



# Common variants contribute to intrinsic human brain functional networks

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**The human brain forms functional networks of correlated activity, which have been linked with both cognitive and clinical outcomes. However, the genetic variants affecting brain function are largely unknown. Here, we used resting-state functional magnetic resonance images from 47,276 individuals to discover and validate common genetic variants influencing intrinsic brain activity. We identified 45 new genetic regions associated with brain functional signatures ( $P < 2.8 \times 10^{-11}$ ), including associations to the central executive, default mode, and salience networks involved in the triple-network model of psychopathology. A number of brain activity-associated loci colocalized with brain disorders (e.g., the *APOE*  $\epsilon 4$  locus with Alzheimer's disease). Variation in brain function was genetically correlated with brain disorders, such as major depressive disorder and schizophrenia. Together, our study provides a step forward in understanding the genetic architecture of brain functional networks and their genetic links to brain-related complex traits and disorders.**

The human brain is a complex system in which functional organization and communication between brain networks are necessary for behavior and cognition<sup>1,2</sup>. The human brain remains active in the absence of explicit tasks or stimuli, resulting in an intrinsic functional architecture. Using changes in blood oxygen level-dependent signal, resting-state functional magnetic resonance imaging (rsfMRI) captures spontaneous intrinsic brain activity<sup>3</sup>. Specifically, the spontaneous neural activity and nonneural physiological processes within each functional region are quantified by the amplitude of low-frequency fluctuations (ALFFs) in blood oxygen level-dependent time series<sup>4</sup>. Moreover, the interregional correlations in spontaneous neuronal variability are used to construct a functional connectivity matrix, which measures the magnitude of temporal synchrony between each pair of brain regions<sup>5</sup>.

rsfMRI has led to the discovery of multiple resting-state networks (RSNs) present in neurotypical human brains, including the default mode, central executive (i.e., frontoparietal), attention, limbic, salience, somatomotor and visual networks<sup>3–7</sup>. Among these RSNs, the central executive, default mode and salience networks are three core neurocognitive networks that support efficient cognition<sup>8</sup>. Accumulating evidence suggests that the functional organization and dynamic interaction of these three networks underlie a wide range of mental disorders, resulting in the triple-network model of psychopathology<sup>8,9</sup>. Supporting this model, differences in RSNs have been detected in multiple neurological and psychiatric

disorders relative to neurotypical controls, such as Alzheimer's disease<sup>10</sup>, Parkinson's disease<sup>11</sup> and major depressive disorder (MDD)<sup>12</sup>.

Twin and family studies have largely reported a low to moderate degree of genetic contributions to intrinsic brain function<sup>13–16</sup>. For example, the family-based heritability estimates of major RSNs ranged from 20% to 40% in the Human Connectome Project (HCP)<sup>17</sup>. In a previous study using about 8,000 UK Biobank (UKB) individuals<sup>18</sup>, estimates of the single-nucleotide polymorphism (SNP)-based heritability of amplitude and functional connectivity traits were higher than 30% for some traits. Although there have been multiple candidate gene studies for intrinsic brain activity (such as for *APOE*<sup>19</sup> and *KIBRA*<sup>20</sup>), currently, only a few genome-wide association studies (GWASs)<sup>18,21</sup> have been successfully performed on rsfMRI<sup>13</sup>. This is likely due to both insufficient sample size for GWAS discovery and weaker genetic effects on brain function than structure<sup>18,22,23</sup>. It is also known that functional connectivity traits in rsfMRI are typically noisier than brain structural traits measured in other neuroimaging modalities. In addition, imaging batch effects<sup>24</sup> (e.g., image acquisition, processing procedures and software) may cause additional technical variability in rsfMRI analyses<sup>25</sup>, making GWAS meta-analysis and independent replication particularly challenging. Therefore, genetic variants influencing intrinsic brain activity have remained largely undiscovered, and their shared genetic influences with other complex traits and clinical outcomes are unknown.

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To address these challenges, here, we collected individual-level rsfMRI data from four independent studies, including the UKB<sup>26</sup>, Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development (ABCD<sup>27</sup>), Philadelphia Neurodevelopmental Cohort (PNC<sup>28</sup>) and HCP<sup>29</sup>. We harmonized rsfMRI processing procedures by following the unified UKB brain imaging pipeline<sup>4,30</sup>. Functional brain regions and corresponding functional connectivity were characterized via spatial independent-component analysis (ICA)<sup>31,32</sup> for 47,276 individuals from multiple ancestries, including 40,425 from UKB. As in previous studies<sup>4,18,21</sup>, two parcellations with different dimensionalities<sup>6,33</sup> (25 and 100 regions, respectively) were separately applied in spatial ICA, and we focused on the 76 (21 and 55, respectively) regions that had been previously confirmed to be nonartifactual<sup>4</sup>. Two groups of neuroimaging phenotypes were then generated; the first group contains 76 (node) amplitude traits reflecting the regional spontaneous neuronal activity, and the second group includes 1,695 (i.e.,  $21 \times 20/2 + 55 \times 54/2$ ) (edge) functional connectivity traits that quantify the interregional coactivity, as well as six global functional connectivity measures<sup>18</sup> (Methods and Supplementary Fig. 1). These 1,777 traits were then used to explore the genetic architecture of intrinsic brain activity. Our GWAS results can be easily explored and downloaded through the Brain Imaging Genetics Knowledge Portal at <https://bigkp.org>.

## Results

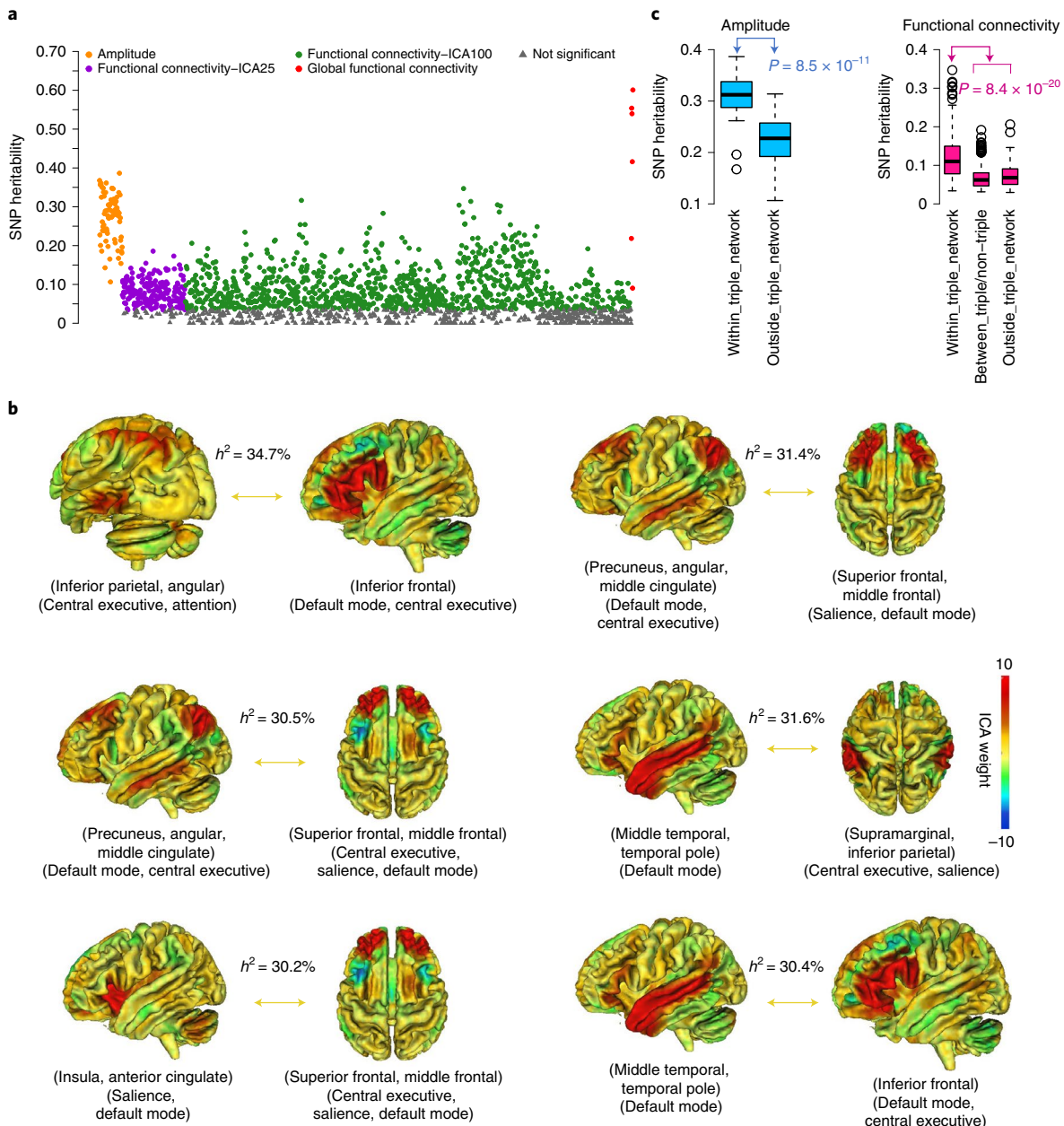
**Genetics of the intrinsic brain functional architecture.** SNP heritability was estimated for the 1,777 intrinsic brain activity traits via GCTA<sup>34</sup> using UKB individuals of British ancestry ( $n = 34,691$ ). The mean heritability ( $h^2$ ) estimate was 27.5% (range = (10.6%, 38.6%), standard error = 6.1%) for the 76 amplitude traits, all of which remained significant after adjusting for multiple comparisons by using the Benjamini–Hochberg procedure to control false discovery rate (FDR) at the 0.05 level (1,777 tests; Fig. 1a and Supplementary Table 1). Among the 1,701 functional connectivity traits, 1,192 had significant (again at 5% FDR) heritability, with estimates varying from 3% to 60% (mean = 9.3%, standard error = 5.6%). Ten functional connectivity traits had heritability higher than 30%, including four global functional connectivity measures (Supplementary Fig. 1) and six pairwise functional connectivity traits (Fig. 1b). These most heritable traits were most related to the central executive, default mode and salience networks in the triple-network model of psychopathology<sup>8</sup>. To examine whether intrinsic brain activity within the triple network had higher heritability, we classified the 76 amplitude traits into two categories: (1) fully or partially within the triple network and (2) outside the triple network. Correspondingly, the 1,695 pairwise functional connectivity traits were classified as follows: (1) within the triple network, (2) outside the triple network and (3) between the triple and non-triple networks. We found that amplitude traits within the triple network had significantly higher heritability than those outside the triple network (mean = 30.9% versus 22.6%,  $P = 8.5 \times 10^{-11}$ , two-sided Wilcoxon rank test) (Fig. 1c). Similarly, functional connectivity traits within the triple network had higher heritability than interactions outside the triple network or between the triple and non-triple networks (mean = 11.9% vs. 6.9%,  $P = 8.4 \times 10^{-20}$ ). Similar results were observed when we limited the comparison between the triple network and two major sensory networks (the visual and motor networks; Supplementary Fig. 2). These results indicate that the three core neurocognitive networks can be robustly detected by spatial ICA and might have a higher level of genetic control. The range of heritability estimates was consistent with previous results<sup>18</sup>, suggesting that common genetic variants had a low to moderate degree of contributions to interindividual variability of intrinsic brain activity. The overall genetic effects on both amplitude and functional connectivity were lower than those on brain structure. For example, the average heritability was reported to be 47.6% for diffusion tensor imaging (DTI)

traits of brain structural connectivity in white matter tracts<sup>35</sup> and 40% for regional brain volumes measuring brain morphometry<sup>23</sup>. Nevertheless, as shown below, intrinsic brain activity may be more functionally relevant, with stronger genetic connections to brain disorders such as Alzheimer's disease than brain structure.

A GWAS was carried out for 1,777 intrinsic brain activity traits and 9,026,427 common variants in the UKB British sample ( $n = 34,691$ ). The Manhattan and quantile-quantile plots can be found in the Brain Imaging Genetics Knowledge Portal server (<https://bigkp.org>). At the significance level  $2.8 \times 10^{-11}$  ( $5 \times 10^{-8}/1,777$ , that is, the standard GWAS threshold, Bonferroni-adjusted for the 1,777 traits), FUMA<sup>36</sup> identified 241 lead independent variants (linkage disequilibrium (LD)  $r^2 < 0.1$ ), and then characterized 603 significant locus–trait associations with 191 traits (75 amplitude, 111 pairwise functional connectivity and 5 global functional connectivity) in 45 genomic regions (Supplementary Tables 2 and 3 and Supplementary Fig. 3). Global and pairwise functional connectivity traits that had at least 5 significant variants were again most related to the central executive, default mode and salience networks (Supplementary Fig. 4). Of the 14 associated variants that had been identified in the previous GWASs<sup>18</sup>, 12 were in LD ( $r^2 \geq 0.6$ ) with our significant variants, most of which were associated with amplitude traits. In summary, our analyses identify many new variants associated with intrinsic functional signatures and illustrate the global genetic influences on functional connectivity across the whole brain.

**Replication and the effect of ancestry.** We aimed to replicate our results in UKB British GWASs using other independent datasets. We first examined the reproducibility and stability of the intrinsic brain activity traits (Supplementary Note). Overall, moderate-to-good stability of the UKB-trained ICA regions was observed across different ancestry groups in independent datasets, suggesting that we used a set of well-defined and biologically meaningful traits in GWASs (Supplementary Figs. 5 and 6 and Supplementary Table 4). We then repeated GWASs on a combined dataset of individuals of white ancestry in the newly released UKB phase 4 data and individuals of white but non-British ancestry in the UKB phases 1 to 3 data (UKBW, total  $n = 5,056$ ). We checked whether the 603 significant locus–trait associations detected in UKB British GWASs could be replicated. We found that 118 associations (19.6%) passed the  $8.2 \times 10^{-5}$  (i.e., 0.05/603) Bonferroni significance level in the UKBW GWAS, and 440 (73.0%) were significant at the nominal 0.05 level. All the 440 associations had concordant directions in the two independent GWASs, showing a high degree of generalizability of our GWAS findings among European-ancestry cohorts (Supplementary Fig. 7).

Next, we performed GWASs on three non-UKB European-ancestry cohorts, including the ABCD European (ABCDE;  $n = 3,821$ ), HCP European ( $n = 495$ ) and PNC ( $n = 510$ ). After meta-analyzing the four European-ancestry GWASs (total  $n = 9,882$ ), the number of associations passing the Bonferroni significance level increased to 131 (21.7%), which were involved in 17 of the 45 identified genomic regions. We also performed GWASs on four non-European validation datasets: the UKB Asian (UKBA;  $n = 446$ ), UKB Black (UKBBL;  $n = 232$ ), ABCD Hispanic (ABCDH;  $n = 768$ ) and ABCD African American (ABCDAA;  $n = 1,257$ ). We meta-analyzed these four non-European GWAS (total  $n = 2,703$ ) and found that one association passed the Bonferroni significance level and 34 (5.6%) were significant at the nominal 0.05 level and had the same direction as in discovery GWASs. Moreover, we performed a third meta-analysis to combine all the eight validation datasets, after which the number of replicated associations was 122 (20.2%) at the Bonferroni significance level, and the number of replicated genomic regions increased to 18. These results are summarized in Supplementary Table 5. Overall, our results suggest that a large proportion (18/45, 40%) of associated genomic regions discovered in UKB British GWASs can be replicated in independent studies at the Bonferroni significance

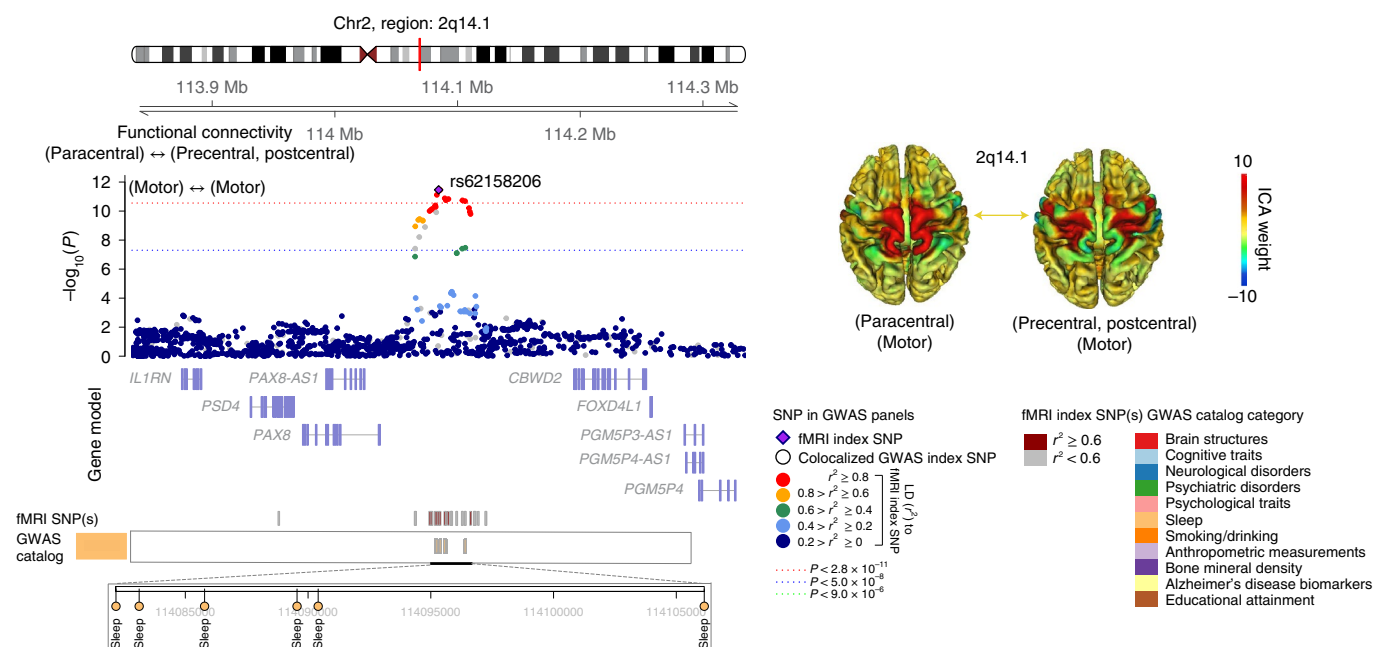


**Fig. 1 | SNP heritability analysis of rsfMRI traits.** **a**, Heritability estimates of 1,777 rsfMRI traits of brain activity, including 76 amplitude traits, 1,695 pairwise functional connectivity traits (from two parcellations with 25 and 100 dimensionalities, respectively) and 6 global functional connectivity measures ( $n = 34,691$  subjects). **b**, Location and functional network of the pairs of functional regions (i.e., nodes) characterized by spatial ICA whose interregional functional connectivity had heritability ( $h^2$ ) higher than 30%. The color represents the weight profile of the ICA node. For example, the functional connectivity between two ICA nodes mainly over the inferior parietal, angular and inferior frontal regions had  $h^2 = 34.7\%$ . **c**, Comparison of the heritability within the triple network (i.e., the three core neurocognitive networks: central executive, default mode and saliency) and the heritability outside the triple network.  $P$  value of the two-sided Wilcoxon rank test was used to evaluate the difference ( $n = 76$  heritability estimates for amplitude traits and 1,695 heritability estimates for functional connectivity traits). The box of the displayed boxplots starts in the first quartile (25%, denoted as  $Q_1$ ) and ends in the third (75%,  $Q_3$ ). The line inside the box represents the median. There is a segment to the furthest observations (the minima and maxima) on each side of the box, without counting the boxplot outliers (if any). The boxplot outliers (represented with circles, if any) are observations that are larger than  $Q_3 + 1.5 \times (Q_3 - Q_1)$  or smaller than  $Q_1 - 1.5 \times (Q_3 - Q_1)$ .

level, despite the fact that these studies may use different imaging protocols or MRI scanners and recruit participants from different age groups. In addition, we used polygenic risk scores<sup>37</sup> (PRSs) derived from UKB British GWASs for further evidence of replication (Supplementary Note). Our PRS results illustrate the overall consistency of genetic effects in European-ancestry cohorts and show that there may be population-specific influences on brain function

in non-European-ancestry cohorts, although much smaller sample sizes and difficulty in conducting cross-ancestry PRS strongly limit the interpretability of these analyses (Supplementary Table 6).

**The shared genetic loci with brain-related complex traits and disorders.** To evaluate the shared genetic components between intrinsic brain activity and other complex traits, we carried out



**Fig. 2 | Selected genetic locus associated with both rsfMRI trait of brain activity and brain-related complex traits.** At 2q14.1, we observed colocalization ( $LD\ r^2 \geq 0.6$ ) between the functional connectivity of the motor network and sleep traits (shared index SNP rs62158206). The location of the displayed rsfMRI trait (functional connectivity between paracentral and precentral and postcentral regions) is illustrated (right).

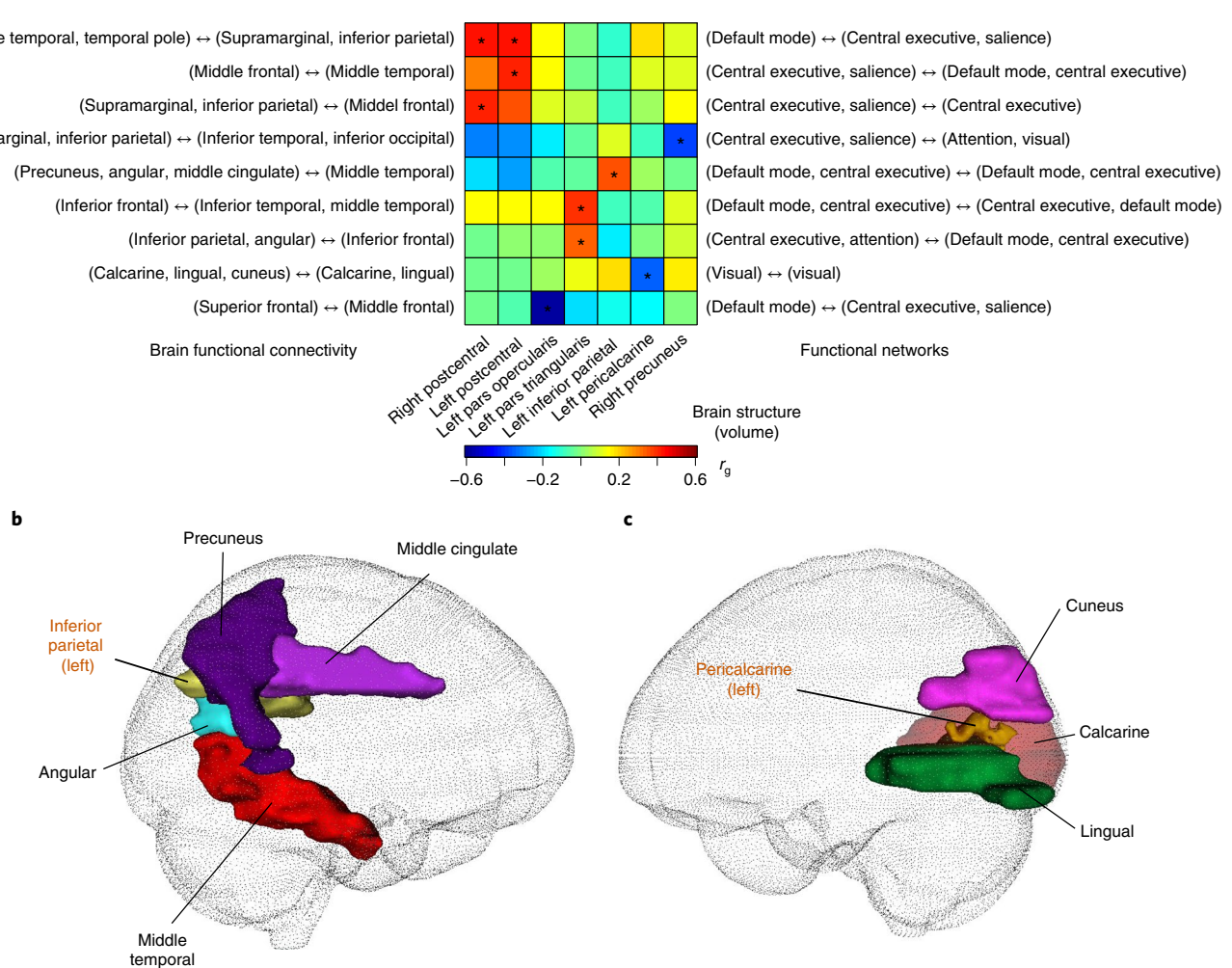
association lookups for independent significant variants (and their LD tags (i.e., variants with LD,  $r^2 \geq 0.6$ )) detected in UKB British GWASs. In the NHGRI-EBI GWAS catalog<sup>38</sup>, our results tagged many variants reported for a wide range of complex traits in different trait domains, such as neurological and psychiatric disorders, cognitive performance, education, sleep, smoking/drinking, brain structure and anthropometric traits. Below, we highlight colocalizations in a few selected genomic regions.

The index variants rs429358 (*APOE*), rs71352238 (*TOMM40*), rs184017 (*TOMM40*) and rs157592 (*APOC1*) in the 19q13.32 region had genetic effects on the amplitude of many functional brain regions that were strongest in the default mode, central executive (i.e., frontoparietal), attention and visual networks (Extended Data Fig. 1 and Supplementary Fig. 8). It is well known that 19q13.32 is a risk locus of Alzheimer's disease, and rs429358 is one of the two variants in the *APOE*  $\epsilon 4$  locus. In this region, we tagged variants associated with dementia and decline in mental ability, including Alzheimer's disease<sup>39–41</sup>, frontotemporal dementia<sup>42</sup>, cerebral amyloid angiopathy<sup>43</sup>, cognitive decline<sup>44</sup> and cognitive impairment test score<sup>45</sup>, as well as many biomarkers of Alzheimer's disease, such as neurofibrillary tangles<sup>43</sup>, neuritic plaque<sup>43</sup>, cerebral amyloid deposition<sup>46</sup>, cerebrospinal fluid protein levels<sup>45</sup> and cortical  $\beta$ -amyloid load<sup>47</sup>. Altered amplitude activity has been widely reported in patients of cognitive impairment and Alzheimer's disease<sup>48</sup>. The brain degeneration related to Alzheimer's disease may begin in the frontoparietal regions<sup>49</sup> and is associated with dysfunction of multiple RSNs, especially the default mode network<sup>10</sup>. Our findings suggest the shared genetic influences between intrinsic neuronal activity and brain atrophy of Alzheimer's disease. Neuroimaging traits from rsfMRI could be used as biomarkers for future medication developments targeting *APOE*  $\epsilon 4$ .

The 17q21.31 region was associated with functional connectivity over the inferior frontal, middle frontal, superior frontal, middle temporal and supplementary motor area regions in the default mode and salience networks (Supplementary Fig. 9). Variants in LD with rsfMRI index variants in this region have been widely related to neurological disorders (e.g., Parkinson's disease<sup>50–52</sup>) and

brain-related related complex traits (Supplementary Note). In addition, the 2p16.1 (Extended Data Fig. 2 and Supplementary Fig. 10) and 5q15 (Supplementary Fig. 11) regions were mainly associated with interactions among the central executive, default mode and salience networks. We observed colocalizations with psychiatric disorders (e.g., schizophrenia<sup>53</sup>, MDD<sup>54</sup>, depressive symptoms<sup>55</sup> and autism spectrum disorder<sup>56</sup>), psychological traits (e.g., neuroticism<sup>57</sup> and well-being spectrum<sup>58</sup>), sleep<sup>59</sup>, cognitive traits (e.g., intelligence<sup>60</sup>) and educational attainment<sup>61</sup>. Dysregulated triple-network interactions were frequently reported in patients of schizophrenia<sup>62</sup>, depression<sup>63</sup> and autism spectrum disorder<sup>64</sup>. Similarly, the 2q24.2 (Supplementary Fig. 12) and 10q26.13 (Supplementary Fig. 13) regions had genetic effects on functional connectivity traits involved in the central executive, default mode, salience, attention and limbic networks. In these two regions, our identified variants tagged those that have been implicated with schizophrenia<sup>65</sup>, educational attainment<sup>61</sup>, cognitive traits (e.g., cognitive ability<sup>66</sup>) and smoking/drinking (e.g., smoking status<sup>67</sup> and alcohol consumption<sup>68</sup>). We also observed colocalizations in some other genomic regions, such as in 2q14.1 region (Fig. 2 and Supplementary Fig. 14) with sleep traits<sup>59</sup>, in 3p11.1 (Supplementary Fig. 15) with cognitive traits (e.g., intelligence<sup>69</sup> and math ability<sup>61</sup>) and in 5q14.3 (Supplementary Fig. 16) with smoking<sup>68</sup> and autism spectrum disorder<sup>70</sup>. All of these results are summarized in Supplementary Table 7. In summary, intrinsic brain function has wide genetic links to many brain-related complex traits and clinical outcomes, especially neurological and psychiatric disorders and cognitive traits. Integration of GWASs of brain function with these clinical outcomes may help to explain the underlying brain functional mechanisms leading to risk for these disorders.

**Genetic correlations with brain structure, brain disorders and cognition.** The intricate brain neuroanatomical structure is fundamental in supporting brain function. To explore whether genetically mediated brain structural changes were associated with brain function, we examined pairwise genetic correlations between 484 heritable intrinsic brain activity traits with  $h^2 > 10\%$  and 315 brain structure traits via the LD score regression (LDSC)<sup>71</sup>, including



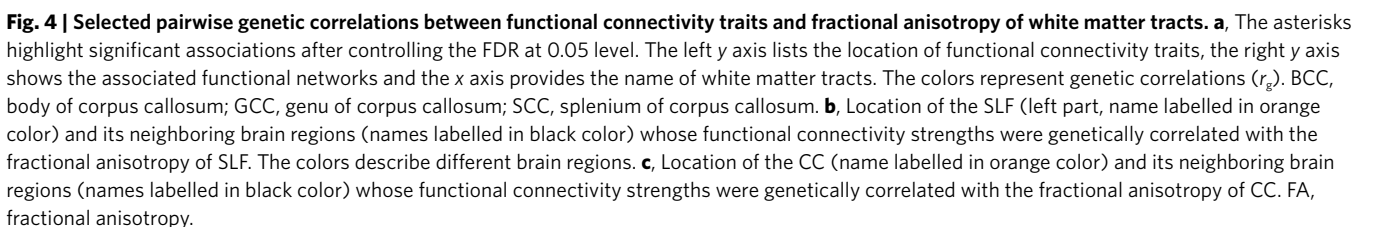
**Fig. 3 | Selected pairwise genetic correlations between functional connectivity traits and regional brain volumes. a,** The left y axis lists the location of functional connectivity traits, the right y axis shows the associated functional networks and the x axis provides the name of regional brain volumes. The colors represent genetic correlations ( $r_g$ ). The asterisks highlight significant associations after controlling the FDR at the 0.05 level. **b,** Location of the left inferior parietal (name labelled in orange color) and its neighboring brain regions (names labelled in black color) whose functional connectivity strengths were genetically correlated with the left inferior parietal volume. The colors describe different brain regions. **c,** Location of the left pericalcarine (name labelled in orange color) and its neighboring brain regions (names labelled in black color) whose functional connectivity strengths were genetically correlated with the left pericalcarine volume.

100 regional brain volumes<sup>23</sup> and 215 DTI traits of brain structural connectivity in white matter tracts<sup>35</sup>. There were 63 significant pairs between 46 intrinsic brain functional traits and 31 brain structural traits at the FDR 5% level ( $315 \times 484$  tests, |genetic correlations| range = (0.2, 0.57),  $P$  range = ( $4.7 \times 10^{-10}$ ,  $2 \times 10^{-5}$ ), Supplementary Table 8).

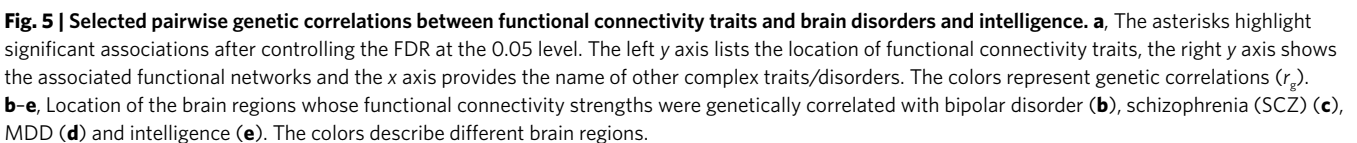
We found significant genetic correlations between regional brain volumes and functional connectivity strengths (|genetic correlations| range = (0.28, 0.57),  $P$  range = ( $1.1 \times 10^{-8}$ ,  $2 \times 10^{-5}$ ); Supplementary Fig. 17). Most of the observed correlations were related to higher-order brain functional networks, particularly the default mode, salience and central executive networks. We observed spatial colocalizations between regional brain volumes and their genetically correlated functional connectivity traits. Specifically, all these genetically correlated pairs were overlapped or spatially close to each other (within 30 mm; Supplementary Note). For example, the left inferior parietal lobule volume exhibited genetic correlations with connectivity strengths over multiple pairs of brain regions that were known to be a part of the default mode and central executive networks (genetic correlations = 0.35,  $P = 1.2 \times 10^{-5}$ ; Fig. 3a,b). The inferior parietal

has been implicated to be associated with language function and is connected with the Broca's region via the superior longitudinal fasciculus (SLF)<sup>72–74</sup>. The left pericalcarine volume was genetically correlated with the connectivity strengths among its neighboring regions, including the calcarine, cuneus and lingual in the visual network (Fig. 3c). More spatial overlap/proximity examples can be found in Supplementary Note and Supplementary Fig. 18.

Significant genetic correlations were also observed between brain structural connectivity and functional connectivity (|genetic correlations| range = (0.2, 0.53),  $P$  range = ( $4.7 \times 10^{-10}$ ,  $2 \times 10^{-5}$ ), Supplementary Fig. 19). The SLF and corpus callosum manifested strong genetic correlations with the interactions of functional networks (Fig. 4a). Specifically, we observed significant genetic correlations between SLF and connectivity strengths over multiple pairs of brain regions, including the frontal, parietal and temporal regions (|genetic correlations| range = (0.32, 0.50),  $P < 1.9 \times 10^{-5}$ , Fig. 4b). In addition, the corpus callosum was genetically associated with functional connectivity of multiple brain regions, such as the precuneus (|genetic correlations| range = (0.39, 0.53),  $P < 1.3 \times 10^{-5}$ ; Fig. 4c). See Supplementary Note for more details and interpretations



Next, we examined the genetic correlations between the 484 intrinsic brain activity traits and 10 neuropsychiatric disorders and cognitive traits (Supplementary Table 9). We found 79 significant genetic correlations with 42 intrinsic brain activity traits at the FDR 5% level ( $10 \times 484$  tests,  $P$  range =  $(7.7 \times 10^{-8}, 8 \times 10^{-4})$ ; Supplementary Table 10). Particularly, functional connectivity strengths were genetically correlated with several brain disorders, including schizophrenia, MDD, cross disorder (five major psychiatric disorders<sup>76</sup>) and bipolar disorder (|genetic correlations|



range = (0.15, 0.5),  $P < 8 \times 10^{-4}$ ; Fig. 5a). A large proportion (72%) of these correlations were related to the triple networks of psychopathology. For example, we observed significant genetic correlations between bipolar disorder and functional interactions among the frontal, middle temporal, precuneus and angular regions, which were largely in the default mode network (Fig. 5b). Several lines of evidence have pointed the possible default mode alterations in bipolar disorder<sup>77</sup>. Moreover, significant genetic correlations were observed between schizophrenia and connection strengths over the frontal, parietal, temporal and cerebellum regions (Fig. 5c) and between MDD and interactions among the frontal and parietal (paracentral and postcentral) regions (Fig. 5d). Deficits of fronto-temporal systems, such as impairment in executive functions and learning, are core features of schizophrenia<sup>78</sup>. Previous studies have consistently reported abnormal activation of the frontal and parietal cortices and frontotemporal dysconnectivity in schizophrenia<sup>79</sup>. In addition, genetic correlations were observed between functional connectivity and cognitive traits studied in previous GWASs, including intelligence, cognitive performance, general cognitive function, numerical reasoning and education (Supplementary Fig. 21). Most (98.1%) of these functional connectivity traits were related to the triple networks. For example, intelligence had genetic correlations with connection strengths over multiple brain regions ( $|\text{genetic correlations}| \text{ range} = (0.21, 0.30)$ ,  $P < 7.4 \times 10^{-4}$ ; Fig. 5e and Supplementary Note).

#### Gene-level association analysis and biological annotations.

Gene-level association was tested via MAGMA<sup>80</sup>, which detected 714 significant gene–trait associations ( $P < 1.5 \times 10^{-9}$ , adjusted for 1,777 phenotypes) for 76 genes (Supplementary Fig. 22 and Supplementary Table 11). In addition, we applied FUMA<sup>36</sup> to map significant variants ( $P < 2.8 \times 10^{-11}$ ) to genes via physical position, expression quantitative trait loci association and 3D chromatin Hi-C (high-throughput chromosome conformation capture) interaction, which yielded 193 more associated genes that were not discovered in MAGMA (255 in total; Supplementary Tables 12–15 and Supplementary Note). Four of these intrinsic brain activity-associated genes (*CALY*, *SLC47A1*, *CYP2C8* and *CYP2C9*) were targets for 11 nervous system drugs<sup>81</sup>, such as four psycholeptics (ATC code N05) to produce calming effects, two antidepressants (N06A) to treat MDD and related conditions, two anti-migraine drugs (N02C) and one antimentia drugs (N06D) (Supplementary Table 16).

To identify the tissues and cell types in which genetic variation yields differences in brain functional connectivity, we performed partitioned heritability analyses<sup>82</sup> for tissue type- and cell type-specific regulatory elements<sup>83</sup>. We focused on the ten functional connectivity traits that had heritability higher than 30%. At the FDR 5% level, the most significant enrichments of heritability were observed in active gene regulation regions of fetal brain tissues, neurospheres and neuron/neuronal progenitor cultured cells (Supplementary Fig. 23 and Supplementary Table 17). Among the associated variants of intrinsic brain activity, a few resided in frequently interacting regions and topologically associating domain boundaries in brain tissues<sup>84,85</sup> (Supplementary Table 18). We also performed brain cell type-specific partitioned heritability and gene mapping analyses, the details of which can be found in the Supplementary Note (Supplementary Figs. 24 and 25 and Supplementary Tables 19–21). Finally, MAGMA<sup>80</sup> gene set analysis was performed to prioritize the enriched biological pathways. We found 47 significantly enriched gene sets at the FDR 5% level ( $P < 3.2 \times 10^{-6}$ ; Supplementary Table 22). Multiple pathways related to nervous system were detected, including ‘go regulation of glial cell proliferation’ (Gene Ontology (GO): 0014009), ‘go central nervous system neuron differentiation’ (GO: 0021953) and ‘go pyramidal neuron differentiation’ (GO: 0021859).

#### Discussion

In the present study, we identified and validated common variants associated with intrinsic brain functions using rsfMRI data of 47,276 subjects, which substantially improves our understanding of the genetic architecture of functional human brain. We used two ICA parcellations with different dimensionalities (25 and 100, respectively)<sup>18,21</sup>. The 25-dimension ICA aimed to build a large-scale network decomposition to match canonical RSNs, and the 100-dimension ICA resulted in a more finely detailed parcellation<sup>6,33</sup>. We then selected 76 (21 + 55) ICA regions that were manually examined to be biologically meaningful<sup>4</sup>, which have been widely applied in neuroimaging studies<sup>30</sup>. The ICA regions of the two parcellations were closely related, but they may not have one-to-one correspondence. For example, we found that five ICA region pairs from the two parcellations had very similar spatial locations (correlations of ICA loadings  $> 0.8$ ), and all of them showed high concordance in downstream GWAS analyses. For other ICA regions, typically, they were linear combinations of a few regions in the other parcellation (Supplementary Table 23 and Supplementary Fig. 26).

Our study faces a few limitations. First, the samples in our discovery GWASs were mainly from individuals with European ancestry. In our PRS analysis, we illustrated a relatively poor replication of the European-ancestry GWAS results within validation cohorts with non-European ancestry. The non-European-ancestry GWAS was of small sample size, so population-specific influences will be better understood when more data from global populations become available<sup>86</sup>. In addition, artificial factors and confounding variables may also weaken the consistency of our results and cause additional challenges in multisite imaging studies<sup>87,88</sup>. Second, we applied group ICA in this study, which was a popular approach to characterize the functionally connected brain<sup>3</sup>. Although the ICA is powerful, it is a data-driven method, which might limit the interpretability of ICA regions and the ability to compare with the patterns observed from parcellation-based studies. For example, the high heritability of the triple networks reported in this paper may partially result from the fact that the ICA captures and combines large variations from different brain networks, because most of the ICA regions distributed across multiple regions and networks. In contrast, parcellation-based analysis typically estimates the heritability independently for each network, which may result in different heritability patterns across the brain<sup>89</sup>. Future studies may explore other parcellation schemes (e.g., the Schaefer parcellation<sup>90</sup>) in the UKB study and examine the robustness of GWAS results to the selection of atlas. Finally, although we found genetic links between brain function and brain structure using tract-based diffusion neuroimaging traits from the existing ENIGMA-DTI pipeline<sup>91,92</sup>, a better approach might be developing new pipelines to directly construct structural connectivity matrix for the 76 ICA regions. We expect that accumulating publicly available imaging genetics data resources and more powerful feature extraction pipelines will lead to a better understanding of specific genes involved in human brain structure–function relationships and how variants can alter these relationships, leading to risk of neuropsychiatric disorders.

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## Methods

**Imaging phenotypes and datasets.** The rsfMRI datasets were separately processed following the procedures in UKB imaging pipeline<sup>4</sup>. Details about image acquisition, preprocessing and phenotype generation in each dataset can be found in the Supplementary Note. By mapping the preprocessed rsfMRI images onto the pretrained ICA loadings in the previous study<sup>18</sup>, we generated two groups of phenotypes, including 76 node amplitude traits reflecting the spontaneous neuronal activity, 1,695 pairwise functional connectivity traits quantifying coactivity for node pairs and 6 global functional connectivity measures to summarize all pairwise functional connectivity. Specifically, we performed a dimension reduction analysis on the 1,695 pairwise functional connectivity traits using a combined principal-component (PC) analysis and ICA approach. The 6 global measures were the top 6 ICA components, which described the whole brain functional connectivity and represented 6 independent sets (i.e., linear combinations) of the 1,695 pairwise functional connectivity traits. To aid interpretation of GWAS results, we manually labeled the 76 functional brain regions characterized in ICA by using the automated anatomical labeling atlas<sup>93</sup> (Supplementary Table 24) and then mapped them onto major functional networks defined in Yeo et al.<sup>7</sup> and Finn et al.<sup>7</sup> (Supplementary Figs. 27 and 28). The assigned location and functional networks are provided in Supplementary Table 25. Details of our mapping procedures are provided in the Supplementary Note. For each continuous phenotype or covariate variable, values greater than five times the median absolute deviation from the median value were removed. We analyzed the following datasets separately: (1) the UKB discovery GWAS, which used data of individuals of British ancestry<sup>94</sup> in the UKB phases 1 to 3 data ( $n = 34,691$ ); (2) four European-ancestry validation GWASs, including individuals of white ancestry in the UKB phase 4 data and individuals of white but non-British ancestry in the UKB phases 1 to 3 data (UKBW,  $n = 5,056$ ), ABCDE ( $n = 3,821$ ), HCP European ( $n = 495$ ) and PNC ( $n = 510$ ); (3) two non-European-ancestry UKB validation GWASs, including UKBA ( $n = 446$ ) and UKBBL ( $n = 232$ ); and (4) two non-European-ancestry non-UKB validation GWASs, including ABCDH ( $n = 768$ ) and ABCDA ( $n = 1,257$ ). See Supplementary Table 26 for a summary of these datasets and demographic information and Supplementary Fig. 29 for an overview of study design. The assignment of ancestry in UKB was based on self-reported ethnicity (Data-Field 21000), which was verified in Bycroft et al.<sup>94</sup>. The ancestry in ABCD was assigned by combining the self-reported ethnicity and ancestry inference results as in Zhao et al.<sup>35</sup>.

**GWAS discovery and validation.** Details of genotyping and quality controls can be found in the Supplementary Note. SNP heritability was estimated by GCTA<sup>34</sup> using all autosomal SNPs in the UKB British cohort. We adjusted for the effects of age (at imaging), age-squared, sex, age–sex interaction, age-squared–sex interaction, imaging site, head location, head motion, head size, long-term drifts and the top 40 genetic PCs. We removed one of a pair of individuals with estimated relatedness larger than 0.025 (using the “–grm-cutoff 0.025” option in GCTA). Genome-wide association analysis was performed using fastGWA<sup>95</sup> while adjusting the same set of covariates as in GCTA. Related individuals were included in fastGWA, and linear mixed-effect model-based approaches were used to account for the sample relatedness. GWASs were separately performed via PLINK<sup>96</sup> in the eight validation datasets, including UKBW, UKBBL, UKBA, ABCDA, ABCDH, ABCDE, HCP European and PNC, where the effects of age, age-squared, sex, head motion, imaging sites (if applicable), head location (if applicable), head size (if applicable), long-term drifts (if applicable), scanners (if applicable), age–sex interaction, age-squared–sex interaction and the top ten genetic PCs were adjusted for. We removed relatives in these validation GWASs.

To validate results in the UKB British discovery GWASs, meta-analysis was performed using the sample size weighted approach via METAL<sup>97</sup>. We examined whether the locus-level associations detected in the British GWAS could be replicated in (1) the UKBW GWAS, (2) the meta-analyzed four European-ancestry validation GWASs (UKBW, ABCDE, HCP European and PNC), (3) the meta-analyzed four non-European-ancestry validation GWAS (UKBBL, UKBA, ABCDA and ABCDH) and (4) the combination of the above eight validation GWASs. Specifically, for each meta-analyzed GWAS, we checked and reported the  $P$  value of the 603 top lead independent ( $LD\ r^2 < 0.1$ ) associations identified in the UKB British discovery GWASs. PRSs were constructed on eight validation datasets using the lassosum<sup>98</sup>. The summary statistics from UKB British discovery GWAS were used as weights, and the individuals of white ancestry in the UKB phase 4 data were used as validation samples ( $n = 2,971$ ). For UKBW, the performance was evaluated on the individuals of white but non-British ancestry in the UKB phases 1 to 3 data ( $n = 1,940$ , removing the relatives of validation samples). Ambiguous variants (i.e., variants with complementary alleles) were removed from analysis. The best prediction accuracy achieved by a single threshold was reported for each phenotype, which was measured by the additional phenotypic variation that can be explained by the polygenic profile (i.e., the incremental  $R^2$ ) while adjusting for the effects of age, sex, motion and the top ten genetic PCs.

**The shared loci and genetic correlation.** The genomic loci associated with intrinsic brain activity traits were defined using FUMA (version 1.3.5e). We inputted UKB British discovery summary statistics. To define the LD boundaries,

FUMA identified independent significant variants, which were defined as variants with a  $P$  value smaller than the predefined threshold that were independent of other significant variants ( $LD\ r^2 < 0.6$ ). FUMA then constructed LD blocks for these independent significant variants by tagging all variants in LD ( $r^2 \geq 0.6$ ) with at least one independent significant variant and had a minor allele frequency  $\geq 0.0005$ . These variants included those from the 1000 Genomes reference panel that may not have been included in the GWASs. Moreover, within these significant variants, independent lead variants were identified as those that were independent from each other ( $LD\ r^2 < 0.1$ ). If LD blocks of independent significant variants were close ( $< 250$  kb based on the closest boundary variants of LD blocks), they were merged into a single genomic locus. Thus, each genomic locus could contain multiple significant variants and lead variants. Independent significant variants and all the variants in LD with them ( $r^2 \geq 0.6$ ) were searched by FUMA on the NHGRI-EBI GWAS catalog (version 2019-09-24) to look for previously reported associations ( $P < 9 \times 10^{-6}$ ) with any traits. LDSC<sup>71</sup> software (version 1.0.1) was used to estimate and test the pairwise genetic correlation. We used the precalculated LD scores provided by LDSC, which were computed using 1000 Genomes European data. We used HapMap3<sup>99</sup> variants and removed all variants in the major histocompatibility complex region. The summary statistics of intrinsic brain activity traits were from the UKB British discovery GWAS, and the resources of other summary statistics are provided in Supplementary Table 9.

**Gene-level analysis and biological annotation.** Gene-based association analysis was performed in UKB British participants for 18,796 protein-coding genes using MAGMA<sup>80</sup> (version 1.08). Default MAGMA settings were used with zero window size around each gene. We then carried out FUMA functional annotation and mapping analysis, in which variants were annotated with their biological functionality and then were linked to 35,808 candidate genes by a combination of positional, expression quantitative trait loci and 3D chromatin interaction mappings. Brain-related tissues/cells were selected in all options, and default values were used for all other parameters in FUMA. For the detected genes in MAGMA and FUMA, we performed lookups in the NHGRI-EBI GWAS catalog (version 2020-02-08) to explore their previously reported gene–trait associations. We performed heritability enrichment analysis via partitioned LDSC<sup>82</sup>. Baseline models were adjusted when estimating and testing the enrichment scores for our tissue type and cell type-specific annotations. Methods to analysis chromatin data of glial and neuronal cell subtypes can be found in Hauberg et al.<sup>100</sup>. MAGMA was also used to explore the enriched biological pathways, in which we tested 500 curated gene sets and 9,996 GO terms from the Molecular Signatures Database<sup>101</sup> (version 7.0). Additional gene mapping was performed using 14 Hi-C datasets of brain tissue and cell types from five recent studies, including (1) the promoter capture Hi-C data of hippocampus and dorsolateral prefrontal cortex<sup>102</sup>; (2) the Hi-C data of hippocampus and dorsolateral prefrontal cortex<sup>86</sup>; (3) the Hi-C data from fetal and adult cortices<sup>85</sup>, restricting to the high confidence interactions; (4) the promoter capture Hi-C data of primary astrocytes and three types of induced pluripotent stem cell-derived neurons<sup>103</sup> (cortical, hippocampal and motor); and (5) proximity ligation-assisted chromatin immunoprecipitation sequencing data on sorted fetal neuron cells<sup>104</sup>, including radial glial cells, intermediate progenitor cells, neurons and interneurons. For interaction intensity cutoffs, we used 2 for the  $-\log_{10}(P)$  used in datasets of Jung et al.<sup>102</sup>, 0.05 for the  $q$  value in Schmitt et al.<sup>84</sup> and Giusti-Rodriguez and Sullivan<sup>85</sup>, 5 for the Chicago score in Song et al.<sup>103</sup> and 0.01 for the FDR in Song et al.<sup>104</sup>.

**Reporting Summary.** Further information on research design is available in the Nature Research Reporting Summary linked to this article.

## Data availability

Our GWAS summary statistics are publicly available at Zenodo<sup>105</sup> (<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5775047>). The individual-level imaging and genetics data used in the present study are available from four publicly accessible data resources: UKB (<https://www.ukbiobank.ac.uk/>), ABCD (<https://abcdstudy.org/>), HCP (<https://www.humanconnectome.org/>) and PNC (<https://www.med.upenn.edu/bbl/philadelphianeurodevelopmentalcohort.html>). The Molecular Signatures Database dataset can be downloaded from <https://www.gsea-msigdb.org/gsea/msigdb/>. The Hi-C datasets of brain tissue and cell types can be requested or accessed following the instructions in the original publications. Our results can also be easily browsed through our knowledge portal at <https://bigkp.org/>.

## Code availability

We made use of publicly available software and tools listed in URLs. The codes to generate the rsfMRI features are publicly available on Zenodo (<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5784010>). Other codes used in our analyses are available upon reasonable request.

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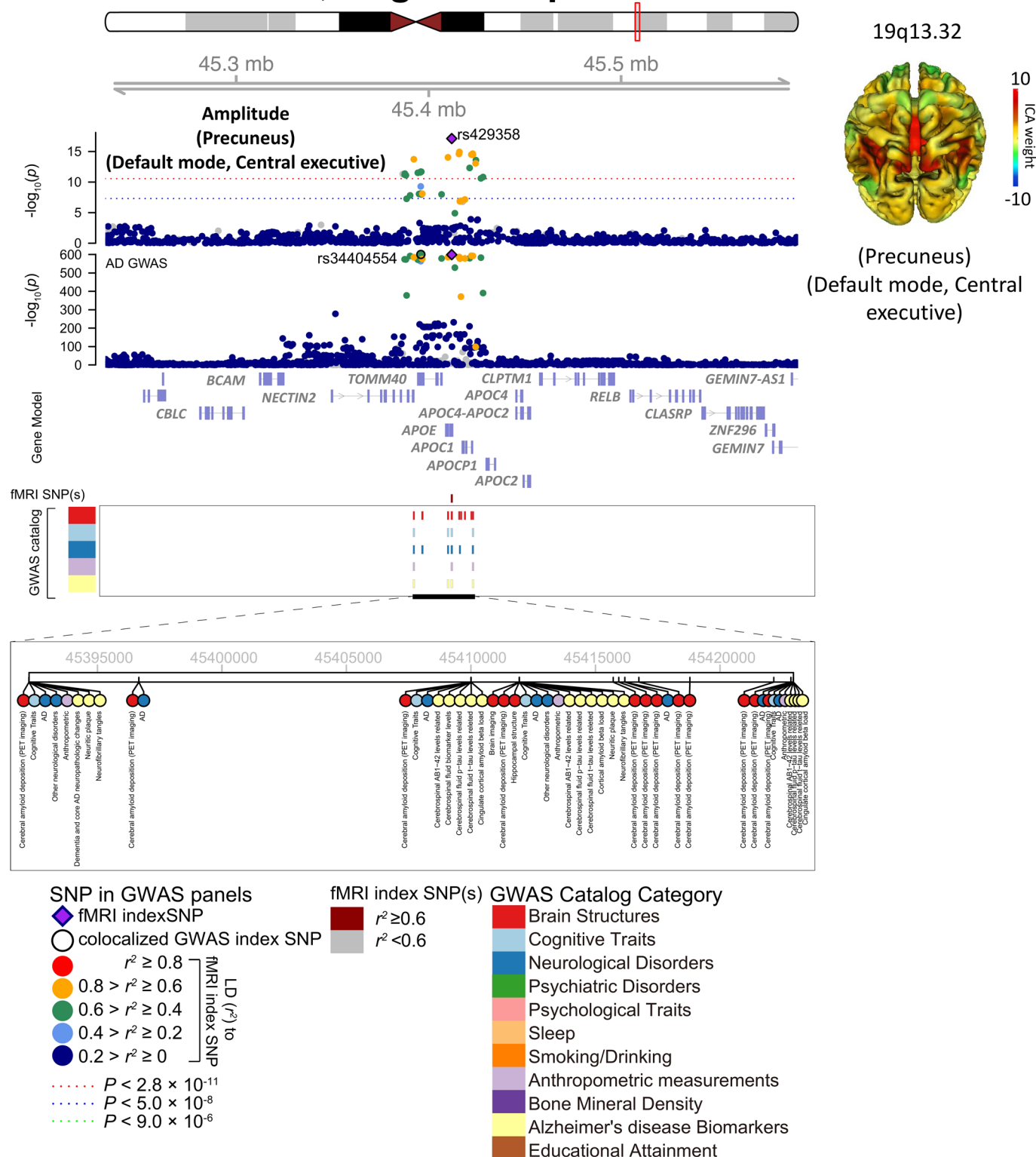
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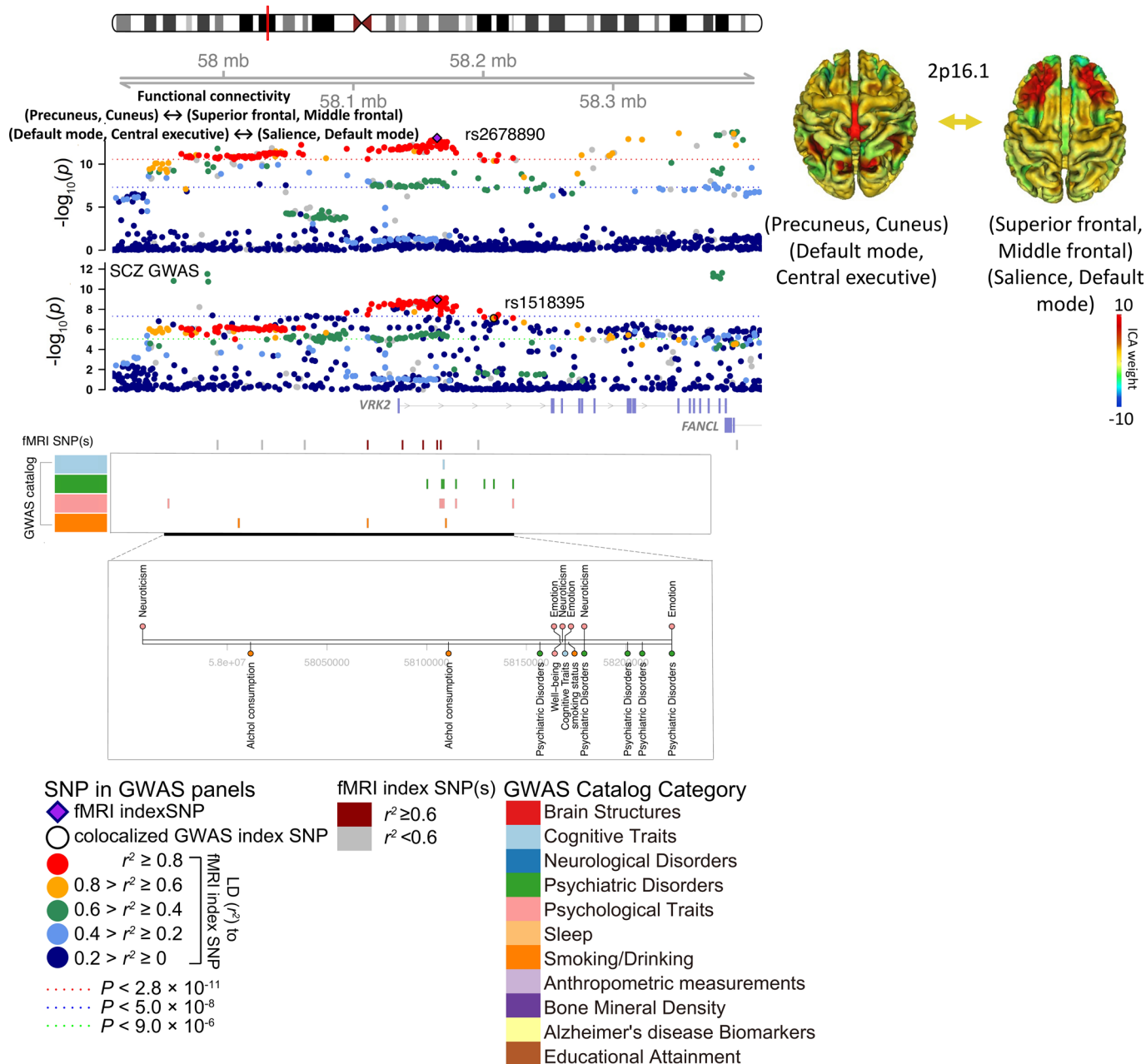
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**chr19, Region: 19q13.32**



**Extended Data Fig. 1 | Genetic locus at 19q13.21 associated with both rsfMRI trait of brain activity and brain-related complex traits and disorders.** At 19q13.32, we observed colocalization ( $LD^2 \geq 0.6$ ) between the amplitude of the precuneus region in the default mode and central executive networks and Alzheimer's disease (shared index SNP rs429358). Location of the displayed rsfMRI trait (amplitude of the precuneus) is illustrated in the right panel.

## chr2, Region: 2p16.1



**Extended Data Fig. 2 | Genetic locus at 2p16.1 associated with both rsfMRI trait of brain activity and brain-related complex traits and disorders.** At 2p16.1, we observed colocalization (LD  $r^2 \geq 0.6$ ) between the functional connectivity among the default mode, central executive, and salience networks (index SNP rs2678890) and schizophrenia (index SNP rs1518395). Location of the displayed rsfMRI trait (functional connectivity between precuneus & cuneus and superior frontal & middle frontal regions) is illustrated in the right panel.

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| Sample size     | No power calculation was needed in advance. We used all data passing standard quality controls (please see below), which resulted in 47,276 individuals. The sample size in our study was greater than that of most of the previous GWAS on brain rsfMRI traits.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Data exclusions | <p>Full details of data exclusions can be found in the Methods section and Supplementary Note.</p> <p>For the genetic SNP data, we performed the following SNP data quality controls on each dataset: 1) exclude subjects with more than 10% missing genotypes; 2) exclude SNPs with minor allele frequency less than 0.01; 3) exclude SNPs with larger than 10% missing genotyping rate; 4) exclude markers that failure the Hardy-Weinberg test and 5) remove SNPs with imputation INFO score less than 0.8.</p> <p>For imaging data, we performed standard imaging quality controls in UKB Imaging Pipeline.</p> <p>For each continuous phenotype or covariate variable, we removed values greater than five times the median absolute deviation from the median value.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Replication     | For discovery, we used the GWAS sresults of the UKB British cohort (n = 34,691). Then the data from other studies were used for validation in various analyses (n=12,585). Specifically, we checked whether the 603 significant locus-trait associations detected in UKB British cohort can be replicated. We found that 118 associations (19.6%) passed the Bonferroni significance level in the European validation dataset, and 440 (73.0%) were significant at the nominal 0.05 level. All the 440 associations had concordant directions in the two independent GWAS, showing a high degree of generalizability of our GWAS findings among European cohorts. We also performed replication in non-European validation dataset and found that one association passed the Bonferroni significance level and 34 (5.6%) were significant at the nominal 0.05 level and had the same direction as in UKB British cohort. The lower degree of generalizability in non-European analysis may be related to the small sample size of non-European datasets and the potential population specific influences on brain function in non-European cohorts. |
| Randomization   | All the datasets are from observational studies, and we used all samples available after data exclusions listed above. Therefore, there is no equivalent process of randomization in the present analysis.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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## Recruitment

Recruitment details and dataset overviews can be found in <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pmed.1001779> for UKB, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.neuroimage.2013.07.064> for PNC, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.neuroimage.2018.08.050> for HCP, and <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dcn.2018.03.001> for ABCD.

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## Magnetic resonance imaging

## Experimental design

## Design type

This study made use of imaging data from resting-state functional MRI and genetic SNP data.

## Design specifications

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## Behavioral performance measures

Behavioral performance measures were not used in this study.

## Acquisition

## Imaging type(s)

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## Field strength

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## Sequence &amp; imaging parameters

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## Area of acquisition

The whole brain scan was used.

## Diffusion MRI

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## Preprocessing

## Preprocessing software

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