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Upcoming Master 2 internship

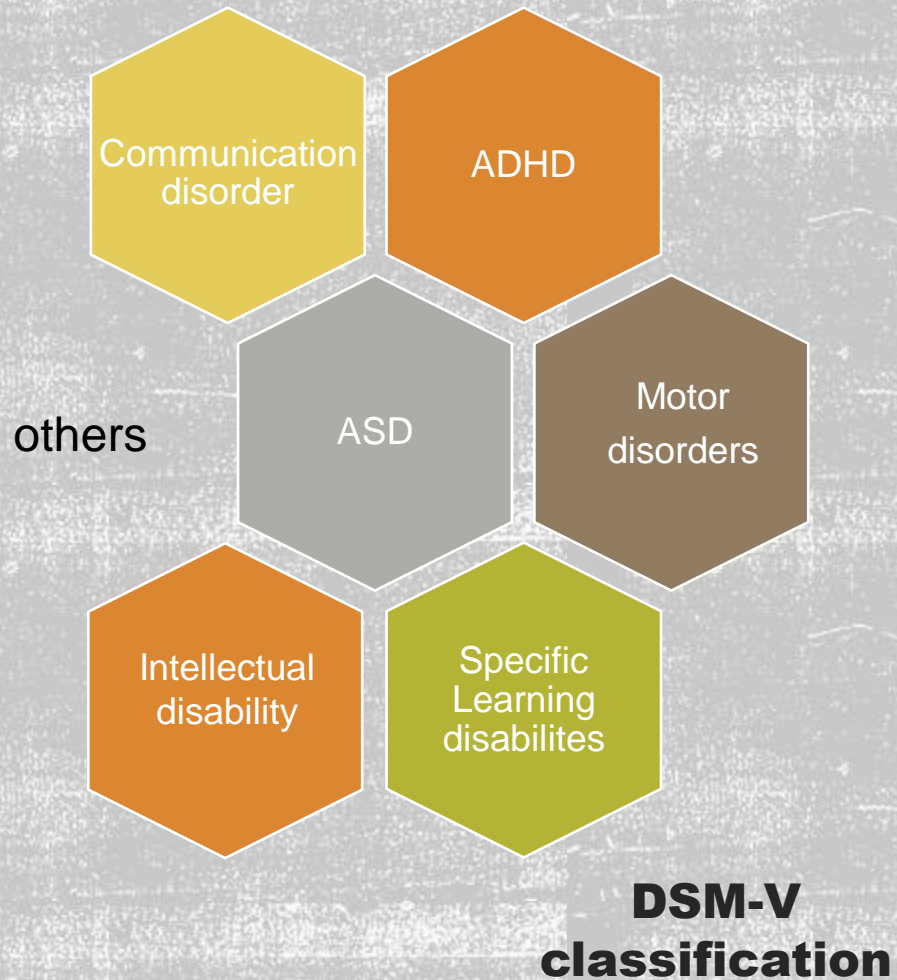
Quantifying and modeling the impact of rare SNVs variants on cognitive and behavioral traits in neurodevelopmental disorders

Rome ERASMUS Week

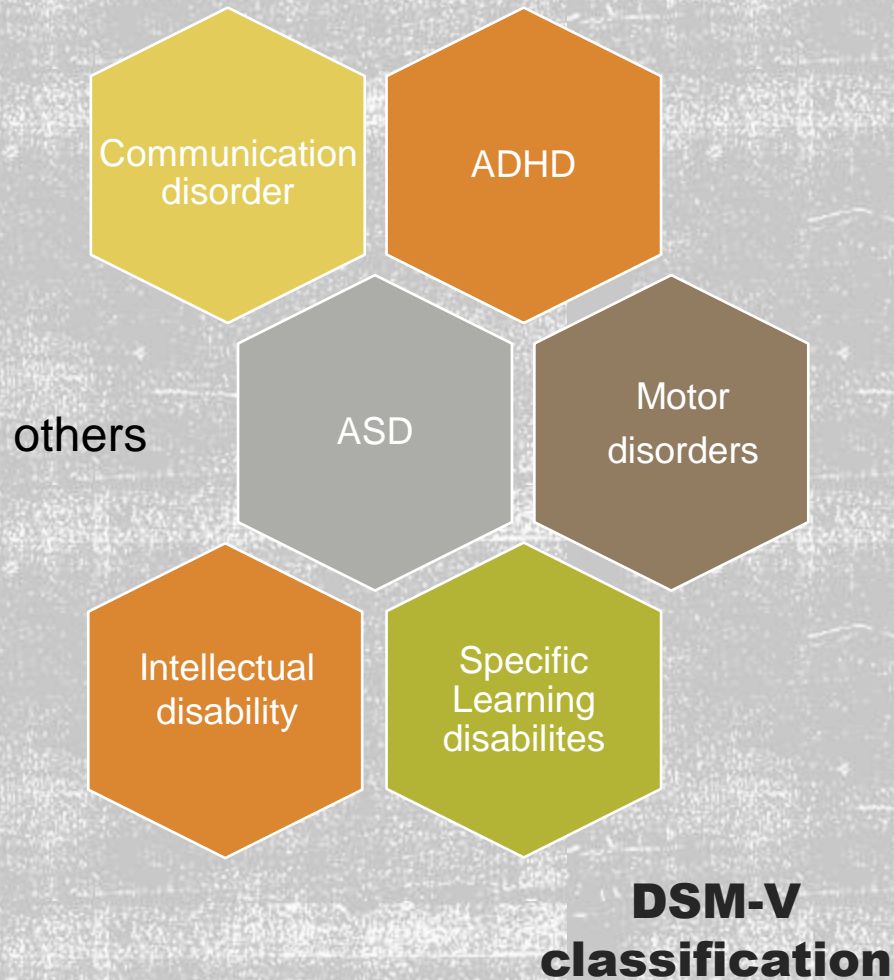
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Neurodevelopmental disorders



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Heterogeneity

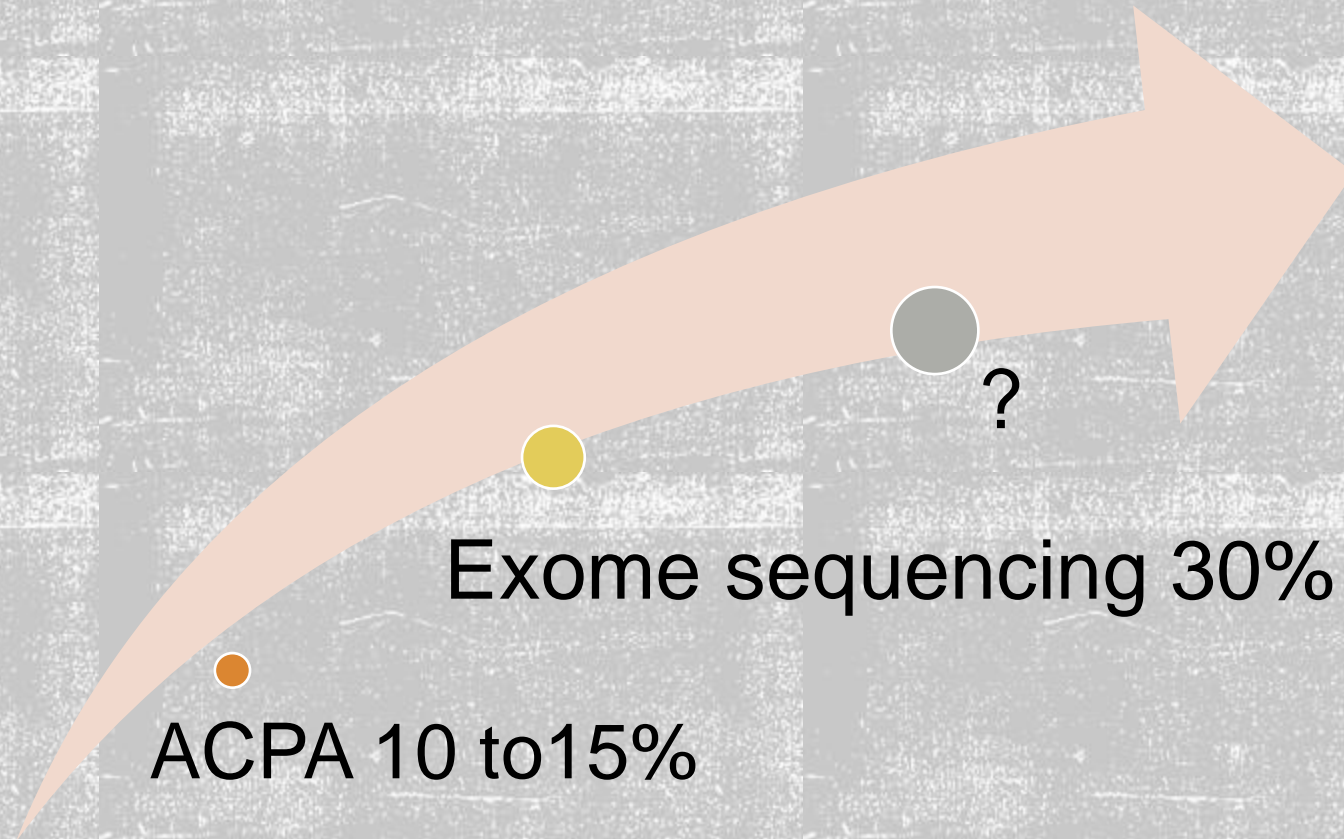
- Clinical
- Genetic
- Biological

Major health problem

- Genetic cause in 50 to 80%
- ASD = 1% world population



Genetic diagnosis in NDDs



How to improve genetic diagnosis?

Mapping the effects of rare variants genome-wide onto cognitive and behavioral dimensions



Shown that genomic dosage due to CNVs could modulate brain structure, cognition and behavior



Develop new strategies to identify genetic scores and functional annotations that explain the effect of rare variants on cognitive and behavioral traits



Purpose of the internship

Population

- General population
- Autism cohorts
- Local cohort of >200 families of patients

Clinical data

- Quantitative measures of global cognition (IQ test)
- Verbal (non-word repetition task)
- Behavioral (social communication test)

Tasks

- Create an algorithm to interpret non-recurrent SNVs in NDDs
- Validate this algorithm on a local cohort
- Evaluate the data via statistical linear models between estimations from autism & general population and estimations from the local cohort



**Thank you for your
attention**

