Neurobiologische Grundlagen der ADHS

– Update

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Korrelate

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Using genetic data in cognitive neuroscience: from growing pains to genuine insights

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Neuroanatomische Korrelate

Neuroanatomie

- Gehirn kleiner (~4%), insb. Frontallappen rechts (~8%)
- Basalganglien kleiner (~6%)
- Cerebellum kleiner (~12%)
- Volumetrische Unterschiede
 - Manifestieren sich früh (~6 J.)
 - Korrelieren mit ADHS-Schweregrad
 - Unabhängig von der Stimulantienbehandlung

Vor allem Fronto-striatale und cerebelläre Abweichungen

Neuroanatomie

Caudatusvolumen

Neuroanatomie

Cerebelläres Volumen

Gen – Struktur - Relationen

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ORIGINAL RESEARCH ARTICLE

Differential effects of DRD4 and DAT1 genotype on fronto-striatal gray matter volumes in a sample of subjects with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, their unaffected siblings, and controls

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Figure 2 Caudate nucleus volume by DAT1 genotype (mean $\pm$ standard error ($N=72$)).

Figure 3 Prefrontal gray matter volume by DRD4 genotype (mean $\pm$ standard error ($N=68$)).

Gen – Struktur - Relationen

Polymorphisms of the Dopamine D₄ Receptor, Clinical Outcome, and Cortical Structure in Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder

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Context: Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) is one of the most heritable neuropsychiatric disorders, and a polymorphism within the dopamine D₄ receptor (*DRD4*) gene has been frequently implicated in its pathogenesis.

Objective: To examine the effects of the 7-repeat microsatellite in the *DRD4* gene on clinical outcome and cortical development in ADHD. We drew comparisons with a single nucleotide polymorphism in the dopamine D₁ receptor (*DRD1*) gene, which was associated with ADHD within our cohort, and a polymorphism within the dopamine transporter (*DAT1*) gene, reported to have additive effects with the *DRD4* 7-repeat allele.

Design: Longitudinal cohort study.

Setting: National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland.

Participants: One hundred five children (with 222 neuroanatomical magnetic resonance images) with ADHD (mean age at entry, 10.1 years) and 103 healthy controls (total of 220 magnetic resonance images). Sixty-seven subjects with ADHD (64%) had follow-up clinical evaluations (mean follow-up, 6 years).

Main Outcome Measures: Cortical thickness across the cerebrum and presence of DSM-IV–defined ADHD at follow-up.

Results: Possession of the *DRD4* 7-repeat allele was associated with a thinner right orbitofrontal/inferior prefrontal and posterior parietal cortex. This overlapped with regions that were generally thinner in subjects with ADHD compared with controls. Participants with ADHD carrying the *DRD4* 7-repeat allele had a better clinical outcome and a distinct trajectory of cortical development. This group showed normalization of the right parietal cortical region, a pattern that we have previously linked with better clinical outcome. By contrast, there were no significant effects of the *DRD1* or *DAT1* polymorphisms on clinical outcome or cortical development.

Conclusions: The *DRD4* 7-repeat allele, which is widely associated with a diagnosis of ADHD, and in our cohort with better clinical outcome, is associated with cortical thinning in regions important in attentional control. This regional thinning is most apparent in childhood and largely resolves during adolescence.

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Figure 5. Cortical thinning at baseline in attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) carriers of the 7-repeat allele corrects with age. Contrast between ADHD carriers and healthy controls without the 7-repeat allele from age 8 years through 16 years illustrating the resolution of regional cortical thinning with age (contrasts set at $t > 2$).

Neurochemische Korrelate

Neurochemie

Nach Himmelstein et al. 2001

Dysregulation dopaminerger & noradrenerger Transmittersysteme

z. B. Arnsten, 2001; Goldman-Racik et al., 2004

Neuropsychologische Korrelate

Neuropsychologie

Störung exekutiver Funktionen

- Hemmung (motorisch, kognitiv + emotional)
- Planungsfähigkeit
- Arbeitsgedächtnis
- Aufmerksamkeit & Flexibilität

ADHS - primäres Inhibitionsdefizit?

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1. Exekutive Dysfunktionen: nicht störungsspezifisch
2. 50% der Betroffenen: ausgeprägte exekutive Auffälligkeiten
3. Aber auch beeinträchtigte Motivations- & Lernprozesse

Motivationale Abweichungen & Beeinträchtigte Lernmechanismen

Motivational modulation of inhibitory control performance

Neuropsychologische Modelle

Kognitive M.

- Exekutive Funktionen (Pennington & Ozonoff)
- Inhibitionskontrolle (Barkley)
- Arbeitsgedächtnis (Denney & Rapport)

Motivationale M.

- Abneigung geg. Belohnungsaufschub (Sonuga-Barke)
- Reduzierte Dauer der Verstärkerwirksamkeit (Sagvolden)

Kombinierte M.

- Kognitiv-energetisches M. (Sergeant)

Scientific American, 1998

ADHD: A disorder of impaired reward-learning?

Brain activation in reward system (ventral striatum) reduced in ADHD

ADHD < healthy controls

Scheres et al. 2007
Biological Psychiatry

Ströhle et al. 2007
Neuroimage

Plichta et al. 2008
Biological Psychiatry

Dual pathway model of ADHD

Impaired reward processing

Neurophysiologie

Funktionelle Bildgebung

Annotation: What electrical brain activity tells us about brain function that other techniques cannot tell us – a child psychiatric perspective

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Neurophysiologie

Continuous Performance Test – AX

Condition	Cue	Go	Cue	NoGo						
Stimulus	A	X	A	notX						
Time (ms)	150	1500	150	1500						
Behavioral response		Motor response execution		Motor response inhibition						
Attentional ERP-microstates/-components	Cue P3a	Cue P3b	CNV	Go-P3a	Go-P3b	Cue P3a	Cue P3b	CNV	NoGo N2	Nogo P3b
Possible underlying constructs	Attentional orienting	Context-update, Attention allocation	Cognitive preparation	Attentional orienting	Context-update, Attention allocation	Attentional orienting	Context-update, Attention allocation	Cognitive preparation	Response inhibition, Response conflict	Motor inhibition, Context-update, Attention allocation

Aufmerksamkeitsorientierung, Antwortvorbereitung, Antwortausführung & -hemmung lassen sich trennen

Neurophysiologie

Abweichende Aufmerksamkeitsprozesse

Aktivierung nach Präsentation von A bei CPT A-X (P300)

- Beeinträchtigte Aufmerksamkeitsorientierung
- Posteriores Aufmerksamkeitssystem schwächer

Neurophysiologie

Defizite von Vorbereitung & Antwortkontrolle

Antwortvorbereitung, sowie Hemmung **und** Ausführung betroffen: Beeinträchtigte Antwortkontrolle

Fallgatter et al., 2004

Beeinträchtigte Antwortkontrolle aufgrund Funktionsstörung des anterioren cingulären Kortex

Handlungskontrolle & Fehlerverarbeitung

Conflict-induced behavioural adjustment: a clue to the executive functions of the prefrontal cortex

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Abstract | The behavioural adjustment that follows the experience of conflict has been extensively studied in humans, leading to influential models of executive-control adjustment. Recent studies have revealed striking similarities in conflict-induced behavioural adjustment between humans and monkeys, indicating that monkeys can provide a model to study the underlying neural substrates and mechanisms of such behaviour. These studies have advanced our knowledge about the role of different prefrontal brain regions, including the anterior cingulate cortex (ACC) and the dorsolateral prefrontal cortex (DLPFC), in executive-control adjustment and suggest a pivotal role for the DLPFC in the dynamic tuning

Action Monitoring in Boys With Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder, Their Nonaffected Siblings, and Normal Control Subjects: Evidence for an Endophenotype

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Background: Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) is a very common and highly heritable child psychiatric disorder associated with dysfunctions in fronto-striatal networks that control attention and response organization. The aim of this study was to investigate whether features of action monitoring related to dopaminergic functions represent endophenotypes that are brain functions on the pathway from genes and environmental risk factors to behavior.

Methods: Action monitoring and error processing as indicated by behavioral and electrophysiological parameters during a flanker task were examined in boys with ADHD combined type according to DSM-IV ($n = 68$), their nonaffected siblings ($n = 18$), and healthy control subjects with no known family history of ADHD ($n = 22$).

Results: Boys with ADHD displayed slower and more variable reaction-times. Error negativity (Ne) was smaller in boys with ADHD compared with healthy control subjects, whereas nonaffected siblings displayed intermediate amplitudes following a linear model predicted by genetic concordance. The three groups did not differ on error positivity (Pe). The N2 amplitude enhancement due to conflict (incongruent flankers) was reduced in the ADHD group. Nonaffected siblings also displayed intermediate N2 enhancement.

Conclusions: Converging evidence from behavioral and event-related potential findings suggests that action monitoring and initial error processing, both related to dopaminergically modulated functions of anterior cingulate cortex, might be an endophenotype related to ADHD.

Figure 5. Response-locked error-related components. Response-locked grand average waves of control subjects (black), nonaffected siblings (red), and attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) boys (green) with spline-interpolated maps of error negativity (Ne) at the respective group mean latency (left side) and error positivity (Pe) mean activity 200–500 msec after error response (right side). The response-locked Ne has its maximum at FCz (even more prominent when measured peak-to-peak), whereas Pe was maximal at centro-parietal electrodes.

ERN: Kognitive Kontrolle bei ADHS und auch bei nicht-betroffenen Geschwistern abweichend

Zusammenfassung

Multiple Auffälligkeiten

Strukturell:	Fronto-striatale und cerebelläre Abweichungen
Biochemisch:	Dysregul. dopamin. & noradrenerge Transmittersysteme
Neuropsychol.:	Kognitive und motivationale Abweichungen, beeinträchtigte Lernmechanismen
Neurophysiol.:	Mehrere Aufmerksamkeitsnetzwerke beeinträchtigt

Dysregulated top-down control & bottom-up systems

Vielen Dank für
Ihre Aufmerksamkeit !