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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.
- Nine out of nineteen pairs of conditions and traits showed significant functional connectivity
- 14 correlations (r<sub>Functional connectivity</sub>), which could be explained by previously published levels of
- 15 genomic (r<sub>Genetic</sub>) and transcriptomic (r<sub>Transcriptomic</sub>) correlations with moderate to high
- 16 concordance: r<sub>Genetic</sub> r<sub>Functional connectivity</sub>= 0.71 [0.40-0.87] and r<sub>Transcriptomic</sub> r<sub>Functional connectivity</sub>=
- 17 0.83 [0.52; 0.94]. Extending this analysis to functional connectivity profiles associated with rare
- 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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9	disorders; BIP = bipolar disorder; CNV = copy number variant; CWAS = connectome-wide
10	association studies; FC = functional connectivity; IBD = Inflammatory bowel disease; PGS =
11	polygenic score; rs-fMRI = resting-state functional MRI; SNP = single nucleotide
12	polymorphisms
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## 1 Introduction

Genetic pleiotropy, a key feature of psychiatric conditions, refers to the situation in which a 2 genetic variant or gene has effects on more than one phenotype <sup>1</sup>. Genetic correlation (r<sub>G</sub>), a 3 measure of the average effect of pleiotropy across genomic loci, has been computed using 4 common variants (i.e., single nucleotide polymorphisms, SNPs) based on GWAS summary 5 statistics <sup>2</sup>. SNP-based r<sub>G</sub> are moderate to high between schizophrenia (SZ), bipolar disorder 6 (BIP), and major depressive disorder (MDD) and lower between these three conditions and 7 autism spectrum disorder (ASD) <sup>3-5</sup>. Moderate to mild genetic correlations are also observed 8 between these psychiatric conditions and cognitive abilities or personality traits such as 9 neuroticism and fluid intelligence <sup>6,7</sup>. Similar levels of correlations between pairs of these same 10 psychiatric conditions have been shown at the brain transcriptomic level  $(r_T)^8$ . 11 Although r<sub>G</sub> has only been computed for common variants, pleiotropy has also been reported 12 for rare variants such as copy-number variants (CNVs) 9,10, which are often associated with a 13 14 broad range of psychiatric diagnoses, and cognitive traits. It is reasonable to assume that overlap at the microscopic scale (i.e., genetic and transcriptomic) 15 16 between conditions and traits may lead to similar overlaps at the macroscopic scale, such as large-scale functional networks. The latter can be inferred using resting-state functional MRI 17 18 This imaging technique measures spontaneous, low-frequency temporal synchronization of the activity in different brain regions during rest <sup>11,12</sup>. An overlap between 19 20 functional connectivity (FC) profiles of eight psychiatric disorders has been previously reported as driven by the default mode, salience, and frontoparietal networks <sup>13</sup>. A complementary 21 22 dimensional reduction approach has identified a latent dimension mainly involving the somatosensory-subcortical networks spanning four psychiatric diagnoses <sup>14</sup>. 23 FC similarity has also been investigated between two rare CNVs (ie 16p11.2 and 22q11.2 24 25 deletion) that both confer large risks for ASD, SZ, and cognitive deficits. Connectivity profiles of the thalamus, somatomotor, posterior insula and cingulate showed similarities between these 26 2 CNVs, as well as groups of individuals with either idiopathic ASD or SZ. Beyond these two 27 genomic loci, nothing is known about the effects of rare high-risk variants on brain functional 28 29 connectivity. Furthermore, little is known about the FC effects of common variants increasing risks for psychiatric conditions (i.e. polygenic scores, PGS) <sup>15</sup>. 30

## 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.
- To this end, we used the same pipeline to analyze rs-fMRI data in n=32,726 individuals from 4
- genetics-first clinical cohorts (e.g., recruited because they carry a high-risk genetic variant), 4
- case-control idiopathic psychiatric datasets (ASD, SZ, attention-deficit / hyperactivity disorders
- 15 (ADHD), BIP), and one unselected population. We performed 19 connectome-wide association
- 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
- 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

- We analyzed all of the available rs-fMRI data for neuropsychiatric CNVs with at least n=20
- 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 <sup>10,16</sup> and 2) both traits show the
- 27 highest genetic correlation, amongst commonly measured traits, with ASD <sup>4</sup> as well as with
- schizophrenia <sup>6,7</sup>. Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) was selected as a non-psychiatric control
- condition with a sample size similar to those available for the psychiatric conditions included in

1 the study.

#### Cohorts

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- 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
- symptomatology (detailed in eMethod in Supplement). These included the Simons Variation in
- 11 Individuals Project (SVIP for 16p11.2 and 1q21.1 CNVs) <sup>17</sup>, the University of California, Los
- 12 Angeles 22q11.2 CNV project, the University of Cardiff, and the Montreal rare genomic
- disorder (MRG) datasets.
- 14 Unselected population
- 15 CNVs associated with neurodevelopmental and psychiatric disorders were also identified in the
- 16 UK-Biobank dataset <sup>18</sup> (eMethods in the Supplement).
- 17 Idiopathic psychiatric conditions cohorts
- We used the ABIDE1 <sup>19</sup>, ABIDE2 <sup>20</sup>, ADHD-200 <sup>21</sup>, the Consortium for Neuropsychiatric
- 19 Phenomics (CNP) <sup>22</sup>, and an aggregate dataset of 10 SZ studies <sup>23,24</sup>; 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 PennCNV<sup>25</sup> and QuantiSNP <sup>26</sup> following
- 24 previously published methods <sup>27</sup> (eMethods in Supplement).
- 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 priors <sup>28</sup> (Table1,
- 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) <sup>29</sup>. 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 <sup>30</sup> to compute connectomes defined by 2,080 connections between 64 regions,
- 8 which are grouped into 12 functional networks <sup>30</sup>:
- 9 <a href="https://simexp.github.io/multiscale\_dashboard/index.html">https://simexp.github.io/multiscale\_dashboard/index.html</a>. MIST atlas was chosen as it has the
- advantage to include the cerebellum which appears to play a critical role in neurodevelopmental
- disorders and psychiatric conditions <sup>31–34</sup>. MIST parcellation is also performing on par or
- superior to other templates (such as AAL or Power) on a number of prediction benchmarks in
- particular regarding ASD and SZ prediction <sup>35–37</sup>.
- 14 Statistical analyses were performed using *scikit-learn* <sup>38</sup> and *stats* <sup>39</sup> libraries.

#### 15 Connectome-wide association studies

- We performed 19 connectome-wide association studies by either contrasting cases and their respective controls for:
- 7 CNVs associated with neurodevelopmental and psychiatric disorders (**Table1**), and 4 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
- psychiatric conditions.
- 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:
- 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.
- $\textbf{Z-score}_{\text{Connection [i, ... 2080]}} \sim \beta_0 + \beta_{\text{genetic status/conditions}} + \beta_{\text{age}} + \beta_{\text{motion}} + \beta_{\text{sex}} + \beta_{\text{site}} + \beta_{\text{global signal}} + \epsilon_{\text{global signa$

- 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
  - 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-
- Hochberg correction for FDR at a threshold of  $q < 0.05^{40,41}$ . We also computed an empirical p-
- 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
- permutations). We estimated the empirical p-value by calculating the frequency of obtaining an
- effect size equal to or greater than the original observation <sup>42</sup>. Effect-size of genetic risk,
- conditions, and traits on connectivity was defined as the top decile of the 2080 absolute  $\beta$
- 16 values.
- 17 Concordance between functional, genetic, and transcriptomic correlations
- 18 We computed correlations of whole-brain connectome profiles across pairs of conditions and
- traits (Pearson correlation) using the 2,080 beta values of each CWAS.
- We obtained genetic correlation (r<sub>G</sub>) values across pairs of conditions and traits (neuroticism <sup>7</sup>,
- 21 intelligence <sup>6</sup>, cross-disorders (8 psychiatric conditions) <sup>3,43</sup>) from previously published GWAS.
- We also used previously published <sup>8</sup> correlation values of transcriptomic profiles between 6
- pairs of conditions.
- 24 We performed concordance analyses between correlation at the genetic (r<sub>G</sub>), and functional
- 25 connectivity (r<sub>FC</sub>) levels, as well as the transcriptomic (rT) and the FC (rFC), levels using
- 26 DescTools R package to extract Lin's concordance correlation coefficient (CCC) <sup>39,44</sup>. 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.
- We computed Pearson correlations between the 17 out of 19 whole-brain FC profiles with

- 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-
- Profiles using the *prcomp* function from *stats R* package. Functional connections with 5% top
- loadings for principal components 1 and 2 (PC1, PC2) were represented on chord diagrams
- 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
- encompassed in each network (eFigure 1).

#### Data and materials availability

- Data from UK Biobank was downloaded under the application 40980, and can be accessed via
- their standard data access procedure (see <a href="http://www.ukbiobank.ac.uk/register-apply">http://www.ukbiobank.ac.uk/register-apply</a>). UK
- 18 Biobank CNVs were called using the pipeline developed in Jacquemont Lab, and described in
- 19 <a href="https://github.com/labjacquemont/MIND-GENESPARALLELCNV">https://github.com/labjacquemont/MIND-GENESPARALLELCNV</a>. 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 <a href="https://www.openfmri.org/dataset/ds000030/">https://www.openfmri.org/dataset/ds000030/</a>, <a href="https://www.sfari.org/funded-project/simons-">https://www.sfari.org/funded-project/simons-</a>
- variation-in-individuals-project-simons-vip/. The 22q11.2 UCLA raw data are currently
- 27 available by request from the PI. Raw imaging data for the Montreal rare genomic disorder
- family dataset is going to be available on the LORIS platform in 2023. The Cardiff raw data is
- 29 not publicly available yet, contact the PI for further information.

- 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
- ASD, but not ADHD nor IBD, showed altered FC compared to controls (significance required
- both FDR and permutation test, **Table 2**).
- To quantify FC overlap between conditions and traits, we performed correlations between FC
- profiles (r<sub>FC</sub>) across 19 pairs of conditions and traits. Nine out of the 19 pairs showed
- 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.
- We then asked if the level of FC correlation (r<sub>FC</sub>) could be explained by previously published
- levels of genetic or transcriptomic correlations ( $r_G$  and  $r_T$ ) between the same pairs of conditions
- and traits (**Figure 1. A-B**).
- 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 <sup>45</sup>, CCC=0.83, 95%CI: [0.52; 0.94], without any bias
- correction factor = 0.85, **Figure 1. C**).
- 23 We also showed a significant concordance between r<sub>G</sub> and r<sub>FC</sub> 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<sub>G</sub>. All concordance remained significant even after removing the SZ-BIP
- pair, which showed the strongest correlations at the genetic and functional levels.

## 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) <sup>3,34</sup> 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 old 46 and new GWAS 47) were
- 11 correlated (r=0.89).
- We computed correlations between the FC profiles of CNVs, PGS, conditions, and traits. This
- 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
- expected by chance (10,000 permutations and FDR, **Figure 2**). FC correlations (r<sub>FC</sub>) between
- 16 genetic risks, conditions, and traits ranged from weak to moderate, similar to those observed for
- $r_G$  (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
- profiles. The two first dimensions explained 24% and 10% of the variance, respectively, of the
- 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
- and auditory networks. Dimension 2 was characterized by decreased connectivity between the
- 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.

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## Discussion

### Main findings

- Our study provided the first systematic analysis of functional connectivity across genetic risk,
- 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
- functional connectivity overlap measured by r<sub>FC</sub> 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
- multivariate analyses showed that this shared functional connectivity dimension was dominated
- 17 by overconnectivity of the thalamus and somatomotor networks as well as the
- 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<sub>FC</sub>) reflects genetically-based biological processes, consistent with
- 23 the previously reported SNP-based heritability of the inter-individual differences in brain
- 24 functional networks <sup>48,49</sup>. Previous studies have shown that similarity in cortical thickness or
- surface between psychiatric conditions were associated with SNP-based genetic similarity (r<sub>G</sub>)
- between the same conditions albeit with lower levels of concordance<sup>50,51</sup>.
- 27 This suggests that genetic pleiotropy is reflected across multiple MRI modalities with

- 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<sub>G</sub> may be higher or
- 4 lower once rare variants are included <sup>2</sup>.

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

6 Overlap between genetic risk, psychiatric conditions, and neuroticism was driven by shared

overconnectivity of the thalamus/basal ganglia and the somatomotor networks. The implication

of the somatomotor and basal ganglia/thalamus network across genetic risk and psychiatric

conditions is in line with previous transdiagnostic and single-condition neuroimaging studies

<sup>14,52</sup>. These functional hubs may be highly sensitive to a broad range of genetic risks for

neuropsychiatric conditions. This is consistent with the fact that i) most if not all rare CNVs -

and rare deleterious variants in general- increasing risk for psychiatric conditions are also

associated with delayed gross motor milestones 10,53 and development coordination disorders 54

ii) delay in motor milestones has been demonstrated in individuals with schizophrenia 55, and

ASD <sup>56</sup>. Of note, functional and structural measures of the thalamus, basal ganglia <sup>57</sup>, and

unimodal regions (i.e. somatomotor) show less interindividual variability and higher heritability

compared to heteromodal regions <sup>49</sup>. Fluid intelligence showed the opposite thalamic pattern.

18 This is in line with i) negative genetic correlation between cognitive ability and most

psychiatric conditions; ii) prior functional MRI studies demonstrating that thalamocortical

20 pathways are engaged in memory, attention, and mental representations <sup>58,59</sup>.

## Clinical translation

22 Sensory-motor alterations are important dimensions that may underlie some of the pleiotropic

effects of genomic risk for psychiatric conditions (Figure 3). This is in line with the fact that

gross and fine motor skills are widely impaired in patients referred to autism and

neurodevelopmental disorder clinics <sup>56</sup>. Furthermore, motor impairments are greater in ASD

patients with rare genetic mutations 53. As well, studies demonstrate that soft motor

neurological signs in schizophrenia are present in neuroleptic naive patients, and are associated

with the severity and persistence of psychopathological symptoms and with poor social

functioning <sup>60,61</sup>. However, motor abnormalities of severe mental disorders have been neglected

- 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.
- 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 <sup>1</sup>.

## 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
- 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
- identify robust rs-fMRI differences. The same issue applies to genetic correlations which are
- dependent on the sample size used in the genome-wide association study. As an example, 2 FC
- profiles associated with 2 PGS-SZ computed on the basis of 2 GWAS of different sample sizes
- were correlated (r=0.89) but the number of significant connections was lower for the profile
- 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
- that the levels of rFC 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
- volume, we showed in sensitivity analyses that covarying for brain volume did not influence
- some of the results (Supplemental result, eFigure 4).

## 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.
- 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
- 10 risks.

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## Figure legends

Figure 1 Concordance across genetic, transcriptomic, and connectomic correlations. A) Previously published genetic correlations between pairs of conditions and traits. <sup>3,6,7,43</sup>. B) Functional connectivity correlations between pairs of conditions and traits. Correlations values are available in eTable 4. Stars represent significant correlations (\* p<0.05, \*\* p<0.005, \*\*\* q FDR). C) Concordance between functional connectivity correlation across pairs of conditions and previously published transcriptomic correlation <sup>8</sup>. D) Concordance between functional connectivity correlations across pairs of conditions and traits (cognitive ability and neuroticism) and previously published genetic correlation. X and Y axis: r values of correlations. The brain FC correlations (r<sub>FC</sub>) represent the correlation between the FC profiles of a pair of conditions-traits. The diagonal represents a perfect concordance. Colors indicate papers that computed r<sub>G</sub>: green <sup>3</sup>, brown <sup>43</sup>, purple <sup>7</sup>, pink <sup>6</sup>, black <sup>8</sup>. Abbreviations: CCC: Lin's concordance correlation coefficient, CI: confidence interval, ASD: autism spectrum disorder, SZ: schizophrenia, BIP: bipolar disorder, MDD: major depressive disorder, NT: neuroticism, Del: deletion, Dup: duplication, Fluid intel: fluid intelligence, IQ: intelligence quotient, ADHD: Attention-Deficit / Hyperactivity-Disorder, IBD: Inflammatory bowel disease.

Figure 2 Atlas of functional connectivity relationships across psychiatric conditions, genetic risks, and traits. A. Pearson correlation between 17 FC-profiles (2080 beta values from CWAS). Stars represent significant correlations (\* p<0.05, \*\* p<0.005, \*\*\* q FDR). B-D. PCA conducted on the 17 FC profiles: B-C Loadings of functional connections on PC1 (B) and PC2 (C) (overconnectivity in red, underconnectivity in blue). Each chord diagram shows the top 5% of connections' loadings. All 64 seed regions are represented in the black inner circle. Seed regions are grouped into functional networks. The width of the seed region in the black inner circle corresponds to the contribution of regions to the PC. Dimension 1 was dominated by overconnectivity of the thalamus, basal ganglia, and the somatomotor network. Dimension 2 was dominated by altered connectivity between the visual network and the posterior-medial default mode network. D. Loadings of conditions and traits on PC1 (blue) and PC2 (orange) explaining respectively 24 and 10% of the connectome-wide variance across FC-profiles. E. Density plots show examples of null distributions of correlations used to determine 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
- 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
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Figure 3 Schematic diagram summarizing some of the main results and their interpretations. They are integrated into a broader bottom-up perspective representing mechanistic convergence from genes to diagnoses. Rare genetic variants (bottom level) converge on a limited set of transcriptomic modules. The latter may converge on brain alterations (e.g. thalamo-somatomotor overconnectivity, middle-level). Brain alterations may underly differences in cognitive and clinical dimensions altered across several diagnoses (eg. ASD and SZ, top-level). We showed convergence on sensory-motor FC networks and a pleiotropic effect of sensory-motor dimensions across psychiatric diagnoses.

#### 1 Table I Data demographics

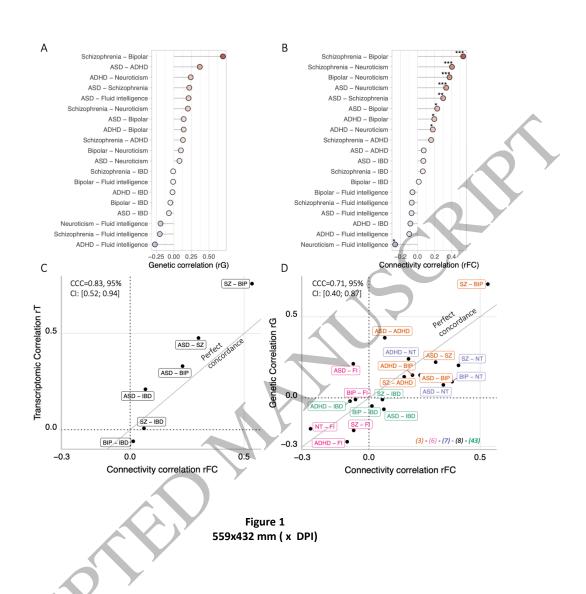
Genetic variants Conditions	Status	n tot / n clin	Age	Sex (F/M)	Cohorts	IQ loss	OR ASD	OR SZ
Traits						Previo	ously publis	hed
Iq21.I	DEL	25/15	44.4 (19)	12/13	UKBB-MRG-	15	3.2	6.4
1: 146.53-147.39 7 genes ( <i>CHD1L</i> )	DUP	19/6	50.9 (19)	13/6	Cardiff- SFARI	25	5.3	2.9
22q11.2	DEL	43/43	16.9 (7)	19/24	UCLA	28.8	32.3	23
22: 19.04-21.47 49 genes ( <i>TBX1</i> )	DUP	22/12	39.4 (23)	12/10	UCLA-UKBB Cardiff-MRG	8.3	2	0.2
16p11.2	DEL	32/28	21.7 (20)	13/19	SFARI -	26	14.3	1.1
16: 29.65-30.20 27 genes (KCTD13)	DUP	35/29	34.1 (19)	14/21	MRG -UKBB	П	10.5	11.7
15q11.2 15: 22.81-23.09 4 genes (CYFIP1)	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	ABIDEI, ABIDE2	-	-	-
	ADHD 223 14.8 (9.5) 66/157 ADF	ADHD-200 CNP	-	-	-			
Non-psychiatric condition	IBD	287	64.7(7.5)	144/143	UKBB			
Polygenic scores	ASD	29460	64.2 (7.5)	15840/	UKBB	-	2.7	-
	SZ	1		13620		-	-	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	MRG	-	-	-			
	Cardiff	8	39.8 (4)	4/4	Cardiff			
	UCLA	43	13 (4.6)	22/21	UCLA	-	-	-
	Psychiatric cohorts	1066	20 [11)	244/822	-	-	-	-

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

#### 1 Table 2 CWAS summary

Genetic variants /	Status	Conne	Connections		lues	Top-decile β	p-value
Conditions / Traits		pos	neg	min	max	values	effect
Iq21.1	DEL	ı	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	I	0.65	<2 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>
	DUP	0	2	-0.78	0.69	0.43	0.04
16p11.2	DEL	124	149	-0.98	1.67	0.57	<2 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>
	DUP	4	3	-1.04	0.55	0.38	0.002
15q11.2	DEL	I	0	-0.29	0.36	0.2	0.01
Idiopathic psychiatric conditions	SZ	221	258	-0.41	0.51	0.30	<2 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>
	BIP	33	24	-0.66	0.65	0.43	<2 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>
	ASD	51	55	-0.26	0.36	0.16	<2 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>
	ADHD	0	0	-0.22	0.22	0.15	<2 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>
Non-psychiatric condition	IBD	0	0	-0.16	0.16	0.11	ns
Polygenic scores	Autism	3	I	-0.02	0.02	0.01	0.04
	Schizophrenia	93	115	-0.02	0.04	0.02	<2 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>
	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 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>
Traits	Fluid intelligence	311	281	-0.04	0.04	0.02	<2 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>
	Neuroticism	208	208	-0.03	0.04	0.02	<2 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>

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



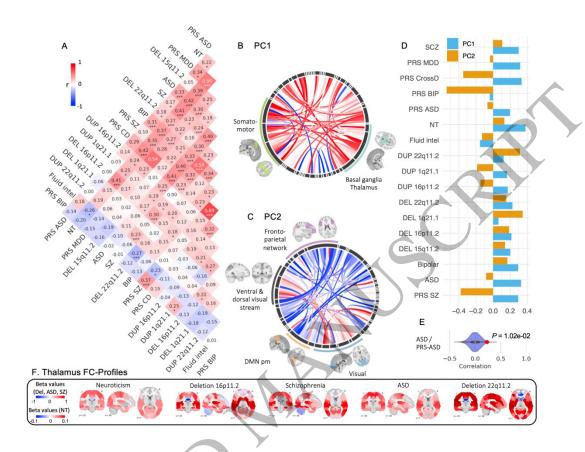


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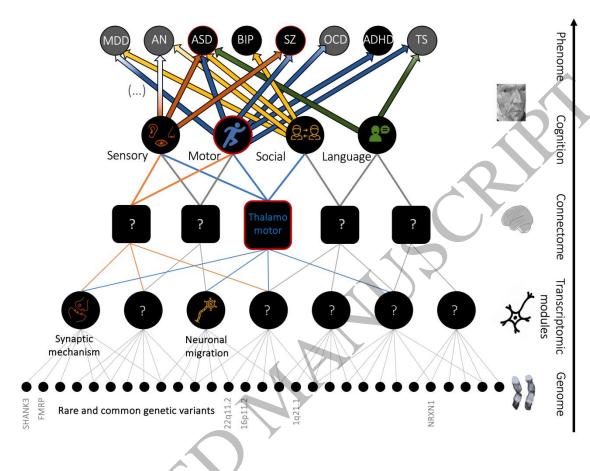


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