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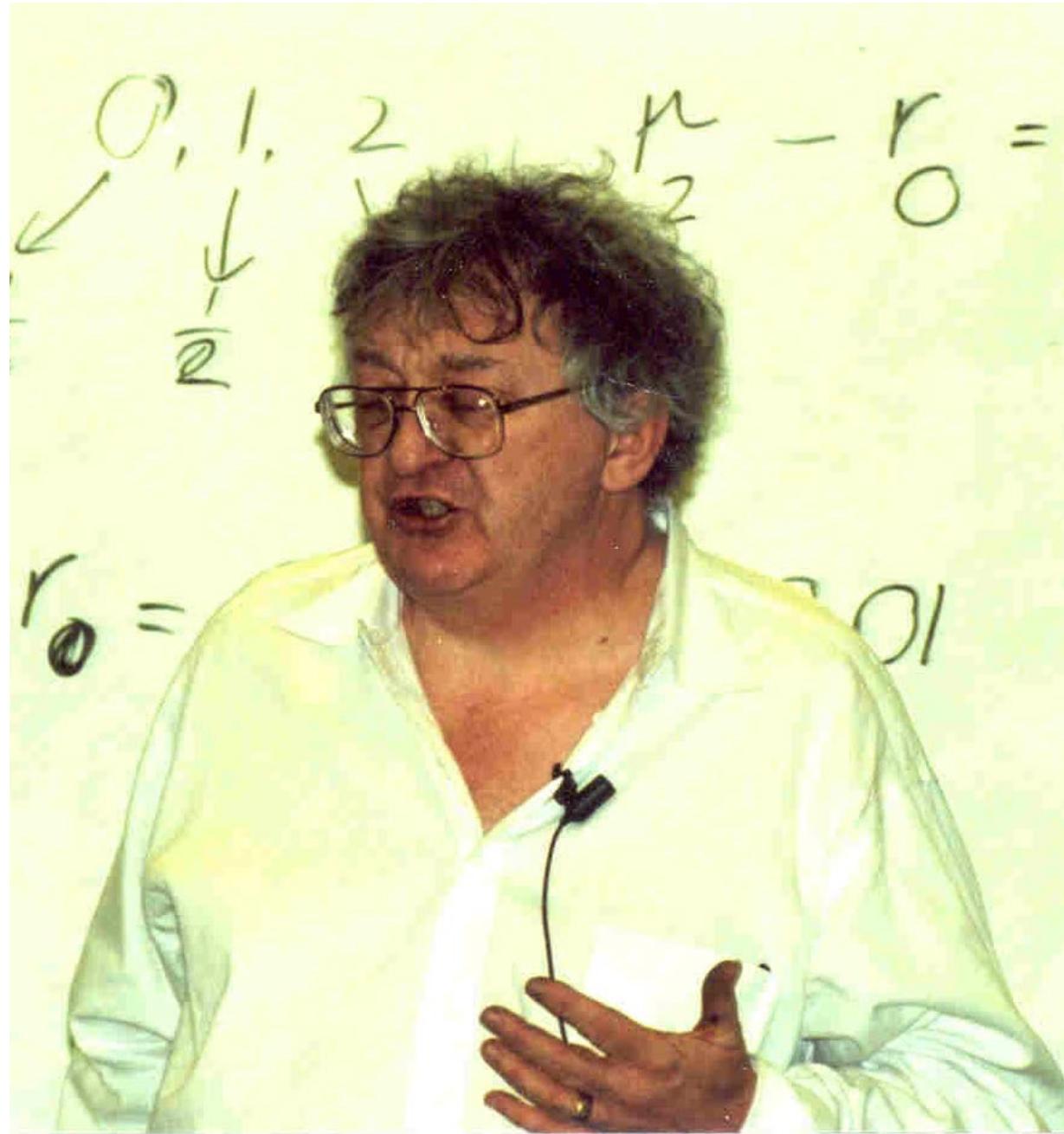
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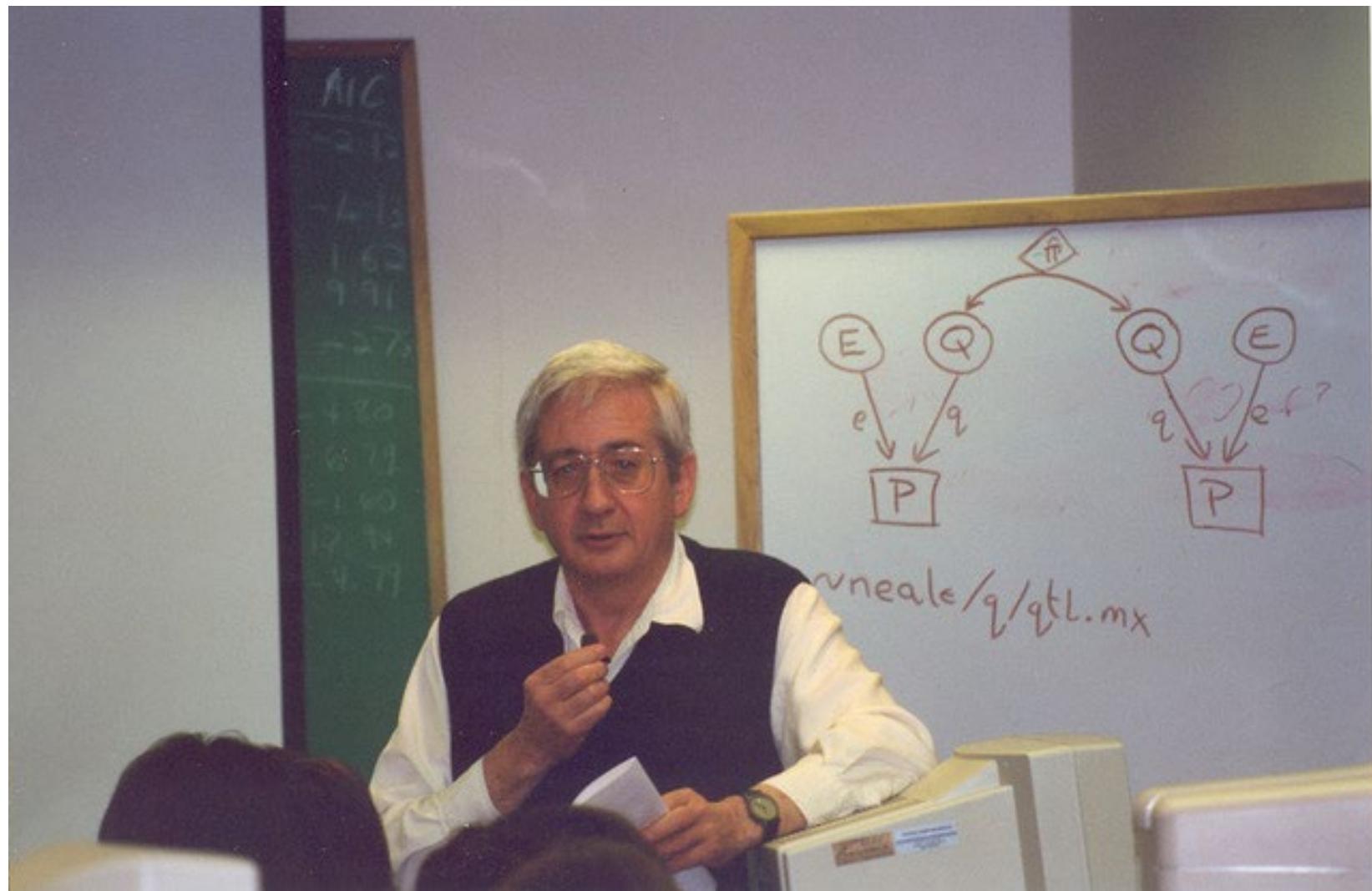
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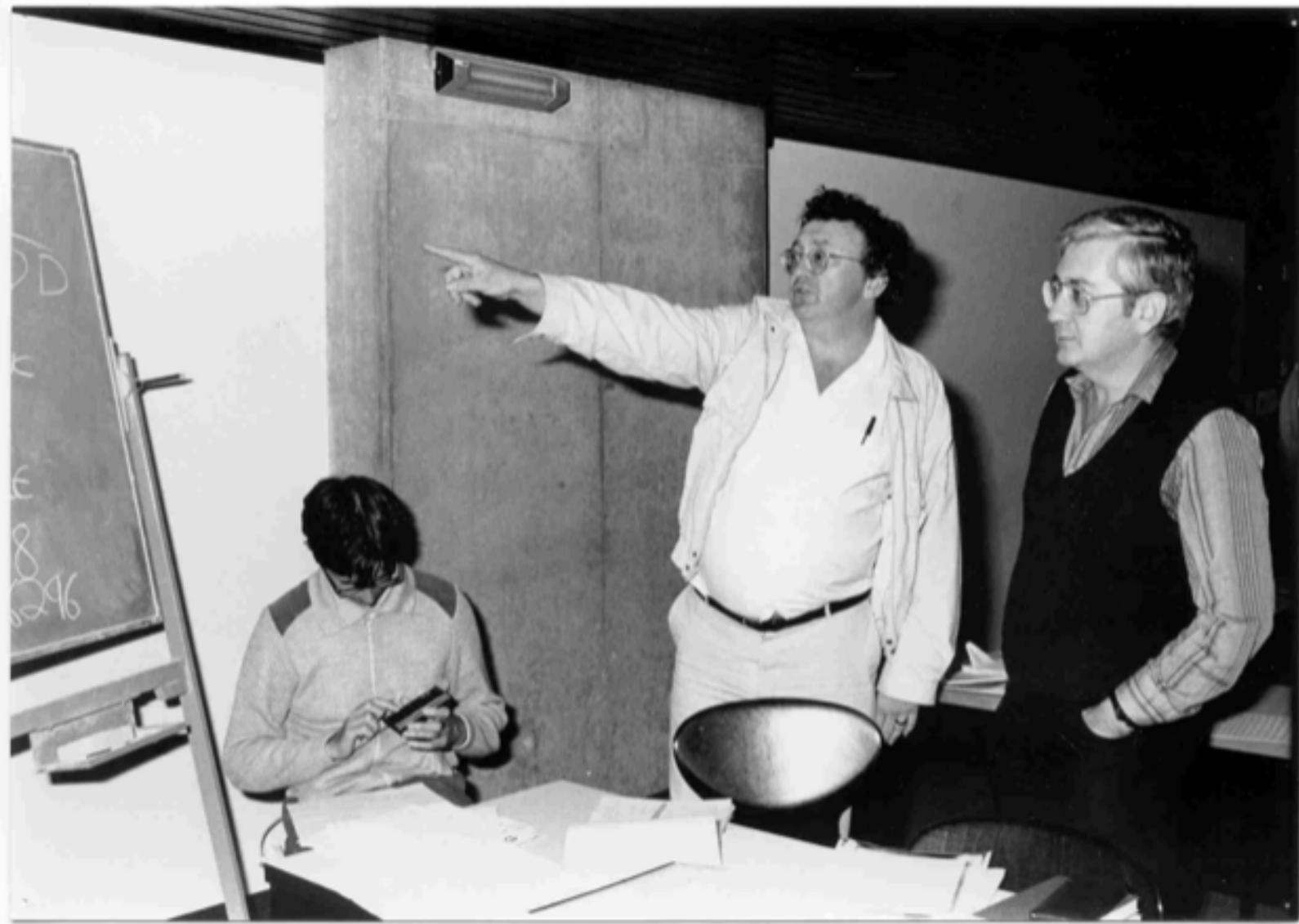
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$$r_0 = 10$$









# The genetics of complex traits: historical context and current challenges



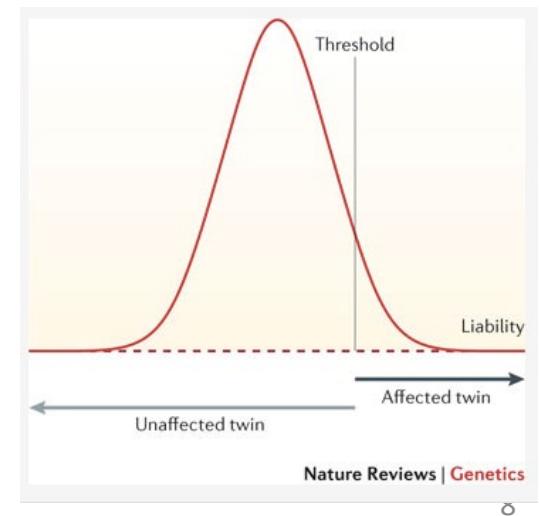
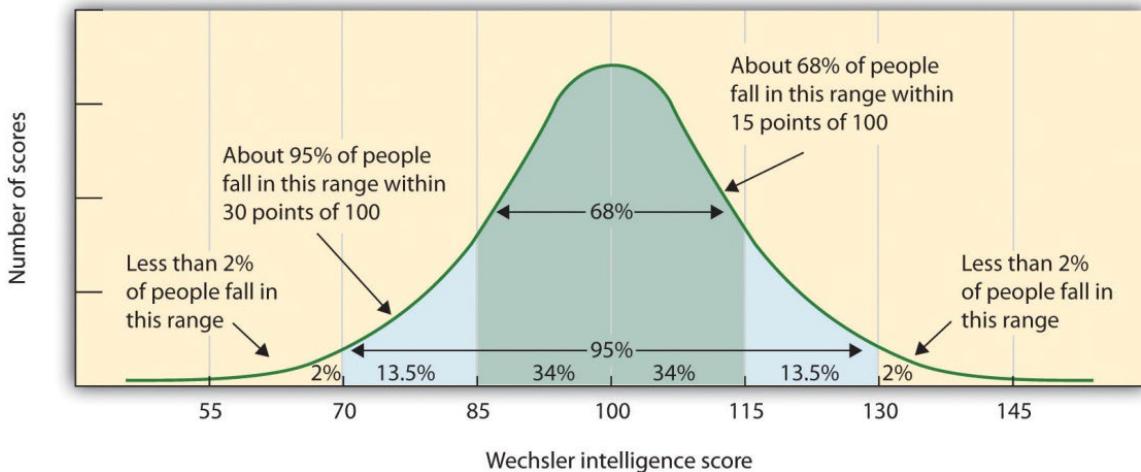
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# Human variation: Height



# Human variation: IQ



# R.A. Fisher, 1918

## The explanation of quantitative inheritance in Mendelian terms

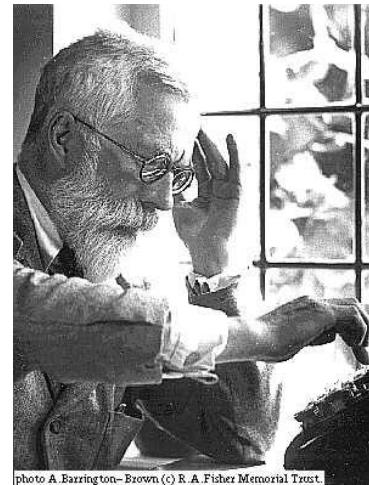


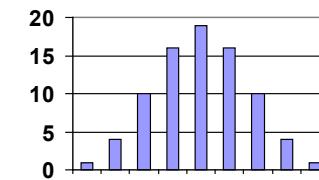
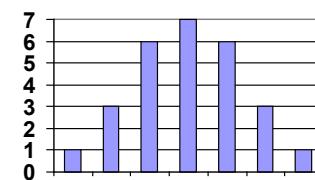
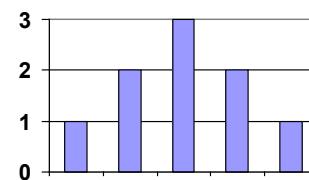
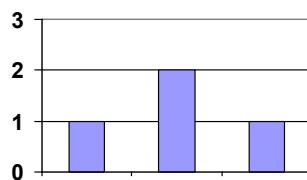
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1 Gene  
→ 3 Genotypes  
→ 3 Phenotypes

2 Genes  
→ 9 Genotypes  
→ 5 Phenotypes

3 Genes  
→ 27 Genotypes  
→ 7 Phenotypes

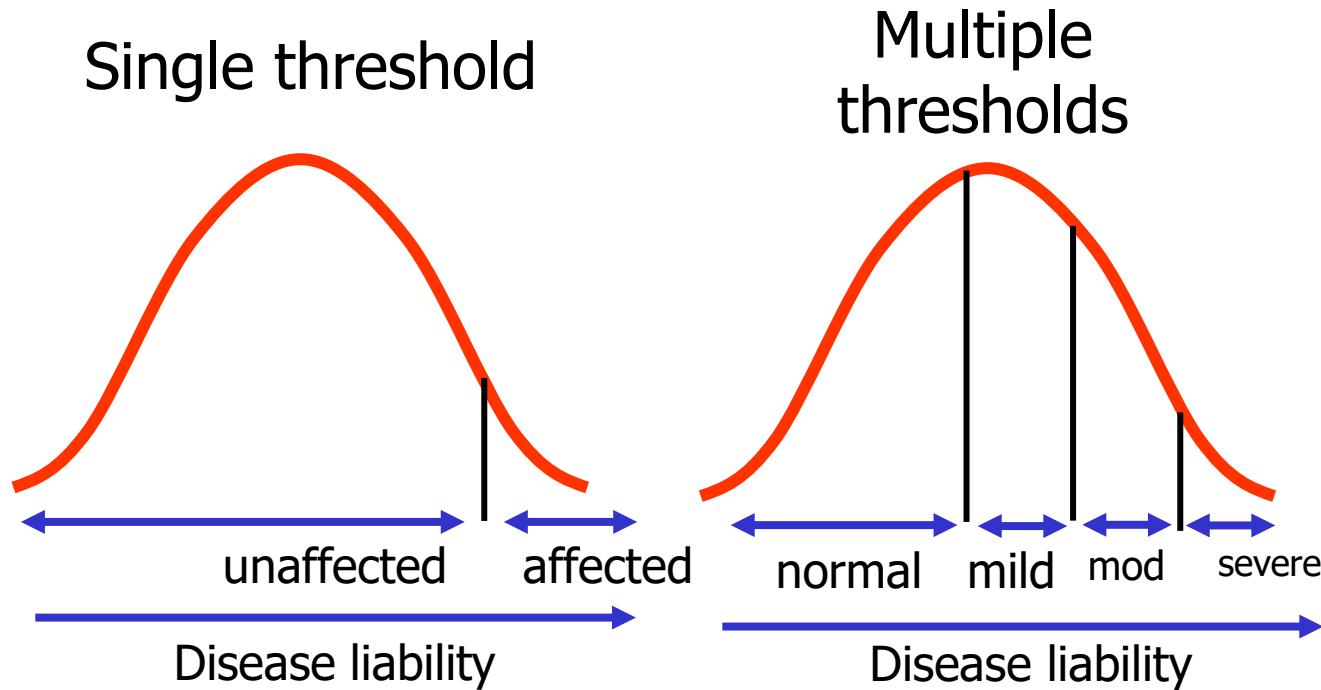
4 Genes  
→ 81 Genotypes  
→ 9 Phenotypes



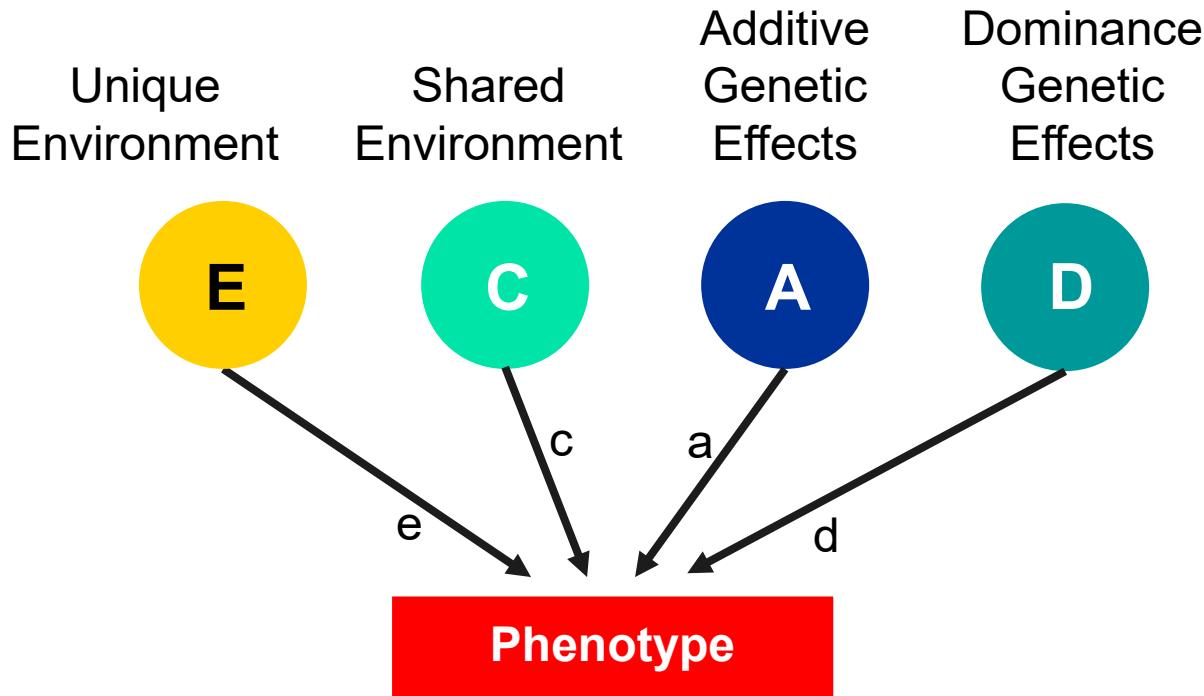
# Complex disorders account for most health burden

- Examples
  - Ischaemic heart disease (30-50%, F-M)
  - Breast cancer (12%, F)
  - Colorectal cancer (5%)
  - Recurrent major depression (10%)
  - ADHD (5%)
  - Bipolar (2%)
  - Schizophrenia (1%)
  - Non-insulin dependent diabetes (5%)
  - Asthma (10%)
  - Essential hypertension (10-25%)
  - etc.....

# Multifactorial Threshold Model of Disease – normally distributed “liability”



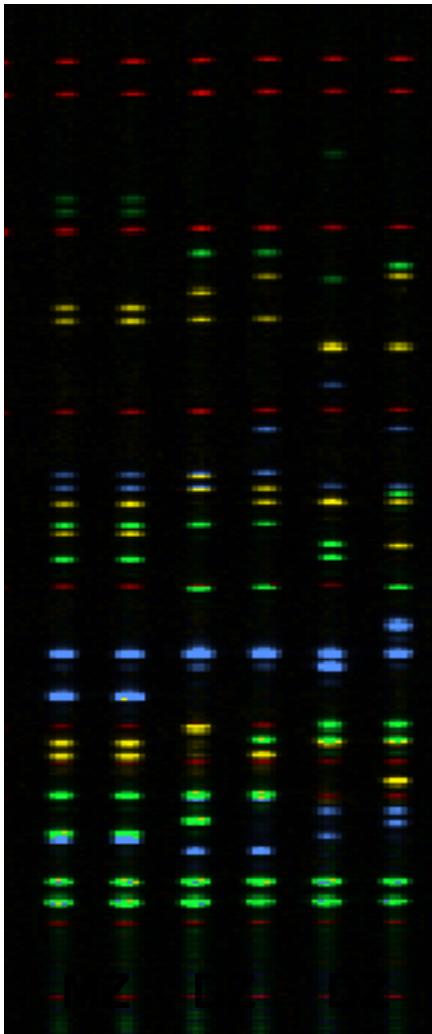
# Variance components



$$P = eE + aA + cC + dD$$

# Genetic Epidemiology: Stages of Genetic Mapping

- Are there genes influencing this trait?
  - Genetic epidemiological (twin / family) studies OR heritability based on measured genetic variants
- Where are those genes?
  - Linkage analysis
- What are those genes?
  - Association analysis (meta-analysis / pathway)
- How do they work beyond the sequence?
  - Epigenetics, transcriptomics, proteomics
- What can we do with them ?
  - Translational medicine

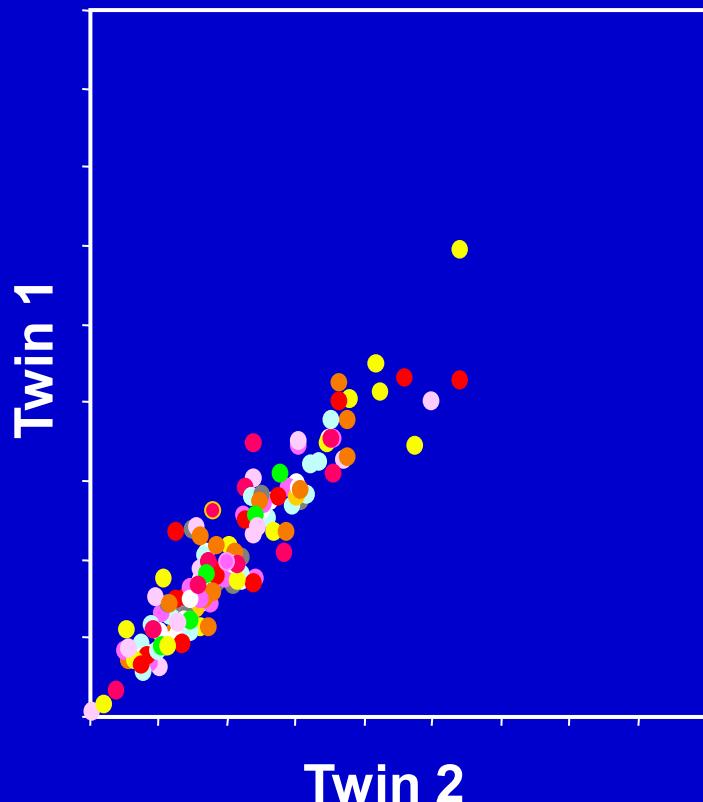


## The value of twins to estimate genetic and environmental variance

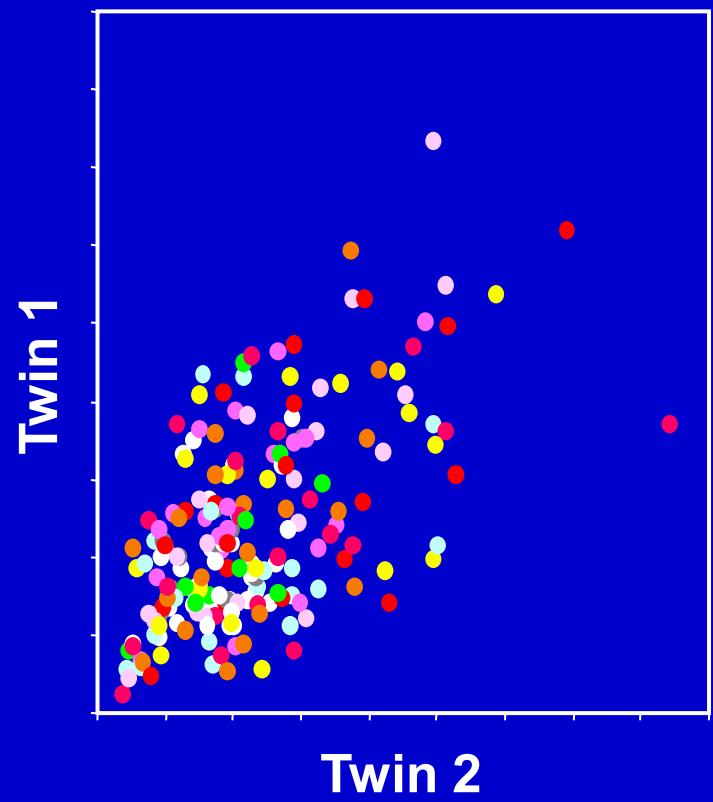
MZ and DZ twins:  
determining zygosity using  
ABI Profiler™ genotyping  
(9 STR markers + sex)

# Height for 12yo MZ and DZ twins

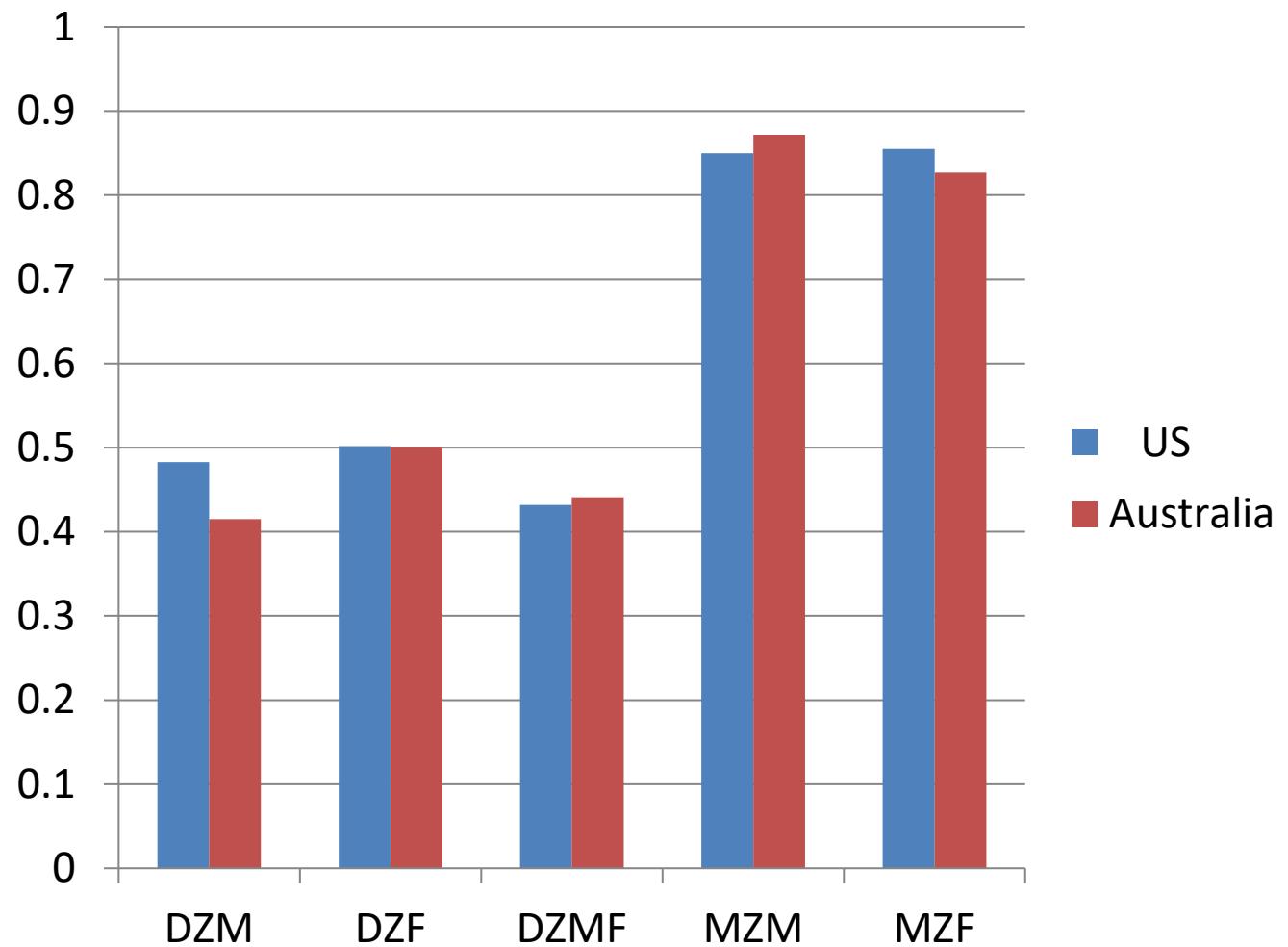
MZ twins - 153 pairs,  $r = 0.94$



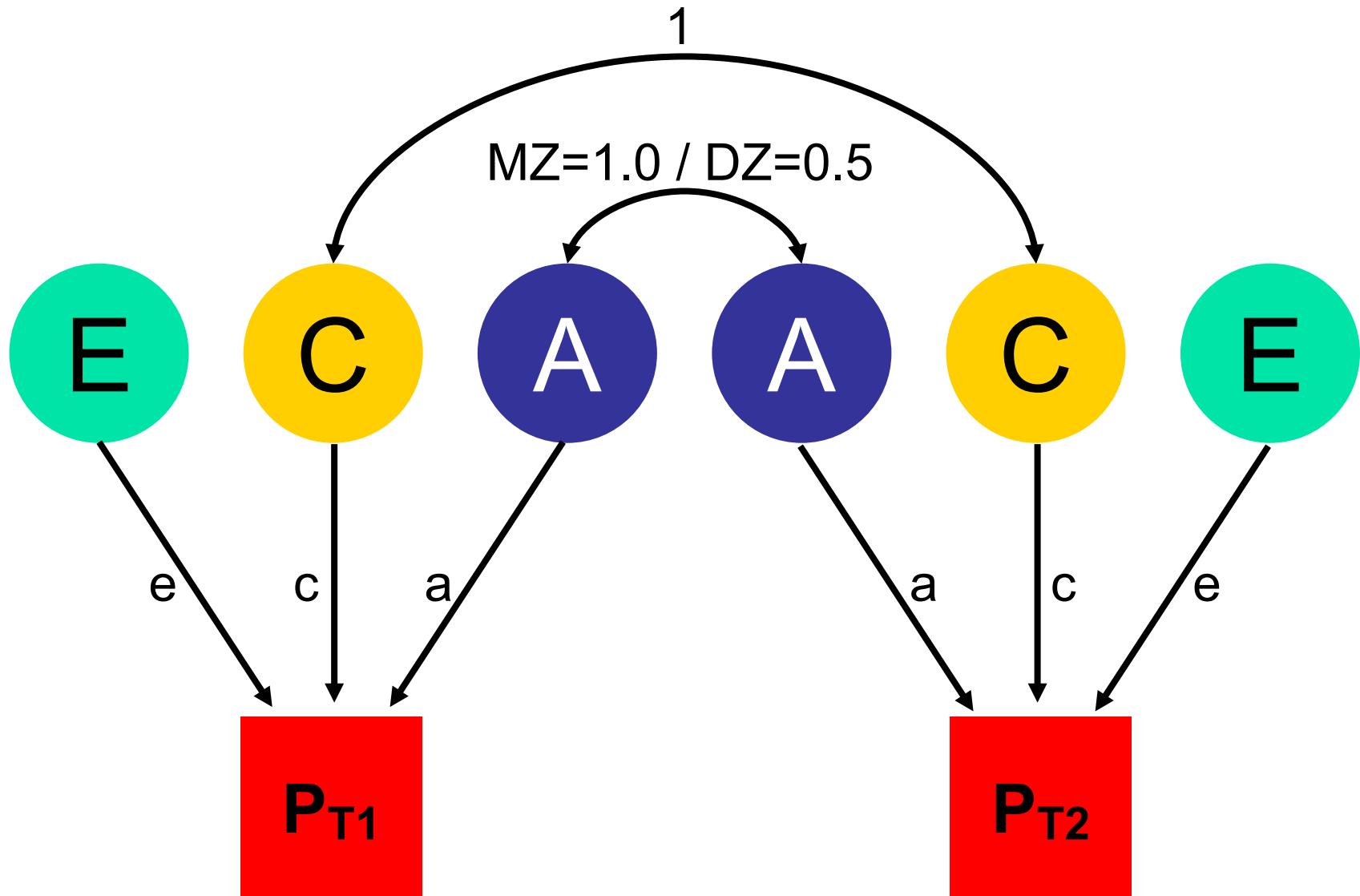
DZ twins - 199 pairs,  $r = 0.60$



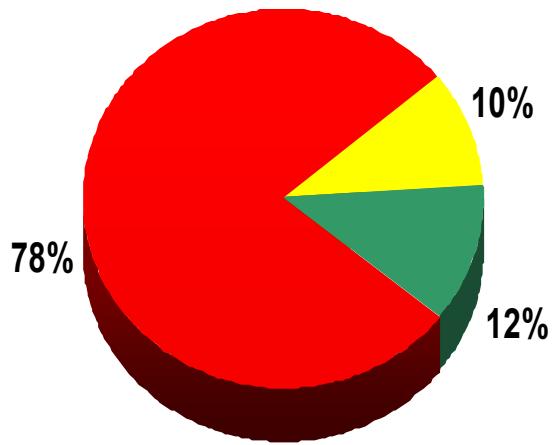
# Twin Correlations for Adult Stature (Virginia 30,000 and Australia 22,000)



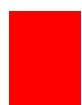
# ACE Model for twin data



# Sources of variation in height



So total  
/twin  
/family  
/pedigree  
heritability  
~80%



Additive  
genetic



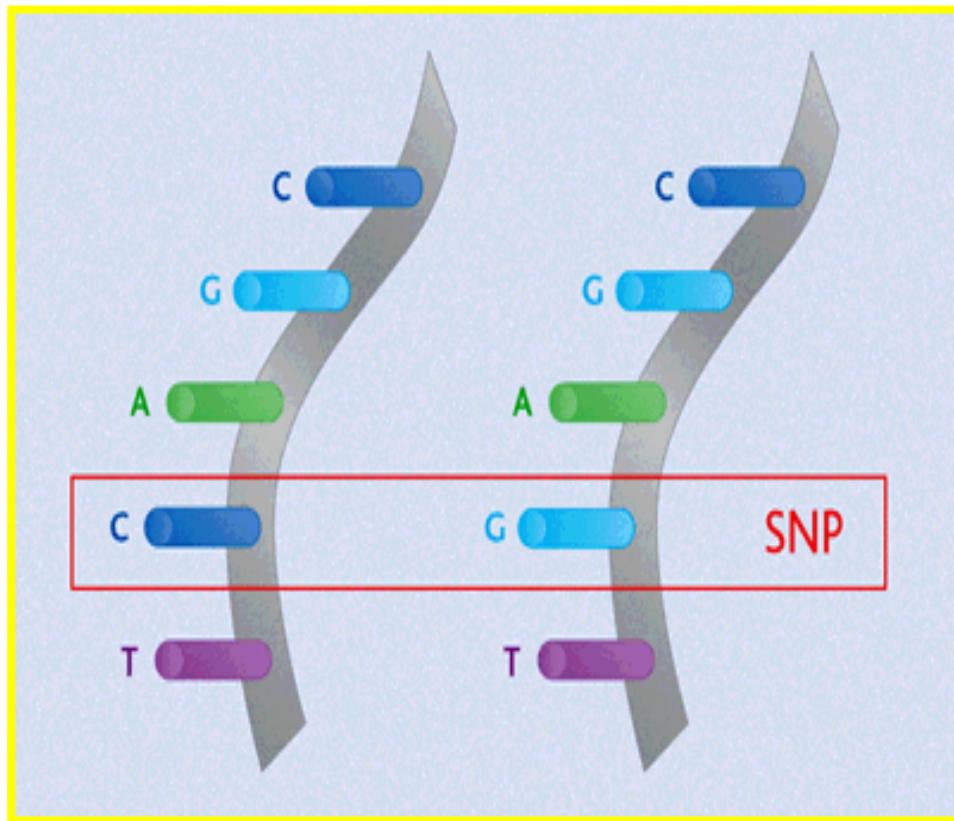
AM / Shared  
environment



Non-shared  
environment

# Finding the genes - association

Looks for correlation between specific alleles and phenotype (trait value, disease risk) using single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs)

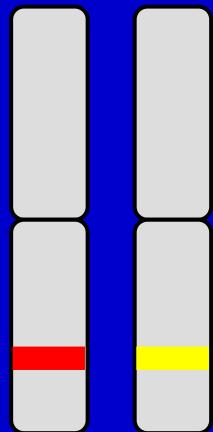
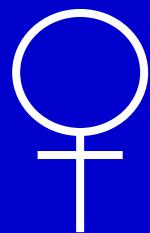


## Classical twin design revisited: Heritability estimation without MZ twins

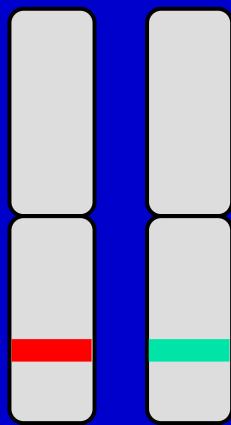
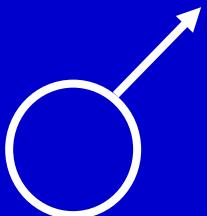
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Why do we use the average sib values of  
 $r_a = 0.5$  and       $r_d = 0.25$

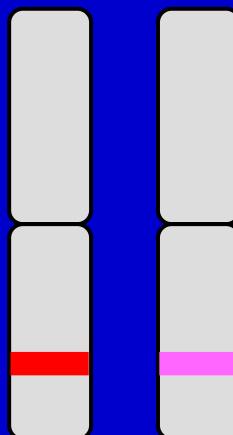
when we can estimate the (almost) exact values for each sib pair from marker data ?



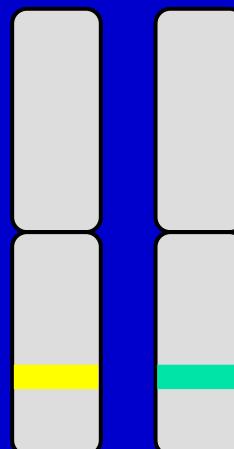
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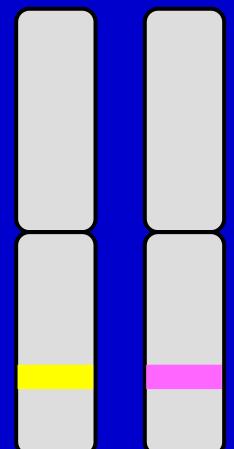
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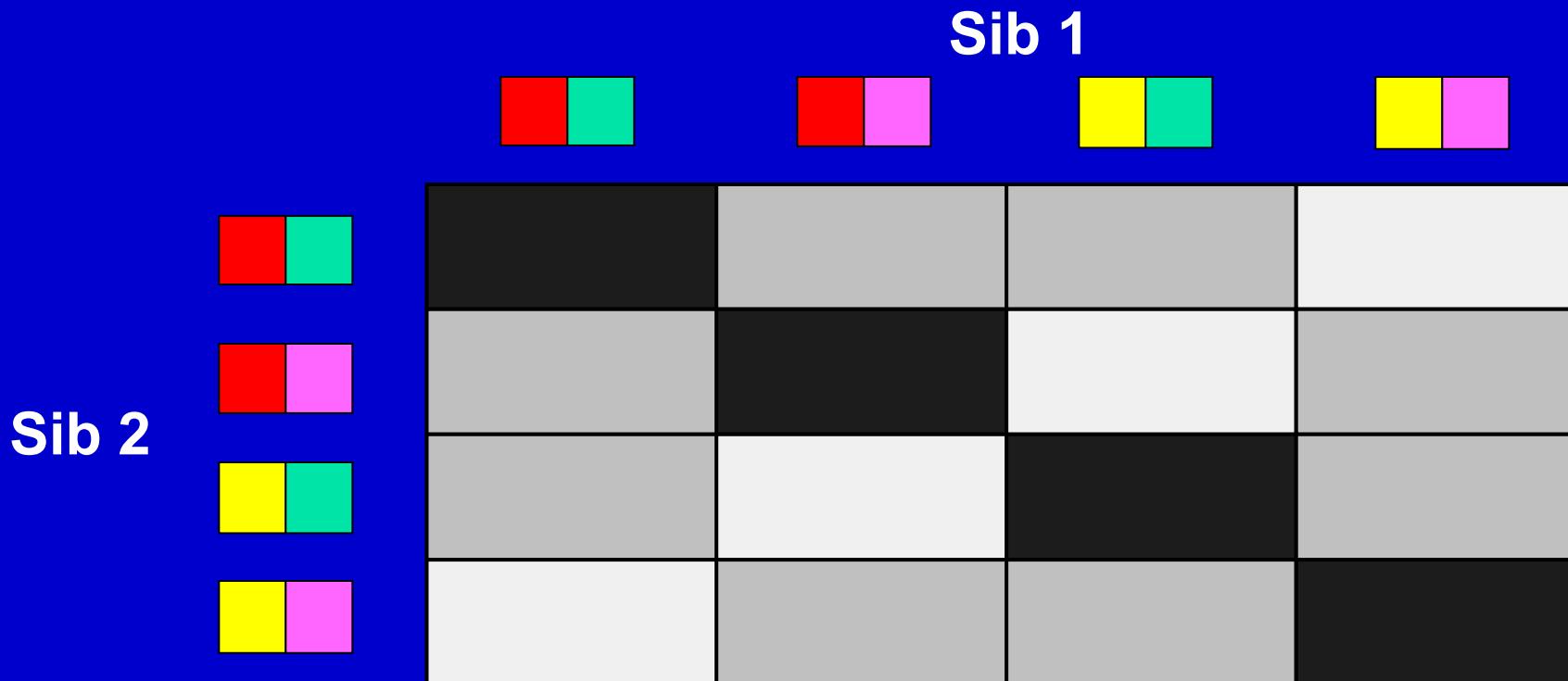


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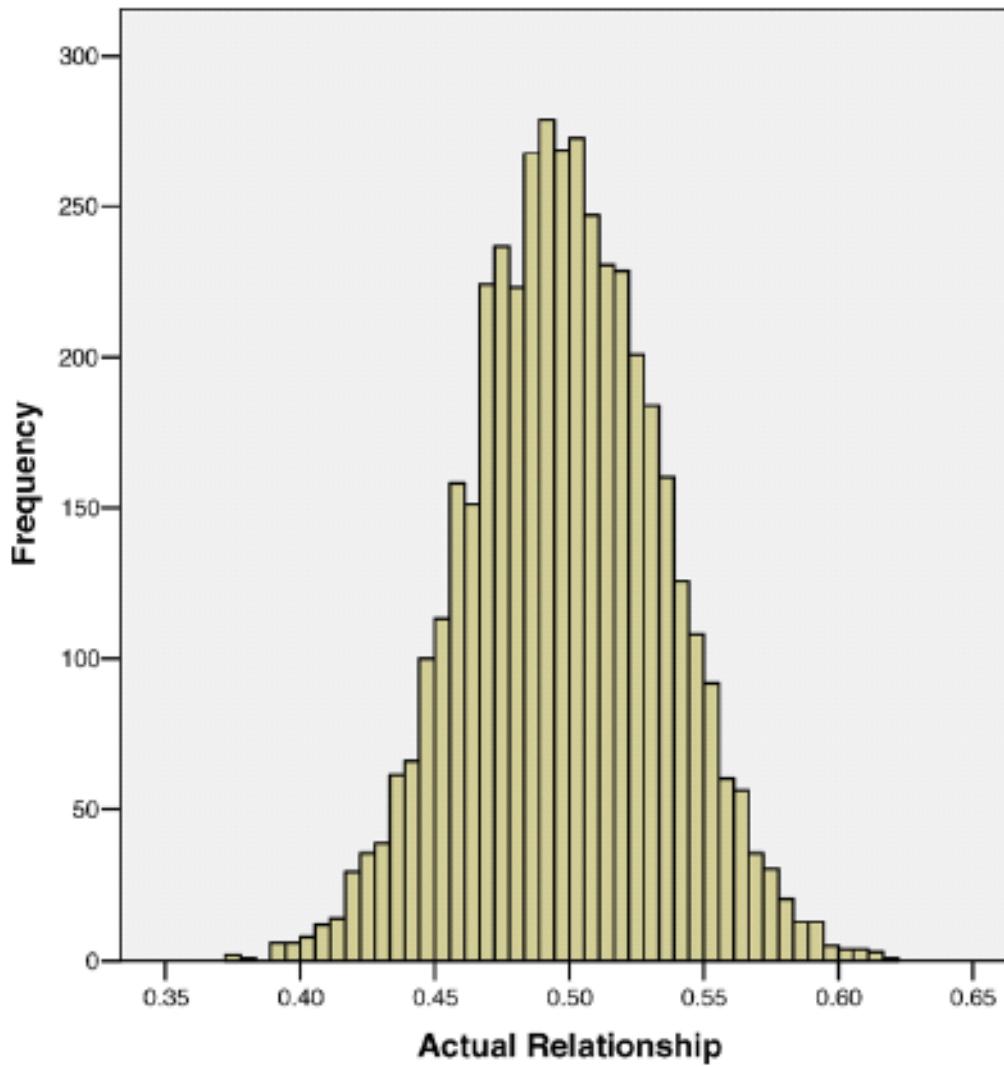
# IDENTITY BY DESCENT



$4/16 = 1/4$  sibs share BOTH parental alleles IBD = 2

$8/16 = 1/2$  sibs share ONE parental allele IBD = 1

$4/16 = 1/4$  sibs share NO parental alleles IBD = 0



**Figure 1.** Empirical Distribution of Actual Additive Genetic Relationships of 4,401 Quasi-Independent Pairs of Full Sibs

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Do these high IBD-sharing DZ twins look more similar.....

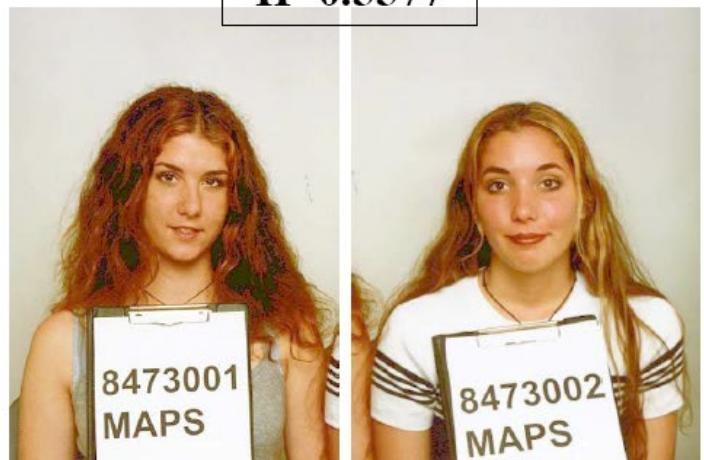
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**H=0.5677**



**8473001,02**

**H=0.5577**



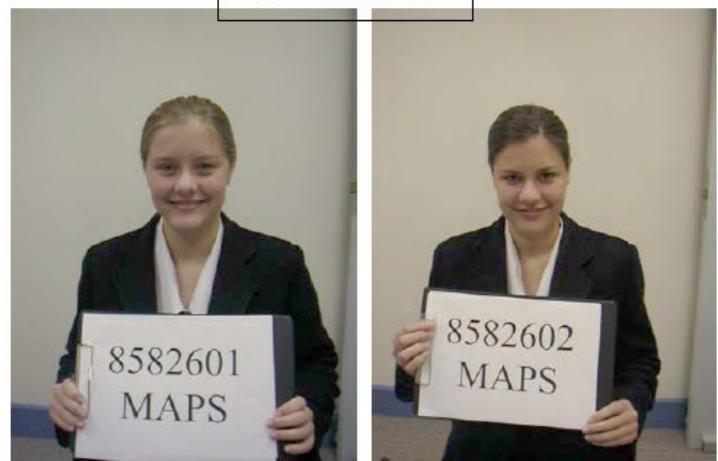
**8300001,02**

**H=0.5719**



**8582601,02**

**H=0.5640**



....than these low IBD sharing DZ twins ?

**8040201,02**  
**H=0.4351**



**8315101,02**  
**H=0.4320**



**8069101,02**  
**H=0.4291**



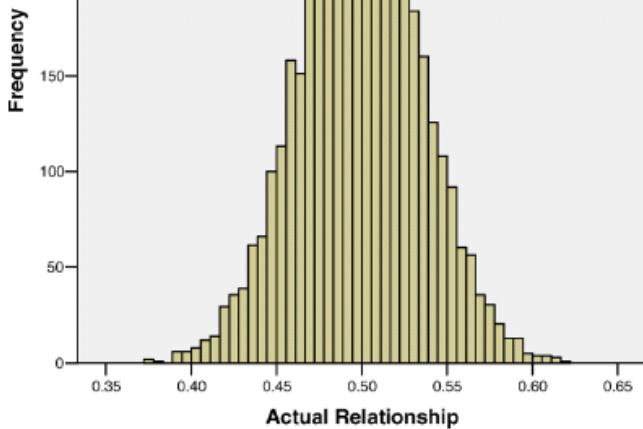
**8525101,02**  
**H=0.4385**



# Assumption-Free Estimation of Heritability from Genome-Wide Identity-by-Descent Sharing between Full Siblings

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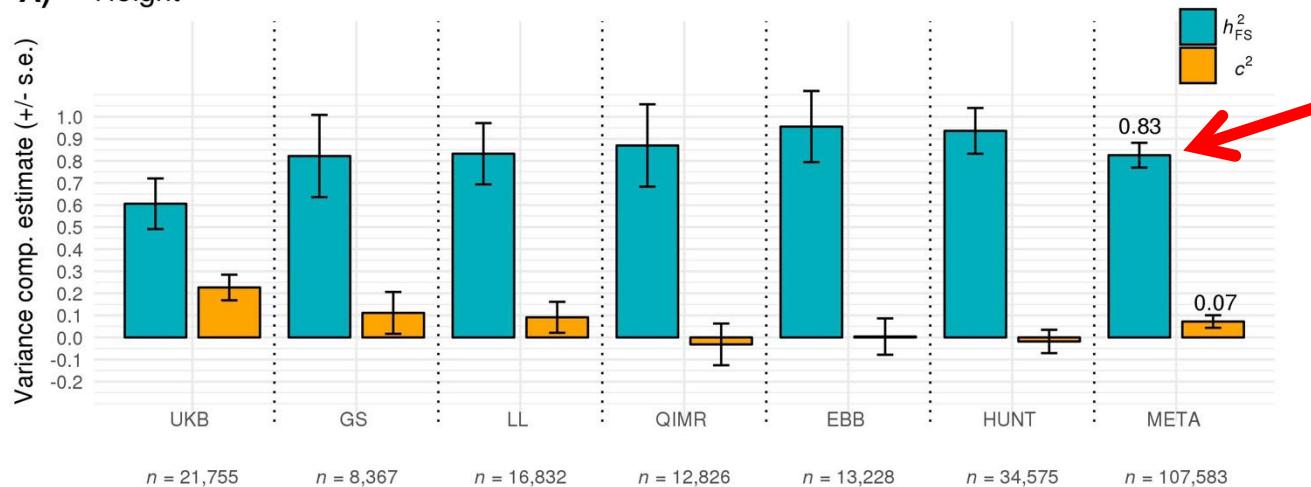
From genotyped sibs alone (3375 pairs)  
we can estimate  $h^2 = 0.80 (.46-.85)$

**Table 2.** ML Estimates of Heritability of Height from Genome-Wide IBD Sharing between Sib Pairs

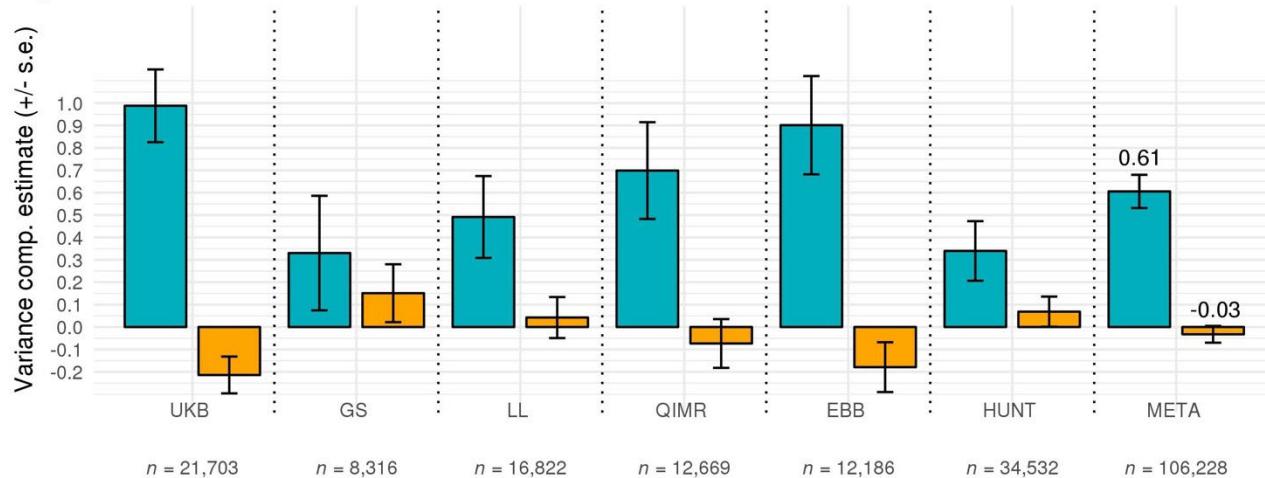
Data	Model	Estimates (95% CI)	
		$f^2$	$h^2$
Adolescents ( $n = 931$ )	FAE	0.00 (0.00–0.43)	0.80 (0.00–0.90)
	FE	0.40 (0.34–0.45)	
Adults ( $n = 2,444$ )	FAE	0.00 (0.00–0.18)	0.80 (0.43–0.86)
	FE	0.39 (0.36–0.43)	
Combined ( $n = 3,375$ )	FAE	0.00 (0.00–0.17)	0.80 (0.46–0.85)
	FE	0.39 (0.36–0.42)	

# Reconciling Linkage and Association Studies of Complex Traits Using 107,000 Sibling Pairs

**A) Height**



**B) BMI**



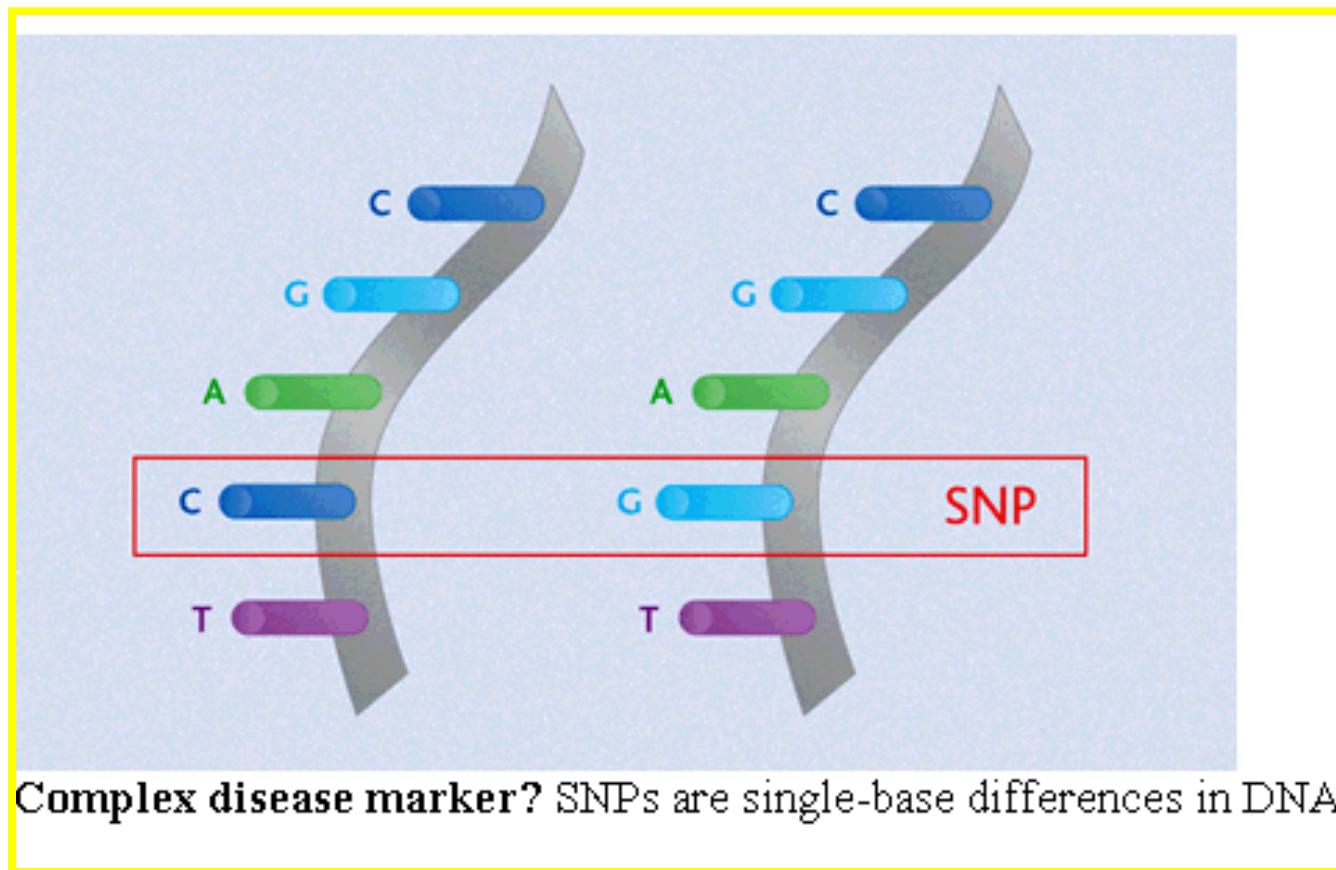
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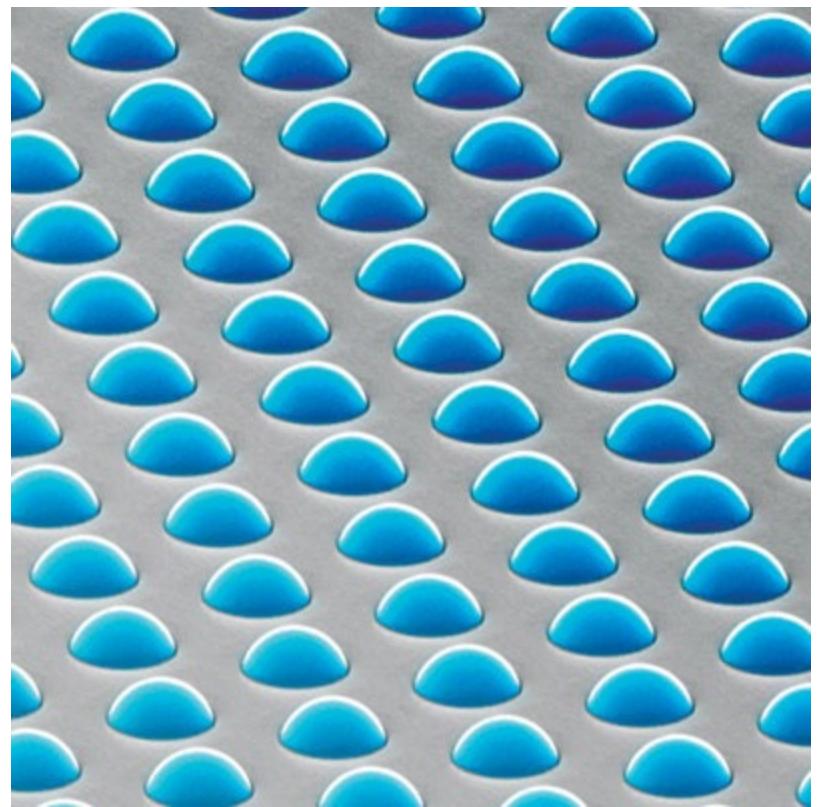
# Association analysis

looks for correlation between specific alleles and phenotype  
(trait value, disease risk)

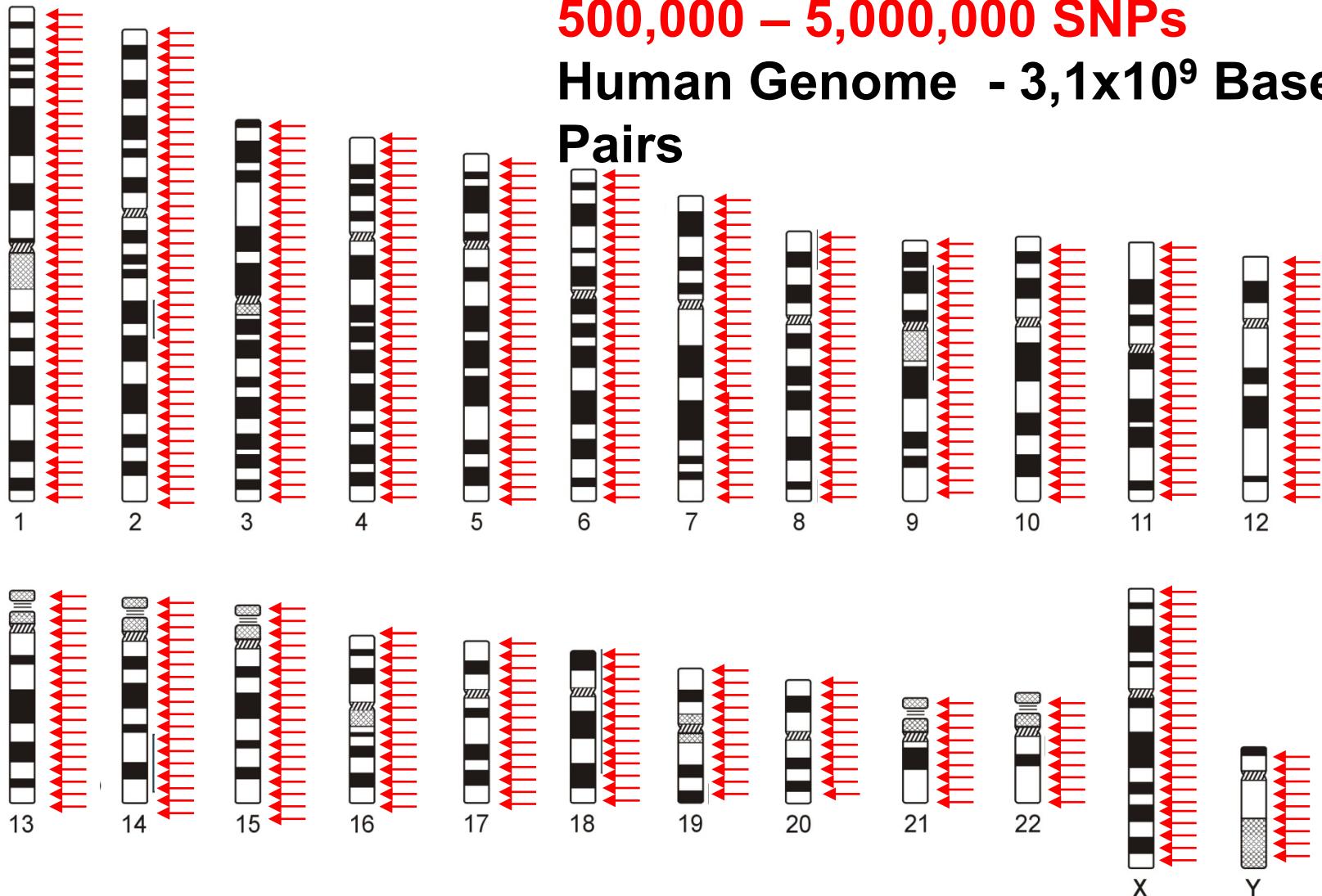
## Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms (SNPs)



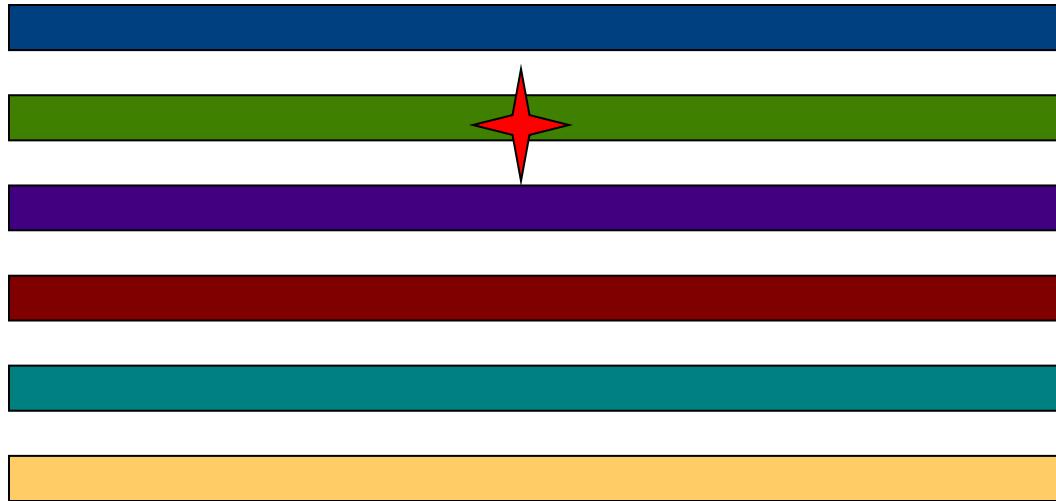
# High density SNP arrays – up to 1 million SNPs



# Genome-Wide Association Studies

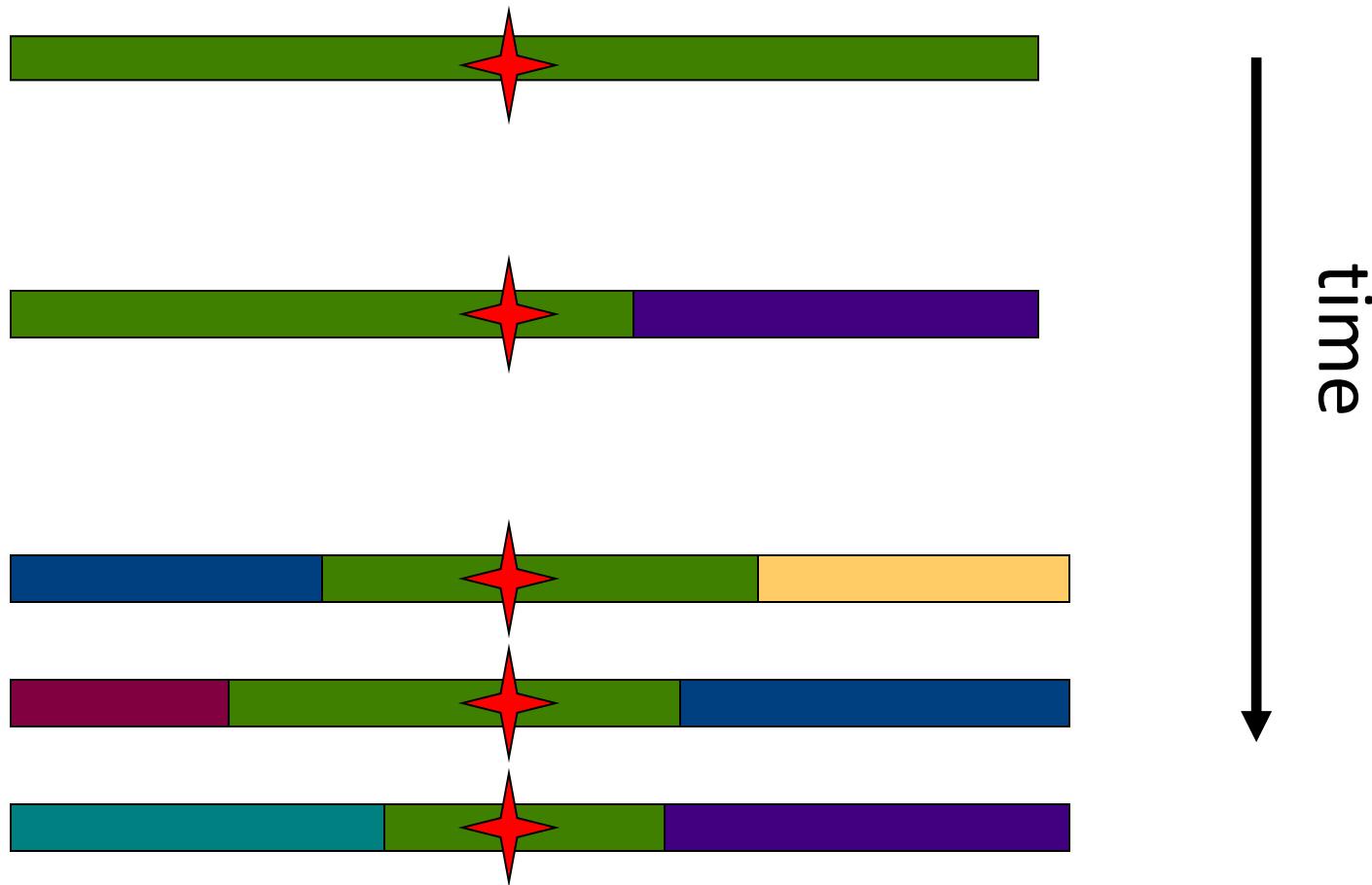


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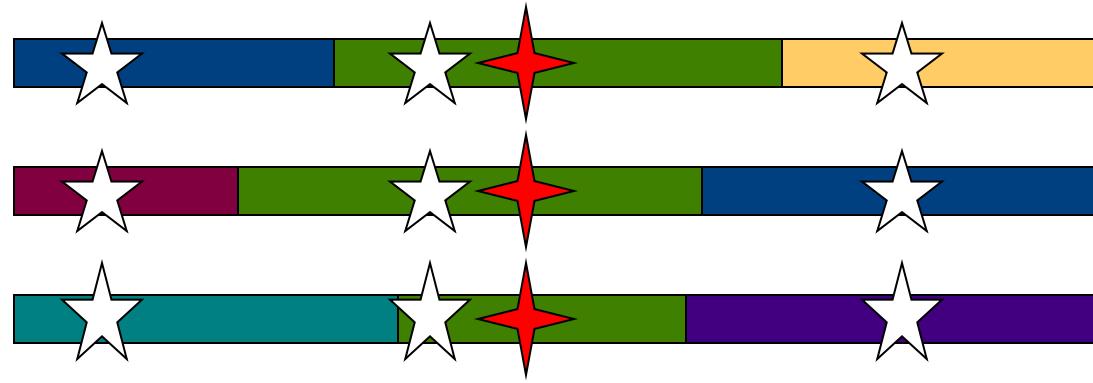


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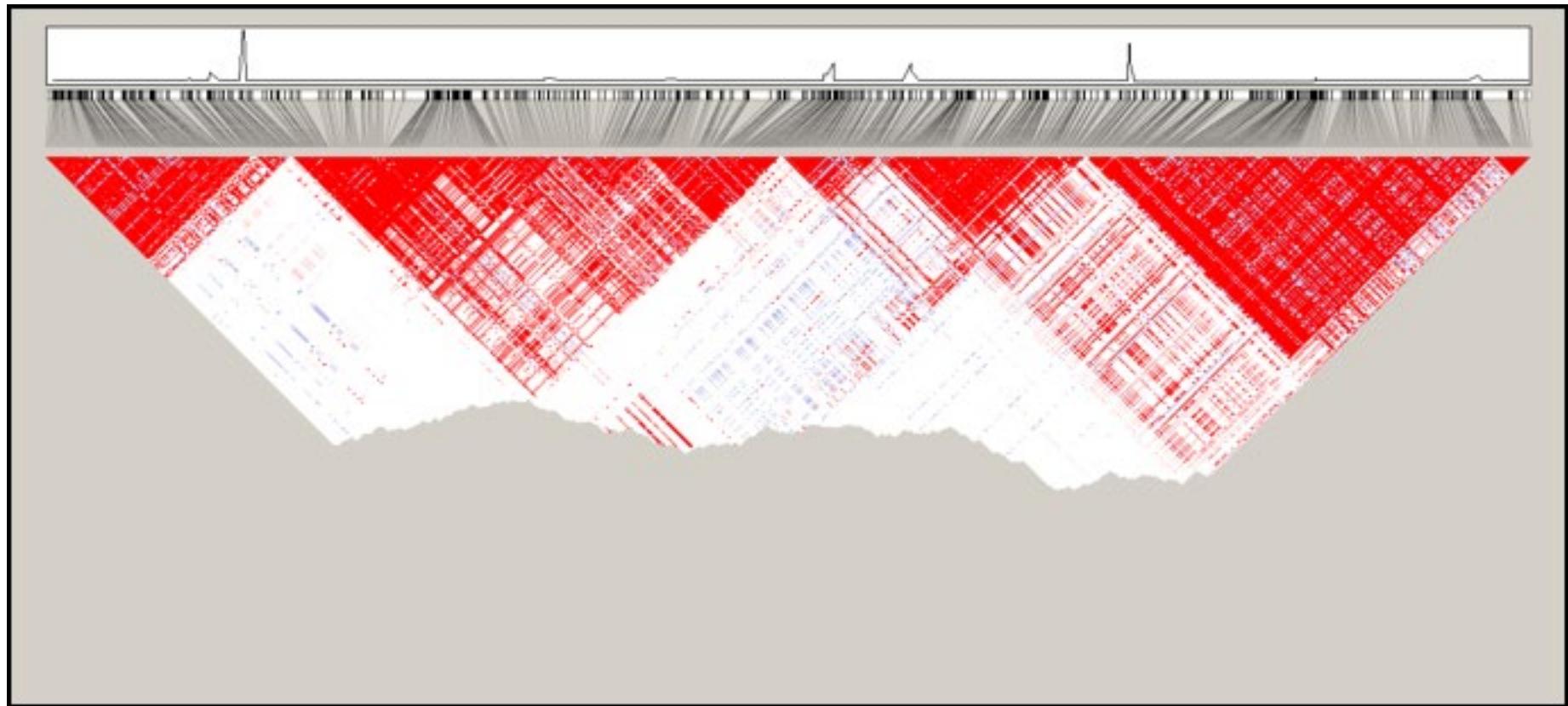


# Indirect association



→  
this SNP will be associated with disease

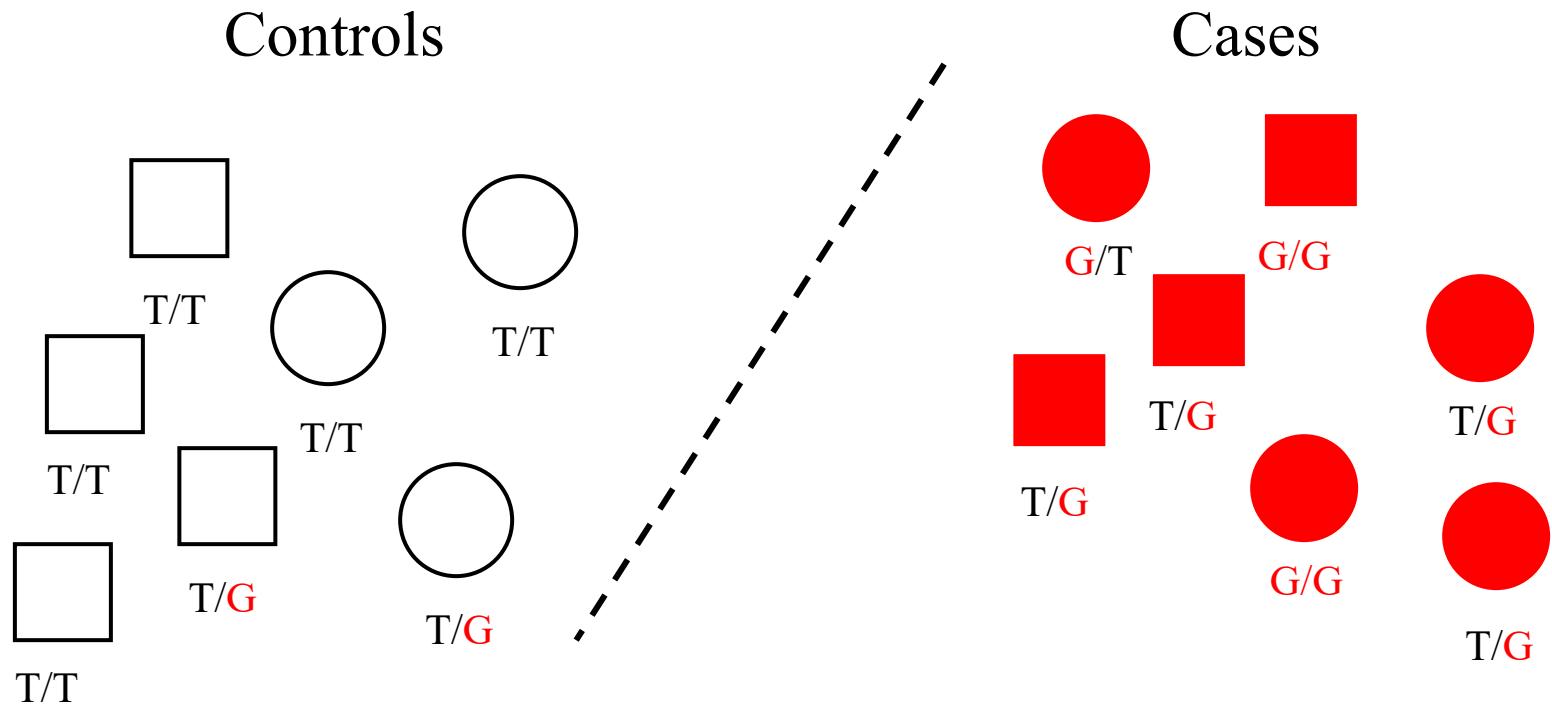
# Linkage disequilibrium blocks



Jeff Barrett

# *Genetic Case Control Study*

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Allele **G** is ‘associated’ with disease

# Allele-based tests (case-control)

- Each individual contributes two counts to 2x2 table.
- Test of association

$$X^2 = \sum_{i=0,1} \sum_{j=A,U} \frac{(n_{ij} - E[n_{ij}])^2}{E[n_{ij}]}$$

where

$$E[n_{ij}] = \frac{n_{i\cdot} n_{\cdot j}}{n_{..}}$$

- $X^2$  has  $\chi^2$  distribution with 1 degrees of freedom under null hypothesis.

	Cases	Controls	Total
G	$n_{1A}$	$n_{1U}$	$n_{1\cdot}$
T	$n_{0A}$	$n_{0U}$	$n_{0\cdot}$
Total	$n_{\cdot A}$	$n_{\cdot U}$	$n_{..}$

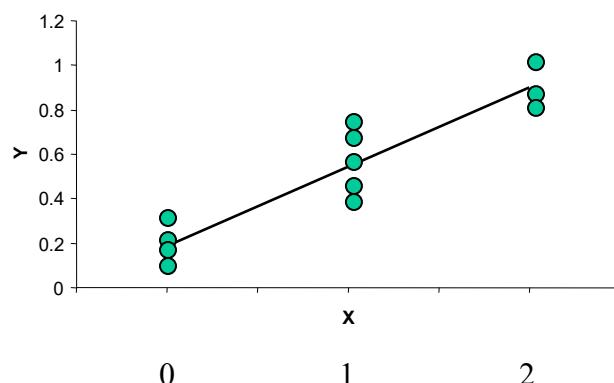
# Simple Regression Model of Association (continuous trait)

$$Y_i = \alpha + \beta X_i + e_i$$

where

$Y_i$  = trait value for individual  $i$

$X_i$  = number of 'A' alleles an individual has



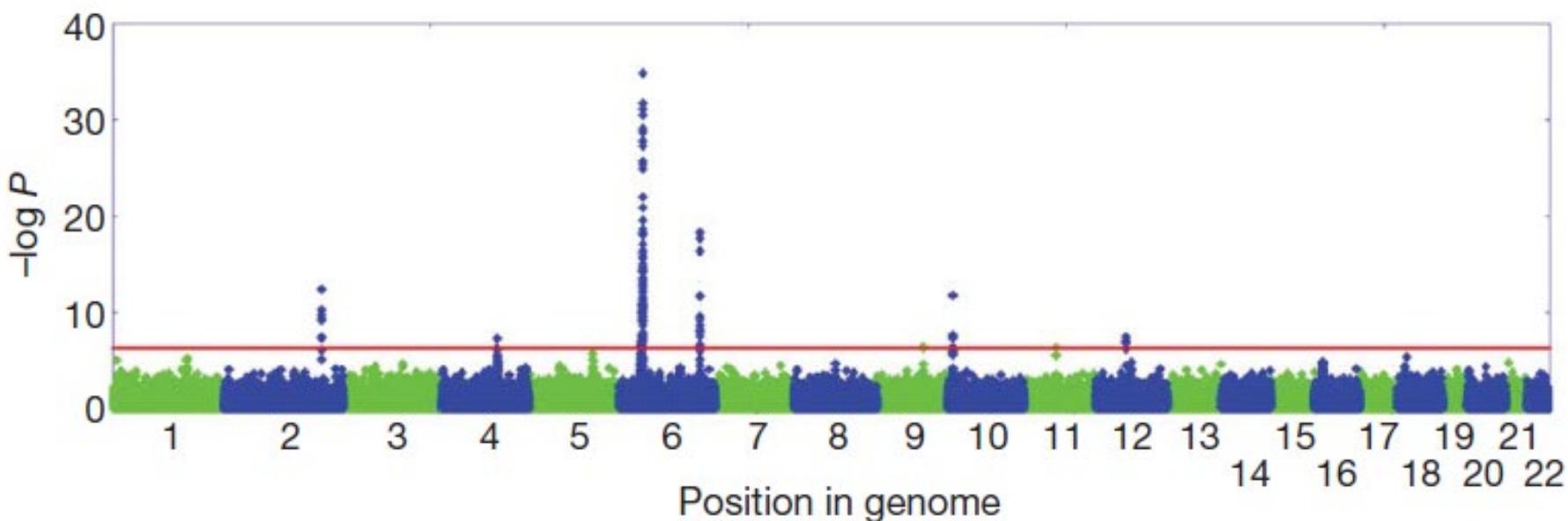
Association test is whether  $\beta > 0$



# Genome-wide association study in alopecia areata implicates both innate and adaptive immunity

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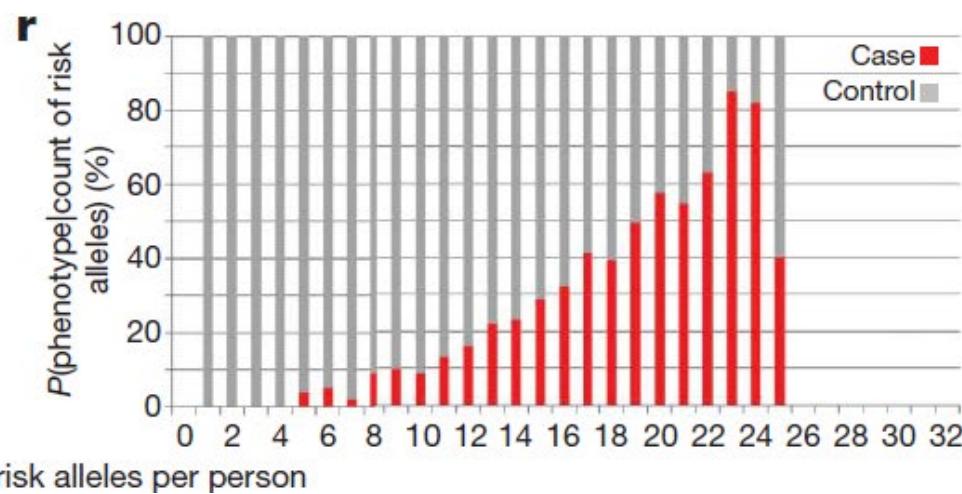
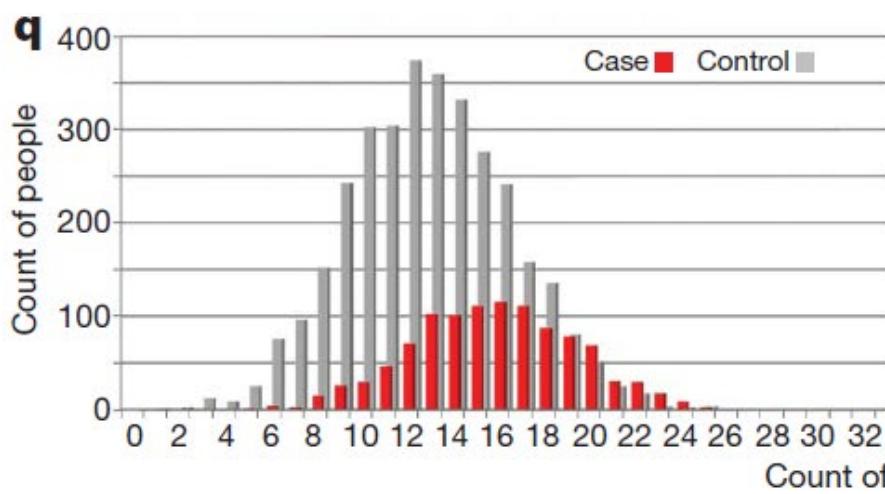
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**Table 1 | Genes with significant association to AA**

Region	Gene	Function	Strongest association (P value)	Maximum odds ratio	Involved in other autoimmune disease
2q33.2	<i>CTLA4</i>	Co-stimulatory family	$3.55 \times 10^{-13}$	1.44	T1D, RA, CeD, MS, SLE, GD
	<i>ICOS</i>	Co-stimulatory family	$4.33 \times 10^{-8}$	1.32	
4q27	<i>IL-21/IL-2</i>	T-, B- and NK-cell proliferation	$4.27 \times 10^{-8}$	1.34	T1D, RA, CeD, PS
6q25.1	<i>ULBP6</i>	NKG2D activating ligand	$4.49 \times 10^{-19}$	1.65	None
	<i>ULBP3</i>	NKG2D activating ligand	$4.43 \times 10^{-17}$	1.52	None
9q31.1	<i>STX17</i>	Premature hair greying	$3.60 \times 10^{-7}$	1.33	None
10p15.1	<i>IL-2RA</i>	T-cell proliferation	$1.74 \times 10^{-12}$	1.41	T1D, MS, GD, GV
11q13	<i>PRDX5</i>	Antioxidant enzyme	$4.14 \times 10^{-7}$	1.33	MS
12q13	<i>Eos (IKZF4)</i>	T <sub>reg</sub> transcription factor	$3.21 \times 10^{-8}$	1.34	T1D, SLE
	<i>ERBB3</i>	Epidermal growth factor receptor	$1.27 \times 10^{-7}$	1.34	T1D, SLE
(HLA)	<i>MICA</i>	NKG2D activating ligand	$1.19 \times 10^{-7}$	1.44	T1D, RA, CeD, UC, PS, SLE
	<i>NOTCH4</i>	Haematopoietic differentiation	$1.03 \times 10^{-8}$	1.61	T1D, RA, MS
	<i>C6orf10</i>	Unknown	$1.45 \times 10^{-16}$	2.36	T1D, RA, PS, GV
	<i>BTNL2</i>	Co-stimulatory family	$2.11 \times 10^{-26}$	2.70	T1D, RA, UC, CD, SLE, MS, GV
	<i>HLA-DRA</i>	Antigen presentation	$2.93 \times 10^{-31}$	2.62	T1D, RA, CeD, MS, GV
	<i>HLA-DQA1</i>	Antigen presentation	$3.60 \times 10^{-17}$	2.15	T1D, RA, CeD, MS, SLE, PS, CD, UC, GD
	<i>HLA-DQA2</i>	Antigen presentation	$1.38 \times 10^{-35}$	5.43	T1D, RA
	<i>HLA-DQB2</i>	Antigen presentation	$1.73 \times 10^{-13}$	1.60	RA

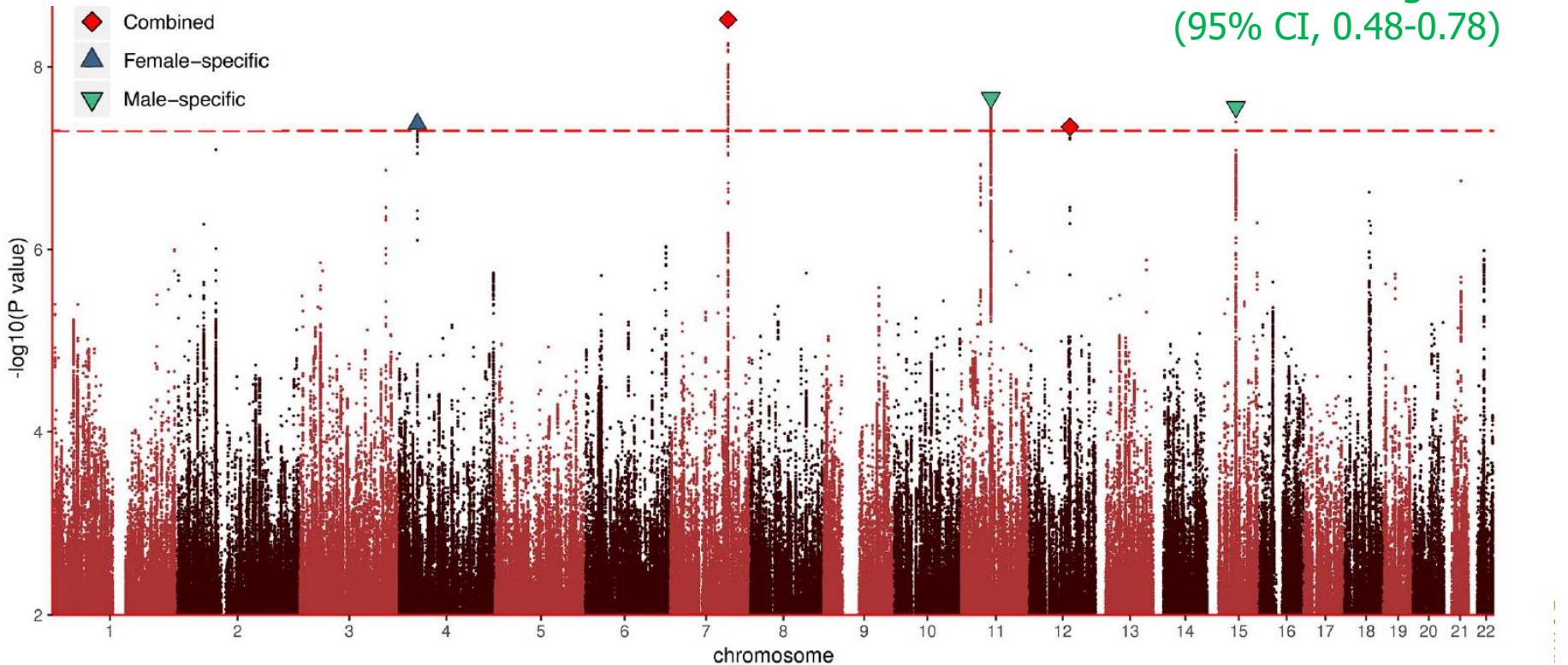
Each of the eight regions implicated in our study contains multiple significant SNPs, which are detailed in Supplementary Tables 1 and 2. Here we display candidate genes within the implicated regions, and include the P value of the most significant SNP, and the odds ratio for the SNP with the largest effect estimate. Diseases are listed for which a GWAS or previous candidate gene study identified the same region (<http://www.genome.gov/gwastudies>, <http://www.cdc.gov/genomics/hugenet>): Crohn's disease (CD), celiac disease (CeD), Graves disease (GD), generalized vitiligo (GV), multiple sclerosis (MS), psoriasis (PS), rheumatoid arthritis (RA), system lupus erythematosus (SLE), type I diabetes (T1D), and ulcerative colitis (UC).



# Large-scale GWAS reveals insights into the genetic architecture of same-sex sexual behavior

Total n = 477,522  
(26,827 reporting same-sex sexual behavior)

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GCTA  $h^2 = 32.4\%$   
(95% CI 10.6 - 54.3)

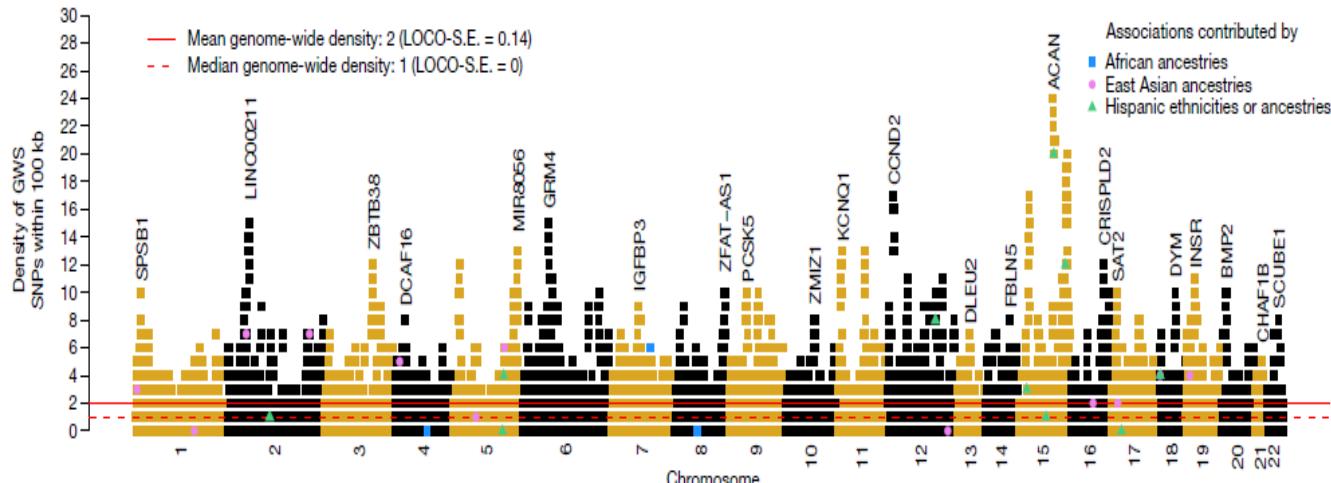
Across sex  $R_g = 0.63$   
(95% CI, 0.48-0.78)

# A saturated map of common genetic variants associated with human height

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**N = 5,314,291 !!**



- GWAS of 5.4 million individuals of diverse ancestries  
→ **12,111 independent common SNPs** gw significant
- Account for **45% of phenotypic variance** in Europeans but only around 14–24% in other ancestries
- Reduced prediction accuracy likely due to ancestry differences in LD and MAF

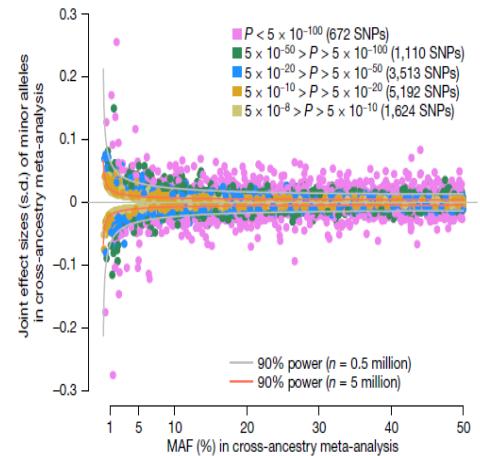


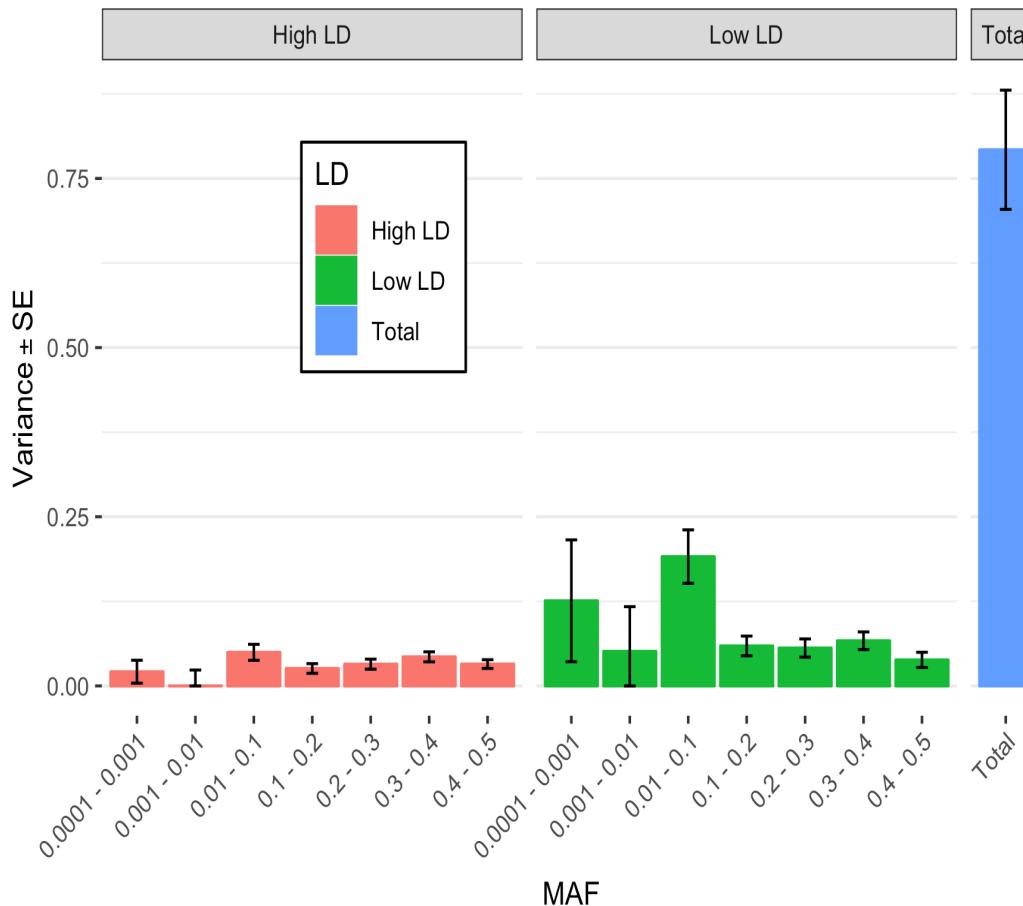
Fig. 1 | Relationship between frequency and estimated effect sizes of minor

What about the other

$$80 - 45 = 35\%$$

“missing heritability” ?

# Using whole-genome sequence WGS data to recover the pedigree heritability?



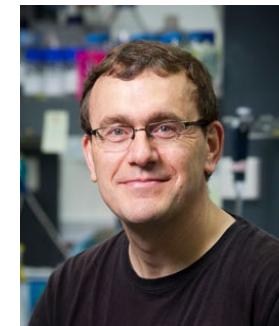
Missing  $h^2$  due to rare variants of large effect in low LD with array SNPs

Estimates using 20PCs as fixed effects

- Height:  $h_{WGS}^2 = 0.79 (0.09)$

Estimate close to pedigree estimate

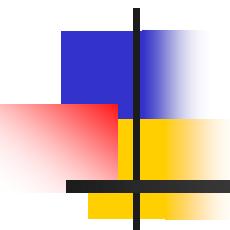
Large role for low LD and low MAF variants



Peter  
Visscher



Pierrick  
Wainschtein



# Ways to increase power

## Imputation

# Imputation

a g a g t t g a g g g a a c c t g a g a a  
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t g c g a c g g t g a t t c t c c a g a c  
a g c g a c g a t g g t a c t t g a t c a  
t a a g t t a g t a a t t c c c g a g c a  
t g c a a t g a g g g a a a t t g t t a a  
a g a g a c g g g g g a a a t t c t g c c

Reference haplotypes  
via sequencing studies  
eg. 1000 Genomes Project



g	a	g	g	t	a	a
g	c	t	a	t	t	c
a	t	g	g	t	t	a
g	c	g	g	c	a	a
g	c	t	g	t	t	c
g	c	g	g	c	a	a
g	t	g	g	t	a	c
a	t	t	a	c	a	a

# Imputation

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a g c g a c g a t g g t a c t t g a t c a  
t a a g t t a g t a a t t c c c g a g c a  
t g c a a t g a g g g a a a t t g t t a a  
a g a g a c g g g g g a a a t t c t g c c

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# Imputation

a	g	a	g	t	t	g	a	g	g	g	g	g	a	a	c	c	t	g	a	g	a	a	
t	g	a	g	a	c	g	a	g	g	g	g	g	a	a	a	a	t	t	g	a	g	a	c
t	g	c	g	a	c	g	g	t	g	t	g	t	t	c	t	c	c	c	a	g	a	c	
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a	g	a	g	a	c	g	g	g	g	g	a	a	a	a	t	t	c	t	g	c	c	c	

Reference haplotypes  
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g		a		g		g		t		a		a											
g			c		t		a		t		t												

a		t		g		g		t		t		a											
g			c		g		g		c		a		a										

g		c		t		g		t		t		t											
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g		t		g		g		t		a		c											
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Imputation of unobserved alleles via matching of shared haplotypes

Slide from Jonathan Marchini

# Imputation

a	g	a	g	t	t	g	a	g	g	g	a	a	c	c	t	g	a	g	a		
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t	g	c	g	a	c	g	g	t	g	a	t	t	c	t	c	c	a	g	a		
a	g	c	g	a	c	g	a	c	g	t	g	t	a	c	t	t	g	a	t	c	
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a	g	a	g	a	c	g	g	g	g	g	g	a	a	a	t	t	c	t	g	c	

Reference haplotypes  
via sequencing studies  
eg. 1000 Genomes Project



a	g	a	g	t	a	g	a	g	g	t	a	c	t	t	g	a	t	c	a	
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t	g	a	g	a	c	g	g	g	g	g	a	a	c	c	c	g	a	g	c

a	g	c	g	a	c	g	a	c	g	t	g	t	a	a	t	t	c	t	g	c
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Imputation of unobserved alleles via matching of shared haplotypes

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# Imputation

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t g c g a c g g t g a t t c t c c a g a c  
a g c g a c g a t g g t a c t t g a t c a  
t a a g t t a g t a a t t c c c g a g c a  
t g c a a t g a g g g a a a a t t g t t a a  
a g a g a c g g g g g a a a a t t c t g c c

a g a g t a g a g g g t a c t t g a t c a  
t g c g a c g g t g a t t c t t c t g c c

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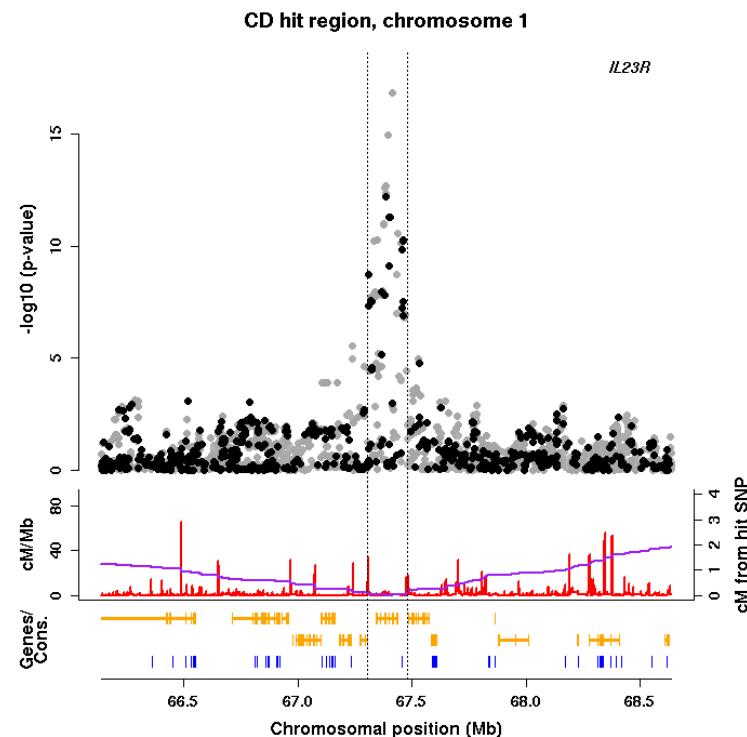
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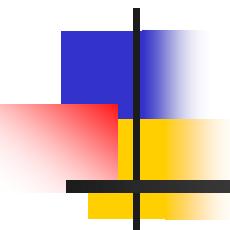
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## GWAS of imputed genotypes

- Increased power
- Better resolution
- Facilitates meta-analysis

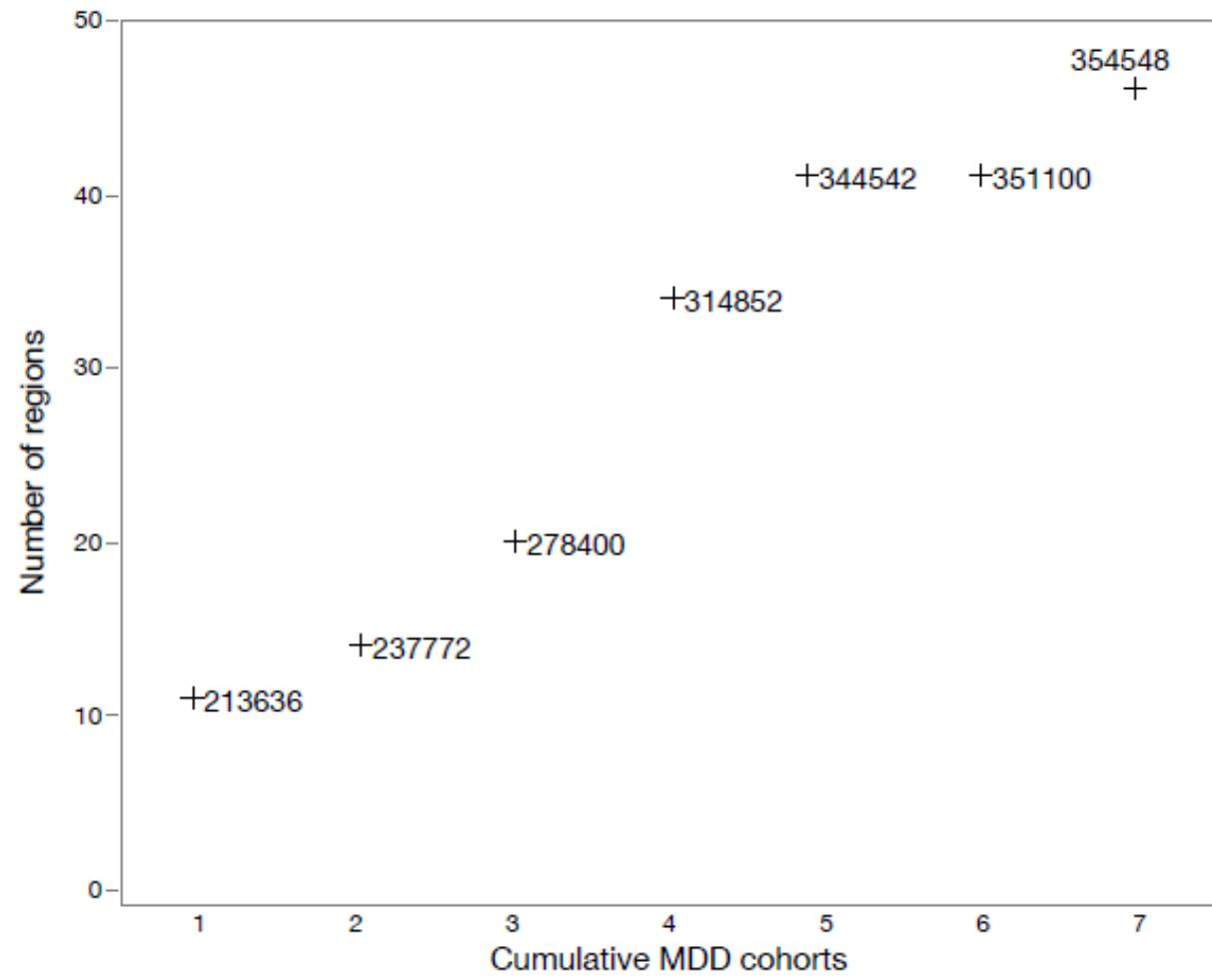




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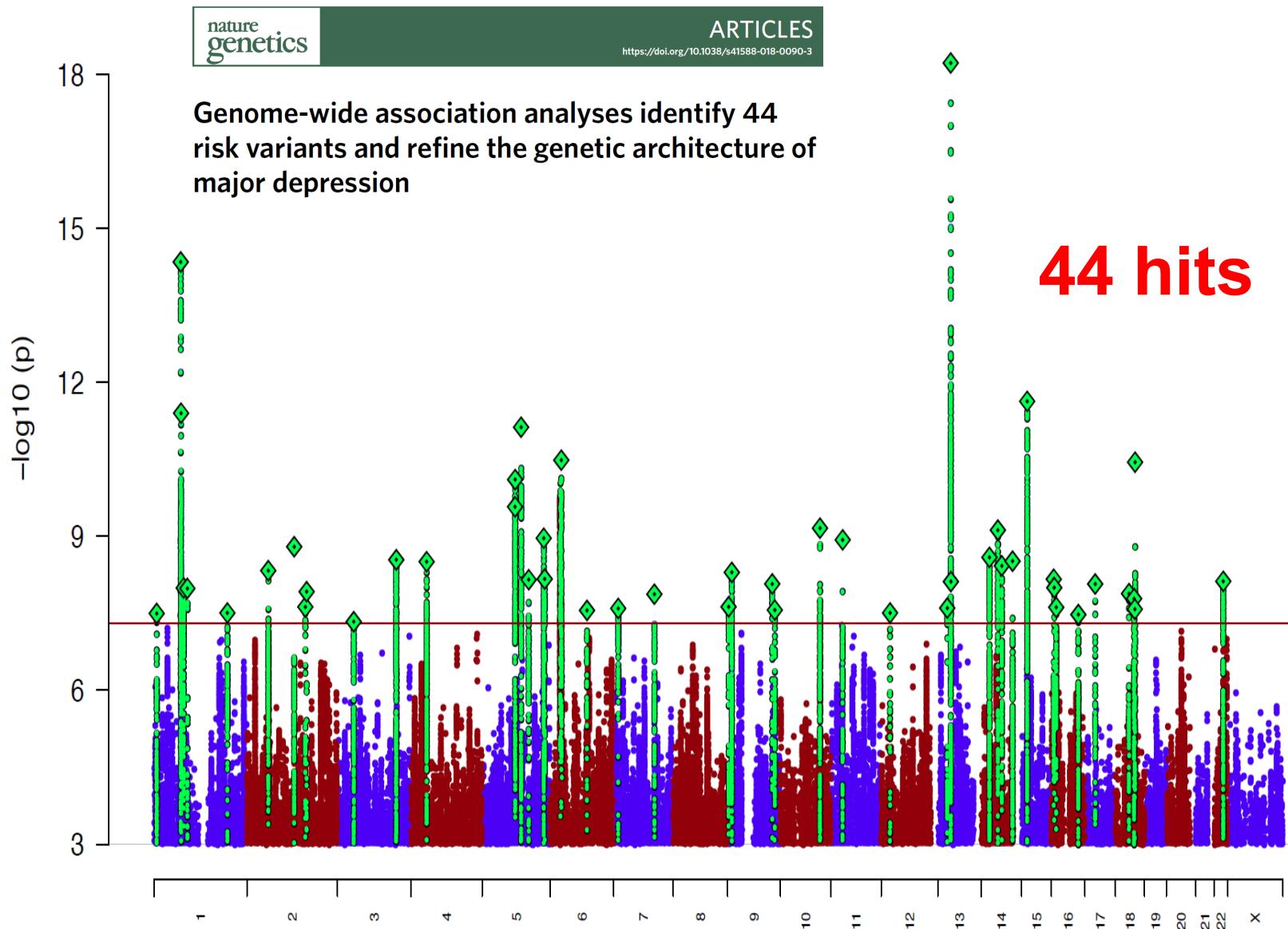
Increase sample size

# Larger samples lead to more SNP discovery



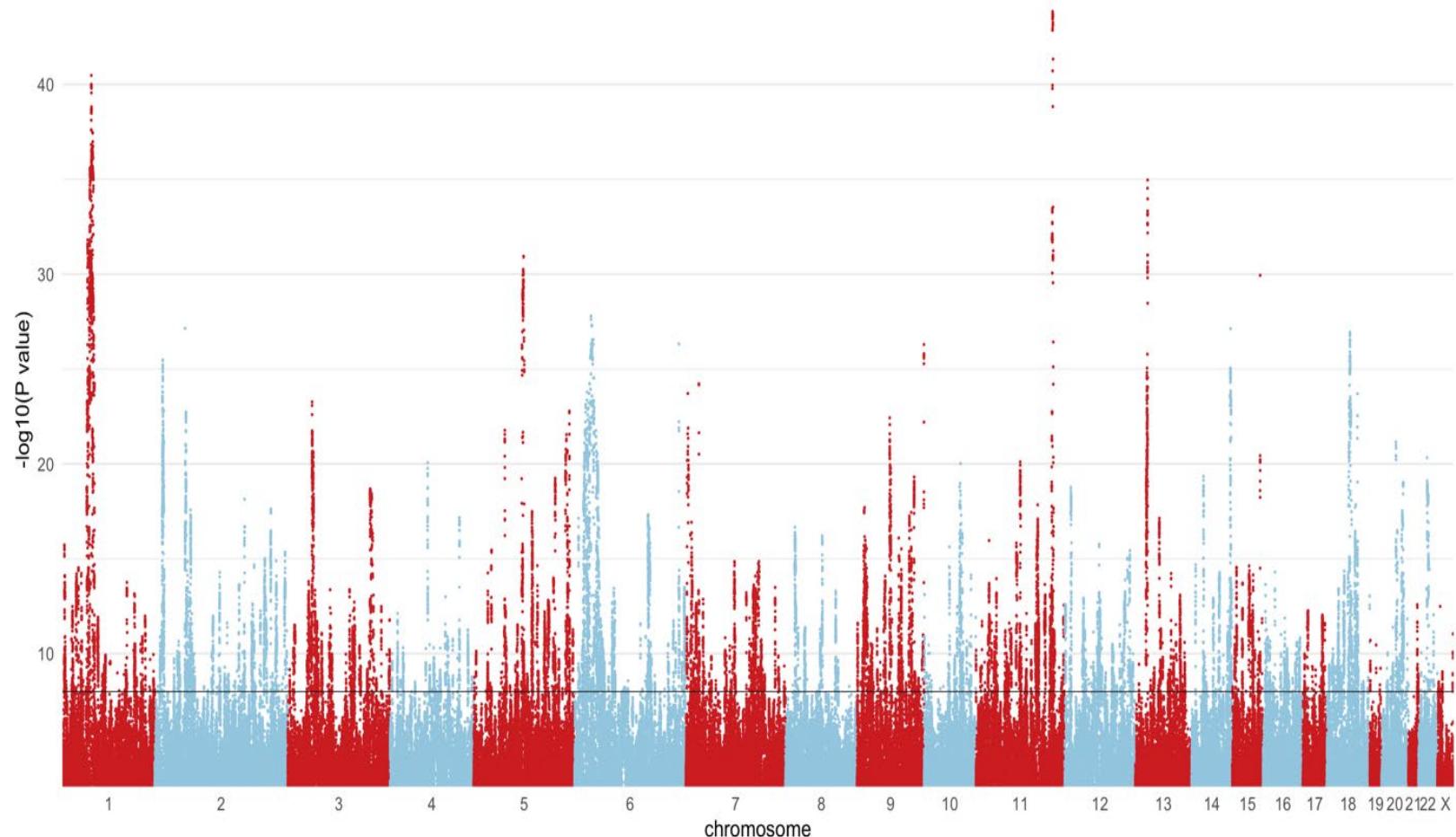
*Results of GWA meta-analysis of seven cohorts for MDD. (a) Relation between adding cohorts and number of genome-wide significant genomic regions. Beginning with the largest cohort (1), added the next largest cohort (2) until all cohorts were included (7). The number next to each point shows the total effective sample size.*

# Depression : 135K MDD Cases and 345K Controls



# PGC MDD3 GWAS meta-analysis: 525,197 MD cases and 3,362,335 controls

**SNPs = 713 regions (500kb) = 510 (without AGDS = 460)**



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## UK BIOBANK

*Genetic and health data  
from half a million people  
United Kingdom*

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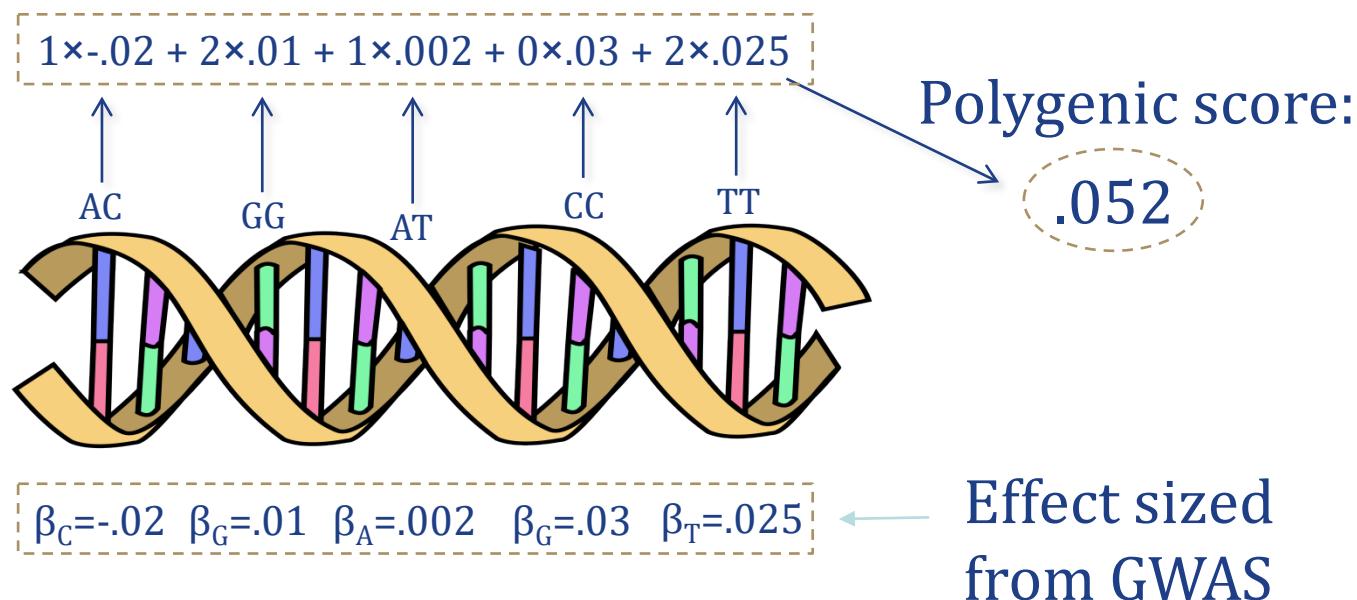
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### Biobank for the masses

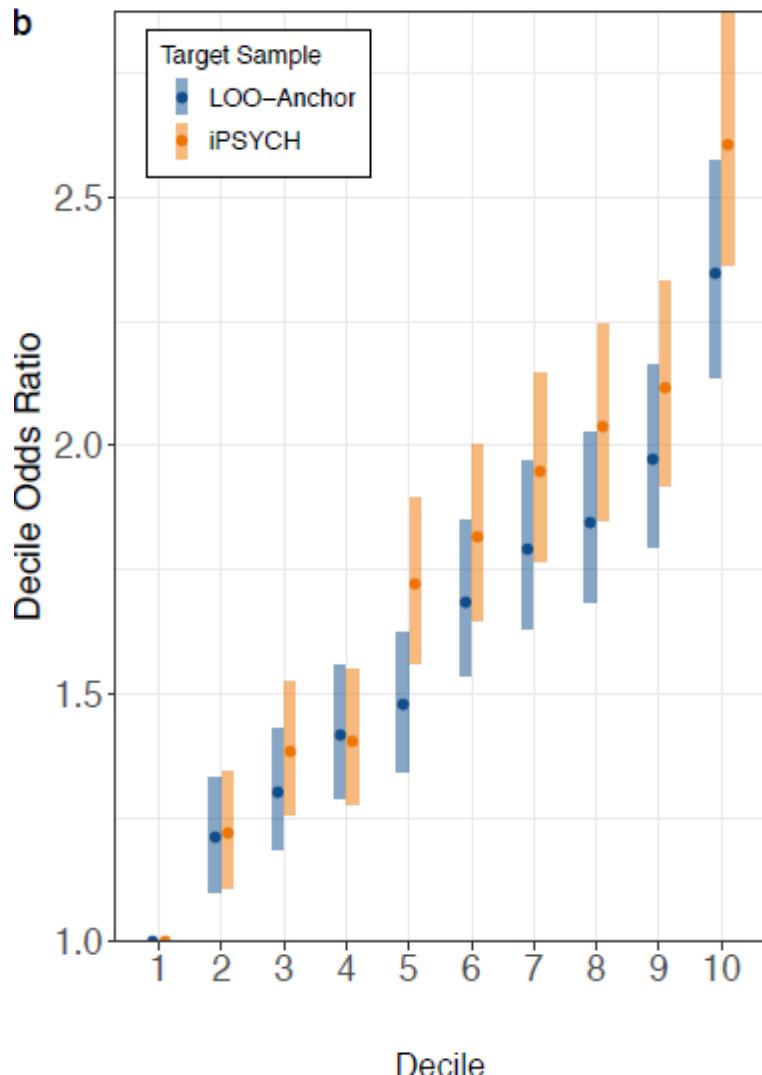
UK Biobank contains a wealth of data on genetics, health and more from 500,000 participants.

# Polygenic Risk Scores

Polygenic Risk Scores capture (part of) someone's genetic "risk" by summing all risk alleles weighted by the effect sizes estimated in a Genome-Wide Association Study (GWAS)



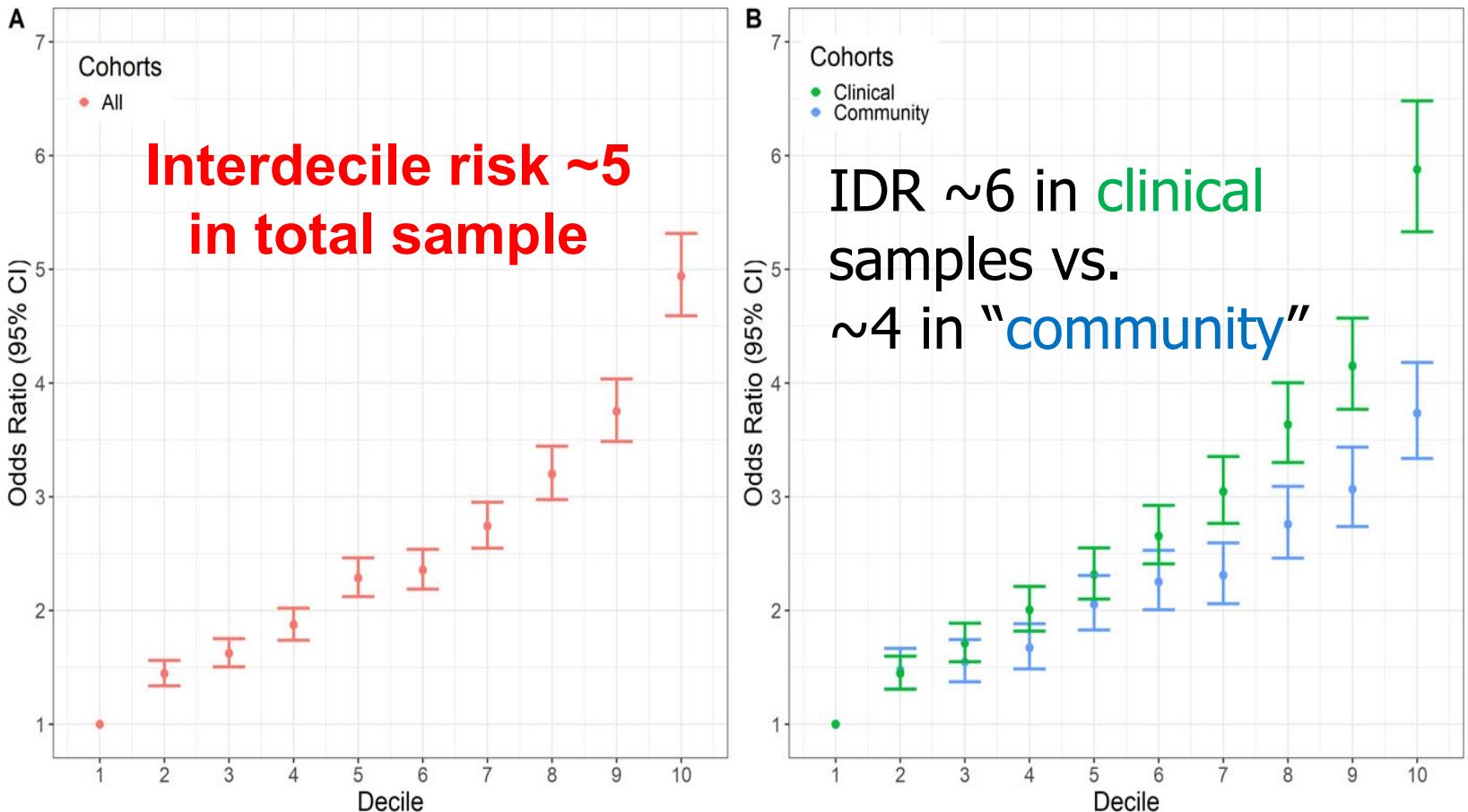
## MDD2 Polygenic Risk Score predicts risk in independent samples

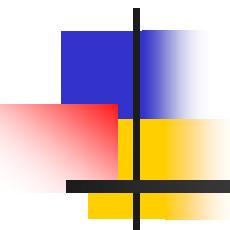


*Odd ratios of MDD per PRS decile relative to the first decile for iPSYCH and anchor cohorts.*

Interdecile risk ~2.5

# MDD3: MD risk in outsamples by PGS decile





# Ways to increase power

Refine the phenotype

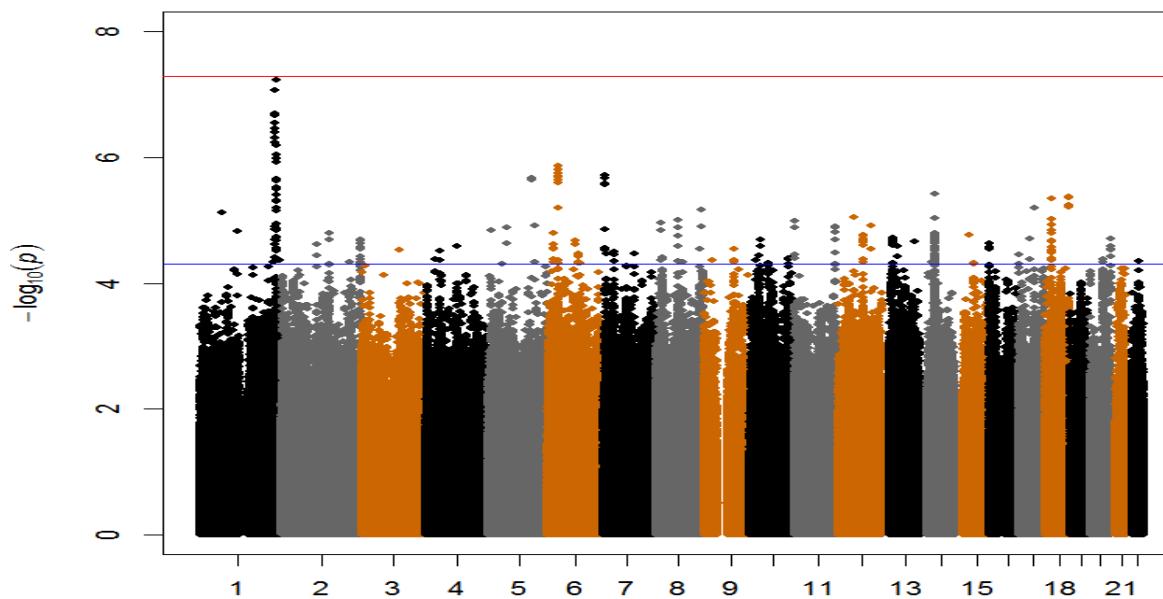
# A genome wide linkage scan for dizygotic twinning in 525 families of mothers of dizygotic twins

Jodie N. Painter<sup>1,\*</sup>, Gonneke Willemsen<sup>2</sup>, Dale Nyholt<sup>1</sup>,  
Chantal Hoekstra<sup>2</sup>, David L. Duffy<sup>1</sup>, Anjali K. Henders<sup>1</sup>,  
Leanne Wallace<sup>1</sup>, Sue Healey<sup>1</sup>, Lisa A. Cannon-Albright<sup>3</sup>,  
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Grant W. Montgomery<sup>1,†</sup>

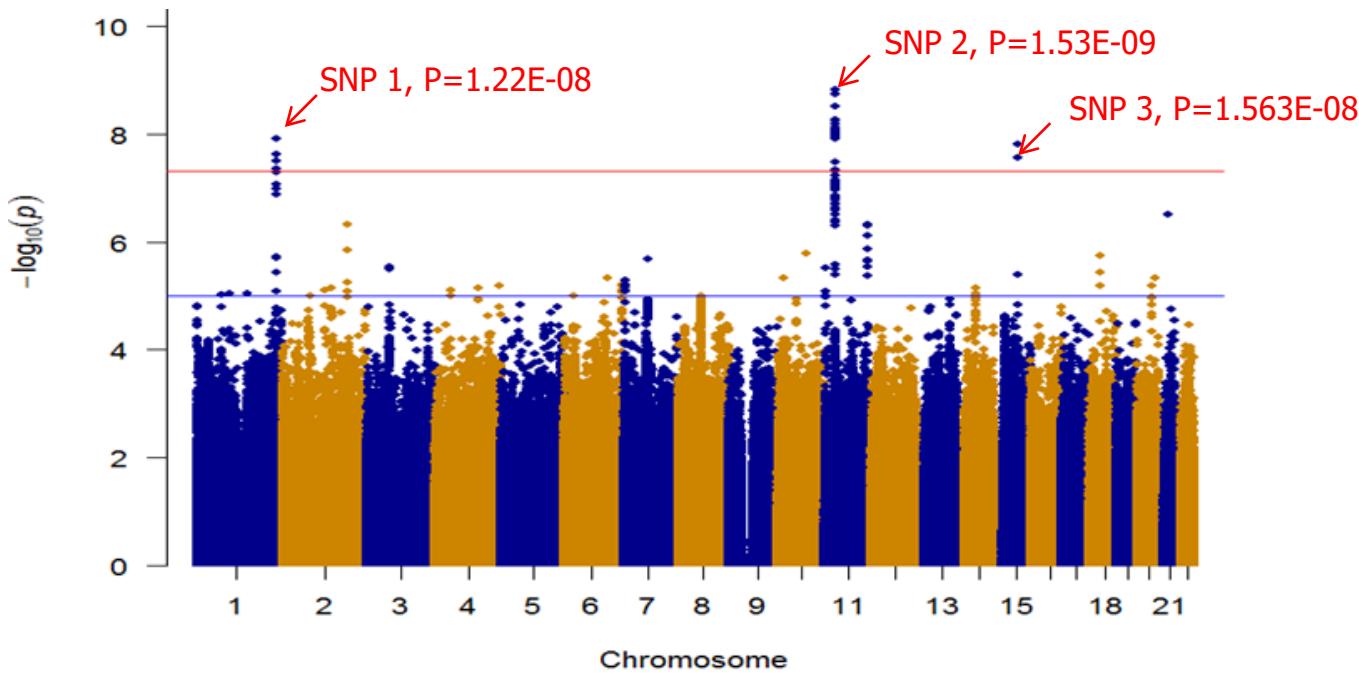


## The importance of accurate phenotyping: GWAS for Being a Mother of DZ Twins - Before and after removing mothers who had used assisted reproductive technology

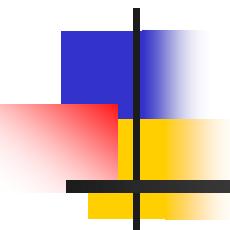
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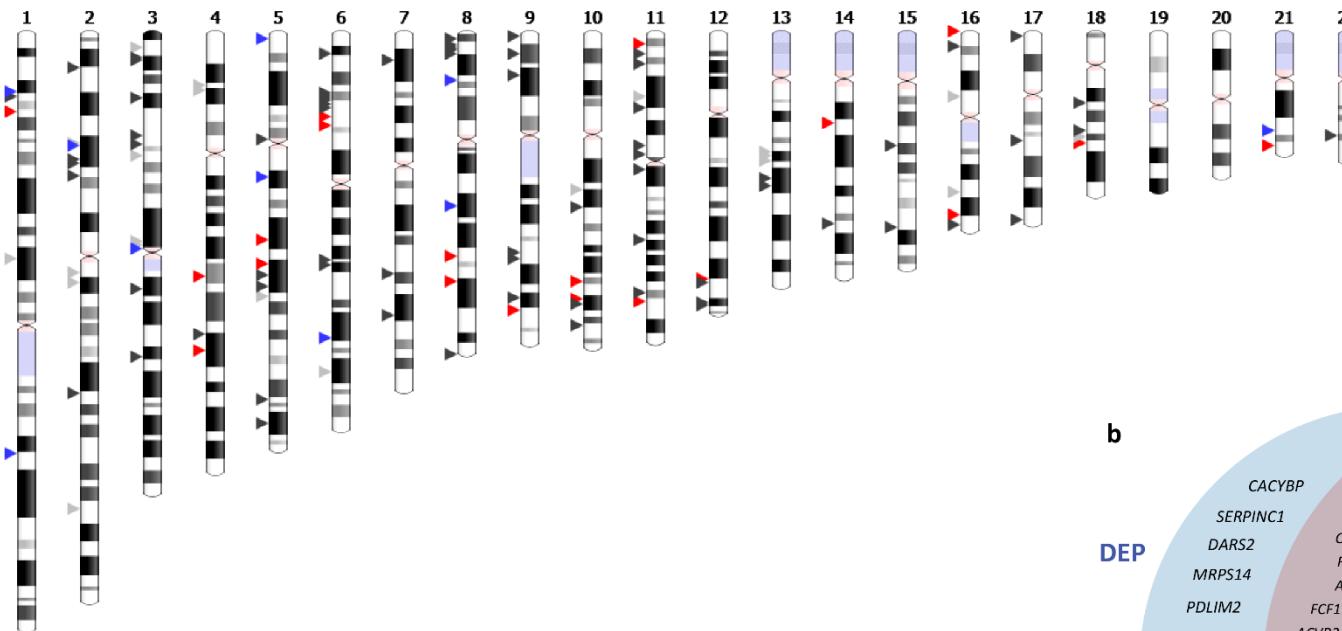
# Ways to increase power

Combine related phenotypes

# Genes in common – and specific - for Depression and Anxiety



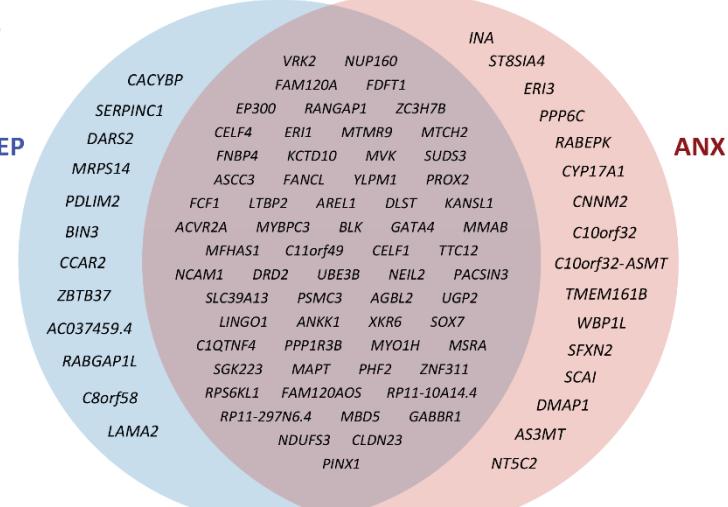
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DEP only  
ANX only  
Shared  
Separate

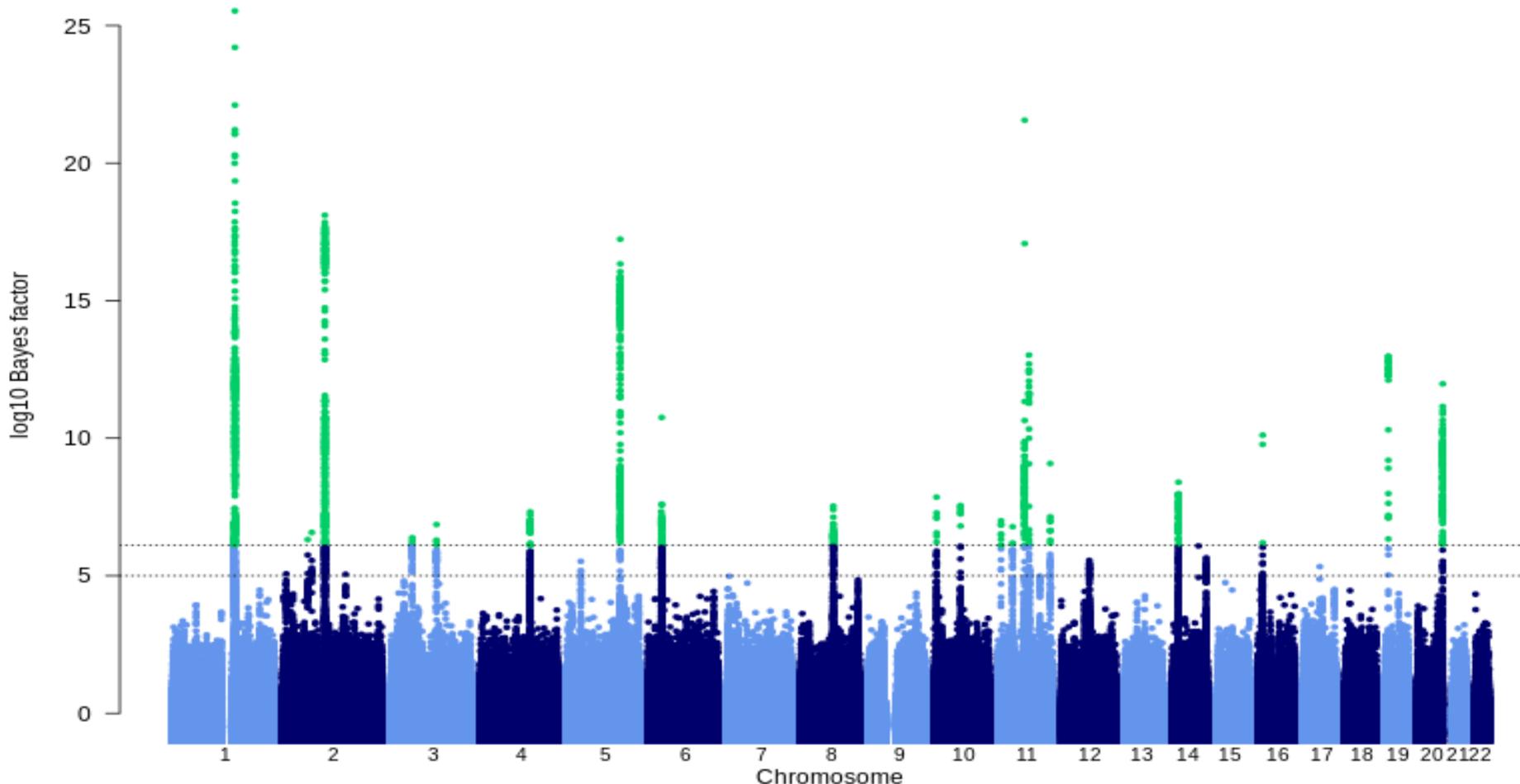
10 regions; 63 mapped genes  
20 regions; 102 mapped genes  
71 regions; 509 mapped genes  
22 regions

b



We define genome-wide significance as .05/1 million effective tests =  $5 \times 10^{-8}$

## GWAS for eczema (21k cases, 98k controls, 27 hits)



Lavinia Paternoster

**ASTHMA**

**HAYFEVER**

50% vs 25%

Allergies

**ECZEMA**

20% vs 10%

**ENVIRONMENTAL** risk factors:

20% to 70% shared

**COMMON TRIGGERS**

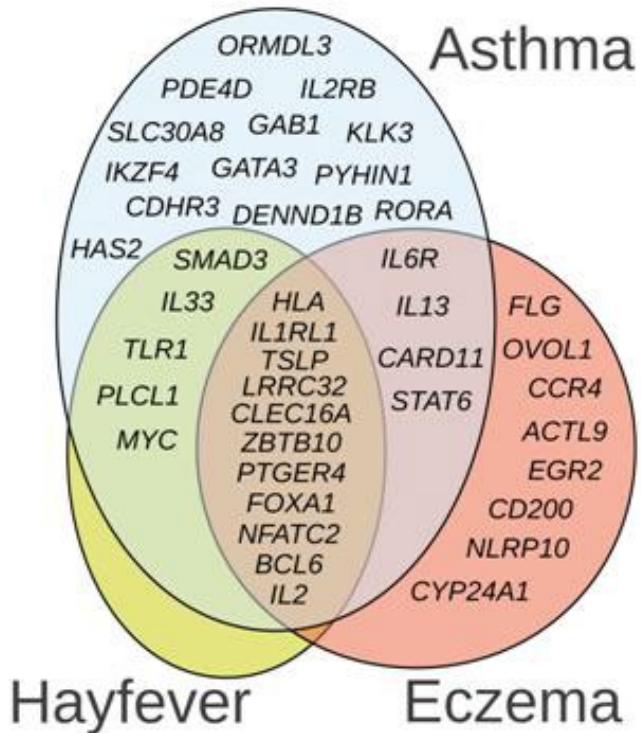
**GENETIC** risk factors:

40% to 60% shared

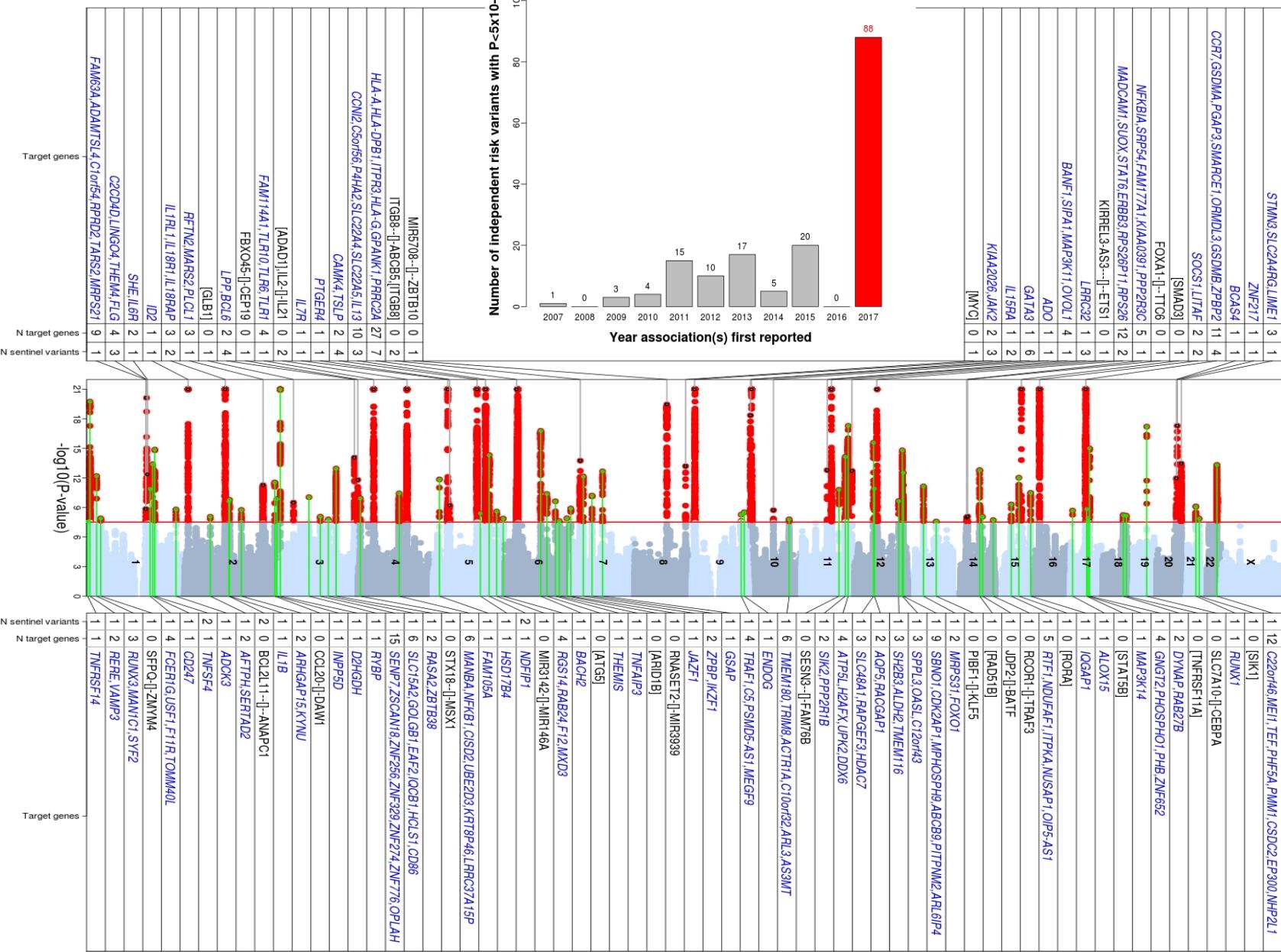
**COMMON MOLECULAR MECHANISMS**

## Risk factors overlap

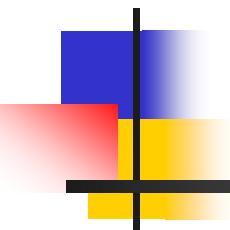
(Thomsen 2006; van Beijsterveldt 2007)



35 known loci



# Manuel Ferreira



# Ways to increase power

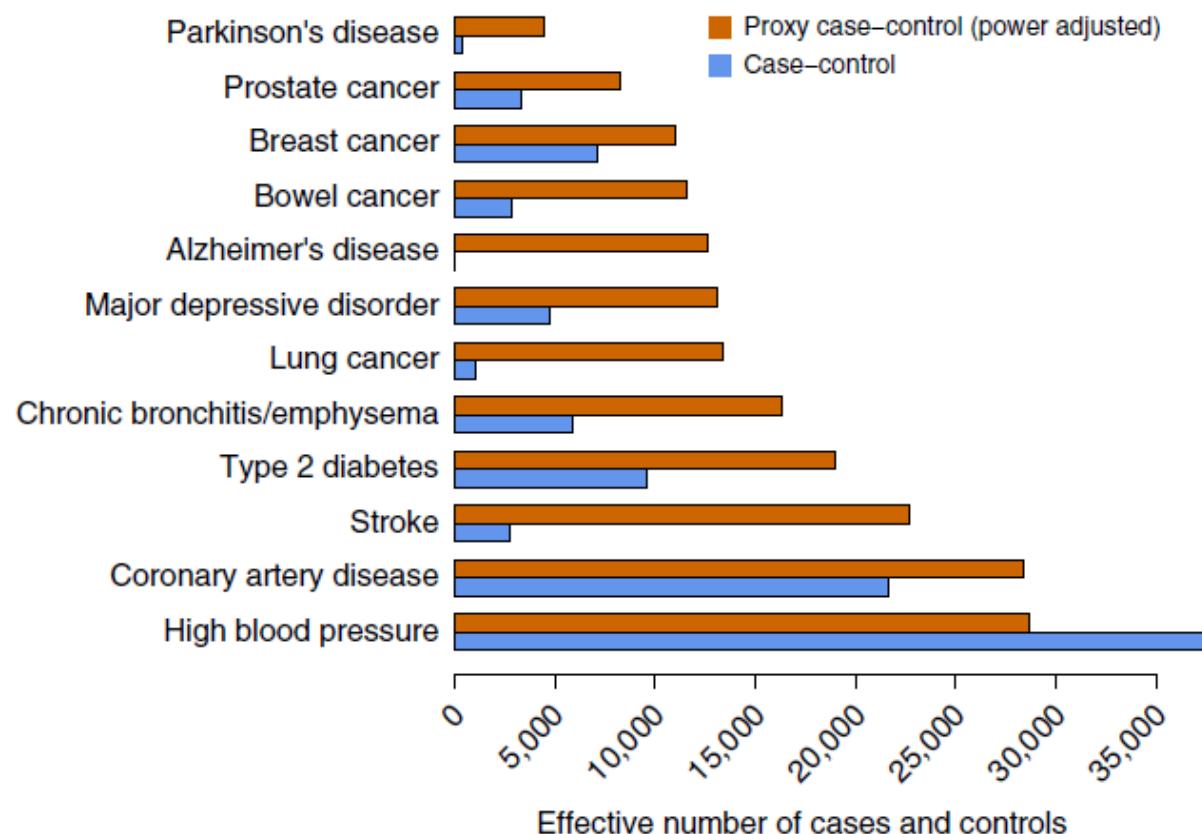
Use ungenotyped relatives as proxy cases (GWAX)

# Case-control association mapping by proxy using family history of disease

- (GWAX)

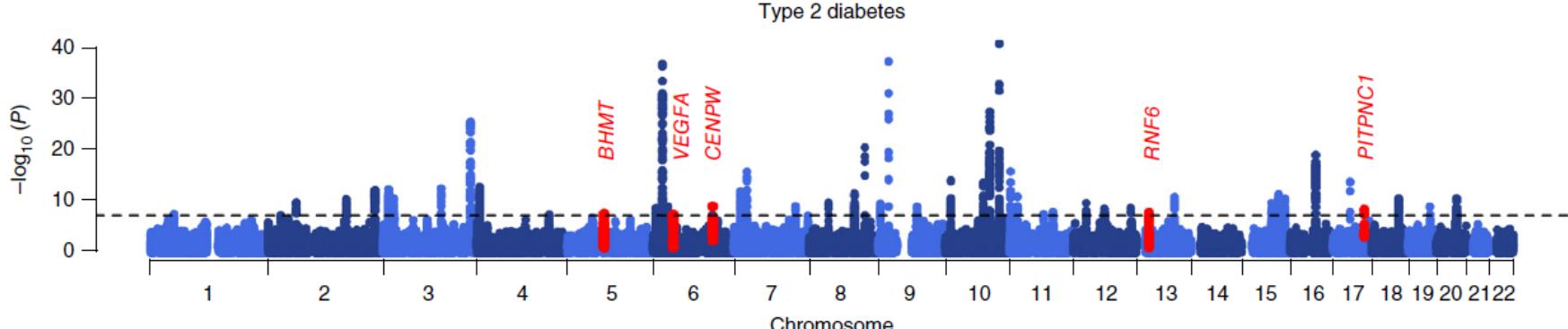
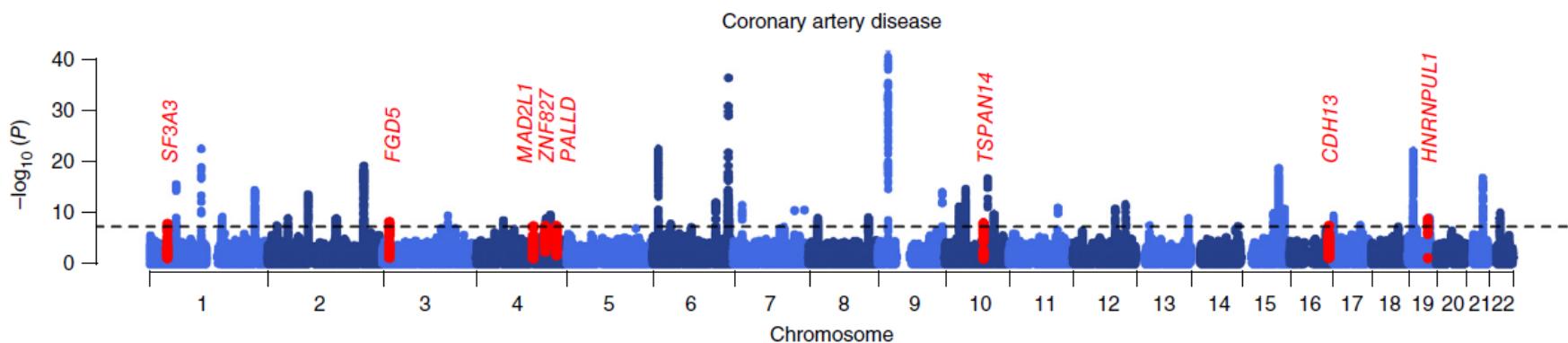
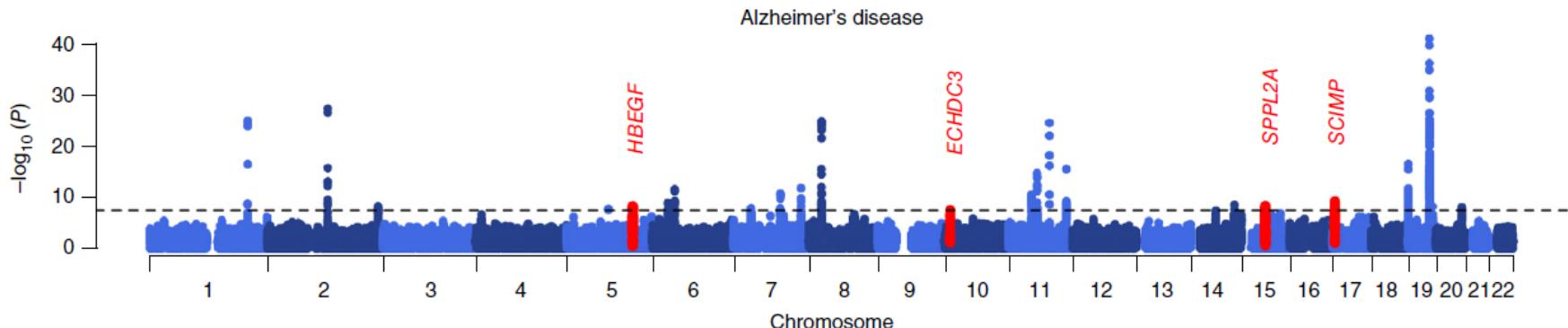
Jimmy Z Liu<sup>1</sup>, Yaniv Erlich<sup>1,2</sup> & Joseph K Pickrell<sup>1,3</sup>

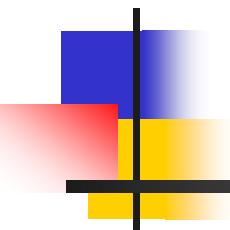
For late-onset or rapidly lethal diseases it may be more practical to identify family members of cases.



# Meta-analysis results for GWAX + case-control studies

## New hits are shown in red

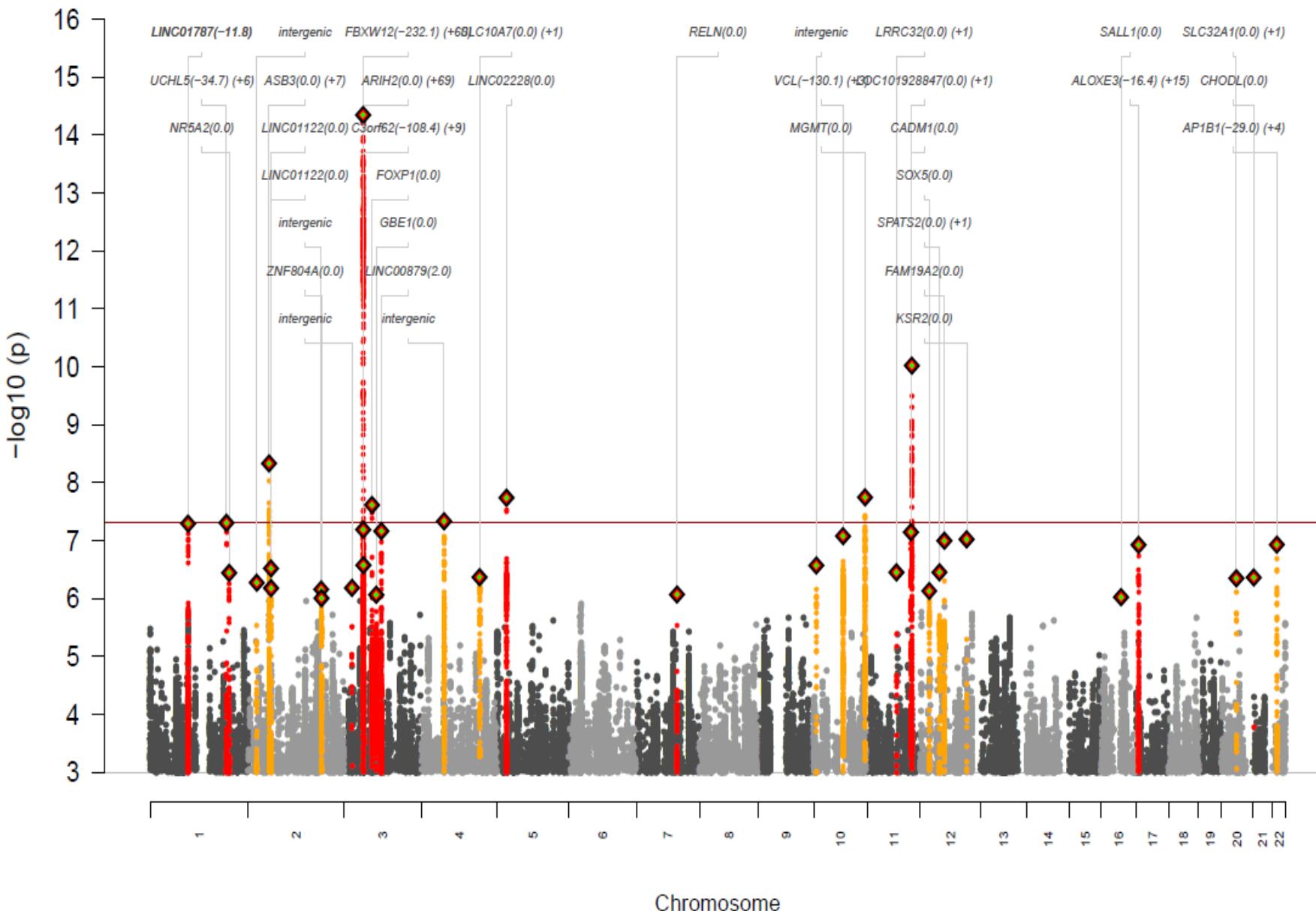




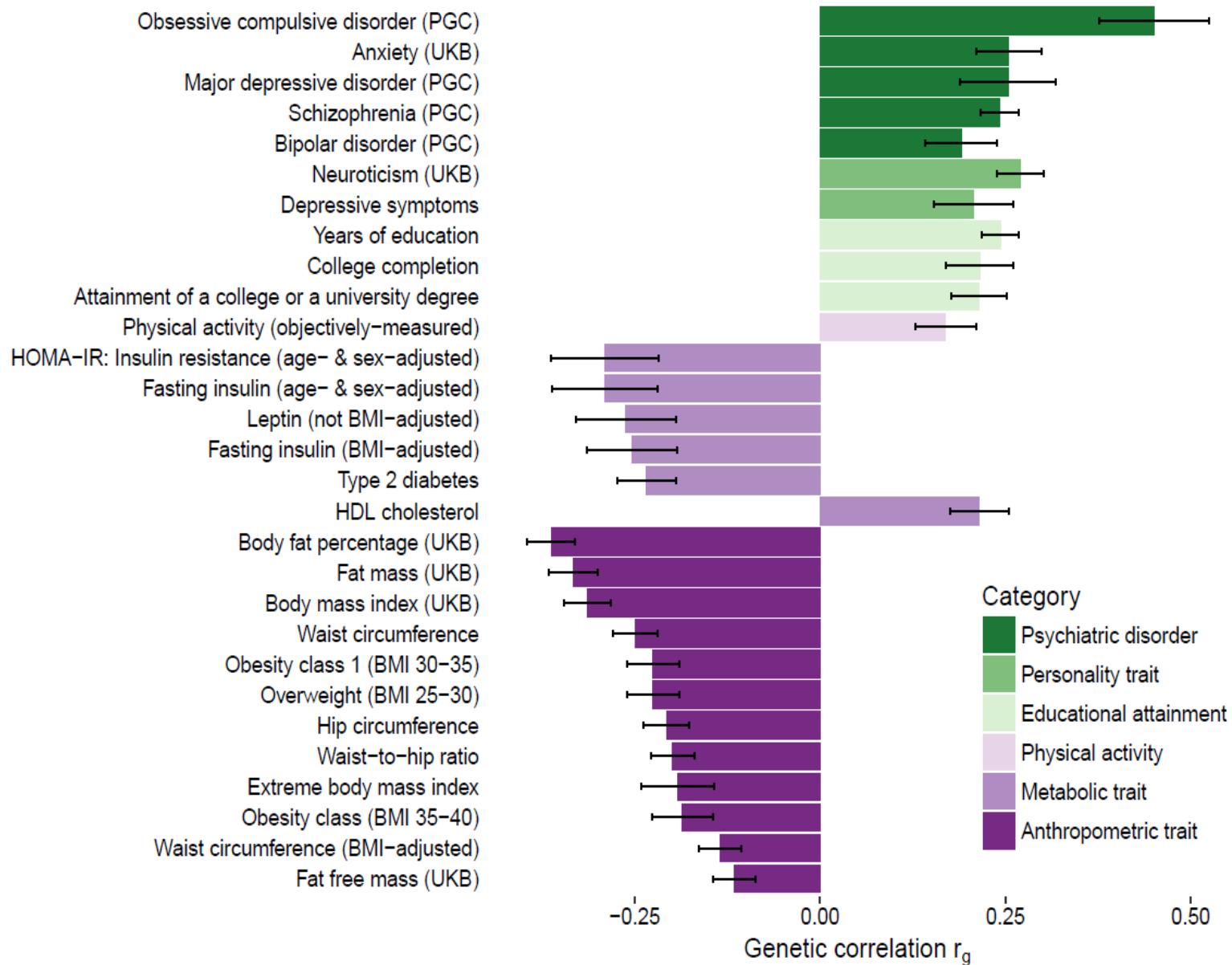
# Applications of GWAS

- Investigate genetic correlation
- The genetics of nurture
- Direction of causation

# GWAS meta-analysis of anorexia nervosa (17k cases, 56k controls)

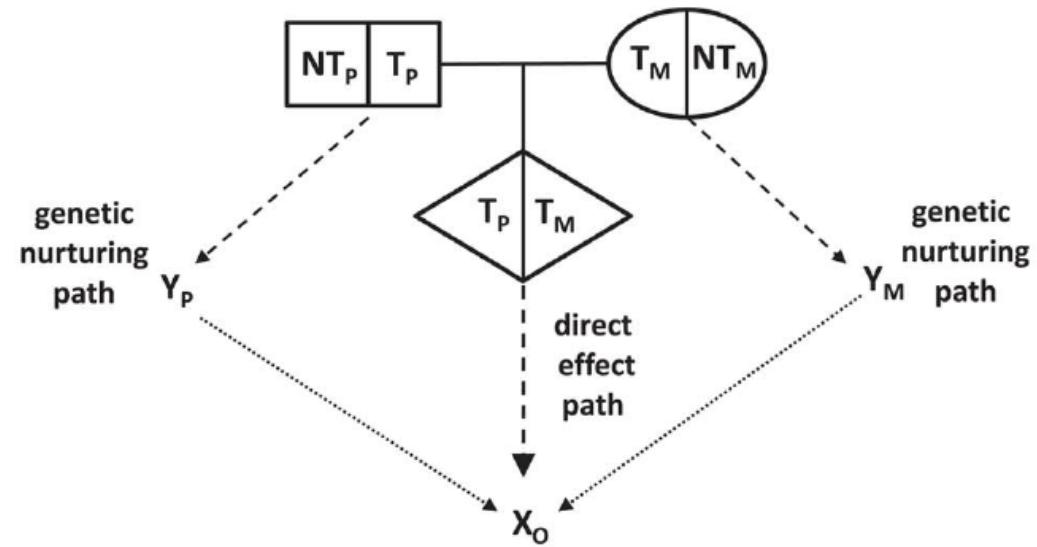


# Significant genetic correlations (SNP-Rg) and 95% confidence intervals (error bars) between anorexia nervosa and traits, as estimated by LD score regression



# The nature of nurture: Effects of parental genotypes

Augustine Kong .....Kari Stefansson



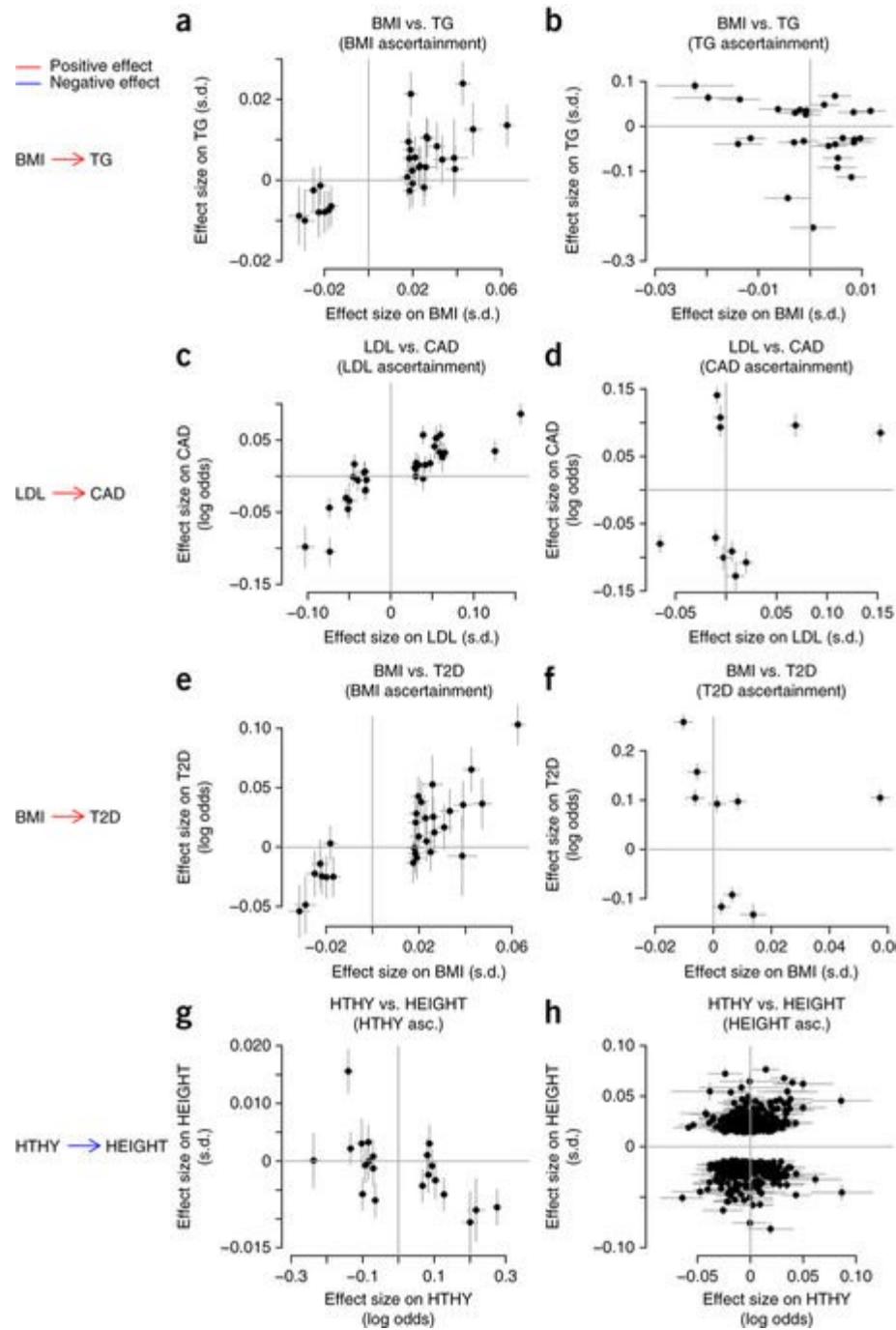
Nontransmitted alleles can affect a child through their impacts on the parents and other relatives, a phenomenon we call “genetic nurture.” Using results from a meta-analysis of educational attainment, we find that the polygenic score computed for the nontransmitted alleles of 21,637 probands with at least one parent genotyped has an estimated effect on the educational attainment of the proband that is 29.9% ( $P = 1.6 \times 10^{-14}$ ) of that of the transmitted polygenic score.

# Detection and interpretation of shared genetic influences on 42 human traits

Joseph K Pickrell, Tomaz Berisa,  
**Jimmy Z Liu**, Laure Ségurel, Joyce Y  
Tung & David A Hinds.

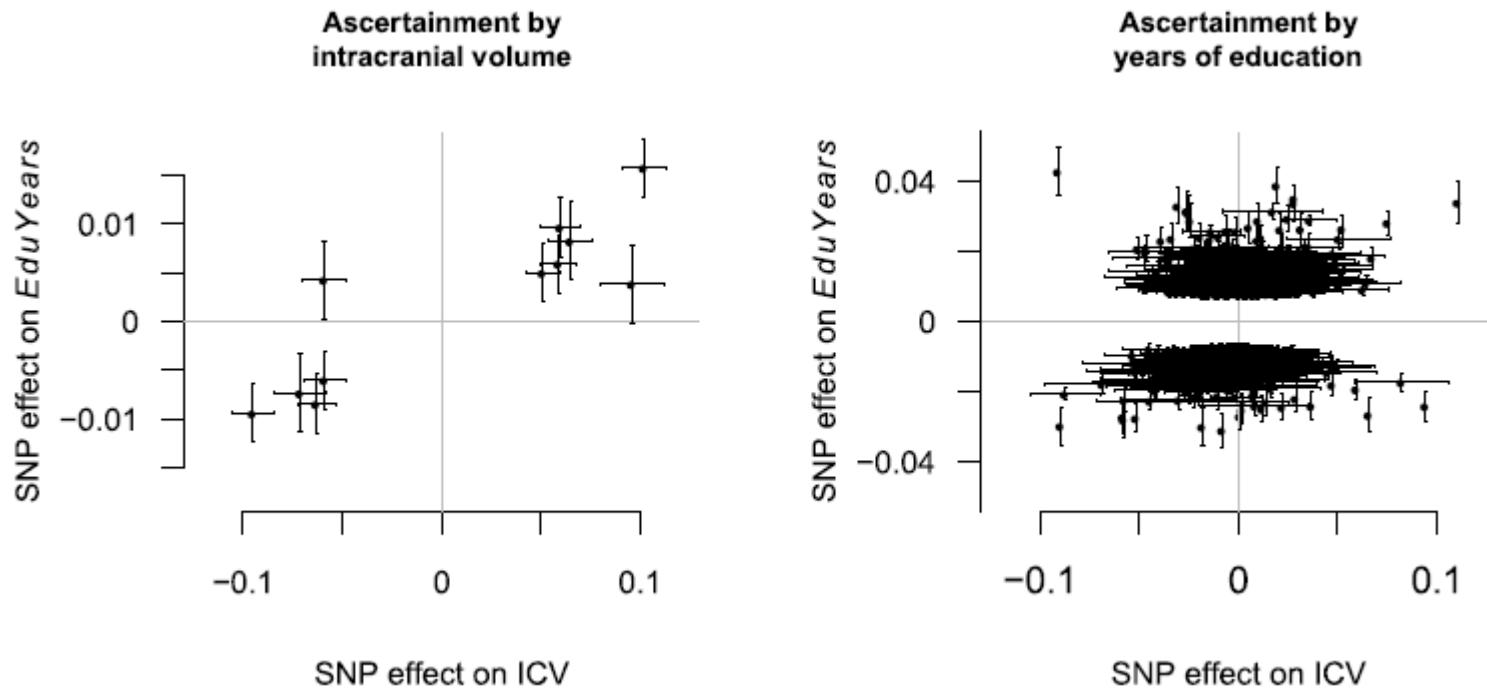
*Nature Genetics* 48; 709–717, 2016

**Powerful GWAS for traits A and B can help determine direction of causation**

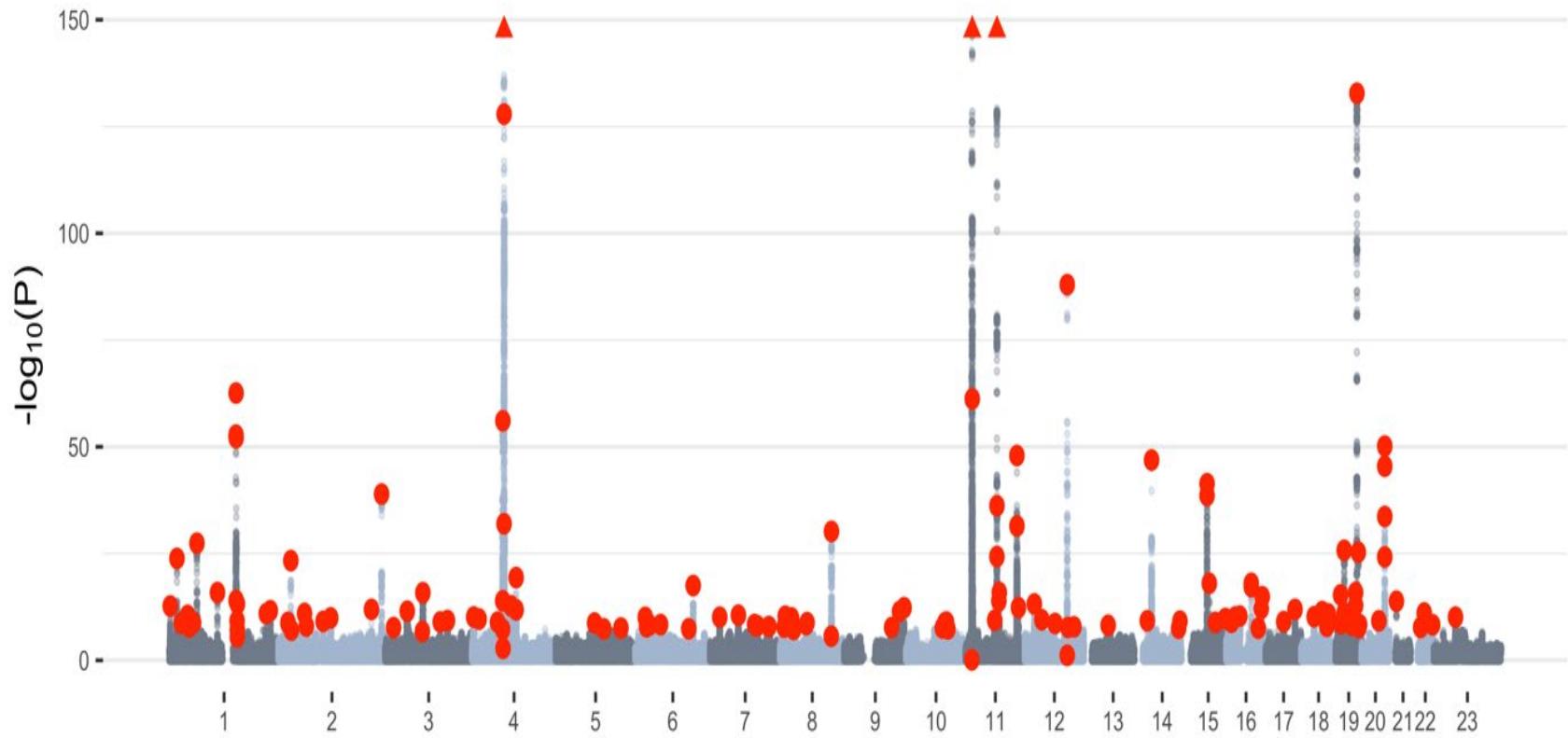


# The causal influence of brain size on human intelligence: Evidence from within-family phenotypic associations and GWAS modeling

James J. Lee<sup>a,\*</sup>, Matt McGue<sup>a</sup>, William G. Iacono<sup>a</sup>, Andrew M. Michael<sup>b,c</sup>, Christopher F. Chabris<sup>b</sup>

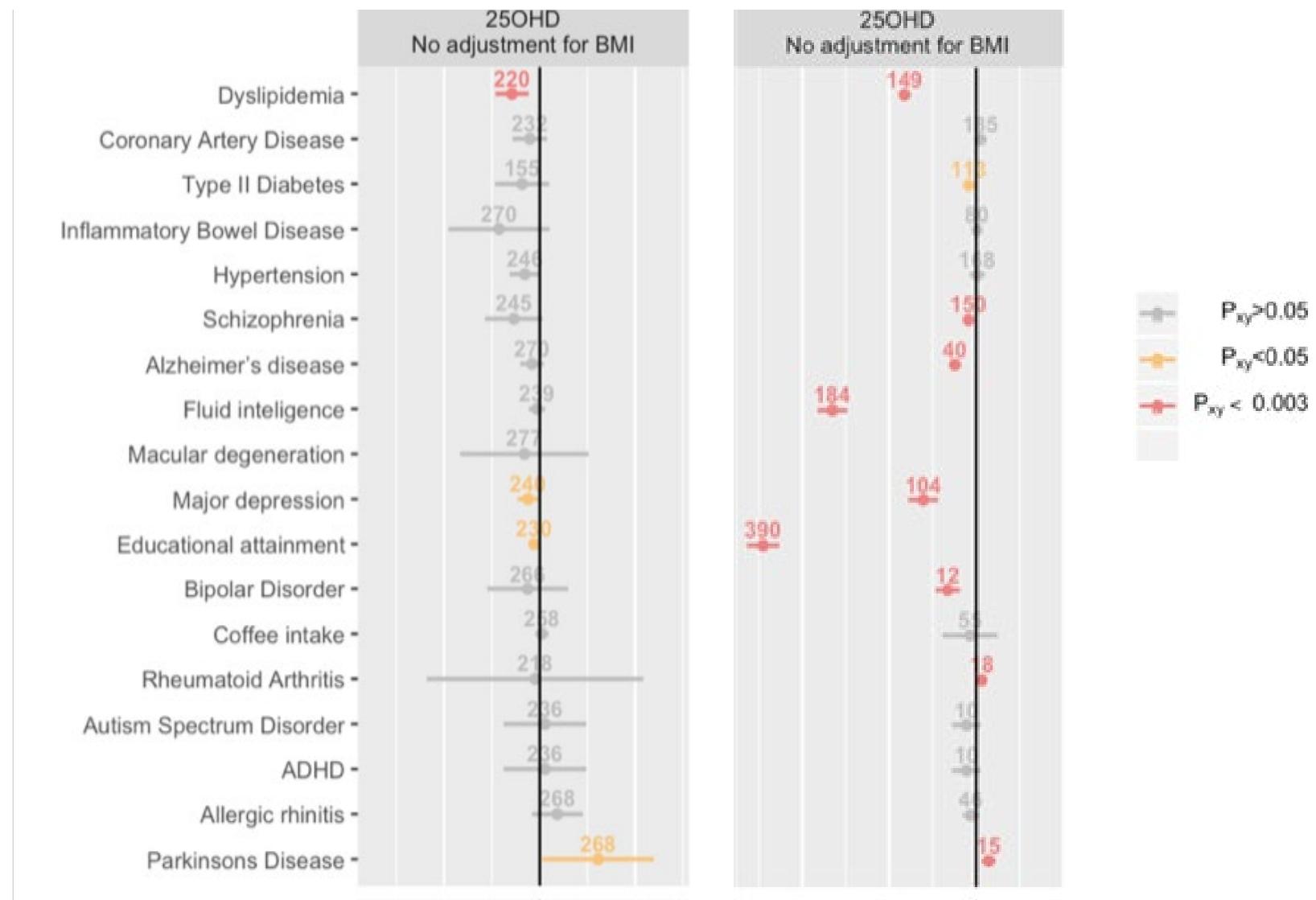


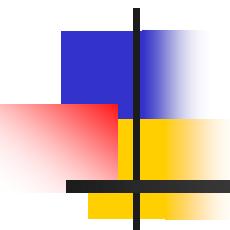
# Manhattan plot of the 25OHD (vitamin D) GWAS in the UK Biobank: n=417,580, 143 loci



John McGrath

# Bidirectional Generalized Summary data level Mendelian Randomization (GSMR) between 25 hydroxyvitamin D concentrations and selected phenotypes

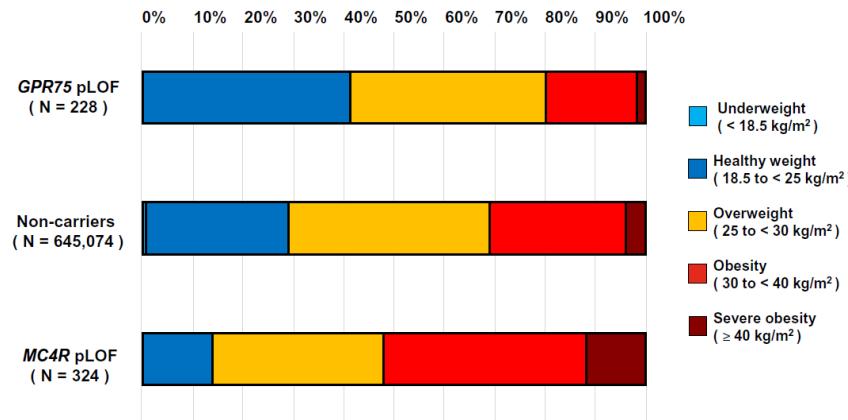
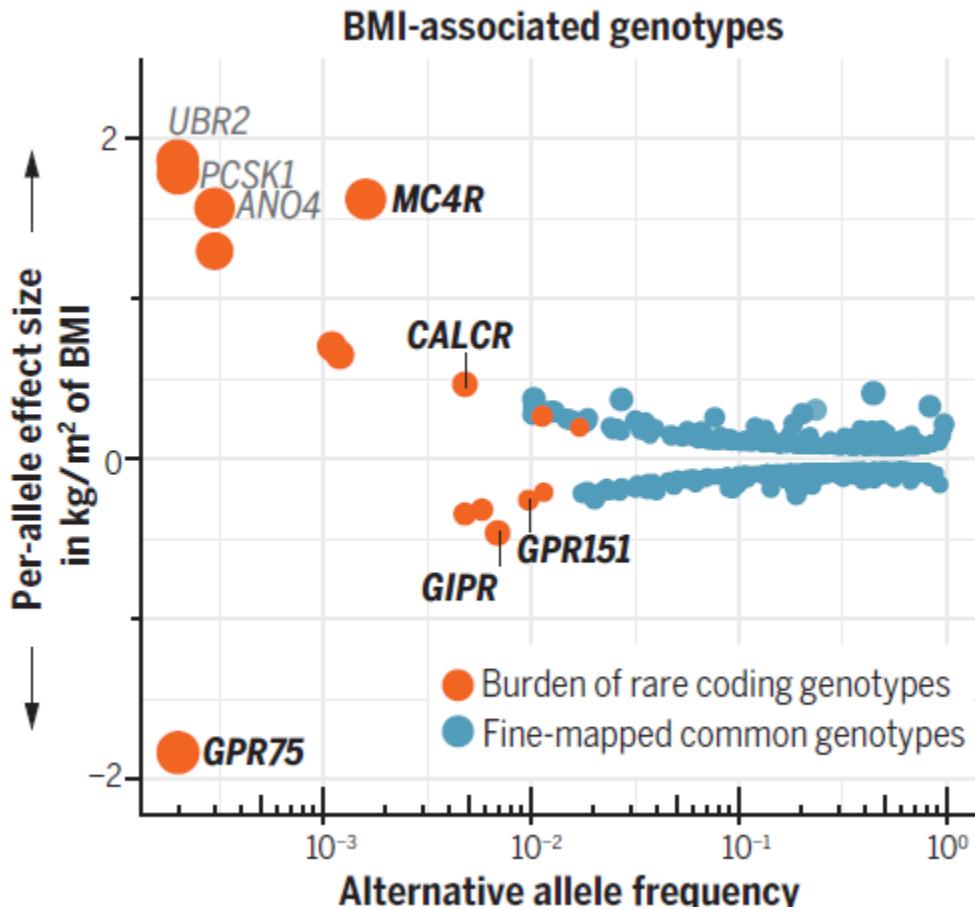




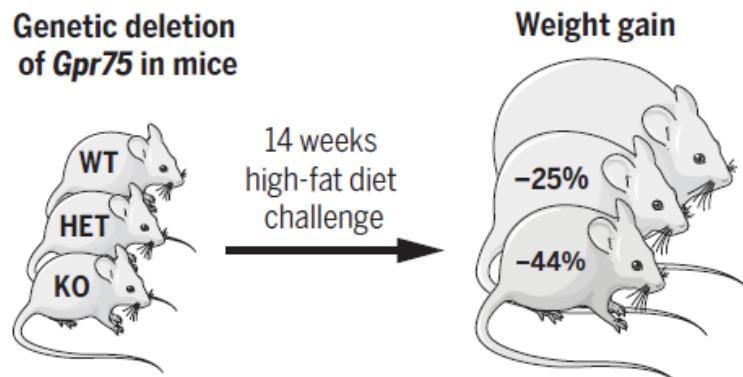
# Pushing power to the limit

## Search for rare variants

# Sequencing of 640,000 exomes identifies *GPR75* variants associated with protection from obesity



Genetic deletion of *Gpr75* in mice

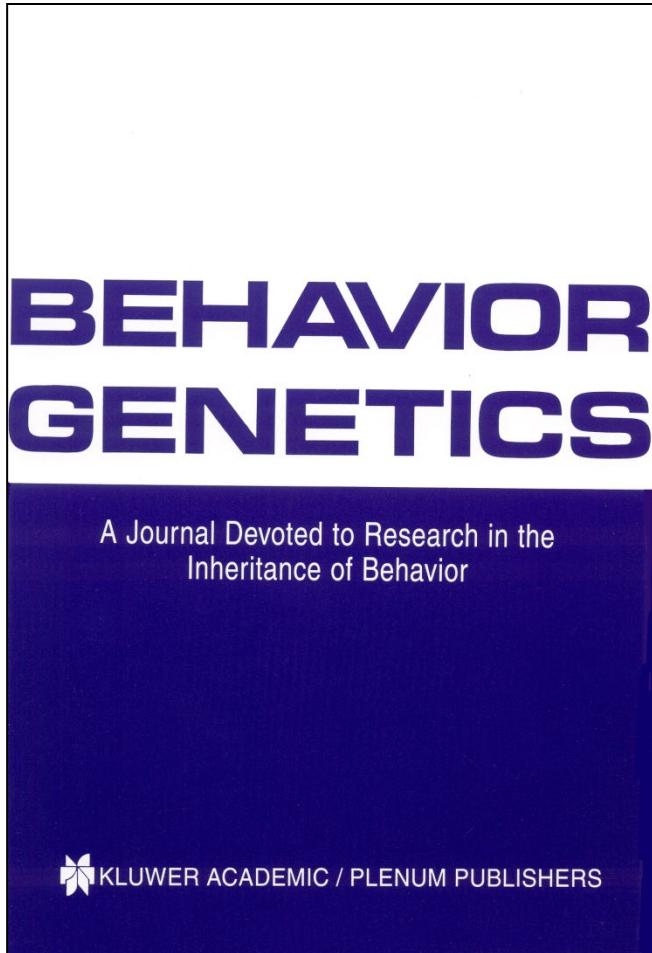


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