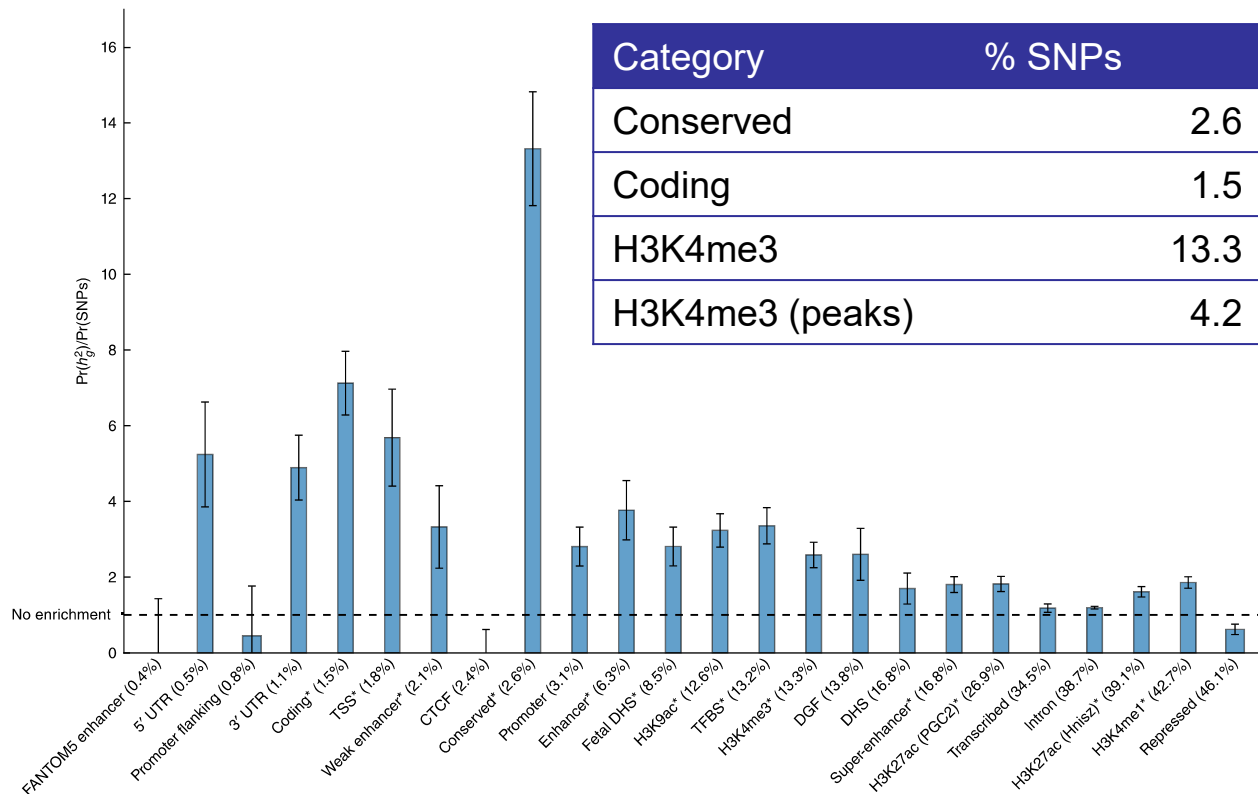
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Phenotype	Reference	Phenotype	Reference
Height	Lango Allen, 2010	Schizophrenia	PGC, 2014
BMI	Speliotes, 2010	Bipolar	Sklar, 2011
Age of menarche	Perry, 2014	Anorexia	Boraska, 2014
LDL	Teslovich, 2010	Education years	Rietveld, 2013
HDL	Teslovich, 2010	Ever smoked	TAG, 2010
Triglycerides	Teslovich, 2010	Rheumatoid Arth	Okada, 2014
CAD	Schunkert, 2011	Crohn's Disease	Jostins, 2012
T2D	Morris, 2012	Ulcerative Colitis	Jostins, 2012
Fasting Glucose	Manning, 2012		

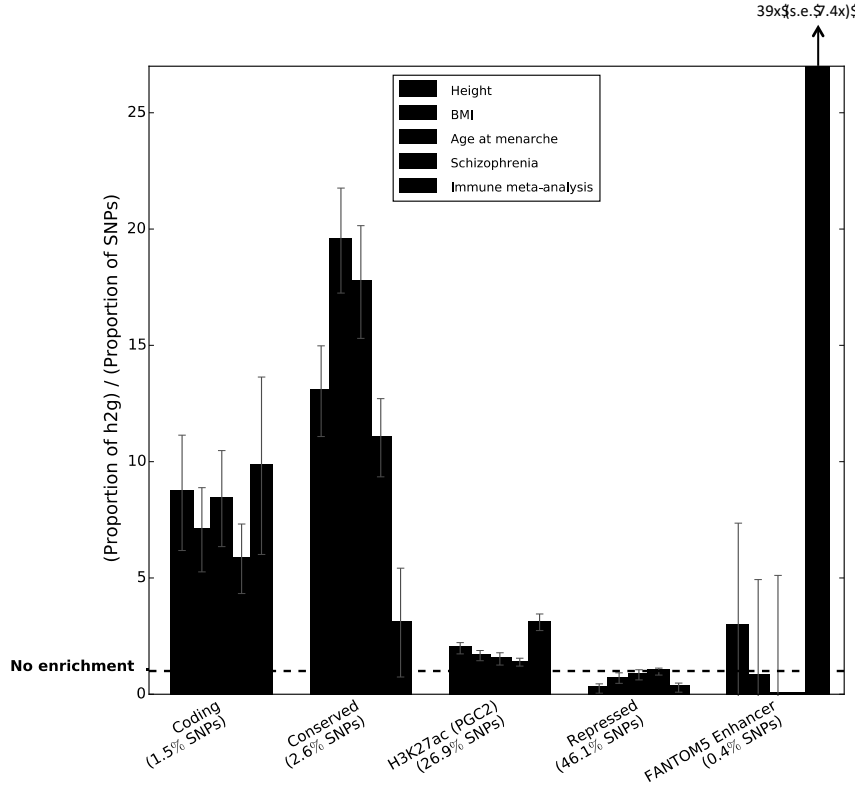
Average enrichments per class

Collapsed results across 17 traits



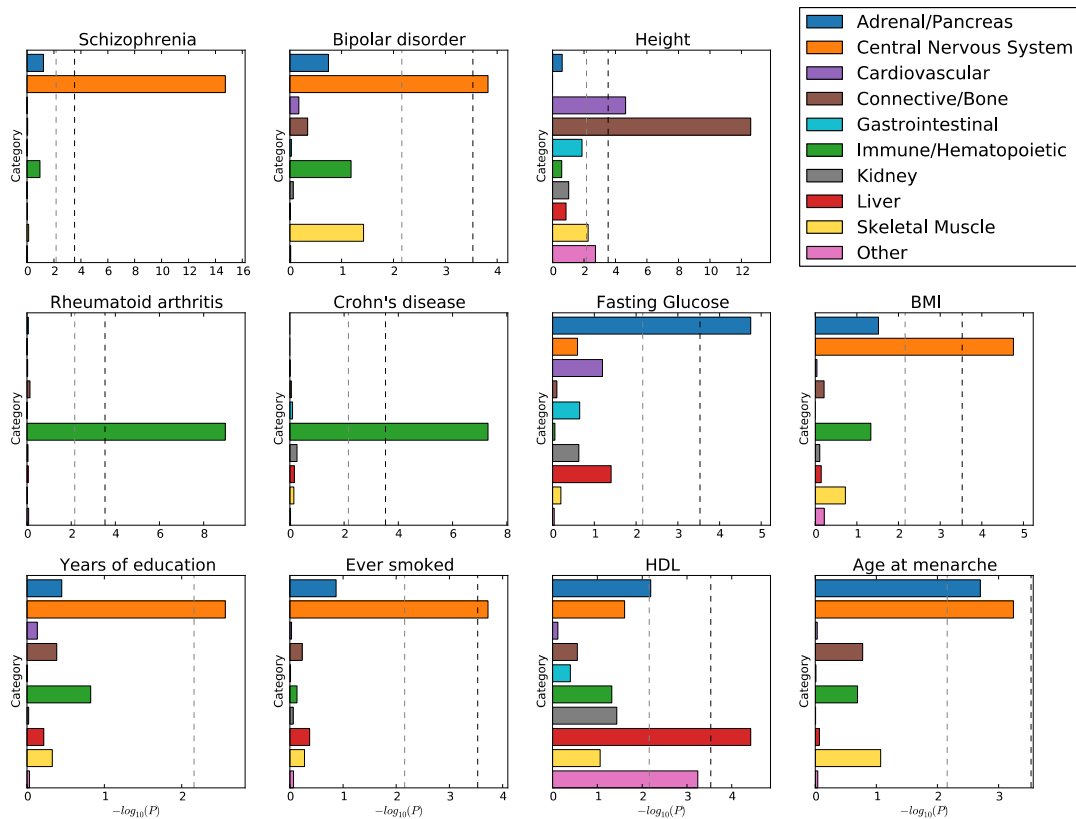
Category	% SNPs	% h ²	Enrichment
Conserved	2.6	34.7	13.4x
Coding	1.5	10.4	7.0x
H3K4me3	13.3	34.4	2.6x
H3K4me3 (peaks)	4.2	15.8	3.8x

Specific trait enrichments



- Fantom5 Enhancers massively enriched for Immune traits
- Conservation > Coding
 - both significantly enriched

Cell type enrichments



77 from H3K4me1
81 from H3K4me3
27 from H3K9ac
35 from H3K27ac
hierarchical clustering
into sets

Warning
P-value scale changes
Use the lines as guides

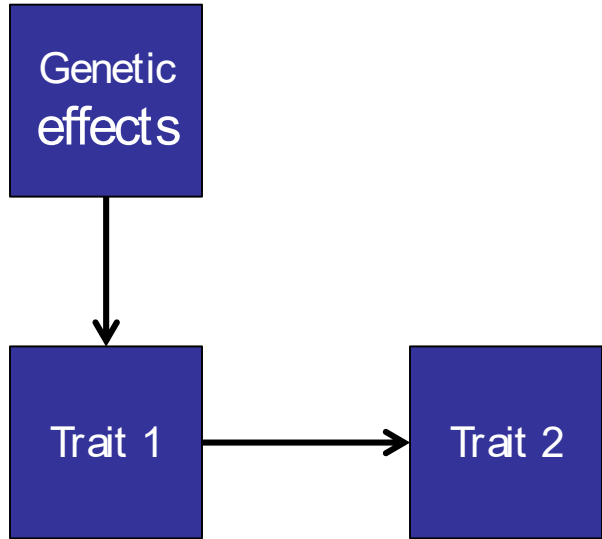


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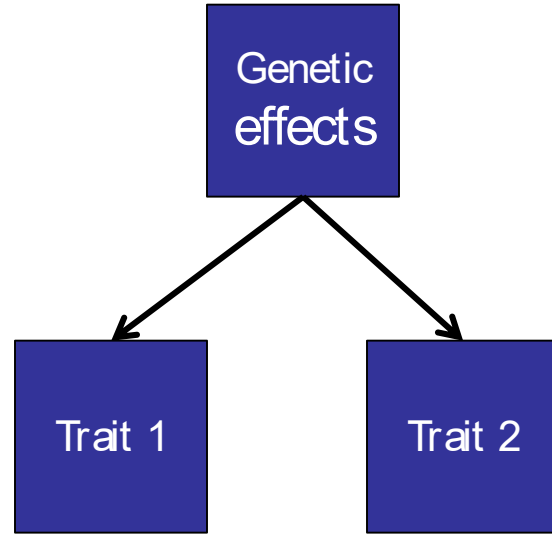
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An atlas of genetic correlations across human diseases
and traits

Potential sources of genetic correlation



Trait 1 exerts causal effect on Trait 2

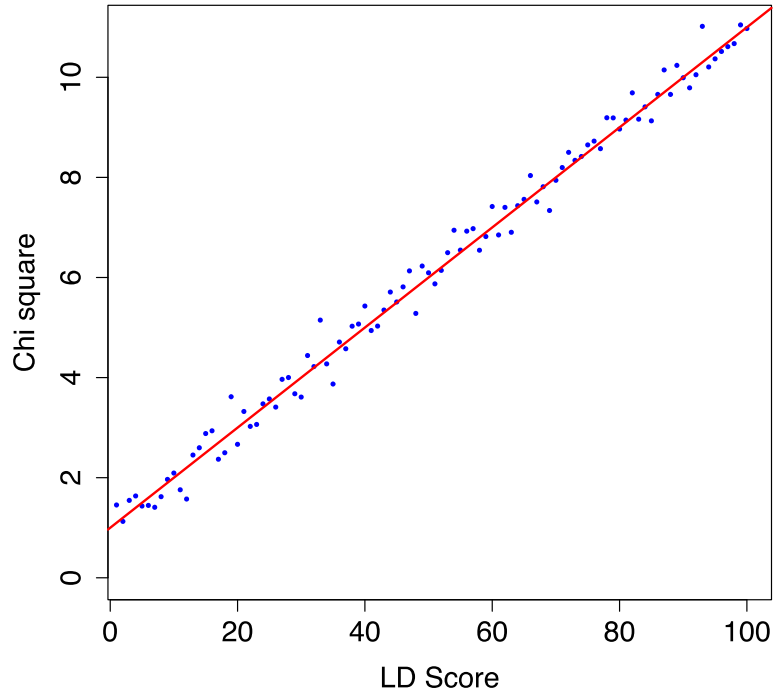


Genetic effects influence
Trait 1 and Trait 2

LD Score regression Genetic correlation



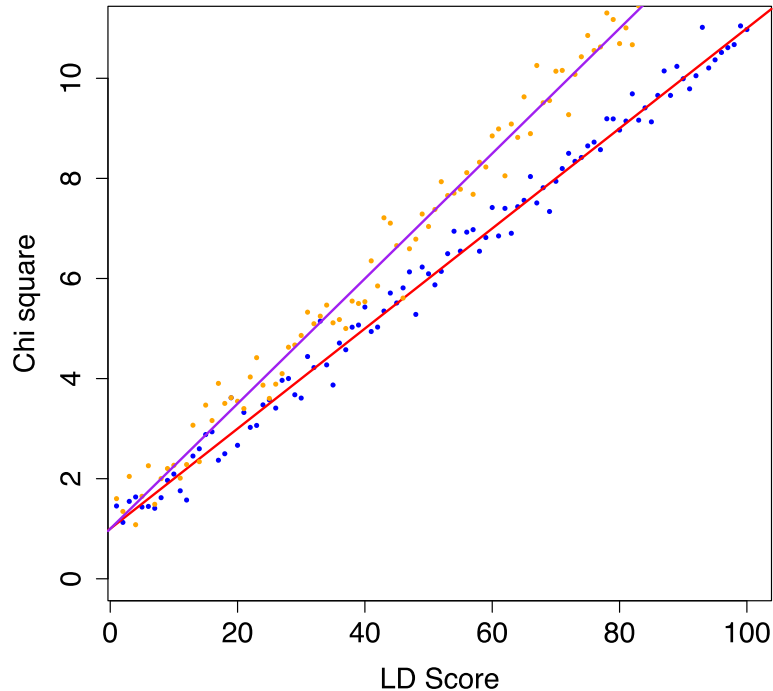
| Trait 1



Slope estimates heritability

LD Score regression

Genetic correlation



Trait 1
Trait 2

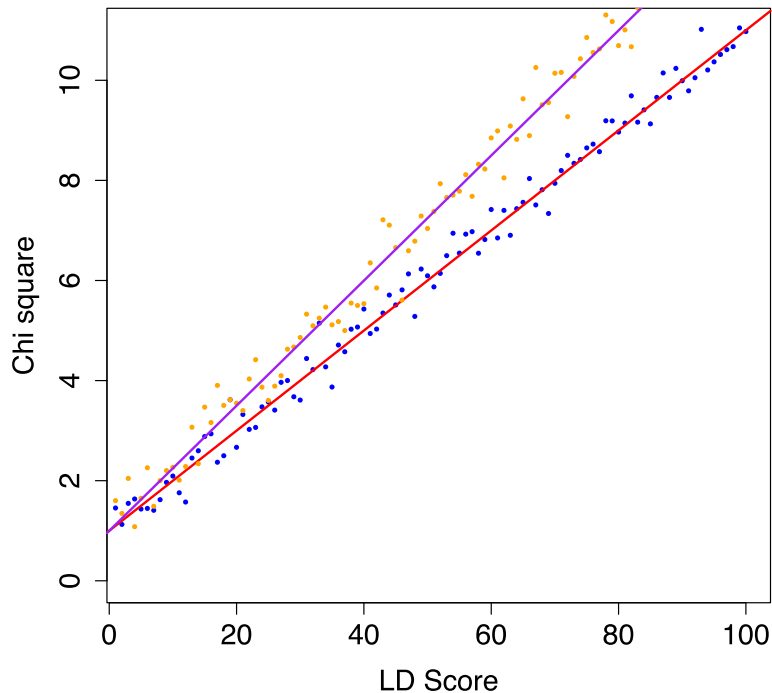
We can a second trait and
obtain two heritability
estimates

LD Score regression

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Trait 1
Trait 2

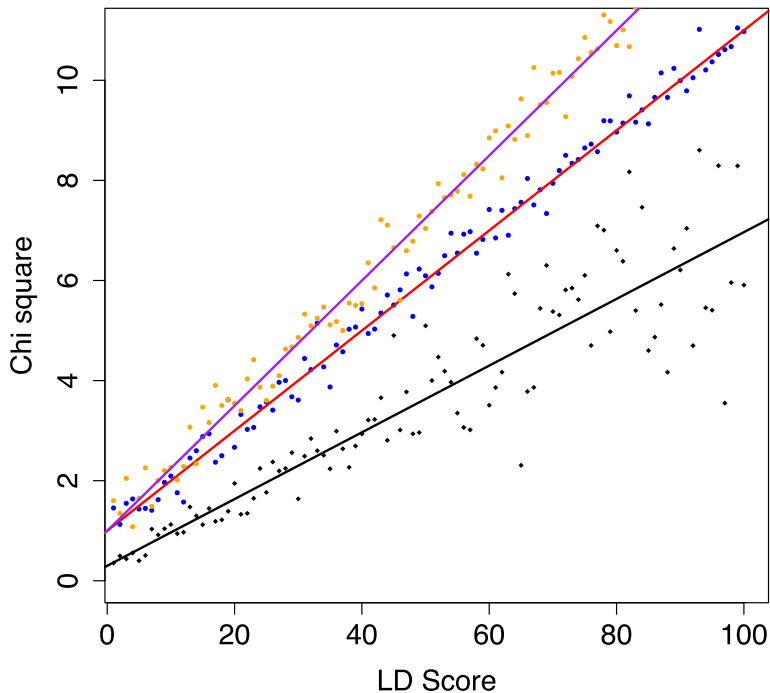


$$Z^*Z = \chi^2$$

So we can estimate genetic covariance from the product of the Z-scores

LD Score regression

Genetic correlation



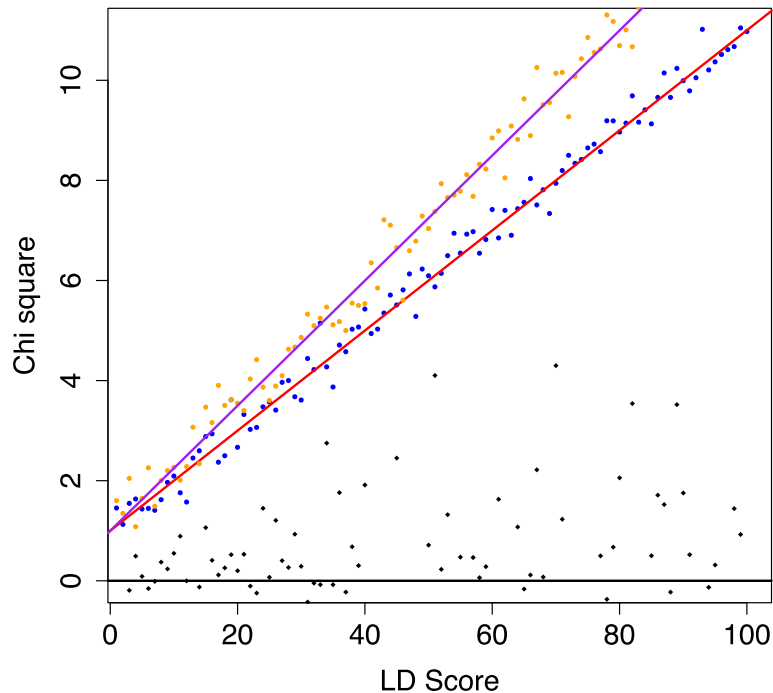
— Trait 1
— Trait 2
— R_G

$$Z^*Z = \chi^2$$

So we can estimate genetic covariance from the product of the Z-scores for the two traits

$$R_G = 0.5$$

LD Score regression Genetic correlation



Trait 1
Trait 2
 R_G

Here $R_G = 0$

This approach is robust to
sample overlap as all variants
are equally inflated

Brainstorm Project

Analysis of shared heritability in common disorders of the brain

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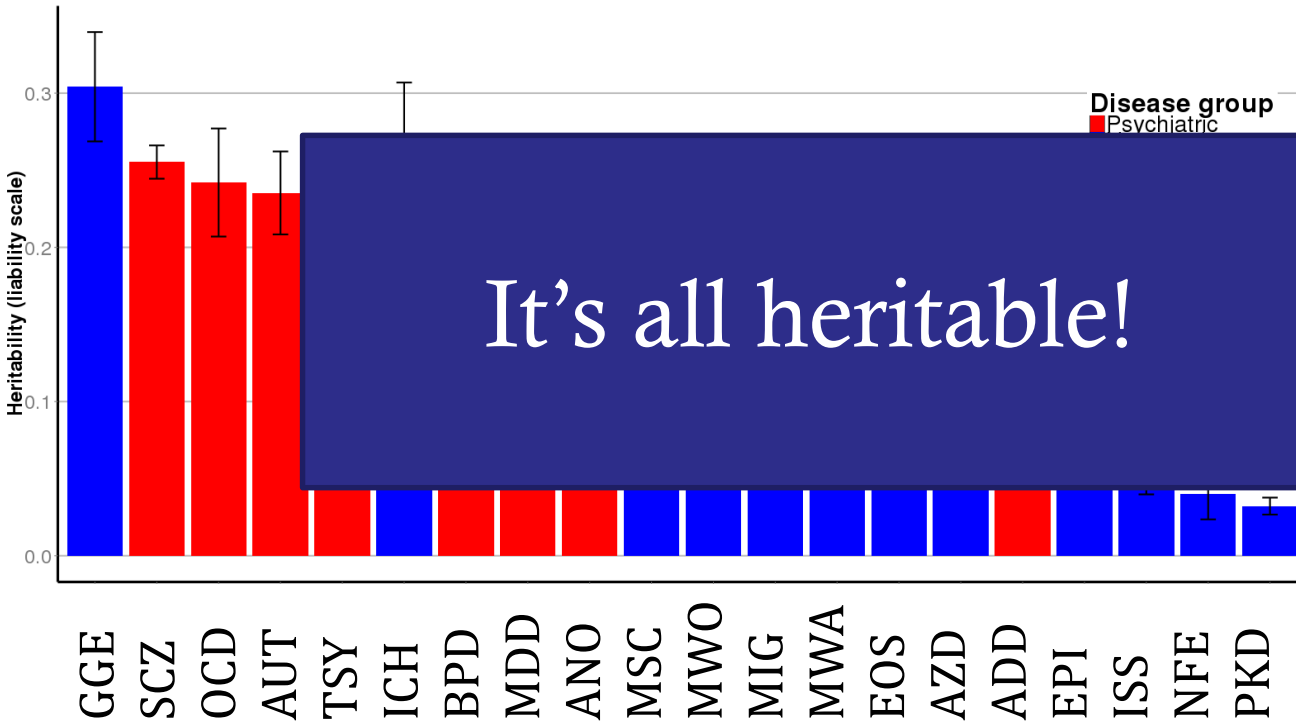
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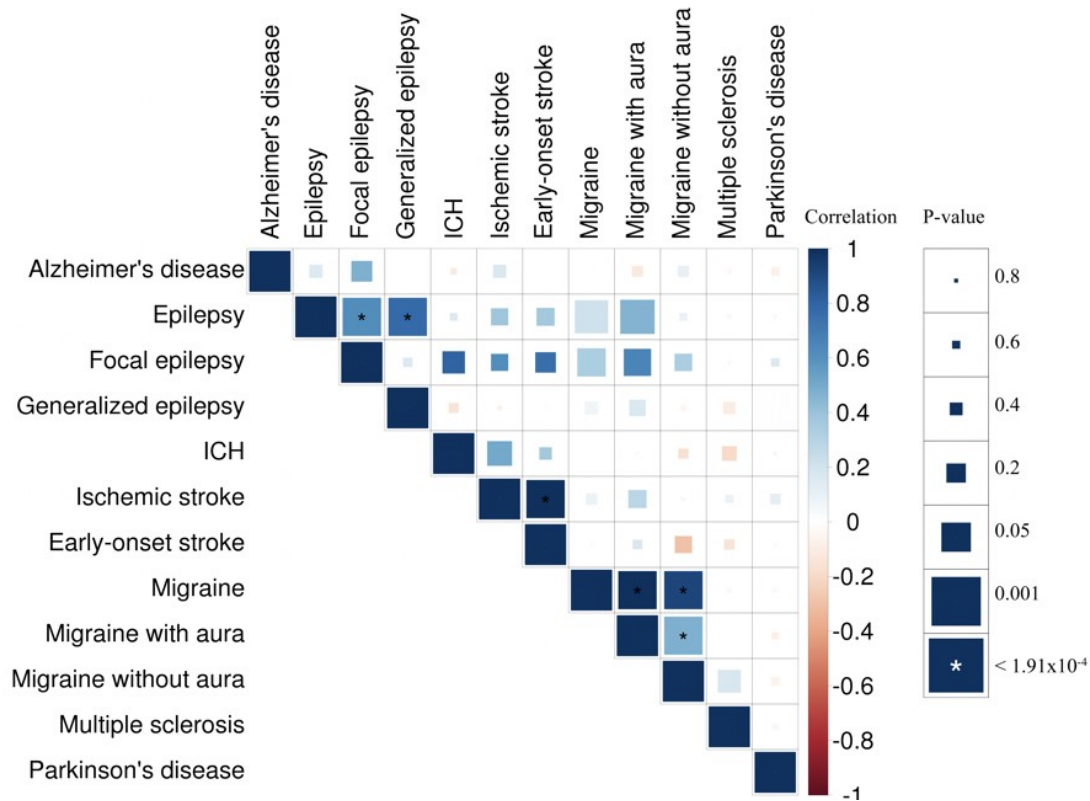
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Univariate heritability from common variation

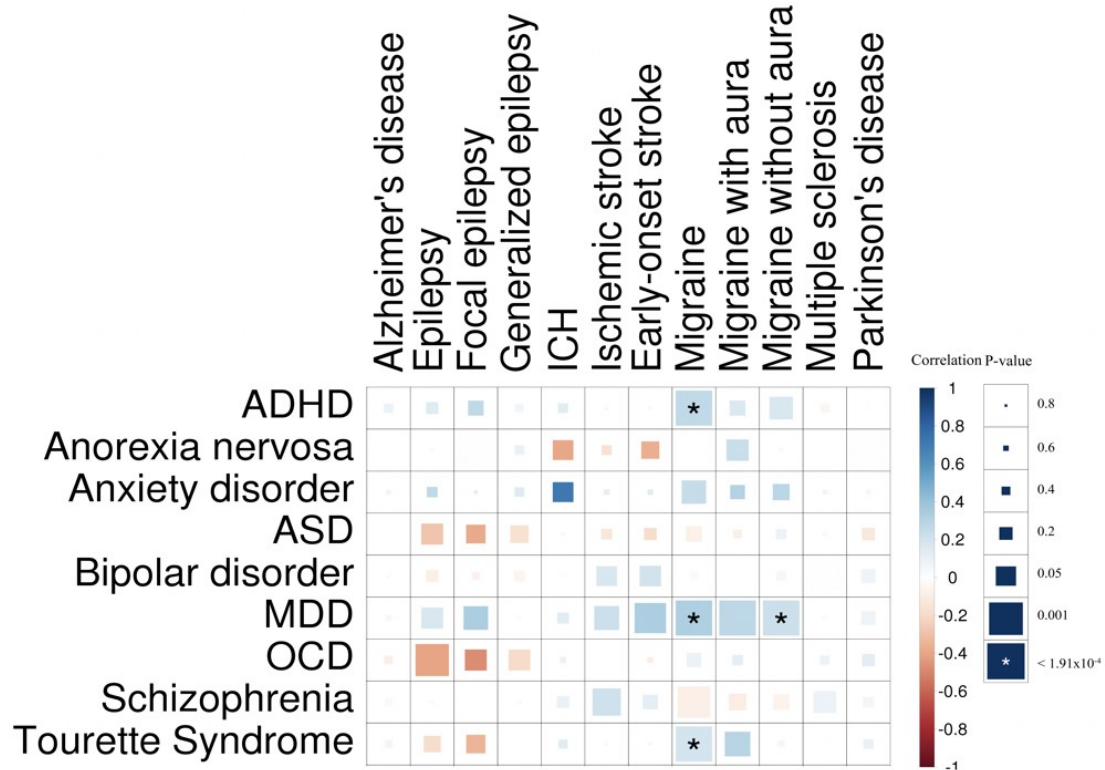


- GGE = Generalized Epilepsy
- SCZ = Schizophrenia
- OCD = Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
- AUT = Autism
- TSY = Tourette's Syndrome
- ICH = Intracerebral Hemorrhage
- BPD = Bipolar Disorder
- MDD = Major Depressive Disorder
- ANO = Anorexia Nervosa
- MSC = Multiple Sclerosis
- MWO = Migraine without Aura
- MIG = Migraine
- MWA = Migraine with Aura
- EOS = Early Onset Stroke
- AZD = Alzheimer's Disease
- ADD = Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity
- EPI = Epilepsy (all)
- ISS = Ischemic Stroke
- NFE = Non-acquired focal epilepsy
- PKD = Parkinson's Disease

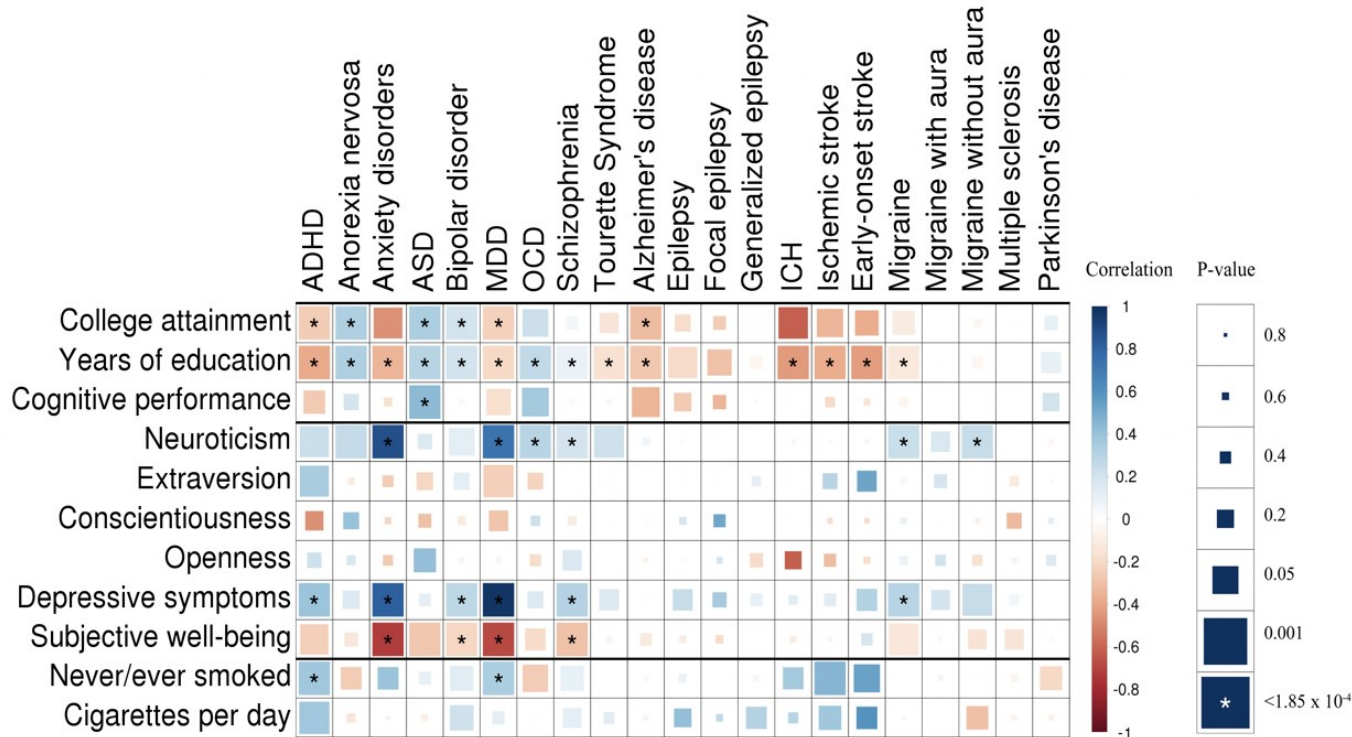
Brainstorm within neurology



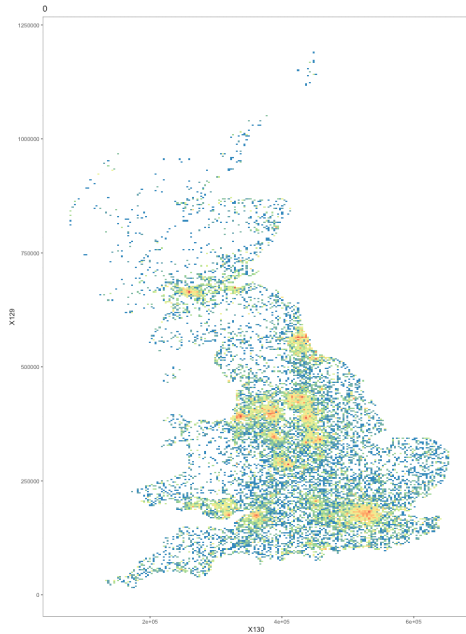
Brainstorm – across neurology and psychiatry



Brainstorm – take it further?



Generalizations of genetic correlation



Genetic sharing across men and women

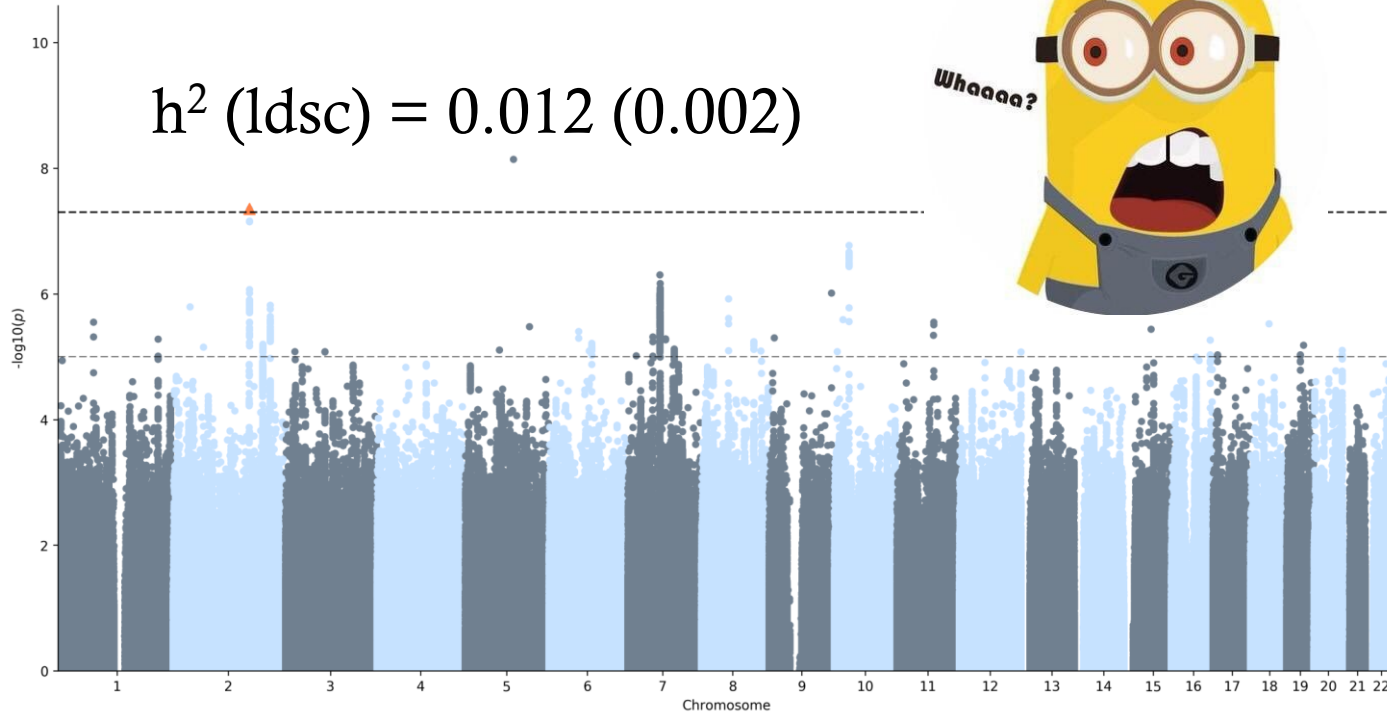
Female (1) vs male (0) GWAS



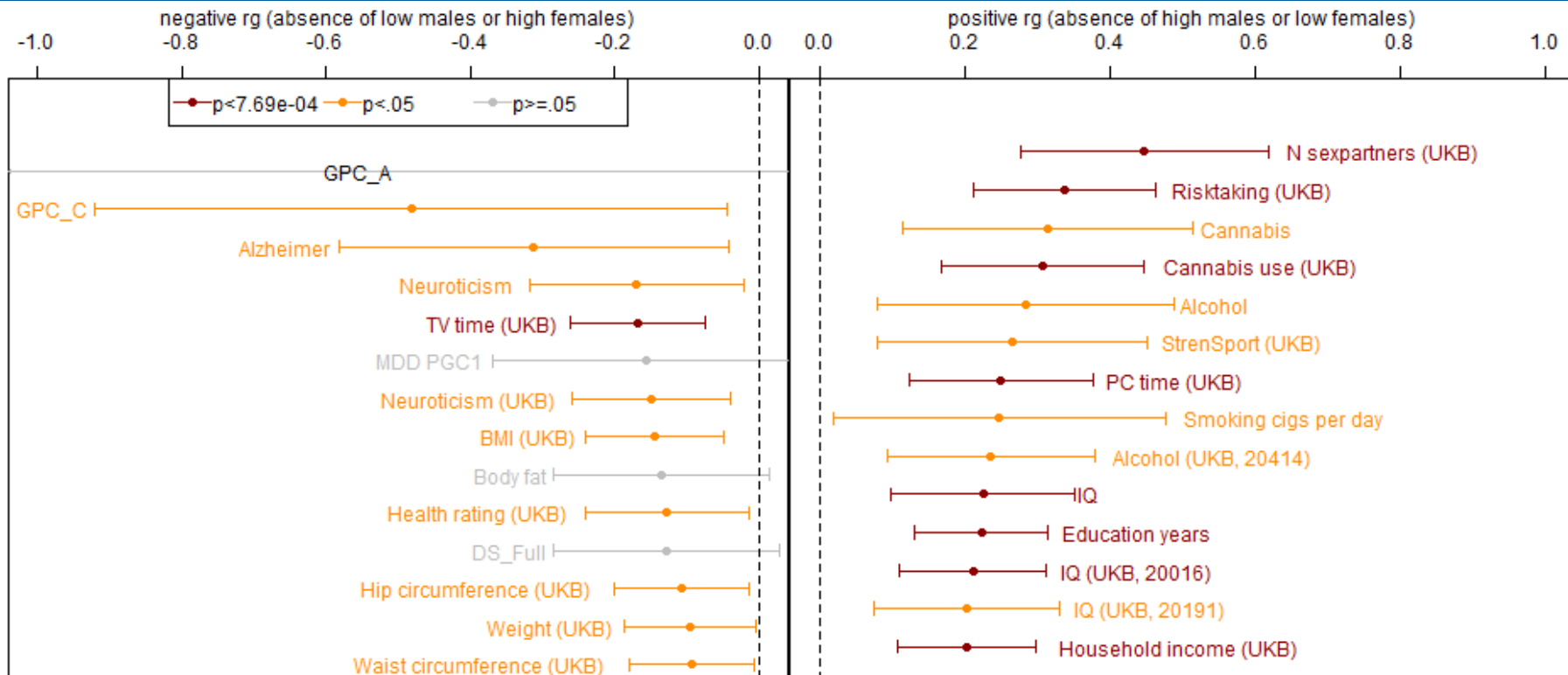
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50_pheno_sex GWAS



Differential ascertainment bias



Male/Female genetic correlation

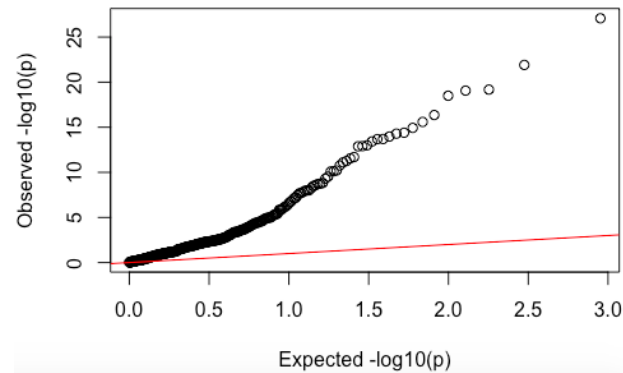
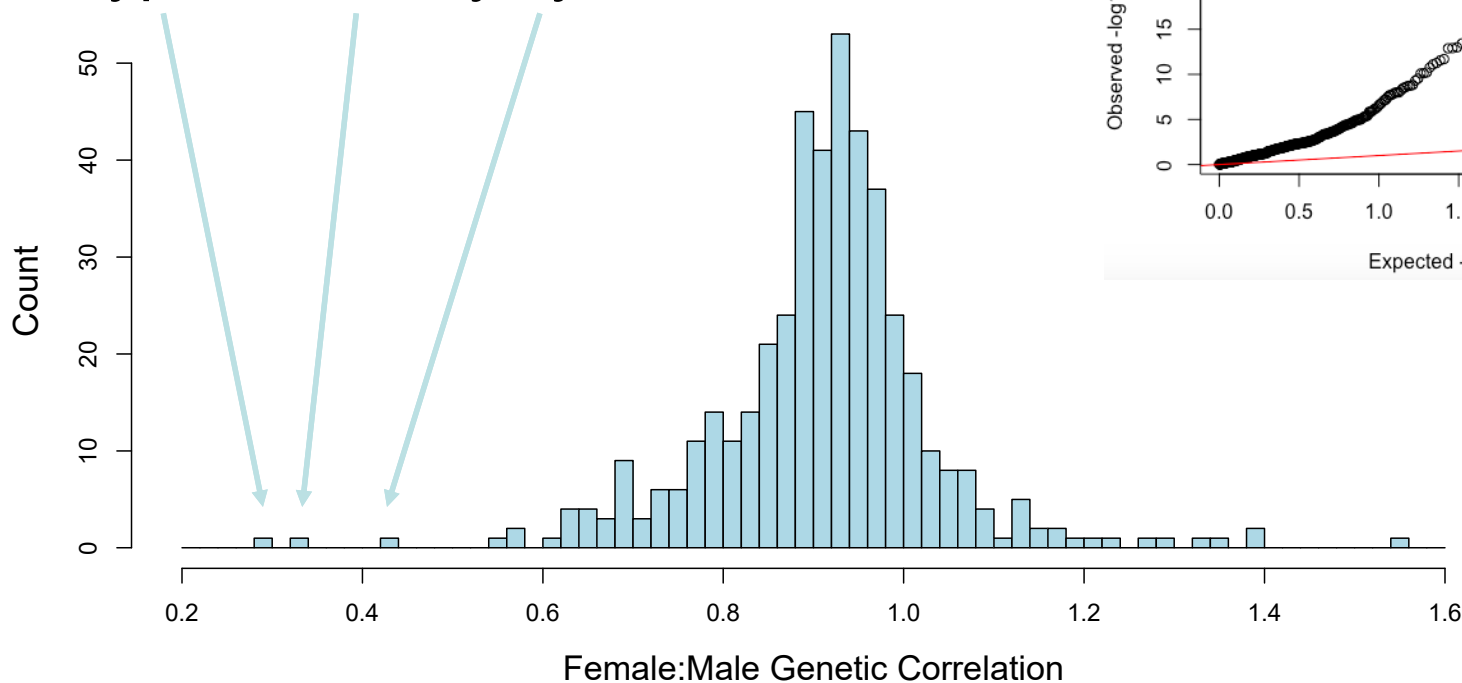


- Next step is to look at genetic correlation between female and male results for each trait
 - Again using LD score regression
- Focus on 448 traits with significant h^2 in at least one sex
 - After Bonferroni correction for 865 traits

Genetic correlation estimate between females and males

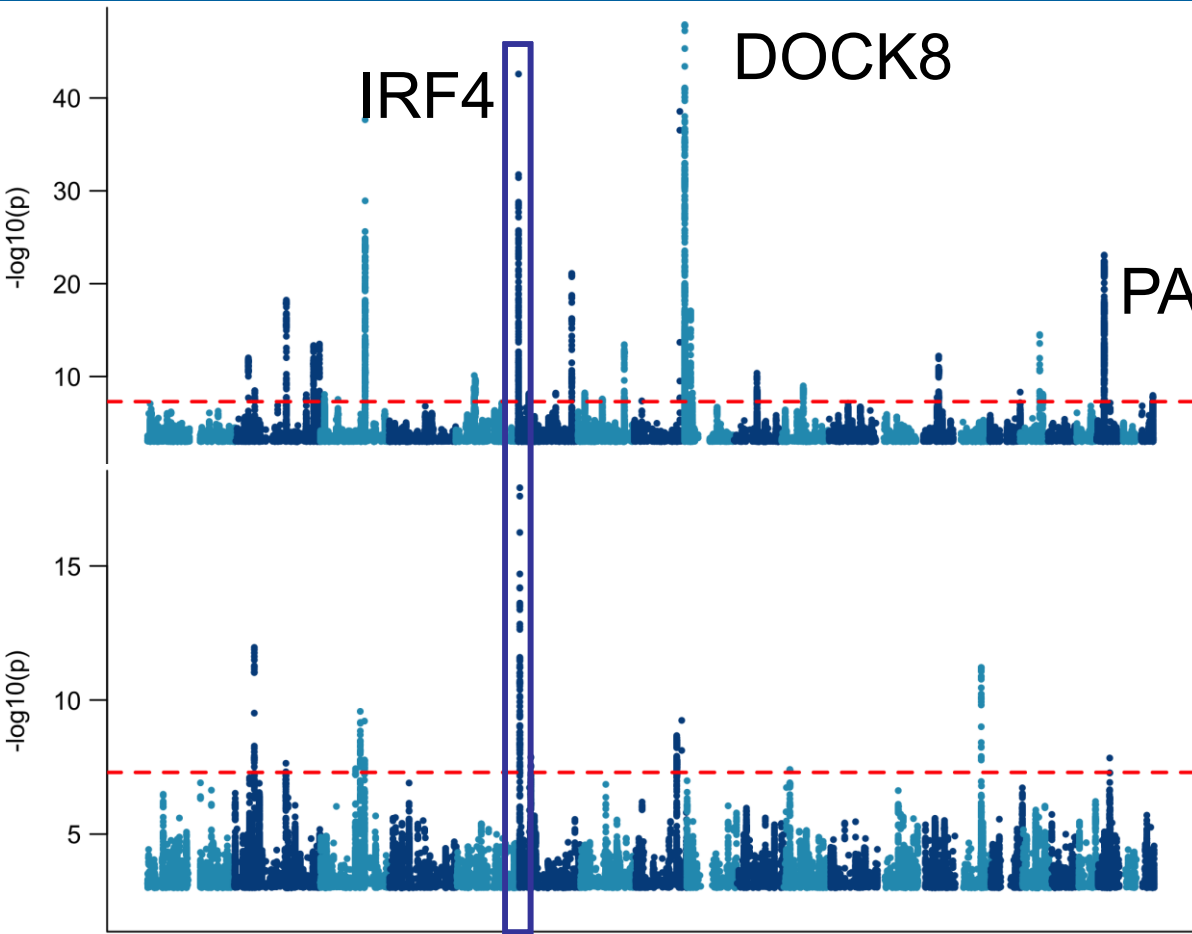


Cerebellar disease: ~~Brain atrophy~~ ~~Fracture~~ ~~Head injury~~



Phenotypes with male/female r_g significantly < 1 ($p < 1e-5$)





Female GWAS



Chromosome

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Please follow the steps to Upload file and Select data.

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- We selected traits for inclusion via the following procedure:
 1. Begin with all publicly available **non-sex-stratified** and **predominantly European** summary statistics.
 2. Remove studies that do not provide signed summary statistics.
 3. Remove studies not imputed to at least **HapMap 2**.
 4. Remove studies that adjust for heritable covariates
 5. Remove studies that with **number of SNPs smaller than 450,000**
 6. Remove studies that with **number of individuals smaller than 5,000**
 7. Remove all traits with **heritability z-score below 2**. (Genetic correlation estimates for traits with heritability z-score below 2 are generally too noisy to report.)
We recommend traits with heritability z-score larger than 4.
 8. Remove SNPs with **extremely large effect sizes ($X^2 > 80$)**, because outliers can unduly influence the regression.
 9. Remove all variants on **chromosome 6 in the region 26MB to 34MB** (the MHC region).
- Precalculated LD score regression SNP heritability and genetic correlation analysis results can be found [here](#).
- Information of the GWA studies included in LD Hub can be found [here](#).

Uploading your own results



Step 0: Existing results

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Step 2: Data selection

Input format

The input format is: [Show/Hide](#). Headers are needed for the input file. More details are explained [here](#).

LD Hub can handle both space and tab delimited files. By default, please prepare your file using tab as delimiter.

LD Hub can handle but Z scores and betas. By default, please use Z scores in your file.

Important notes for your uploaded file:

1. To save the uploading time, LD Hub only accepts **zipped** files as input (e.g. mydata.zip).
2. Please check that there is **ONLY ONE** plain **TEXT** file (e.g. mydata.txt) in your zipped file.
3. Please make sure you do **NOT** zip any folder together with the plain txt file (e.g. /myfolder/mydata.txt), otherwise you will get an error: [Errno 2] No such file or directory
4. Please do **NOT** zip multiple files (e.g. zip mydata.zip file1.txt file2.txt ..) or zip a file with in a folder (e.g. zip mydata.zip /path/to/my/file/mydata.txt).
5. Please keep the file name of your plain txt file **short (less than 50 characters)**, otherwise you may get an error: [Errno 2] No such file or directory
6. Please zip your plain txt file using following command (ONE file at a time):

For Windows system: 1) Locate the file that you want to compress. 2) Right-click the file, point to Send to, and then click Compressed (zipped) folder.

For Linux and Mac OS system: zip mydata.zip mydata.txt

Reminder: for Mac OS system, please do **NOT** zip you file by right click mouse and click "Compress" to zip your file, this will automatically create a folder called "__MACOS". You will get an error: [Errno 2] No such file or directory.

Pick your traits to compare



Data selection

Please select the traits you are interested in from our database (click trait name to show / hide sub catalog for each catalog). More details of the traits can be found [here](#).

We have removed variants in MHC region (chromosome 6 in the region 26MB to 34MB) for all traits in LD Hub. For the Eczema GWAS, we further removed all variants +/-500KB from the top variant (rs61813875) in the filaggrin region.

Select All / Unselect All

Autoimmune diseases (new)

Smoking behaviour

Neurological diseases

Personality traits

Reproductive traits

Haematological traits

Sleeping

Cognitive

[NEW] 597 UK Biobank traits (from Ben Neale's group)

Anthropometric traits

Blood lipids

Education

Uric acid

Brain Volume (ENIGMA)

Cancer

Metal

Other

Metabolites (Kettunen et al)

Glycemic traits

Bone mineral density

Psychiatric diseases

Kidney diseases / traits

Cardiometabolic traits (new)

Hormone

Aging

Lung function (new)

Reminder:

1) Please make sure you select at least one of the above traits, otherwise an error page will appear.

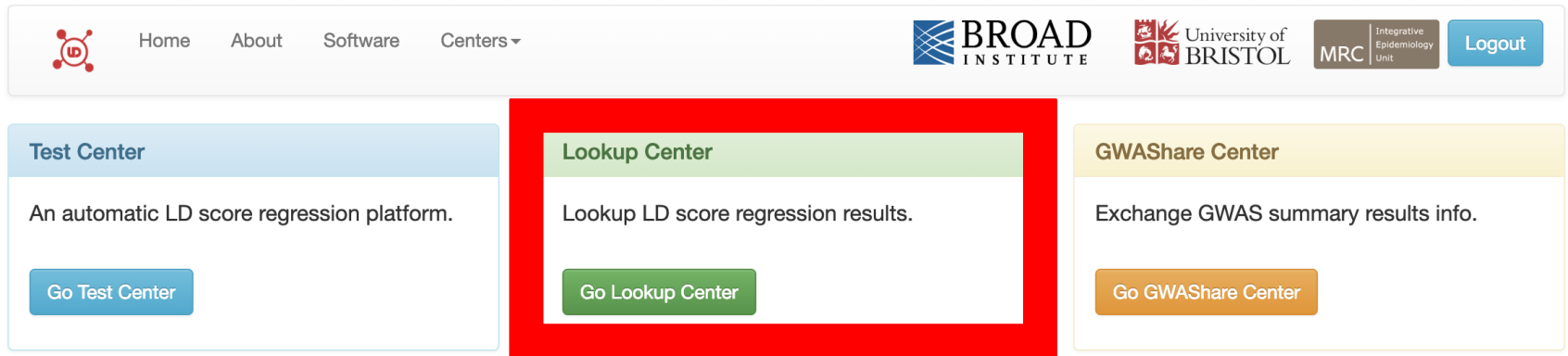
2) Each test may take about 20 seconds. An analysis of all traits may take up to five hours.

3) Your uploaded file will be removed directly from the server after the analysis. If you are willing to share your GWAS results with us. Please visit [GWAShare center](#)

Submit your request

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The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the BROAD Institute website. The 'Centers' dropdown menu is open, displaying three options: 'Test Center', 'Lookup Center', and 'GWAShare Center'. The 'Lookup Center' option is highlighted with a red border. The 'Test Center' description is 'An automatic LD score regression platform.' with a 'Go Test Center' button. The 'Lookup Center' description is 'Lookup LD score regression results.' with a 'Go Lookup Center' button. The 'GWAShare Center' description is 'Exchange GWAS summary results info.' with a 'Go GWAShare Center' button. The top navigation bar includes links for 'Home', 'About', 'Software', and 'Centers', along with logos for BROAD INSTITUTE, University of BRISTOL, and MRC Integrative Epidemiology Unit, and a 'Logout' button.

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SNP Heritability results

[Genetic correlation results](#)

To download the existing SNP heritability results of 219 traits, please click [here](#)

The existing SNP heritability for **229** traits can be found here (the SNP heritability results are on the observed scale):

Trait name	H2	SE_H2	Z_H2	Lambda GC	Chi2	Intercept
Adiponectin	0.1369	0.0242	5.65702	1.068	1.09	1.0133
Age of smoking initiation	0.0665	0.0185	3.59459	1.0345	1.0295	0.9981
Child birth length	0.1697	0.0229	7.41048	1.0588	1.0672	0.9926
Child birth weight	0.1124	0.0179	6.27933	1.0466	1.0618	1.0043
Body mass index	0.1855	0.0089	20.8427	1.3675	1.4681	1.0188
Body fat	0.104	0.0076	13.6842	1.0315	1.0578	0.9083
Coronary artery disease	0.0728	0.0054	14.463	1.2386	1.3288	1.0475

Genetic correlation



Lookup Center

Lookup existing LD score regression analysis results

SNP Heritability results

Genetic correlation results

1. To download the existing genetic correlation results for 49 traits from Bulik Sullivan et al. (2015), please click [here](#)
2. To download the existing genetic correlation results for 221 traits (without 7 traits from ENIGMA) using data from LD Hub, please click [here](#)

Note: in the above genetic correlation results file, there are two sheets: 1) the 'rg' sheet contains the genetic correlation matrix of 196x196 traits. 2) The 'all-info' sheet contains all bivariate LD score regression results of 196x196 traits; each cell contains 8 values for a certain pair-wise correlation, the 8 values refer to 'rg se z p h2_obs h2_obs_se h2_int h2_int_se gcov_int gcov_int_se' respectively. For a certain cell, the 7th value 'gcov_int' is the phenotypic correlation between two traits, which take into account the influence of sample overlap between two GWA studies (e.g. if there is no sample overlap, the gcov_int will near zero; if two traits are measured in the same samples, gcov_int will be the phenotypic correlation between these two traits).

3. The existing genetic correlation for 49 traits from Bulik Sullivan et al. (2015) can be found here:

Trait1	Trait2	rg	se	z	p
ADHD	Age at Menarche	-0.153	0.08218	-1.858	0.063
ADHD	Age at Smoking	-0.036	0.2427	-0.147	0.883
ADHD	Alzheimer's	-0.055	0.2191	-0.249	0.803
ADHD	Anorexia	0.192	0.1162	1.649	0.099
ADHD	Autism Spectrum	-0.164	0.1438	-1.144	0.253
ADHD	BMI	0.287	0.08913	3.222	0.001

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Sharing and exchanging GWAS results

Download results or share your own!



[Browse existing GWAS resources](#)

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We provided a list of existing GWAS resources here: (columns are filename, trait name, consortium/database, sample size, PMID, publish year and ethnicity)

To download the study information of the existing traits, please click [here](#)

File name	Trait name	Consortium/ first_author/ database	Sample size	PMID	Publish year	Ethnicity
adipogen.discovery.eur_meta_public.release.txt.noMHC.sumstats_deGC.gz	Adiponectin	ADIPOGen	39883	22479202	2012	Mixed
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