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Brain functional connectivity mirrors genetic pleiotropy in psychiatric conditions

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1 Abstract

2 Pleiotropy occurs when a genetic variant influences more than one trait. This is a key property
3 of the genomic architecture of psychiatric disorders and has been observed for rare and
4 common genomic variants. It is reasonable to hypothesize that the microscale genetic overlap
5 (pleiotropy) across psychiatric conditions and cognitive traits may lead to similar overlaps at
6 the macroscale brain level such as large-scale brain functional networks.

7 We took advantage of brain connectivity, measured by resting-state functional MRI to measure
8 the effects of pleiotropy on large-scale brain networks, a putative step from genes to behavior.
9 We processed nine resting-state functional MRI datasets including 32,726 individuals and
10 computed connectome-wide profiles of seven neuropsychiatric copy-number-variants, five
11 polygenic scores, neuroticism, and fluid intelligence as well as four idiopathic psychiatric
12 conditions.

13 Nine out of nineteen pairs of conditions and traits showed significant functional connectivity
14 correlations ($r_{\text{Functional connectivity}}$), which could be explained by previously published levels of
15 genomic (r_{Genetic}) and transcriptomic ($r_{\text{Transcriptomic}}$) correlations with moderate to high
16 concordance: $r_{\text{Genetic}} - r_{\text{Functional connectivity}} = 0.71 [0.40-0.87]$ and $r_{\text{Transcriptomic}} - r_{\text{Functional connectivity}} =$
17 $0.83 [0.52; 0.94]$. Extending this analysis to functional connectivity profiles associated with rare
18 and common genetic risk showed that 30 out of 136 pairs of connectivity profiles were
19 correlated above chance. These similarities between genetic risks and psychiatric disorders at
20 the connectivity level were mainly driven by the overconnectivity of the thalamus and the
21 somatomotor networks. Our findings suggest a substantial genetic component for shared
22 connectivity profiles across conditions and traits, opening avenues to delineate general
23 mechanisms - amenable to intervention - across psychiatric conditions and genetic risks.

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Abbreviations: ASD = autism spectrum disorder; ADHD = attention-deficit / hyperactivity disorders; BIP = bipolar disorder; CNV = copy number variant; CWAS = connectome-wide association studies; FC = functional connectivity; IBD = Inflammatory bowel disease; PGS = polygenic score; rs-fMRI = resting-state functional MRI; SNP = single nucleotide polymorphisms

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1 Introduction

2 Genetic pleiotropy, a key feature of psychiatric conditions, refers to the situation in which a
3 genetic variant or gene has effects on more than one phenotype ¹. Genetic correlation (r_G), a
4 measure of the average effect of pleiotropy across genomic loci, has been computed using
5 common variants (i.e., single nucleotide polymorphisms, SNPs) based on GWAS summary
6 statistics ². SNP-based r_G are moderate to high between schizophrenia (SZ), bipolar disorder
7 (BIP), and major depressive disorder (MDD) and lower between these three conditions and
8 autism spectrum disorder (ASD) ³⁻⁵. Moderate to mild genetic correlations are also observed
9 between these psychiatric conditions and cognitive abilities or personality traits such as
10 neuroticism and fluid intelligence ^{6,7}. Similar levels of correlations between pairs of these same
11 psychiatric conditions have been shown at the brain transcriptomic level (r_T) ⁸.

12 Although r_G has only been computed for common variants, pleiotropy has also been reported
13 for rare variants such as copy-number variants (CNVs) ^{9,10}, which are often associated with a
14 broad range of psychiatric diagnoses, and cognitive traits.

15 It is reasonable to assume that overlap at the microscopic scale (i.e., genetic and transcriptomic)
16 between conditions and traits may lead to similar overlaps at the macroscopic scale, such as
17 large-scale functional networks. The latter can be inferred using resting-state functional MRI
18 (rs-fMRI). This imaging technique measures spontaneous, low-frequency temporal
19 synchronization of the activity in different brain regions during rest ^{11,12}. An overlap between
20 functional connectivity (FC) profiles of eight psychiatric disorders has been previously reported
21 as driven by the default mode, salience, and frontoparietal networks ¹³. A complementary
22 dimensional reduction approach has identified a latent dimension mainly involving the
23 somatosensory-subcortical networks spanning four psychiatric diagnoses ¹⁴.

24 FC similarity has also been investigated between two rare CNVs (ie 16p11.2 and 22q11.2
25 deletion) that both confer large risks for ASD, SZ, and cognitive deficits. Connectivity profiles
26 of the thalamus, somatomotor, posterior insula and cingulate showed similarities between these
27 2 CNVs, as well as groups of individuals with either idiopathic ASD or SZ. Beyond these two
28 genomic loci, nothing is known about the effects of rare high-risk variants on brain functional
29 connectivity. Furthermore, little is known about the FC effects of common variants increasing
30 risks for psychiatric conditions (i.e. polygenic scores, PGS) ¹⁵.

1 **Knowledge gaps:**

2 The relationship between the level of pleiotropy at the genetic (SNP-based) and large-scale
3 functional brain connectivity network is unknown.

4 Pleiotropy observed for rare genomic variants associated with psychiatric disorder has not been
5 investigated at the level of functional brain connectivity.

6 **Our overarching aim was to investigate the relationship between pleiotropy at the genetic 7 and functional connectivity levels.**

8 Specifically, we aimed to 1) Investigate the concordance between previously established
9 genetic correlations and FC correlations between conditions and traits; 2) Identify brain
10 networks driving FC correlations observed between rare and common genetic risks, psychiatric
11 conditions, and traits.

12 To this end, we used the same pipeline to analyze rs-fMRI data in n=32,726 individuals from 4
13 genetics-first clinical cohorts (e.g., recruited because they carry a high-risk genetic variant), 4
14 case-control idiopathic psychiatric datasets (ASD, SZ, attention-deficit / hyperactivity disorders
15 (ADHD), BIP), and one unselected population. We performed 19 connectome-wide association
16 studies (CWAS) for 7 CNVs, 5 PGS, 4 idiopathic psychiatric conditions, and 1 non-brain
17 related disease (Inflammatory bowel disease: IBD), fluid intelligence, and neuroticism. We
18 included 279 CNV carriers, 1022 individuals with either autism, schizophrenia, bipolar, or
19 ADHD, and 31425 controls.

20 **Materials and methods**

21 **Selecting CNVs, conditions and traits**

22 We analyzed all of the available rs-fMRI data for neuropsychiatric CNVs with at least n=20
23 carriers to allow for the detection of large effect sizes (Cohen's $d > 0.8$) previously reported for
24 CNVs. As a result, selected CNVs are those most frequently identified in the clinic: 22q11.2,
25 1q21.1, 15q11.2, 16p11.2. Fluid intelligence and neuroticism were selected because 1) CNVs
26 that increase risk for ASD and/or SZ decrease cognitive ability^{10,16} and 2) both traits show the
27 highest genetic correlation, amongst commonly measured traits, with ASD⁴ as well as with
28 schizophrenia^{6,7}. Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) was selected as a non-psychiatric control
29 condition with a sample size similar to those available for the psychiatric conditions included in

1 the study.

2 **Cohorts**

3 Our analysis included 32,726 individuals from nine datasets (**Table 1**). Each study of the
4 corresponding dataset was approved by the research ethics review boards of the respective
5 institutions. This project was approved by the research ethics review board at the Centre
6 Hospitalier Universitaire Sainte Justine.

7 *Clinical genetic datasets*

8 We used 4 ‘genetics-first’ CNV datasets, which were recruited based on the presence of a CNV
9 associated with risk of neurodevelopmental and psychiatric disorders, regardless of
10 symptomatology (detailed in eMethod in Supplement). These included the Simons Variation in
11 Individuals Project (SVIP for 16p11.2 and 1q21.1 CNVs)¹⁷, the University of California, Los
12 Angeles 22q11.2 CNV project, the University of Cardiff, and the Montreal rare genomic
13 disorder (MRG) datasets.

14 *Unselected population*

15 CNVs associated with neurodevelopmental and psychiatric disorders were also identified in the
16 UK-Biobank dataset¹⁸ (eMethods in the Supplement).

17 *Idiopathic psychiatric conditions cohorts*

18 We used the ABIDE1¹⁹, ABIDE2²⁰, ADHD-200²¹, the Consortium for Neuropsychiatric
19 Phenomics (CNP)²², and an aggregate dataset of 10 SZ studies^{23,24}; collectively these datasets
20 include individuals with idiopathic ASD, ADHD, SZ, and BIP, as well as their respective
21 controls (eMethods in the Supplement).

22 **CNV calling and Polygenic scores (PGS) computation**

23 CNVs were identified in the UK-Biobank using PennCNV²⁵ and QuantiSNP²⁶ following
24 previously published methods²⁷ (eMethods in Supplement).

25 We computed 5 PGS for individuals of European ancestry in the UK-Biobank using PRS-CS, a
26 polygenic prediction via Bayesian regression and continuous shrinkage priors²⁸ (**Table1**,
27 eMethods, and **eTable1** in Supplement).

1 **Resting-state functional MRI preprocessing**

2 All datasets were preprocessed using the same parameters of Neuroimaging Analysis Kit
3 (NIAK) ²⁹. Preprocessed data were visually controlled for quality of the coregistration, head
4 motion, and related artifacts (eMethods in [Supplement](#)).

5 **Computing connectomes**

6 We segmented the brain into 64 functional regions defined by the multi-resolution MIST brain
7 parcellation ³⁰ to compute connectomes - defined by 2,080 connections between 64 regions,
8 which are grouped into 12 functional networks ³⁰:
9 https://simexp.github.io/multiscale_dashboard/index.html. MIST atlas was chosen as it has the
10 advantage to include the cerebellum which appears to play a critical role in neurodevelopmental
11 disorders and psychiatric conditions ³¹⁻³⁴. MIST parcellation is also performing on par or
12 superior to other templates (such as AAL or Power) on a number of prediction benchmarks - in
13 particular regarding ASD and SZ prediction ³⁵⁻³⁷.
14 Statistical analyses were performed using *scikit-learn* ³⁸ and *stats* ³⁹ libraries.

15 **Connectome-wide association studies**

16 We performed 19 connectome-wide association studies by either contrasting cases and their
17 respective controls for:

- 18 • 7 CNVs associated with neurodevelopmental and psychiatric disorders (**Table1**), and 4
19 idiopathic psychiatric disorder cohorts (ASD, SZ, BIP, and ADHD). Controls refer to 1)
20 individuals without a CNV, for analyses investigating the effect of CNVs or 2)
21 individuals without a psychiatric diagnosis in analyses investigating the effects of
22 psychiatric conditions.
- 23 • Or by investigating the linear effects of 5 continuous PGS: ASD, BIP, SZ, Cross-
24 disorder, and MDD, as well as 2 continuous traits provided by UK-Biobank:
25 Neuroticism, and Fluid intelligence.

26 FC was z-scored based on the variance of the pooled controls used for each connectome-wide
27 association study. They were conducted by linear regression, in which z-scored FC values were
28 the dependent variables and genetic or diagnostic status or traits were the explanatory variables.
29 PGS and traits were normalized within the UKBB sample.

1 Models were adjusted for sex, scanning site, head motion, age, and global signal (defined as the
 2 mean of all 2,080 Fisher's Z values). FC profiles were defined as the 2,080 β values of 2,080
 3 connections.

$$4 \quad \mathbf{Z\text{-score}}_{\text{Connection [i, ... 2080]}} \sim \beta_0 + \beta_{\text{genetic status/conditions}} + \beta_{\text{age}} + \beta_{\text{motion}} + \beta_{\text{sex}} + \beta_{\text{site}} + \beta_{\text{global signal}} + \epsilon$$

5
 6 This linear regression was applied for each of the 2,080 functional connections. Since all raw
 7 connectomes were normalized on the variance of the controls, regression estimates (beta) can
 8 be interpreted as z-scores. We corrected for multiple testing using FDR ($q < 0.05$) as well as a
 9 permutation procedure. We corrected for the number of tests (2,080) using the Benjamini-
 10 Hochberg correction for FDR at a threshold of $q < 0.05$ ^{40,41}. We also computed an empirical p-
 11 value ('pval effect') by conducting a permutation test, shuffling the genetic or clinical status
 12 labels of the individuals included in each connectome-wide association study (5,000
 13 permutations). We estimated the empirical p-value by calculating the frequency of obtaining an
 14 effect size equal to or greater than the original observation⁴². Effect-size of genetic risk,
 15 conditions, and traits on connectivity was defined as the top decile of the 2080 absolute β
 16 values.

17 Concordance between functional, genetic, and transcriptomic correlations

18 We computed correlations of whole-brain connectome profiles across pairs of conditions and
 19 traits (Pearson correlation) using the 2,080 beta values of each CWAS.

20 We obtained genetic correlation (r_G) values across pairs of conditions and traits (neuroticism⁷,
 21 intelligence⁶, cross-disorders (8 psychiatric conditions)^{3,43}) from previously published GWAS.

22 We also used previously published⁸ correlation values of transcriptomic profiles between 6
 23 pairs of conditions.

24 We performed concordance analyses between correlation at the genetic (r_G), and functional
 25 connectivity (r_{FC}) levels, as well as the transcriptomic (r_T) and the FC (r_{FC}), levels using
 26 DescTools R package to extract Lin's concordance correlation coefficient (CCC)^{39,44}. The bias
 27 correction factor quantifies how far the best fit line deviates from 45 degrees.

28 Atlas of functional connectivity correlations across genetic risk, traits, and conditions.

29 We computed Pearson correlations between the 17 out of 19 whole-brain FC profiles with

1 significantly altered connections (FDR-corrected). For the significance of correlations between
2 FC profiles, we generated a null distribution of 10,000 correlation values for each pair of
3 conditions and traits. These 10,000 null correlations were computed using null FC profiles. The
4 latter were obtained by conducting 5,000 CWAS after shuffling the clinical status or trait
5 values. To obtain a p -value, the correlation value was compared to the null distribution. We
6 corrected for the number of correlations ($n=136$) using the Benjamini-Hochberg correction for
7 FDR at a threshold of $q < 0.05$ ⁴¹.

8 Principal Component Analysis

9 To identify the FC networks driving the correlations, we conducted a PCA on the 17 scaled FC-
10 Profiles using the *prcomp* function from *stats R* package. Functional connections with 5% top
11 loadings for principal components 1 and 2 (PC1, PC2) were represented on chord diagrams
12 using the *circlize* R package (code available on Github). We also reported - per network - the
13 average of absolute loadings of each connection, divided by the number of regions
14 encompassed in each network (eFigure1).

15 Data and materials availability

16 Data from UK Biobank was downloaded under the application 40980, and can be accessed via
17 their standard data access procedure (see <http://www.ukbiobank.ac.uk/register-apply>). UK
18 Biobank CNVs were called using the pipeline developed in Jacquemont Lab, and described in
19 <https://github.com/labjacquemont/MIND-GENESPARALLELCNV>. The final CNV calls are
20 available from UK Biobank returned datasets (Return ID: 3104,
21 <https://biobank.ndph.ox.ac.uk/ukb/dset.cgi?id=3104>).
22 ABIDE1, COBRE, ADHD200, CNP, 16p11.2 SVIP data are publicly available:
23 http://fcon_1000.projects.nitrc.org/indi/abide/abide_I.html , <http://schizconnect.org/queries/new>
24 http://fcon_1000.projects.nitrc.org/indi/adhd200/ ,
25 <https://www.openfmri.org/dataset/ds000030/> , <https://www.sfari.org/funded-project/simons-variation-in-individuals-project-simons-vip/>. The 22q11.2 UCLA raw data are currently
26 available by request from the PI. Raw imaging data for the Montreal rare genomic disorder
27 family dataset is going to be available on the LORIS platform in 2023. The Cardiff raw data is
28 not publicly available yet, contact the PI for further information.
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1 All processed connectomes are available through a request to the corresponding authors.
2 Code for all analyses and visualizations, beta values, and p-values for the 19 FC profiles are
3 available online through the GitHub platform with Jupyter notebook:
4 https://github.com/claramoreau9/NeuropsychiatricCNVs_Connectivity

5 Results

6 **Pleiotropy: Similarities between genetic and functional connectivity correlations across** 7 **psychiatric conditions and traits**

8 To investigate overlap and pleiotropy at the connectivity level, we first computed seven brain-
9 wide FC profiles across 4 psychiatric conditions, fluid intelligence, neuroticism, and one
10 control non-brain related condition (IBD). Patients diagnosed with idiopathic SZ, BIP, and
11 ASD, but not ADHD nor IBD, showed altered FC compared to controls (significance required
12 both FDR and permutation test, **Table 2**).

13 To quantify FC overlap between conditions and traits, we performed correlations between FC
14 profiles (r_{FC}) across 19 pairs of conditions and traits. Nine out of the 19 pairs showed
15 correlation above chance (permutations and FDR) (**Figure 1. B**). The control trait (IBD) did not
16 correlate with any of the psychiatric conditions or traits.

17 We then asked if the level of FC correlation (r_{FC}) could be explained by previously published
18 levels of genetic or transcriptomic correlations (r_G and r_T) between the same pairs of conditions
19 and traits (**Figure 1. A-B**).

20 We first observed a high concordance between r_T and r_{FC} across 6 pairs of conditions and traits
21 (Lin's concordance correlation coefficient ⁴⁵, CCC=0.83, 95%CI: [0.52; 0.94], without any bias
22 correction factor = 0.85, **Figure 1. C**).

23 We also showed a significant concordance between r_G and r_{FC} across 19 pairs of conditions and
24 traits (CCC=0.71, 95%CI: [0.40; 0.87] without any bias (bias correction factor = 0.99, **Figure**
25 **1D**). In other words, FC similarity between conditions and traits was neither systematically
26 higher nor lower than r_G . All concordance remained significant even after removing the SZ-BIP
27 pair, which showed the strongest correlations at the genetic and functional levels.

28

1 **A landscape of functional connectivity correlation across genetic risk, psychiatric** 2 **conditions, and traits**

3 We asked if pleiotropy previously published for rare CNVs and PGS (i.e., a CNV confers risk
4 for several psychiatric conditions)^{3,34} was also observed at the level of brain functional
5 connectivity. We, therefore, calculated the correlation for FC profiles associated with genomic
6 risk, psychiatric conditions, and traits. We first computed brain-wide FC profiles associated
7 with 7 CNVs and 5 PGS (**Table 2**). All 7 CNVs and PGS altered from 5 to 208 connections that
8 survived false discovery rate (FDR $q < 0.05$, and permutation analyses, **Table 2**). Of note, an
9 alternative PGS-SZ computed using an older and smaller GWAS was associated with a much
10 lower number of connections. Nevertheless, FC profiles of the old⁴⁶ and new GWAS⁴⁷) were
11 correlated ($r = 0.89$).

12 We computed correlations between the FC profiles of CNVs, PGS, conditions, and traits. This
13 analysis was limited to the 17 whole-brain FC profiles with significantly altered connections
14 (**Table 2**) and showed that 30 out of 136 pairs of FC profiles have correlations above what is
15 expected by chance (10,000 permutations and FDR, **Figure 2**). FC correlations (r_{FC}) between
16 genetic risks, conditions, and traits ranged from weak to moderate, similar to those observed for
17 r_G (Figure 1).

18 **Thalamo-sensorimotor alterations are shared across CNVs, PGS, and idiopathic** 19 **conditions.**

20 We sought to investigate whether specific functional networks underlied the FC correlations
21 observed above. We performed a principal component analysis (PCA) across the 17 FC
22 profiles. The two first dimensions explained 24% and 10% of the variance, respectively, of the
23 FC profiles. Dimension 1 was dominated by increased connectivity between the thalamus and
24 the ventrolateral-, dorsolateral-, and medial-somatomotor, as well as the lateral default mode
25 and auditory networks. Dimension 2 was characterized by decreased connectivity between the
26 posterior cingulate, the precuneus, and the visual networks (**Figure 2C**). Beyond these
27 dominant networks, both latent dimensions were distributed broadly across all 12 networks
28 (**eFigure 1**).

29 Neuroticism and psychiatric conditions showed higher loadings on dimension 1 than CNVs
30 (**Figure 2D**). As a sensitivity analysis, we performed a second PCA on CNVs separately,

1 demonstrating that similar networks and connections were contributing to the main dimension
2 ($r=0.70$ between PC1 of CNV + PGS + conditions + traits, and PC1 of CNVs only). The
3 regional FC profiles of the thalamus (**Figure 2F** and **eFigure 2**) and dorsolateral motor network
4 (**eFigure 3**) showed, as expected, much higher similarities among genetic risk, conditions, and
5 traits (16 and 45 out of 136 correlations survived FDR respectively) compared to whole-brain
6 correlations.

7

8 Discussion

9 Main findings

10 Our study provided the first systematic analysis of functional connectivity across genetic risk,
11 psychiatric conditions, and traits. Results demonstrated a stable level of similarities between
12 conditions and traits from genetics, to transcriptomics to brain connectomics. We posit that
13 functional connectivity overlap measured by r_{FC} reflects pleiotropy at the level of functional
14 networks. Functional connectivity profiles associated with rare psychiatric CNVs, psychiatric
15 PGS, psychiatric conditions, and traits shared mild to moderate signatures. Although
16 multivariate analyses showed that this shared functional connectivity dimension was dominated
17 by overconnectivity of the thalamus and somatomotor networks as well as the
18 underconnectivity of the visual network, similarities were distributed across all networks.

19 Shared functional connectivity profiles across conditions and traits parallel genetic and 20 transcriptomic overlap.

21 Stable concordance of pleiotropy from genes to connectivity suggests that a major component
22 of FC-profile correlations (r_{FC}) reflects genetically-based biological processes, consistent with
23 the previously reported SNP-based heritability of the inter-individual differences in brain
24 functional networks^{48,49}. Previous studies have shown that similarity in cortical thickness or
25 surface between psychiatric conditions were associated with SNP-based genetic similarity (r_G)
26 between the same conditions albeit with lower levels of concordance^{50,51}.

27 This suggests that genetic pleiotropy is reflected across multiple MRI modalities with

1 seemingly similar levels of concordance. All of the well-studied rare variants (i.e. CNVs) have
2 been associated with more than one condition (i.e. ASD, SZ, and ADHD) but genetic
3 correlations used in this study were only based on SNPs. It is unknown if r_G may be higher or
4 lower once rare variants are included ².

5 **Genetic risks converge on the thalamus and somatomotor network.**

6 Overlap between genetic risk, psychiatric conditions, and neuroticism was driven by shared
7 overconnectivity of the thalamus/basal ganglia and the somatomotor networks. The implication
8 of the somatomotor and basal ganglia/thalamus network across genetic risk and psychiatric
9 conditions is in line with previous transdiagnostic and single-condition neuroimaging studies
10 ^{14,52}. These functional hubs may be highly sensitive to a broad range of genetic risks for
11 neuropsychiatric conditions. This is consistent with the fact that i) most if not all rare CNVs -
12 and rare deleterious variants in general- increasing risk for psychiatric conditions are also
13 associated with delayed gross motor milestones ^{10,53} and development coordination disorders ⁵⁴
14 ii) delay in motor milestones has been demonstrated in individuals with schizophrenia ⁵⁵, and
15 ASD ⁵⁶. Of note, functional and structural measures of the thalamus, basal ganglia ⁵⁷, and
16 unimodal regions (i.e. somatomotor) show less interindividual variability and higher heritability
17 compared to heteromodal regions ⁴⁹. Fluid intelligence showed the opposite thalamic pattern.
18 This is in line with i) negative genetic correlation between cognitive ability and most
19 psychiatric conditions; ii) prior functional MRI studies demonstrating that thalamocortical
20 pathways are engaged in memory, attention, and mental representations ^{58,59}.

21 **Clinical translation**

22 Sensory-motor alterations are important dimensions that may underlie some of the pleiotropic
23 effects of genomic risk for psychiatric conditions (Figure 3). This is in line with the fact that
24 gross and fine motor skills are widely impaired in patients referred to autism and
25 neurodevelopmental disorder clinics ⁵⁶. Furthermore, motor impairments are greater in ASD
26 patients with rare genetic mutations ⁵³. As well, studies demonstrate that soft motor
27 neurological signs in schizophrenia are present in neuroleptic naive patients, and are associated
28 with the severity and persistence of psychopathological symptoms and with poor social
29 functioning ^{60,61}. However, motor abnormalities of severe mental disorders have been neglected

1 both in clinical practice and research. These results represent additional evidence in favor of
2 including motor symptoms in the dimensional assessments of psychiatric conditions.

3 While psychiatric disorders continue to be defined by their symptoms, course, age of onset, it is
4 reasonable to expect that future efforts to build nosological classifications will be influenced by
5 the increasingly refined characterization of overlaps between conditions at the genetic,
6 transcriptomic and large scale brain network levels ¹.

7 Limitations

8 FC correlations performed at the whole-brain level are dependent on the sample size used to
9 determine the FC profiles for each genetic risk, condition, and trait. Larger samples will likely
10 improve our correlation estimates. This is especially true for conditions such as ADHD, which
11 have been associated with very small effect sizes and will likely require larger samples to
12 identify robust rs-fMRI differences. The same issue applies to genetic correlations which are
13 dependent on the sample size used in the genome-wide association study. As an example, 2 FC
14 profiles associated with 2 PGS-SZ computed on the basis of 2 GWAS of different sample sizes
15 were correlated ($r=0.89$) but the number of significant connections was lower for the profile
16 associated with the older SZ-GWAS (computed with 23,585 subjects with SZ) compare to the
17 new one (computed with 69,369 subjects with SZ). However, our sensitivity analysis showed
18 that the levels of r_{FC} were not confounded by sample size.

19 This multisite study including clinically and non-clinically ascertained cohorts may have
20 introduced biases. Confounding factors include sex bias, age differences, and medication status,
21 which may have influenced some of the results. However, carefully conducted sensitivity
22 analyses, matching case and control groups for sex, site, age, motion, and excluding individuals
23 with medications (in idiopathic psychiatric cohorts) provided similar results (see in the
24 supplementary results).

25 Finally, and because our dataset spans a broad age range, and some CNVs impact total brain
26 volume, we showed in sensitivity analyses that covarying for brain volume did not influence
27 some of the results (Supplemental result, eFigure4).

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1 Conclusion

2 The level of brain architecture similarities across genetic risks, conditions, and traits is
3 consistent with the level of genetic pleiotropy measured across the same conditions and traits.
4 We, therefore, posit that research on psychiatric conditions will benefit from a neuroimaging
5 genomic multiscale approach. Results highlight the critical contribution of the thalamus and the
6 somatomotor networks across genetic risks and psychiatric conditions suggesting that more
7 attention should be directed towards motor symptoms and mechanisms in psychiatric
8 conditions. Such strategies open promising avenues to help reshape psychiatric nosology as
9 well delineate general mechanisms - amenable to intervention - across conditions and genetic
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1 **Figure legends**

2 **Figure 1 Concordance across genetic, transcriptomic, and connectomic correlations.** A)
 3 Previously published genetic correlations between pairs of conditions and traits.^{3,6,7,43} B)
 4 Functional connectivity correlations between pairs of conditions and traits. Correlations values
 5 are available in eTable 4. Stars represent significant correlations (* $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.005$, *** q
 6 FDR). C) Concordance between functional connectivity correlation across pairs of conditions
 7 and previously published transcriptomic correlation⁸. D) Concordance between functional
 8 connectivity correlations across pairs of conditions and traits (cognitive ability and neuroticism)
 9 and previously published genetic correlation. X and Y axis: r values of correlations. The brain
 10 FC correlations (r_{FC}) represent the correlation between the FC profiles of a pair of conditions-
 11 traits. The diagonal represents a perfect concordance. Colors indicate papers that computed r_G :
 12 green³, brown⁴³, purple⁷, pink⁶, black⁸. Abbreviations: CCC: Lin's concordance correlation
 13 coefficient, CI: confidence interval, ASD: autism spectrum disorder, SZ: schizophrenia, BIP:
 14 bipolar disorder, MDD: major depressive disorder, NT: neuroticism, Del: deletion, Dup:
 15 duplication, Fluid intel: fluid intelligence, IQ: intelligence quotient, ADHD: Attention-Deficit /
 16 Hyperactivity-Disorder, IBD: Inflammatory bowel disease.

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 18 **Figure 2 Atlas of functional connectivity relationships across psychiatric conditions,
 19 genetic risks, and traits.** A. Pearson correlation between 17 FC-profiles (2080 beta values
 20 from CWAS). Stars represent significant correlations (* $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.005$, *** q FDR).
 21 B-D. PCA conducted on the 17 FC profiles: B-C Loadings of functional connections on PC1
 22 (B) and PC2 (C) (overconnectivity in red, underconnectivity in blue). Each chord diagram
 23 shows the top 5% of connections' loadings. All 64 seed regions are represented in the black
 24 inner circle. Seed regions are grouped into functional networks. The width of the seed region in
 25 the black inner circle corresponds to the contribution of regions to the PC. Dimension 1 was
 26 dominated by overconnectivity of the thalamus, basal ganglia, and the somatomotor network.
 27 Dimension 2 was dominated by altered connectivity between the visual network and the
 28 posterior-medial default mode network. D. Loadings of conditions and traits on PC1 (blue) and
 29 PC2 (orange) explaining respectively 24 and 10% of the connectome-wide variance across FC-
 30 profiles. E. Density plots show examples of null distributions of correlations used to determine
 31 significance. FC profiles of ASD and PGS ASD have the lowest correlation that survives FDR.

1 F. Brain maps represent thalamic FC profiles (64 beta values for each connection between the
2 thalamus and all other functional regions). Red = overconnectivity; blue underconnectivity.
3 color scale represents the beta value (z-score). Abbreviations: ASD: autism spectrum disorder,
4 SZ: schizophrenia, BIP: bipolar disorder, MDD: major depressive disorder, CD: Cross-disorder,
5 NT: Neuroticism, Fluid intel: fluid intelligence, PRS: Polygenic score (=PGS), Del: deletion,
6 Dup: duplication, Fluid intel: fluid intelligence, DMN pm: posteromedial default mode
7 network.

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9 **Figure 3 Schematic diagram summarizing some of the main results and their**
10 **interpretations.** They are integrated into a broader bottom-up perspective representing
11 mechanistic convergence from genes to diagnoses. Rare genetic variants (bottom level)
12 converge on a limited set of transcriptomic modules. The latter may converge on brain
13 alterations (e.g. thalamo-somatomotor overconnectivity, middle-level). Brain alterations may
14 underly differences in cognitive and clinical dimensions altered across several diagnoses (eg.
15 ASD and SZ, top-level). We showed convergence on sensory-motor FC networks and a
16 pleiotropic effect of sensory-motor dimensions across psychiatric diagnoses.

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1 **Table 1 Data demographics**

Genetic variants Conditions Traits	Status	n tot / n clin	Age	Sex (F/M)	Cohorts	IQ loss	OR ASD	OR SZ
								Previously published
1q21.1 1: 146.53-147.39 7 genes (<i>CHD1L</i>)	DEL	25/15	44.4 (19)	12/13	UKBB-MRG- Cardiff- SFARI	15	3.2	6.4
	DUP	19/6	50.9 (19)	13/6		25	5.3	2.9
22q11.2 22: 19.04-21.47 49 genes (<i>TBX1</i>)	DEL	43/43	16.9 (7)	19/24	UCLA	28.8	32.3	23
	DUP	22/12	39.4 (23)	12/10	UCLA-UKBB Cardiff-MRG	8.3	2	0.2
16p11.2 16: 29.65-30.20 27 genes (<i>KCTD13</i>)	DEL	32/28	21.7 (20)	13/19	SFARI - MRG -UKBB	26	14.3	1.1
	DUP	35/29	34.1 (19)	14/21		11	10.5	11.7
15q11.2 15: 22.81-23.09 4 genes (<i>CYFIP1</i>)	DEL	103/0	64.3 (7)	55/48	UKBB	3	1.3	1.9
Idiopathic psychiatric conditions	SZ	283	33.9 (9.2)	73/210	Montreal-SZ, CNP	-	-	-
	BIP	44	35 (9)	20/24	CNP	-	-	-
	ASD	472	14.9 (6)	0/472	ABIDE1, ABIDE2	-	-	-
	ADHD	223	14.8 (9.5)	66/157	ADHD-200 CNP	-	-	-
Non-psychiatric condition	IBD	287	64.7(7.5)	144/143	UKBB			
Polygenic scores	ASD	29460	64.2 (7.5)	15840/ 13620	UKBB	-	2.7	-
	SZ					-	-	3.5
	BIP					-	-	-
	MDD							
	Cross-D					-	-	-
Traits	FI	27522	64 (7.5)	14777/ 12745		-	-	-
	NT	24025	64 (7.5)	12723/ 11302		-	-	-
Controls	UKBB	30185	64.1 (7.5)	16260/1 3925	UKBB	-	-	-
	SFARI	84	26.7 (15)	35/49	SFARI	-	-	-
	MRG	39	34 (16)	25/14	MRG	-	-	-
	Cardiff	8	39.8 (4)	4/4	Cardiff			
	UCLA	43	13 (4.6)	22/21	UCLA	-	-	-
	Psychiatric cohorts	1066	20 [11]	244/822	-	-	-	-

2 CNV carriers, individuals with idiopathic psychiatric conditions, and controls after MRI quality control. Chr: chromosome number, and
3 coordinates are presented in Megabases (Mb, Hg19). The number of genes encompassed in each CNV is detailed below the genomic
4 coordinates, followed by a well known gene to help identify the CNV. n = tot /Clin: total number of participants /number of participants
5 clinically ascertained. Age (in years, mean \pm standard deviation); M: male; All sites scanned controls and sensitivity analyses were performed
6 to investigate the potential bias introduced by differences in scanning site, age, and sex. IQ loss: mean decrease in IQ points associated with
7 each CNV ^{27,62}. Odd-ratios (OR) for the enrichment of CNVs in ASD and schizophrenia were previously published ⁶³⁻⁷¹. ORs for the
8 enrichment of CNVs in ADHD were not available. Detailed information relative to diagnosis, IQ, and motion, are available in Supplementary
9 information (eTable2). Abbreviations: DEL: deletion; DUP: duplication; SZ: schizophrenia, ASD: Autism Spectrum Disorder; ADHD:
10 Attention-Deficit / Hyperactivity-Disorder, BIP: Bipolar disorder, MDD: Major Depression Disorder, CrossD: Cross-disorder, IBD:
11 Inflammatory Bowel Disease, CNP: Consortium for Neuropsychiatric Phenomics, MRG: Montreal rare genomic disorder; IQ: intelligence
12 quotient.

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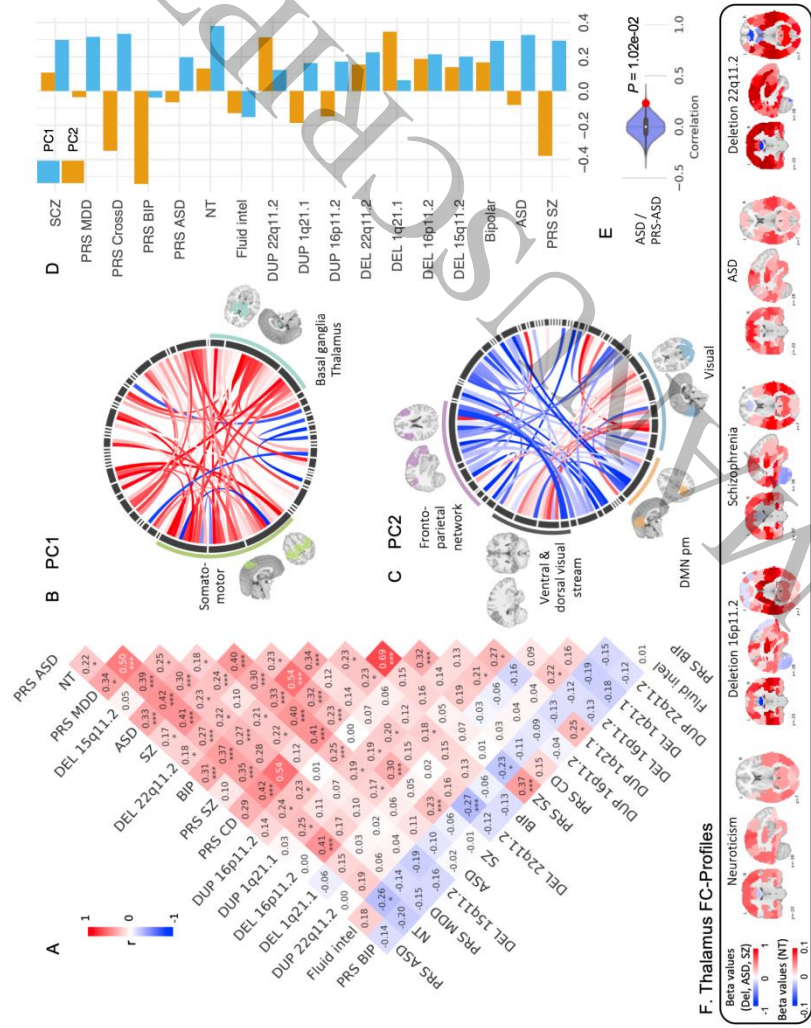
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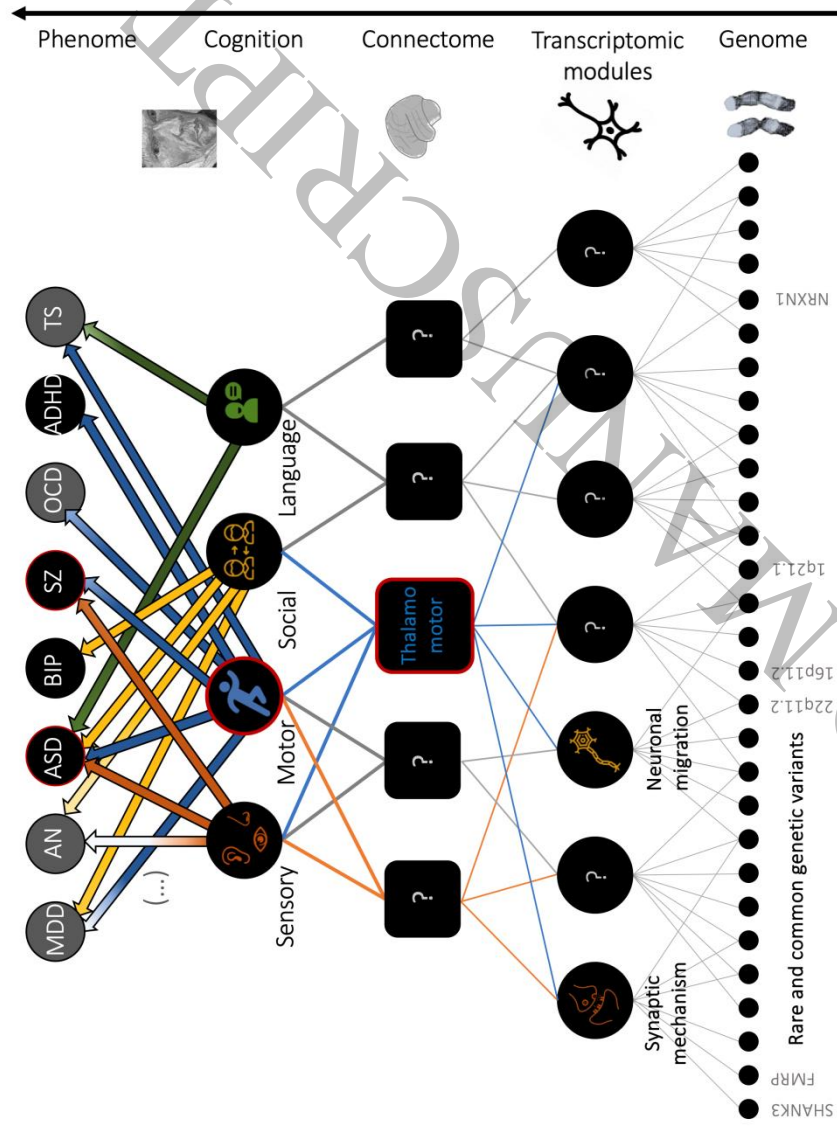
Genetic variants / Conditions / Traits	Status	Connections		Beta values		Top-decile β values	p-value effect
		pos	neg	min	max		
1q21.1	DEL	1	11	-1.07	0.62	0.44	0.002
	DUP	4	0	-0.62	0.84	0.48	0.002
22q11.2	DEL	4	13	-1.48	1	0.65	$<2 \times 10^{-4}$
	DUP	0	2	-0.78	0.69	0.43	0.04
16p11.2	DEL	124	149	-0.98	1.67	0.57	$<2 \times 10^{-4}$
	DUP	4	3	-1.04	0.55	0.38	0.002
15q11.2	DEL	1	0	-0.29	0.36	0.2	0.01
Idiopathic psychiatric conditions	SZ	221	258	-0.41	0.51	0.30	$<2 \times 10^{-4}$
	BIP	33	24	-0.66	0.65	0.43	$<2 \times 10^{-4}$
	ASD	51	55	-0.26	0.36	0.16	$<2 \times 10^{-4}$
	ADHD	0	0	-0.22	0.22	0.15	$<2 \times 10^{-4}$
Non-psychiatric condition	IBD	0	0	-0.16	0.16	0.11	ns
Polygenic scores	Autism	3	1	-0.02	0.02	0.01	0.04
	Schizophrenia	93	115	-0.02	0.04	0.02	$<2 \times 10^{-4}$
	Bipolar	16	2	-0.02	0.03	0.01	0.002
	MDD	6	21	-0.02	0.03	0.01	0.003
	Cross-Disorder	23	22	-0.02	0.03	0.01	$<2 \times 10^{-4}$
Traits	Fluid intelligence	311	281	-0.04	0.04	0.02	$<2 \times 10^{-4}$
	Neuroticism	208	208	-0.03	0.04	0.02	$<2 \times 10^{-4}$

2 The number of significantly altered connections (FDR corrected) for each connectome-wide association study (n=19). min-max: minimum-
3 maximum of z-scored beta values; top decile: top decile of beta values; Connection pos: number of positive connections surviving FDR;
4 Connection neg: number of negative connections surviving. Abbreviations: DEL: deletion; DUP: duplication; SZ: schizophrenia, ASD: Autism
5 Spectrum Disorder; ADHD: Attention-Deficit / Hyperactivity-Disorder, BIP: Bipolar disorder, MDD: Major Depression Disorder, Cross Dis:
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