

# Alzheimer's Disease Genetics



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## Human disease genetics goals

- Study human disease mechanisms directly in humans
- Prediction
- Mechanism
- Drug targets



## AD Genetic discoveries

*APP* mutations: 1991

*APOE*: 1993

*PSEN1/2* mutations: 1995

*BACE1* cloned: 1999

## Genetics-based therapies

A $\beta$  immunotherapy 2000 – present

PSEN1 inhibitor 2006 – stopped

BACE1 inhibitor 2011 – present

APOE agonist: 2013 - present





## Alzheimer's disease



## Coronary artery disease





## Tools for gene-discovery

- Genome-wide association
  - common variants (MAF > 2-3%)
  - rare variants (MAF > 0.5%)
  - very rare variants (MAF > 0.1%)
- DNA Sequencing approaches

# Genome-wide association studies

- Large sample
- Genotype variants covering the entire genome (~\$100/subject)
- Impute additional genotypes
- Association analysis
- Correct for: population substructure  
age, sex, *etc.*  
different studies  
different genotyping platforms
- P value <  $5 \times 10^{-8}$

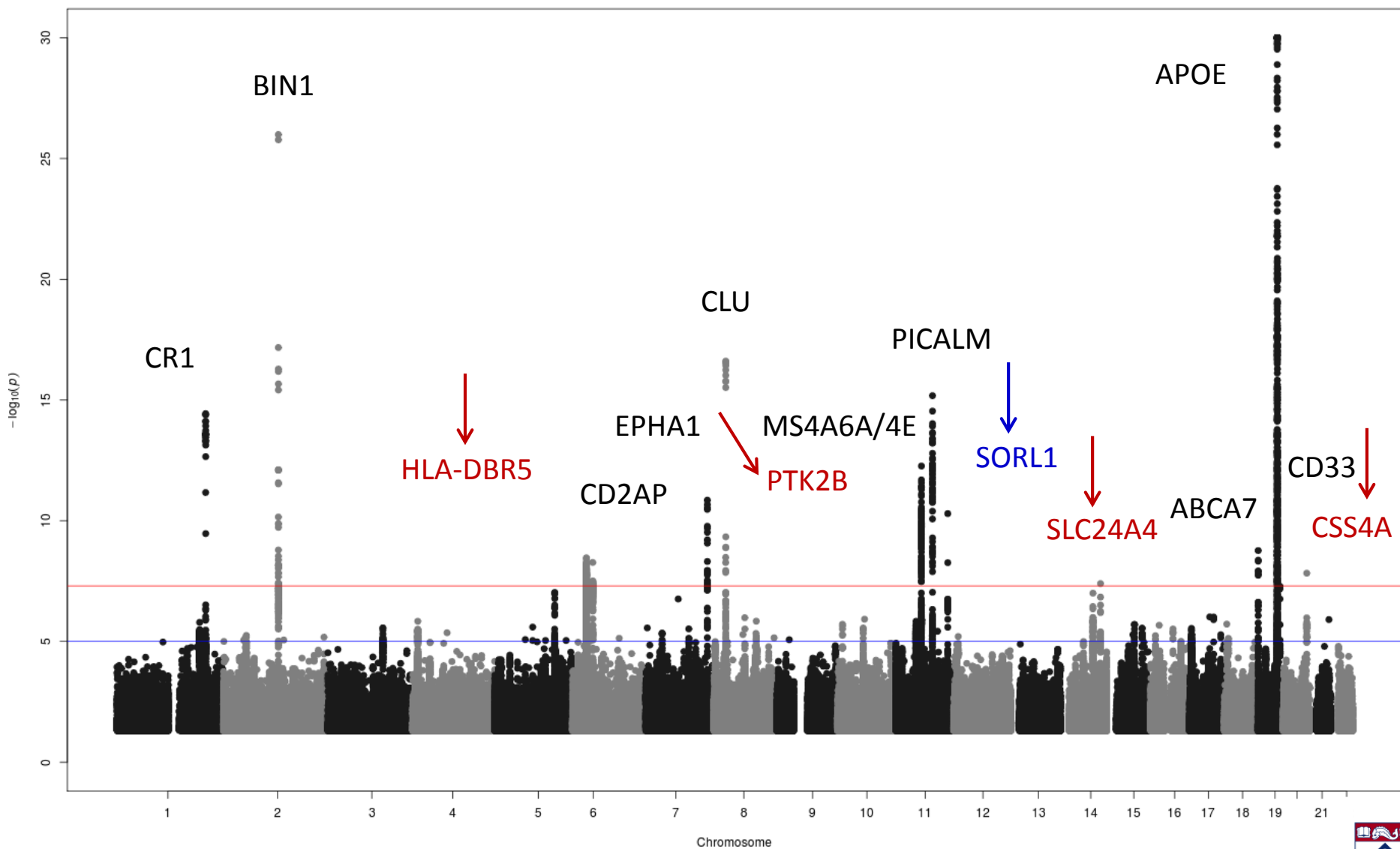


# Alzheimer's Disease Genetics Consortium

Cohort	Cases	Controls
ACT	532	1,571
ADC1	1,549	512
ADC2	727	156
ADC3	894	586
ADC4	304	377
ADC5	286	505
ADC6	213	338
ADNI	268	173
BIOCARD	6	112
CHAP	27	144
EAS	9	141
GSK	666	712
LOAD	1,798	1,568
MAYO	658	1,046
MIRAGE	491	738
MTV	256	189
NBB	80	48
OHSU	132	153
PFIZER	696	762
RMAYO	13	233
ROSMAP	295	769
ROSMAP2	59	217
TARC1	323	181
TGEN2	668	365
UKS	596	170
UMVUMSSM	1,177	1,126
UPITT	1,255	829
WASHU	339	187
WASHU2	38	94
WHICAP	73	560
Totals	14,428	14,562

ADCs  
3,973 cases  
2,474 controls





Gene	phenotype	P-value
<i>APOE</i>	multiple features	
GalNAc transferase 7 (GalNAc)	neuritic plaques	$6.0 \times 10^{-9}$
ATP-Binding Cassette, Sub-Family G (ABCG1)	neuritic plaques	$8.0 \times 10^{-9}$
Intergenic - chromosome 9	neuritic plaques	$4.3 \times 10^{-8}$

Neuritic plagues

Braak stage (neurofibrillay tangles)

Lewy body disease

cerebral amyloid angiopathy (CAA)

hippocampal sclerosis of the elderly

vascular brain injury



Closest gene	IGAP	Primary	Complete
CR1	1.18	1.16	1.00
Bin1	1.22	<b>1.39</b>	<b>1.36</b>
CD2AP	1.22	1.10	1.08
EPH1HA1	1.11	<b>1.14</b>	<b>1.12</b>
CLU	1.16	<b>1.18</b>	<b>1.19</b>
MS4A	1.11	<b>1.25</b>	<b>1.18</b>
PICALM	1.15	<b>1.25</b>	<b>1.27</b>
ABCA7	1.15	<b>1.24</b>	<b>1.32</b>
HLA	1.11	1.04	1.08
PTK2B	1.10	1.13	1.09
SORL1	1.30	<b>1.47</b>	<b>1.35</b>
SLC4A4	1.10	1.08	0.97
INPP59	1.08	1.01	0.98
MEF2C	1.08	<b>1.23</b>	<b>1.23</b>
NME8	1.08	1.04	1.05
ZCWPW1	1.10	<b>1.16</b>	<b>1.16</b>
CELF1	1.08	1.03	1.01
FERMT2	1.14	<b>1.20</b>	<b>1.27</b>
CASS4	1.14	<b>1.37</b>	<b>1.39</b>



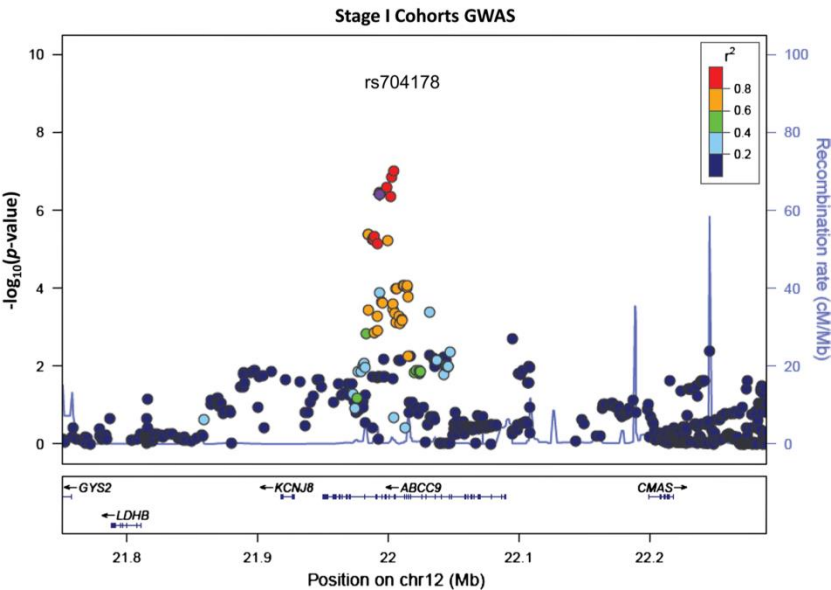
# Conclusions: neuropathology GWAS

- Neuropathology phenotypes can reveal loci not found in AD-trait studies
- Larger autopsy series are needed
- Quantitative measures of neuropathology traits are needed



# ***ABCC9* gene polymorphism is associated with hippocampal sclerosis of aging pathology**

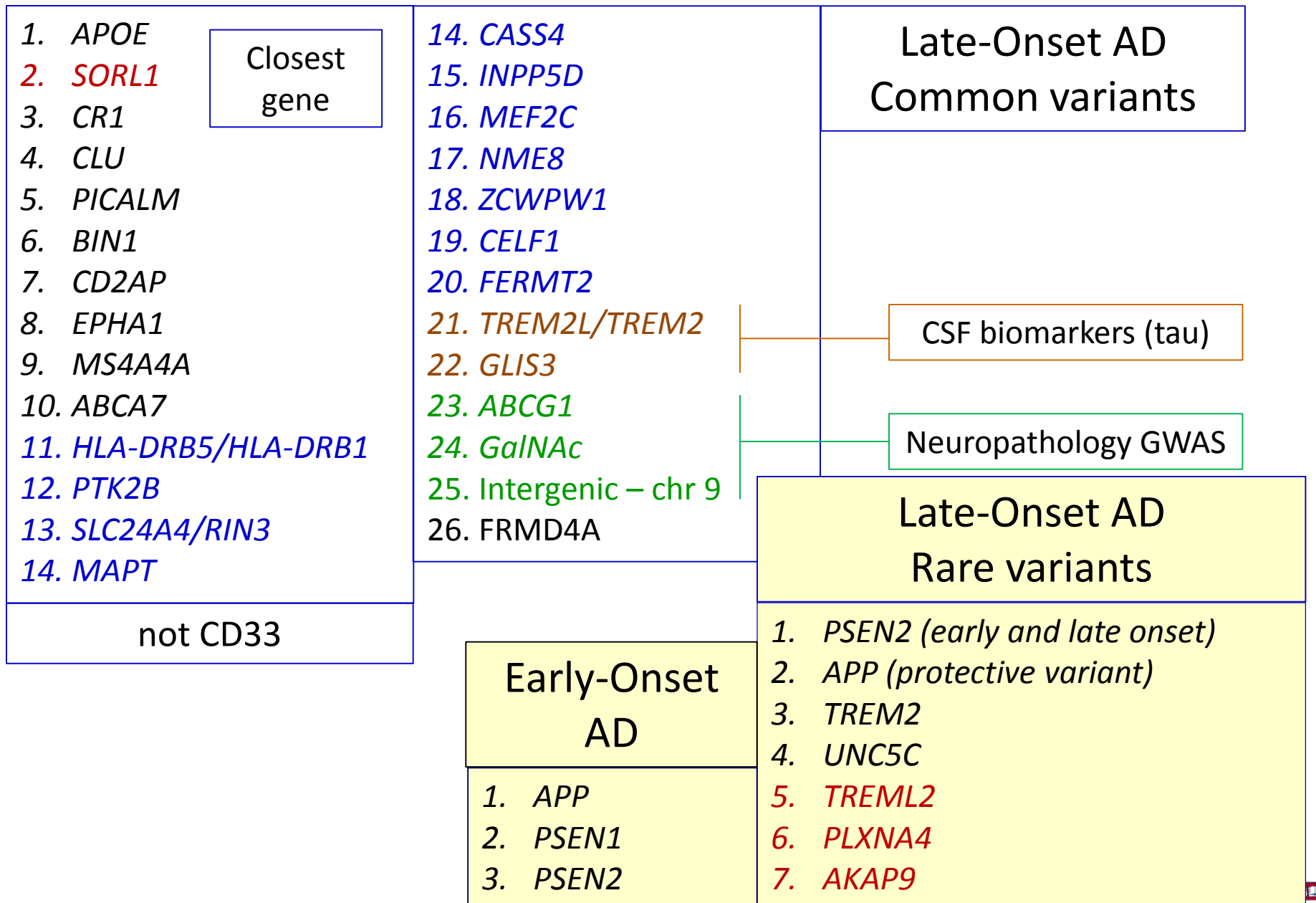
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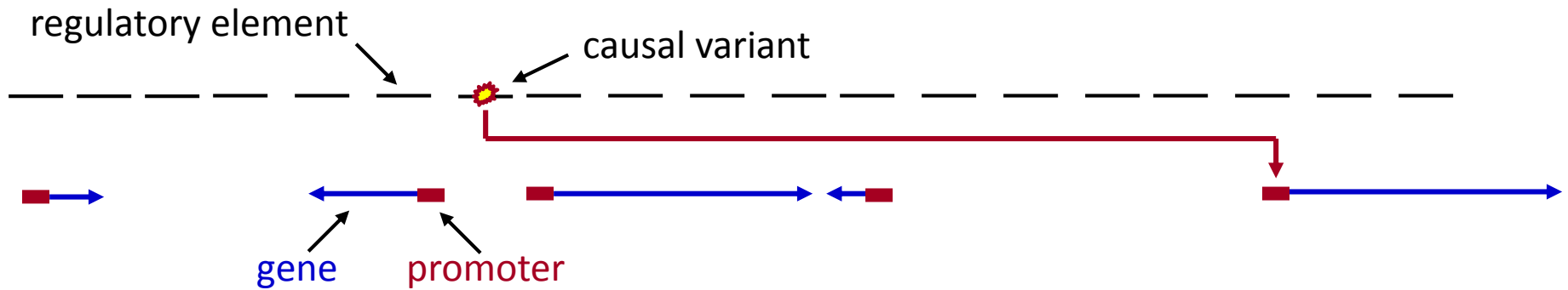
Model	OR (95%CI)	p-value
Additive	1.62 (1.37-1.92)	$2.3 \times 10^{-8}$
Recessive	2.13 (1.67-2.73)	$1.4 \times 10^{-9}$

No signal at: *APOE*  
*GRN*  
*TMEM106B*



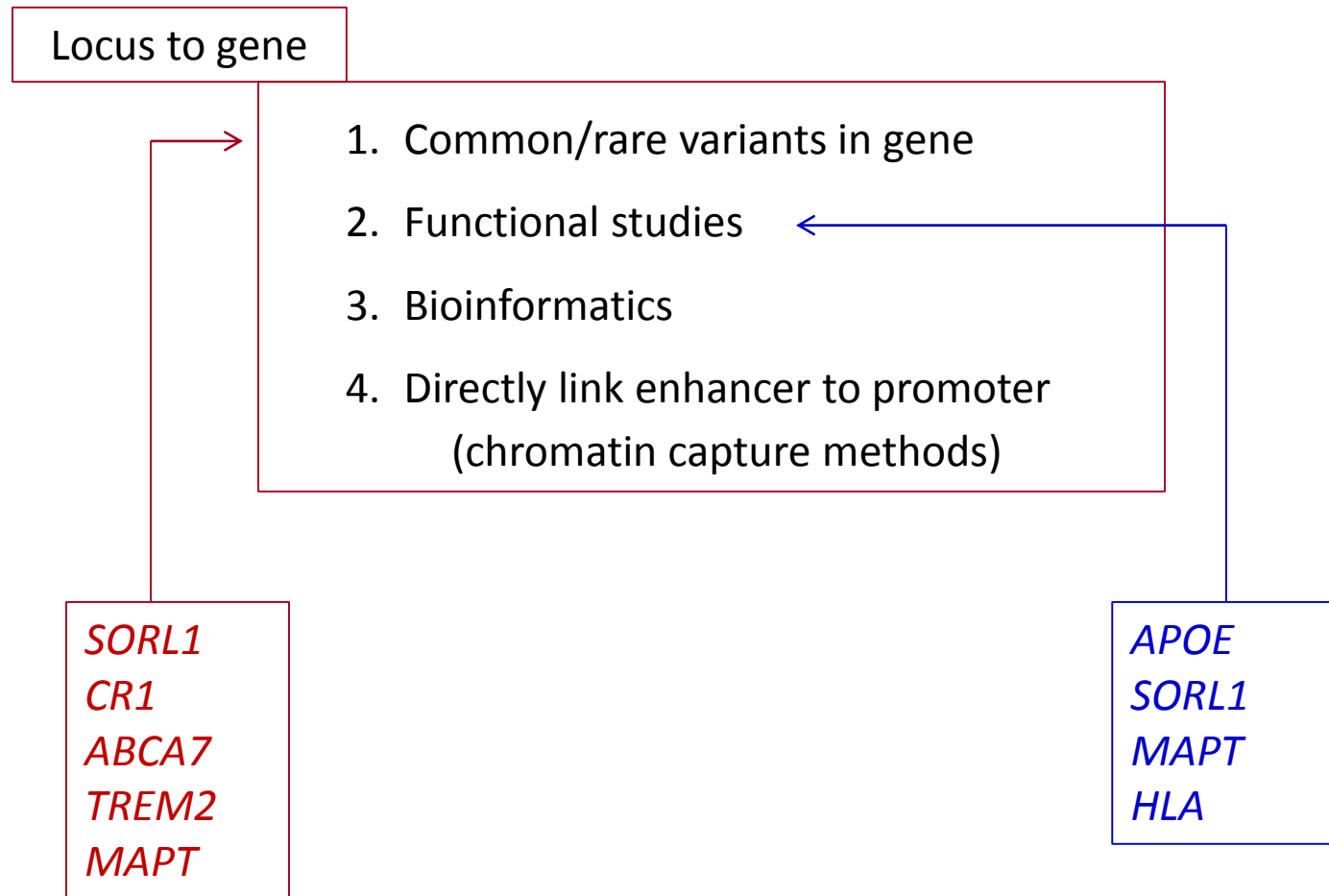


# GWAS signals: 90-95% of causative variants are in non-promoter regulatory elements



1. Only 20% of regulatory elements affect the closest gene
2. Mean distance between regulatory elements and gene target is 120 kb

# GWAS signal → AD gene?



APP/A $\beta$  metabolism

*APP, PSEN1, PSEN2*

Cholesterol metabolism

*APOE, CLU, ABCA7* ←

Innate immune response

*MS4A, CR1, HLA, TREM2, ABCA7* ←

Synaptic dysfunction/membrane function

*PICALM, BIN1, EPHA1*

Intracellular protein trafficking – proteostasis

*SORL1*

Phagocytosis/A $\beta$  clearance

*ABCA7, APOE* ←





## GWAS loci that are drug targets

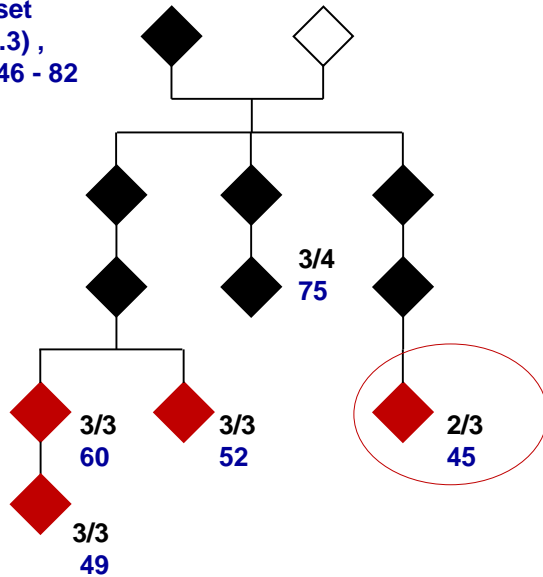
Target	Disorder	Drug
<b>HMG co-A reductase</b>	<b>Heart disease</b>	<b>statins</b>
<i>NPC1L1</i>	Heart disease	Zetia (ezetimibe)
PCSK9	Heart disease	monoclonal antibody
VCAM1	MS	natalizumab
IL2RA	MS	daclizumab
TNF- $\alpha$	RA	infliximab

# Rare Variants and late-onset AD

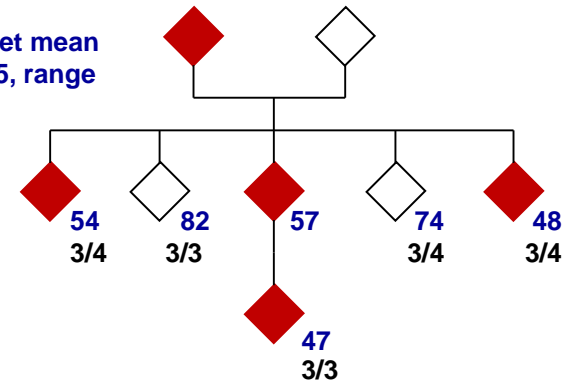


# N141I Presenilin 2 mutation Volga Germans

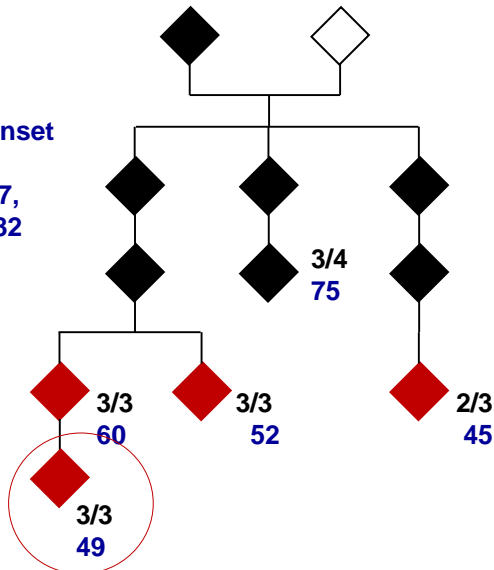
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mean = 59.6 (10.3),  
n = 17, range = 46 - 82



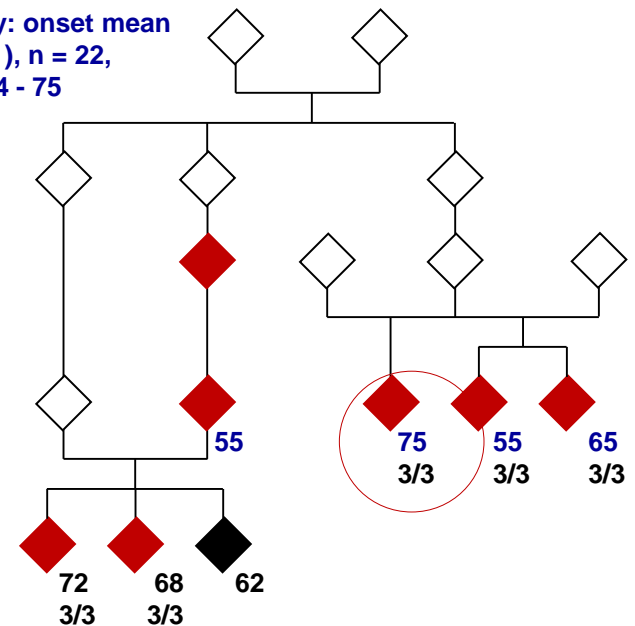
W Family: onset mean  
= 52.8 (4.5) n = 5, range  
= 47 - 58



HD Family: onset  
mean = 59.6  
(10.3), n = 17,  
range = 46 - 82



HB Family: onset mean  
= 60.8 (7.1), n = 22,  
range = 54 - 75



## *TREM2*: triggering receptor expressed on myeloid cells 2

- Whole-genome sequencing
- Whole-exom sequencing

allele	frequency		Odds ratio (95% CI)
	cases (n)	controls (n)	
R47H	2.0% (1,091)	0.5% (1,105)	4.5 (1.7 – 11.9)
R47H		0.63% (110,050)	2.26 (1.71 – 2.98)
R47H		0.12% - 0.19 (9,727)	2.83 (1.45 – 5.40)

Guerreiro et al. (2013) NEJM 368, 11  
Jonsson et al. (2013) NEJM 368, 107



# GWAS of Cerebrospinal Fluid Tau Levels Identifies Risk Variants for Alzheimer's Disease

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## SUMMARY

Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) tau, tau phosphorylated at threonine 181 (ptau), and A $\beta$ <sub>42</sub> are established biomarkers for Alzheimer's disease (AD) and have been used as quantitative traits for genetic analyses. We performed the largest genome-wide association study for cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) tau/ptau levels published to date (n = 1,269), identifying three genome-wide significant loci for CSF tau and ptau: rs9877502 (p = 4.89 × 10<sup>-9</sup> for tau) located at 3q28 between *GEMC1* and *OSTN*, rs514716 (p = 1.07 × 10<sup>-8</sup> and p = 3.22 × 10<sup>-9</sup> for tau and ptau, respectively), located at 9p24.2 within *GLIS3* and rs6922617 (p = 3.58 × 10<sup>-8</sup> for CSF ptau) at 6p21.1 within the *TREM* gene cluster, a region recently reported to harbor rare variants that increase AD risk. In independent data sets, rs9877502 showed a strong association with risk for AD, tangle pathology, and global cognitive decline (p = 2.67 × 10<sup>-4</sup>, 0.039, 4.86 × 10<sup>-5</sup>, respectively) illustrating how this endophenotype-based approach can be used to identify new AD risk loci.

Source	# subjects
Washington University	501
ADNI	394
University of Washington	323
University of Pennsylvania	51

687 cognitively normal controls  
591 AD cases  
1,278 total

## CSF markers

Tau  
Ptau  
A $\beta$ <sub>42</sub>



## CSF tau/P-tau

Chr	Closest Gene	tau	ptau
19	<i>TOMM40</i>	<b><math>4.28 \times 10^{-16}</math></b>	<b><math>5.81 \times 10^{-16}</math></b>
3	<i>SNAR-I</i>	<b><math>4.98 \times 10^{-9}</math></b>	$1.68 \times 10^{-7}$
9	<i>GLIS3</i>	<b><math>1.07 \times 10^{-8}</math></b>	<b><math>3.22 \times 10^{-9}</math></b>
6	<i>NCR2/TREML2</i>	$2.55 \times 10^{-5}$	<b><math>3.58 \times 10^{-8}</math></b>

## IGAP GWAS

$5 \times 10^{-8} < P < 1 \times 10^{-6}$



Closest gene	MAF	OR (95% CI)	P value
None	0.169	1.09 (1.05-1.13)	$3.4 \times 10^{-7}$
<i>HS3ST1</i>	0.300	1.08 (1.05-1.11)	$6.6 \times 10^{-8}$
<i>SQSTM1</i>	0.016	1.35 (1.20-1.52)	$7.4 \times 10^{-7}$
<b><i>TREML2</i></b>	<b>0.297</b>	<b>0.93 (0.91-0.96)</b>	<b><math>6.3 \times 10^{-7}</math></b>
<i>NDUFAF6</i>	0.469	1.07 (1.04-1.10)	$8.0 \times 10^{-8}$



## TREM2

African Americans: 1,970 AD cases  
3,932 controls

Top SNP: rs7748513

- A allele:  $p = 0.001$ , OR =  $0.86 \pm 0.05$  (1.16)
- In strong LD ( $D' = 0.99$ ) with rs75932628 - R47H

Group	MAF frequency
African Americans	0.43
European Caucasians	< 0.05



# APP

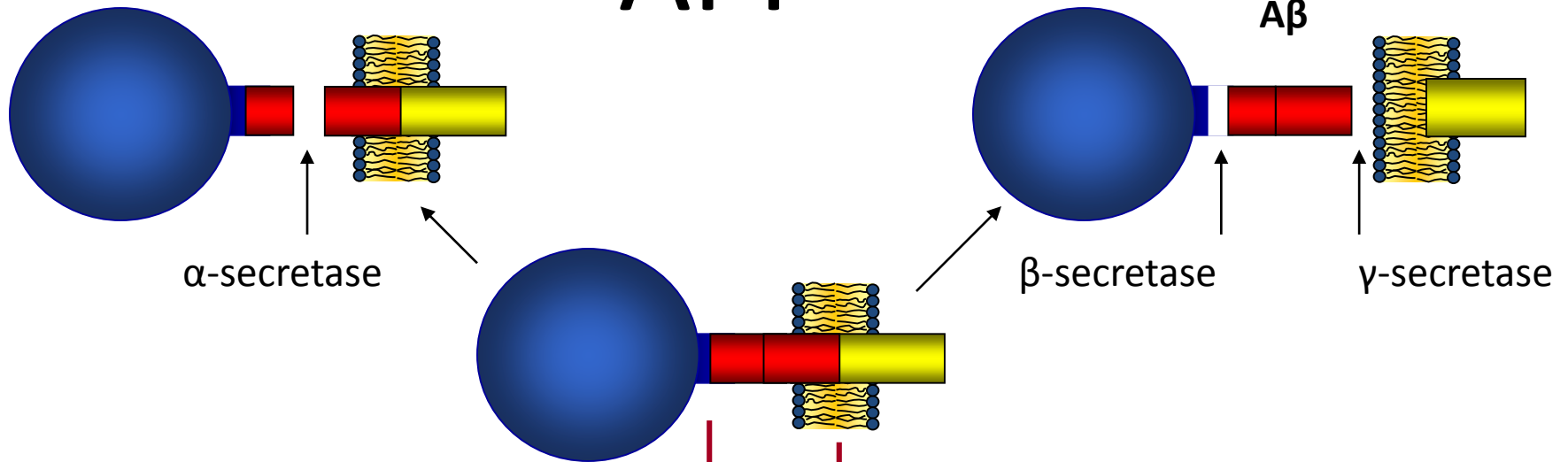


Diagram illustrating the sequence of APP and the cleavage sites for the three secretases:

APP sequence: ISEV**KM**DAEFRHDSGYEVHHQKLVFF**AE**DVGSNKGAIIGLMVGGGV**IA**TVIVITLVMLKKQ

Cleavage sites:

- $\beta$ -secretase**: Cleaves between the **K** and **M** residues (between E1 and E2).
- $\alpha$ -secretase**: Cleaves between the **E** and **D** residues (between E2 and E3).
- $\gamma$ -secretase**: Cleaves between the **I** and **A** residues (between E3 and E4).

NL  
670/671

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673

# A mutation in *APP* protects against Alzheimer's disease and age-related cognitive decline

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Group	Frequency	N Chip	N <i>in silico</i>
AD	0.13%	2,199	849
controls	0.45%	57,174	22,074

$1/OR = 4.24$   
 $P = 4.2 \times 10^{-5}$

	n	frequency	n	APOE
Alzheimer's disease	9,091	0.011%	1	3/3
Elderly controls	11,361	0.009%	1	3/3
			1	3/4
Total	20,452			

Onset 89 years

Born in Iceland, 83 years old

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	cohort 1	cohort 2	carriers
Alzheimer's disease	298 (0)	564 (0)	0
Elderly controls	220 (0)	487 (3)	3
Totals	518	1,051	3

Rare-variants can  
be very  
population-specific

Swedish Cohorts 1 + 2: 0.19%  
Swedish cohorts, Jonsson *et al*: 0.42%



# AD Genetics in other populations

African Americans – GWAS

1,968 case


3,982 controls

Japanese/Korean – GWAS


2,232 cases

1,542 controls

Ancestry influences  
effect size,  
importance



African Americans	<i>ABCA7</i>	OR = <b>1.79 (CI, 1.47 – 2.12)</b> , P = 2.21 x 10 <sup>-9</sup>
Caucasians	<i>ABCA7</i>	OR = <b>1.11 (CI, 1.11 – 1.19)</b> , P = 1.06 x 10 <sup>-15</sup>
Asians	<i>SORL1</i>	Minor allele frequency = <b>0.23 – 0.34</b>
Caucasians	<i>SORL1</i>	Minor allele frequency = <b>0.02 – 0.04</b>
Combined	<i>SORL1</i>	



Ancestry influences effect size

Effect size - modest (OR 2.3 – 4.5)

Percent of population at risk – small (~2%)

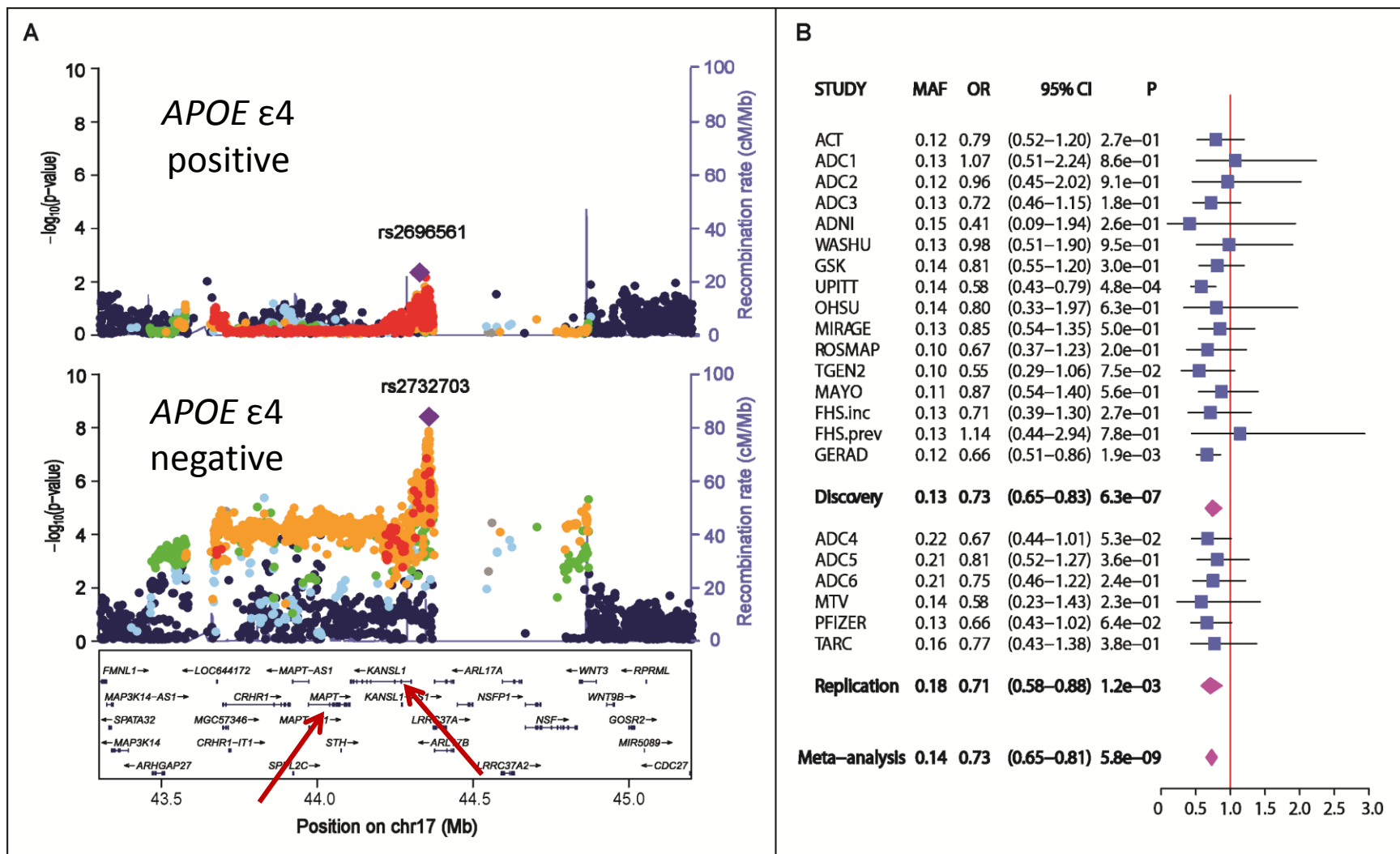
Can be specific to small populations

**Missing heritability?**



# Gene-Gene interaction: late-onset Alzheimer's disease

- Stratified GWAS: *APOE*  $\epsilon 4+$   
*APOE*  $\epsilon 4-$

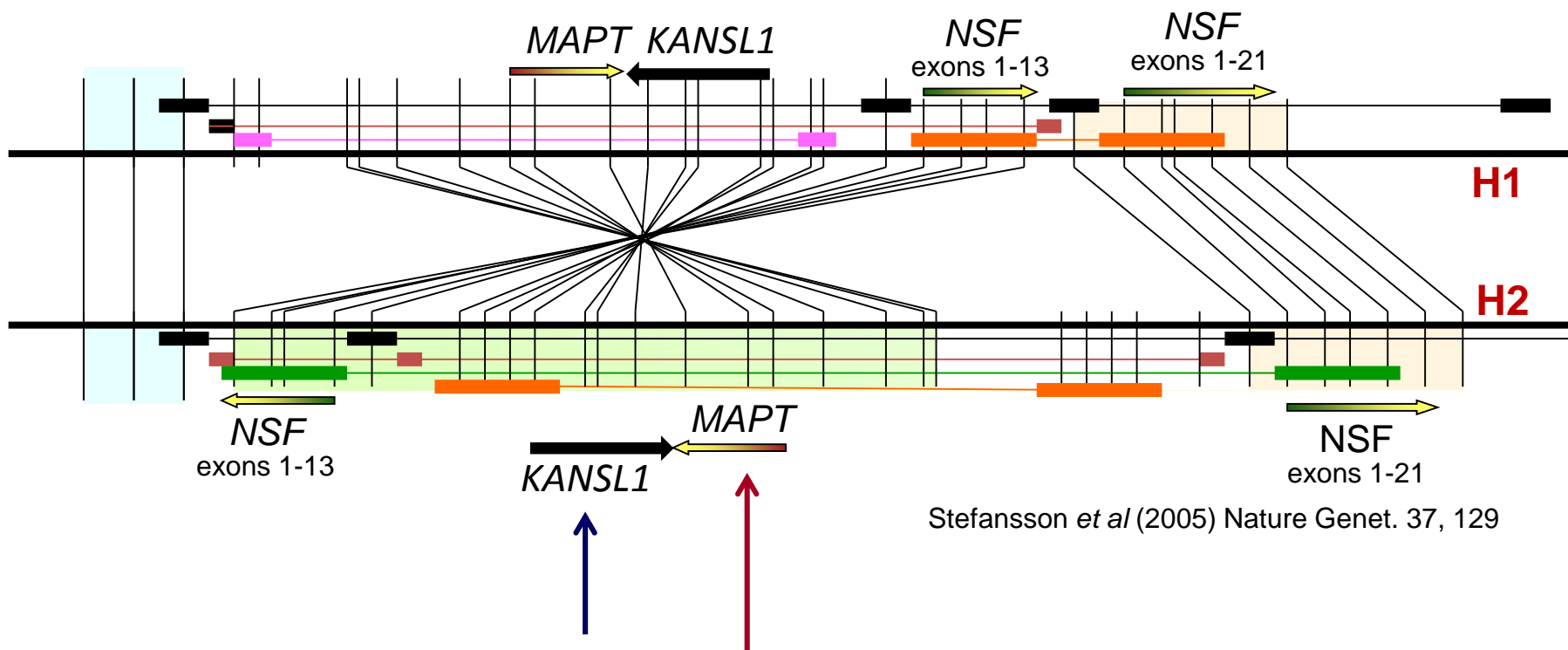


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			OR (95% CI)	P
rs2732703	17	KANSL1/LRRC37A	0.73 (0.65-0.81)	5.8x10 <sup>-9</sup>

SNP	CH	Region or Closest Gene	APOE $\epsilon 4(+)$		APOE $\epsilon 4(-)$	
			OR (95% CI)	P	OR (95% CI)	P
rs679515	1	CR1	1.22 (1.14 - 1.30)	$3.6 \times 10^{-9}$	1.13 (1.07 - 1.19)	$1.6 \times 10^{-5}$
rs4663105	2	BIN1	1.19 (1.12 - 1.25)	$2.5 \times 10^{-9}$	1.19 (1.13 - 1.24)	$1.8 \times 10^{-12}$
rs9331896	8	CLU	0.84 (0.80 - 0.89)	$2.8 \times 10^{-9}$	0.90 (0.86 - 0.94)	$9.6 \times 10^{-6}$
rs1582763	11	MS4 region	0.92 (0.87 - 0.97)	0.003	0.87 (0.83 - 0.91)	$2.2 \times 10^{-9}$

*APOE* independent pathway for Alzheimer's disease?

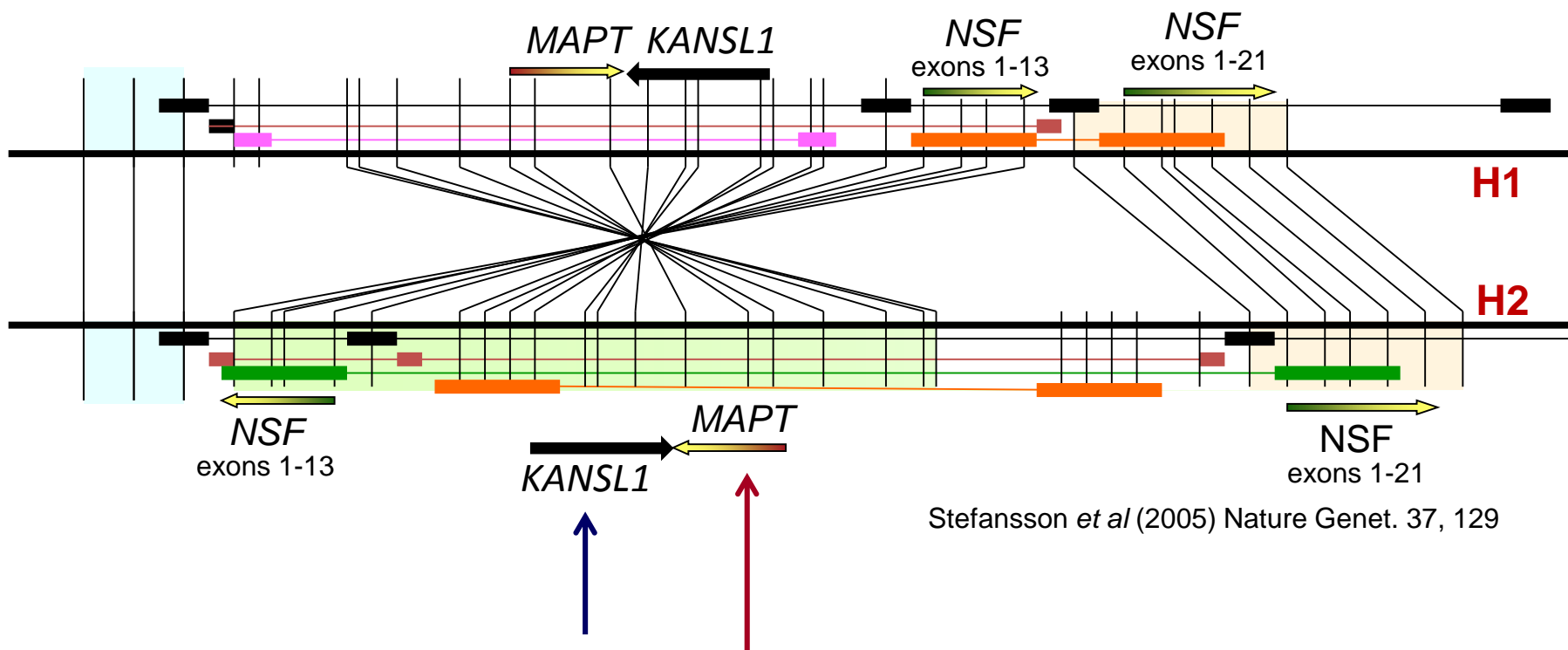
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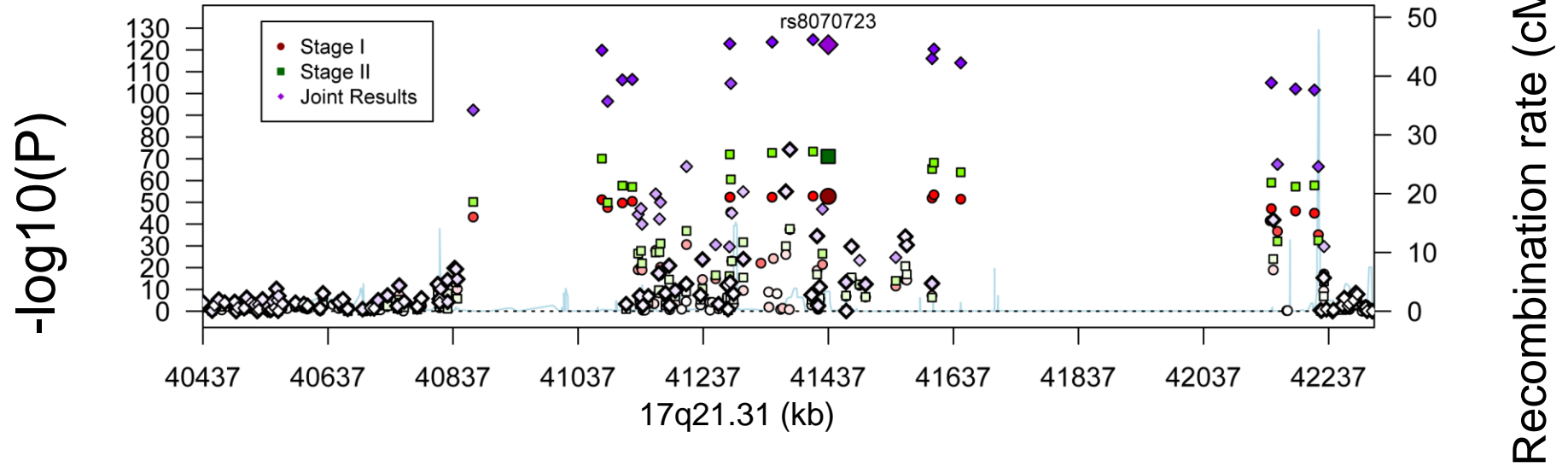


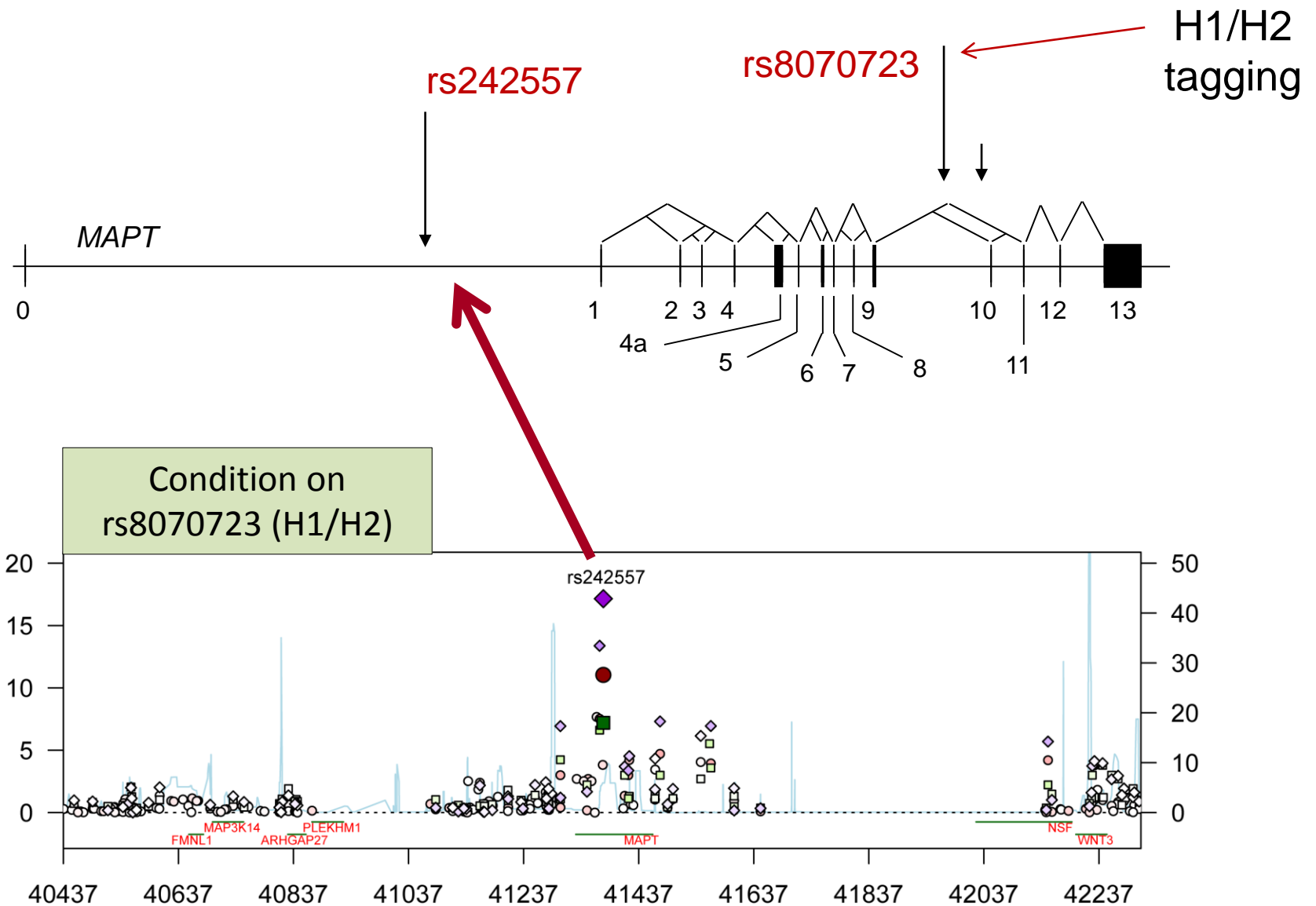
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# PSP GWAS Results

## 1 Mb H1/H2 inversion polymorphism





# *APOE* and *MAPT* Conclusions

- *APOE* risk is entirely due to the  $\epsilon 2/\epsilon 3/\epsilon 4$  variants
- *MAPT* region is an *APOE*  $\epsilon 4$  independent AD risk locus
- *MS4* region is also an *APOE* independent risk locus
- *APOE* independent pathway  $\rightarrow$  AD?
- Three different signals in the *MAPT* region influence risk for neurodegeneration
- *APOE* modifies the  $A\beta$ -presenilin AD pathway

# Rare-variant identification and Late-onset Alzheimer's disease:

## Large-scale DNA sequencing



## Whole exome sequencing

5,000 unrelated cases

- cases with the lowest risk explained by *APOE* and age
- young onset, *APOE*  $\epsilon 2/\epsilon 2$ ,  $\epsilon 2/\epsilon 3$ , or  $\epsilon 3/\epsilon 3$

5,000 unrelated elderly cognitively normal controls

- controls least likely to convert to a case, based on age, *APOE*, and autopsy data
- old, *APOE*  $\epsilon 2/\epsilon 2$ ,  $\epsilon 2/\epsilon 3$ , or  $\epsilon 3/\epsilon 3$  little or no AD neuropathology

1,000 cases from multiplex families – one/family

## Whole-genome sequencing

- 585 subjects from 111 multiplex families



# Alzheimer's Disease Sequencing Project (ADSP)

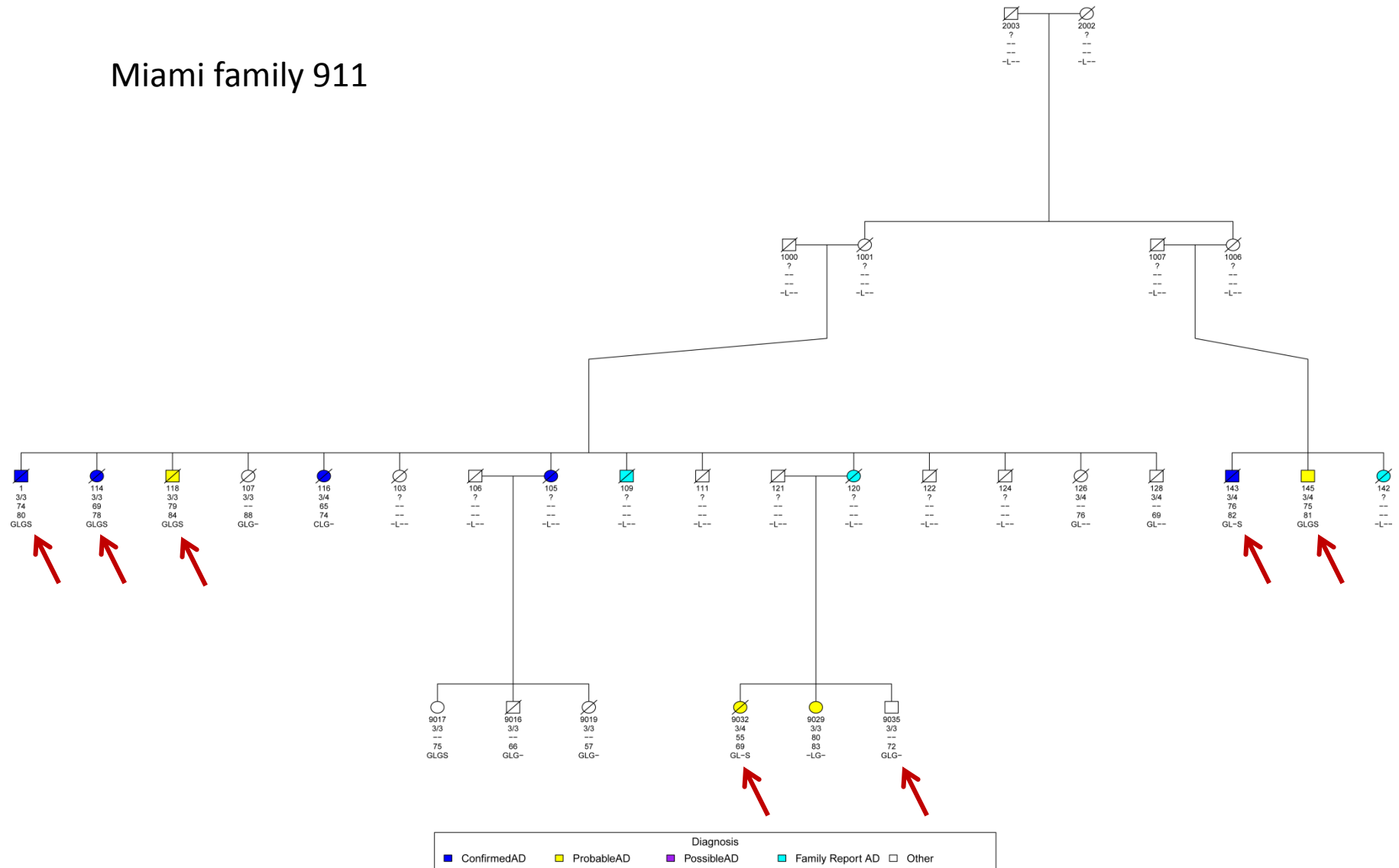
Families	investigator(s)	number of families
NIA-LOAD	Richard Mayeux	18
Caribbean Hispanics	Richard Mayeux	67
NCRAD:	Tatiana Foroud	4
Miami:	Peggy Pericak-Vance	12
Seattle:	Raskind/Schellenberg	7
Vanderbilt:	Jonathan Haines	1
Erasmus:	Cornelia Van Duijn	2
Total:		111

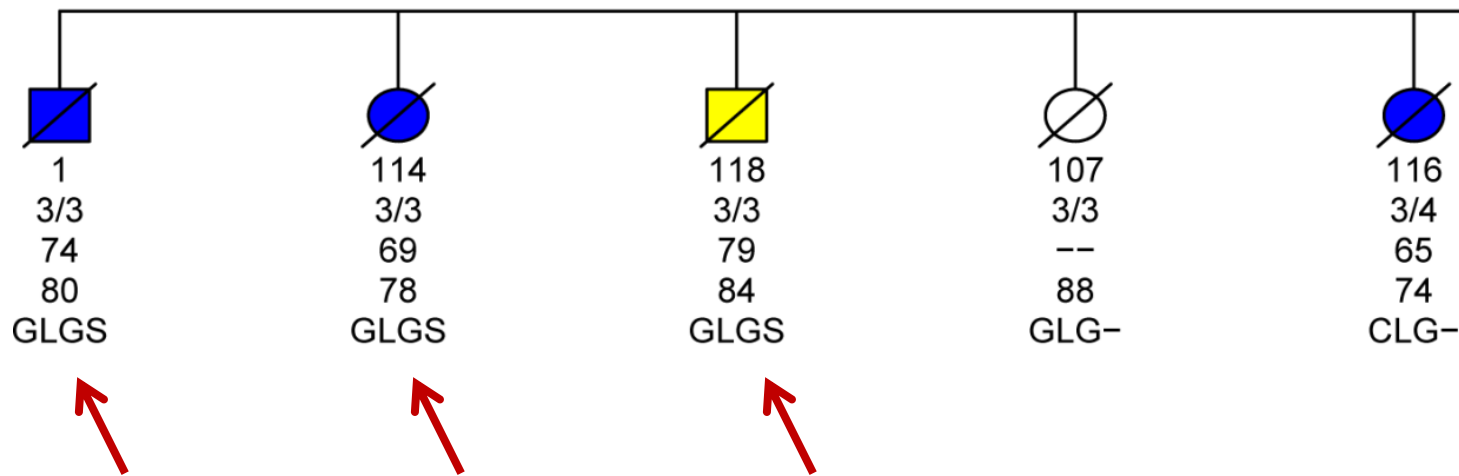
**501 cases, 84 unaffected, 583 total**



FID = 911, N = 31

## Miami family 911





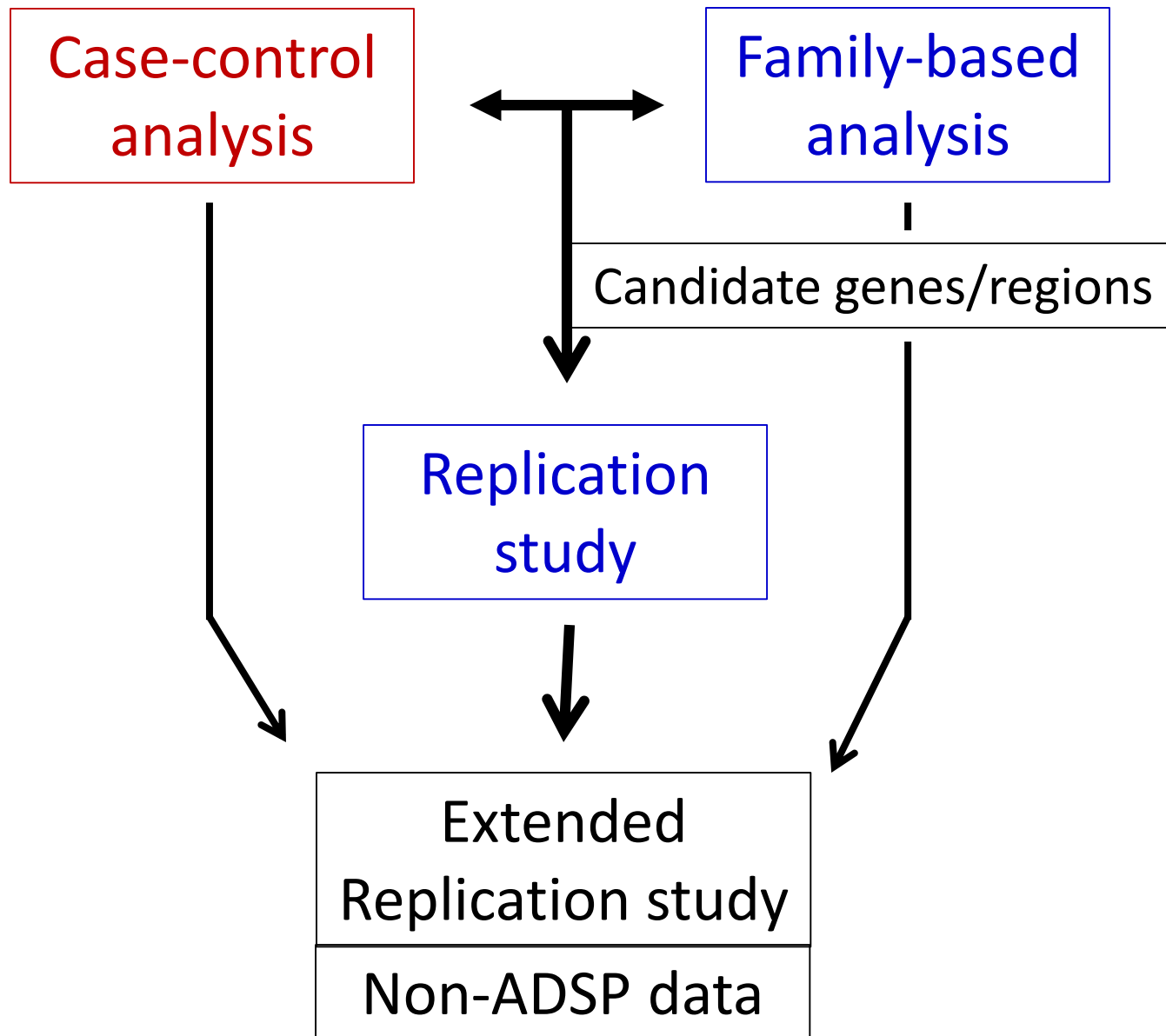
# Alzheimer's Disease Sequencing Project (ADSP)

## Replication

- 17,000 additional cases
- 17,000 additional controls
- Targeted sequencing
  - exons
  - introns
  - intergenic regions

Selected based on  
results from WES/WGA





# Structural Variants (SVs) Introduction

- Type
  - Insertions
  - Deletions
  - Inversions
  - Translocations
  - Copy number variation (CNV)
- Size
  - Inversely related to frequency
  - 1bp to very large
- SVs - Alzheimer's disease/other neurologic disorders
  - *APP* duplication
  - *SNCA* duplication
  - *PSEN1* indel
  - *PMP22* deletion/duplication
  - *MAPT* inversion/CNVs



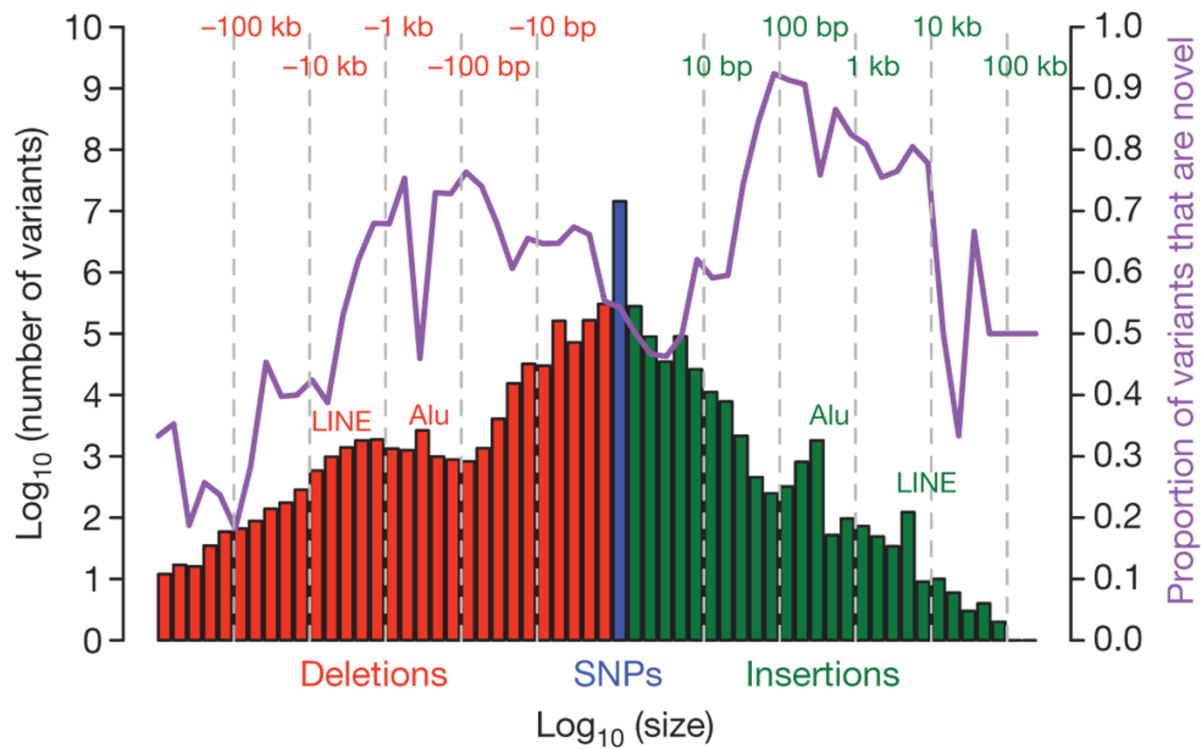
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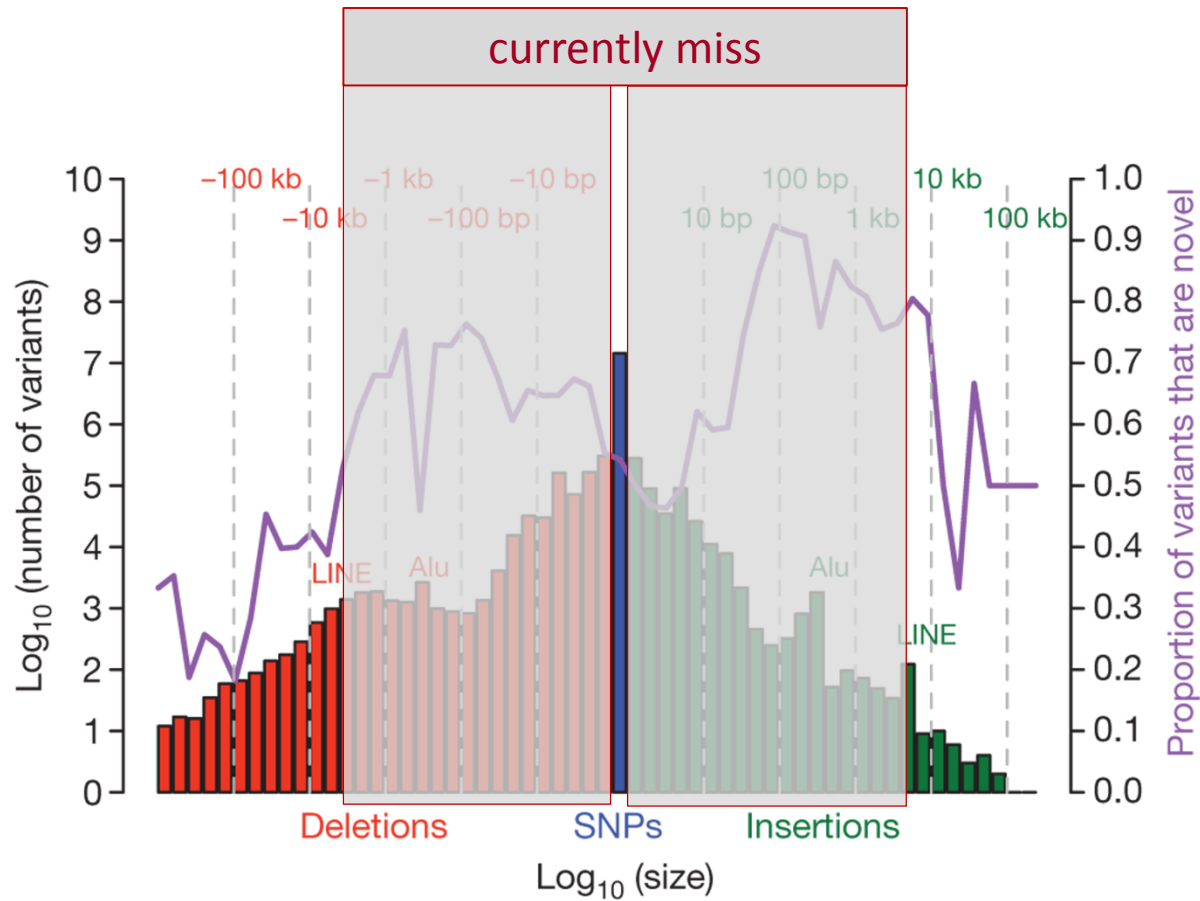
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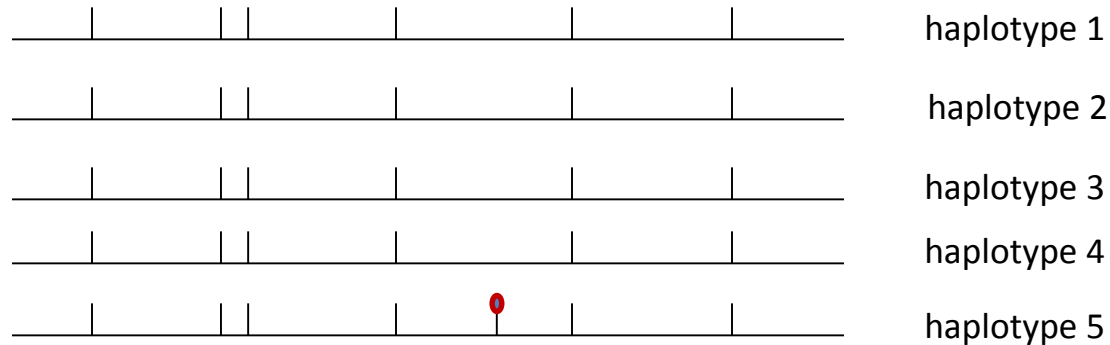
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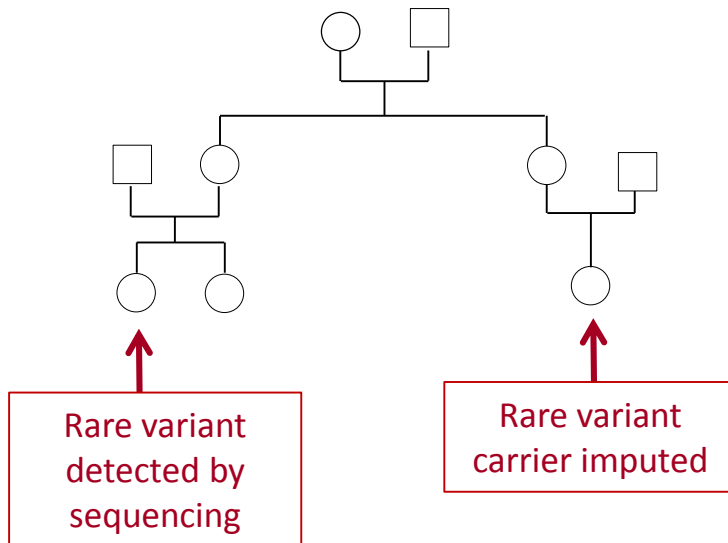
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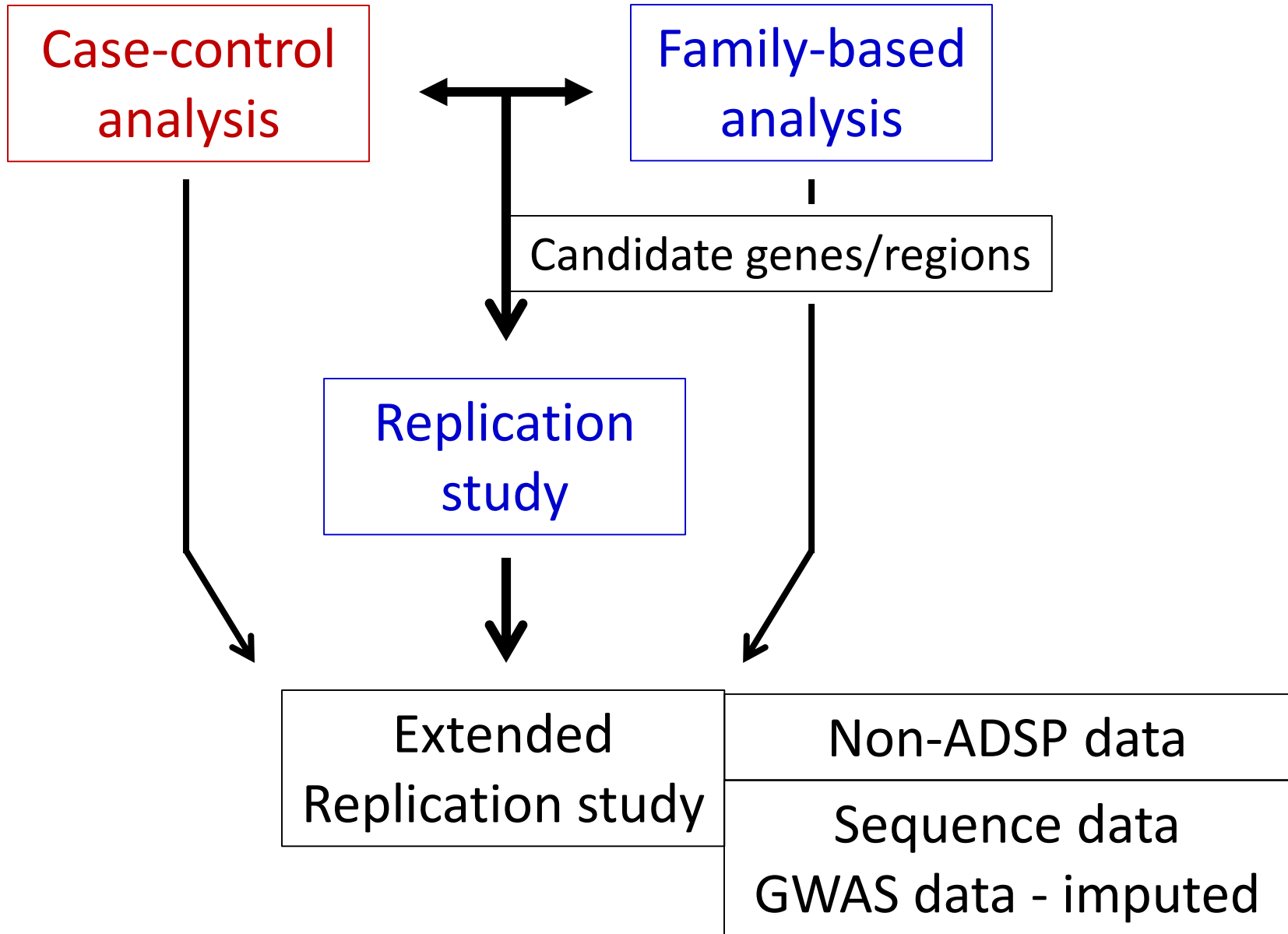


1. Combined data from different genotyping platforms
2. Test variants not directly genotypes: rare-variant GWAS
3. Infer rare variants in family members not sequenced



## Reference panels

- HapMap
- 1000 Genomes
- 30,000 Genomes



# Extended Replication Phase

ADGC samples - AD and normal elderly controls with genome-wide SNP array data.

<b>Ethnic group</b>	<b>Cases</b>	<b>Controls</b>	<b>Total</b>
Caucasians	16,522	17,570	34,092
African Americans	2,269	4,495	6,764
Asians	2,246	3,138	5,384
Hispanics	382	317	699
Subtotal from ADCs	6,766	4,415	10,246
<b>Totals - all sources</b>	<b>21,419</b>	<b>25,520</b>	<b>46,939</b>



# Extended Replication Phase

Type	Number of			
	families	individuals	affected	unaffected
5+ affected	101	1,216	614	602
4 affected	61	434	205	229
3 affected	103	545	263	282
2 affected	202	709	320	389
Total familial	467	2,904	1,402	1,502
Total sporadic		8,247	2,071	6,176
Familial + sporadic		11,151	3,473	7,678



# Summary

- 8 rare- variant genes
- 26 common variant loci
- Ancestry is important
- Additional small-effect size common variants
- Additional modest effect size rare variants
- Structural variation needs to be evaluated



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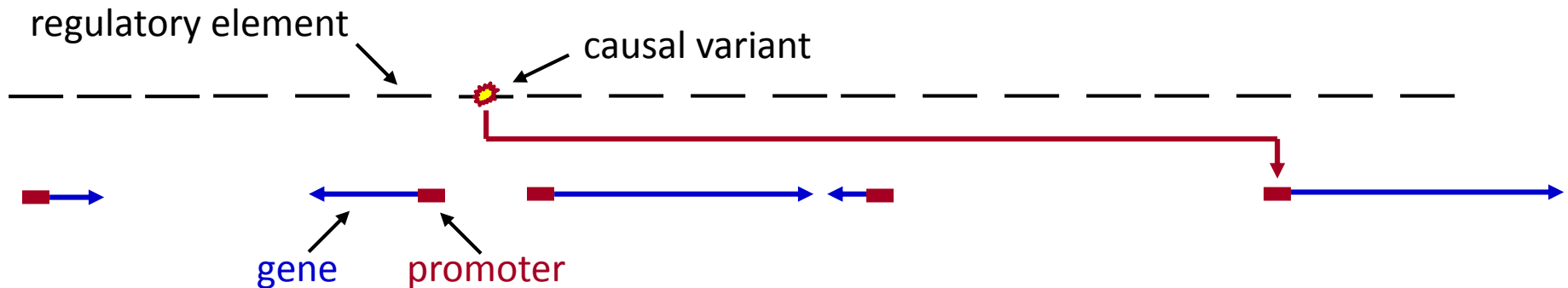
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The End

# GWAS signals: 90-95% of causative variants are in non-promoter regulatory elements



1. Only 20% of regulatory elements affect the closest gene
2. Mean distance between regulatory elements and gene target is 120 kb
3. Enhancer-promoter pairs can be separated by 1.4Mb (or more?)
4. Multiple enhancers can affect the same gene
5. Enhancers can affect more than one gene
6. Enhancers can be in introns but not regulate the host gene

Cholesterol metabolism

*APOE, CLU, ABCA7* ←

Innate immune response

*MS4A, CR1, HLA, TREM2, ABCA7* ←

Synaptic dysfunction/membrane function

*PICALM, BIN1, EPHA1*

Intracellular protein trafficking – proteostasis

*SORL1*

Phagocytosis/A $\beta$  clearance

*ABCA7, APOE* ←



# Rare Variants

## Early-Onset AD Rare variants

1. *APP*
2. *PSEN1*
3. *PSEN2*

## Late-Onset AD Rare variants

1. *PSEN2 (early and late onset)*
2. *APP (protective variant)*
3. *TREM2*
4. *UNC5C*
5. *TREML2*
6. *PLXNA4*
7. *AKAP9*



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2. *SORL1*
3. *CR1*
4. *CLU*
5. *PICALM*
6. *BIN1*
7. *CD2AP*
8. *EPHA1*
9. *MS4A4A*
10. *ABCA7*
11. *HLA-DRB5/HLA-DRB1*
12. *PTK2B*
13. *SLC24A4/RIN3*
14. *MAPT*

Closest  
gene

not CD33

14. *CASS4*
15. *INPP5D*
16. *MEF2C*
17. *NME8*
18. *ZCWPW1*
19. *CELF1*
20. *FERMT2*
21. *TREM2L/TREM2*
22. *GLIS3*
23. *ABCG1*
24. *GalNAc*
25. Intergenic – chr 9
26. *FRMD4A*

## Late-Onset AD Common variants

- $P < 5 \times 10^{-8}$
- OR = 1.08 – 1.37, **5.22**
- MAF = 3.9% - 49%

*APOE*



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People with Alzheimer's disease: 5.4 million  
Unpaid caregivers: 14.9  
Costs to economy: \$200 billion/year  
(\$140 billion to Medicare/Medicaid)

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## 2050 – United States

People with Alzheimer's disease: 14.9 million  
Costs to economy: \$1.1 trillion

