

Supplementary Material

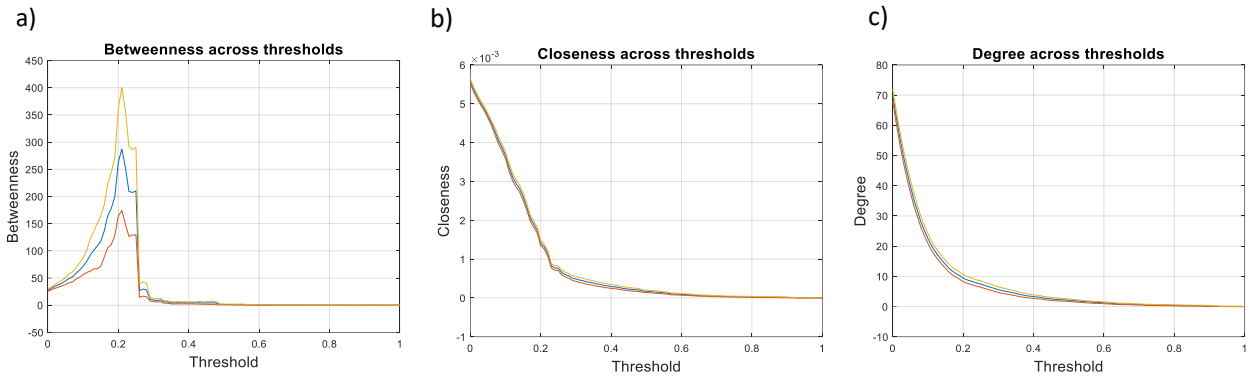
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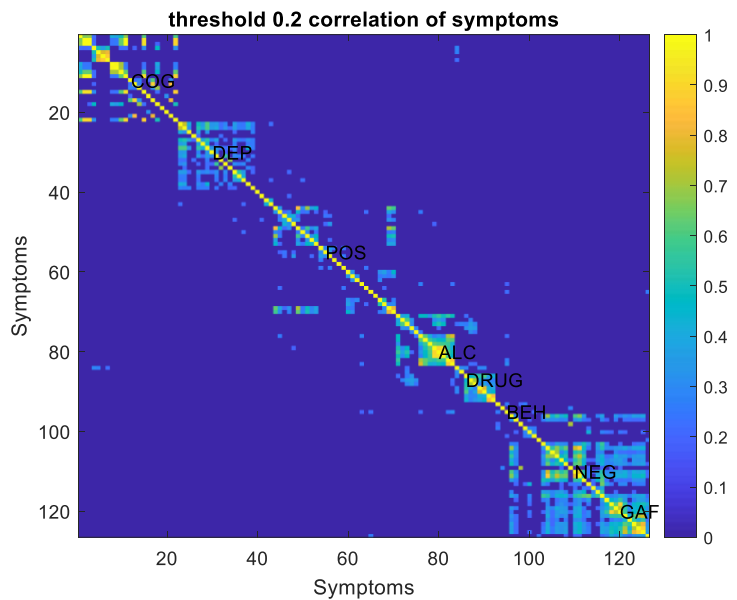
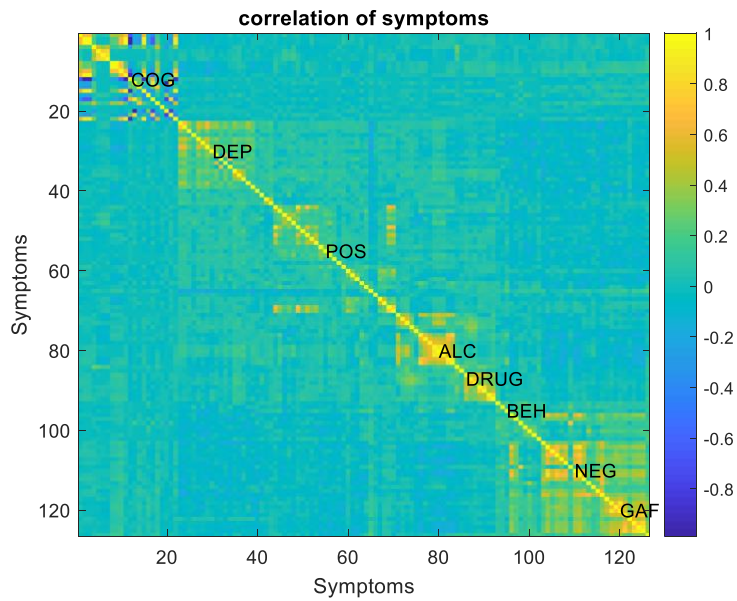
DWI processing

DWI processed data were taken from a prior study, methods for which are described in detail elsewhere (ref). In brief, DWIs were pre-processed with FMRIB Software Library (FSL, version 5.11) ³². This involved i) visual inspection for artifacts and removal of four scans due to poor image quality, ii) correction for motion and gradient-induced eddy currents ^{33, 34} ; and, iii) computation of fractional anisotropy (FA) volumes by fitting a single-diffusion tensor to the harmonized DWIs.

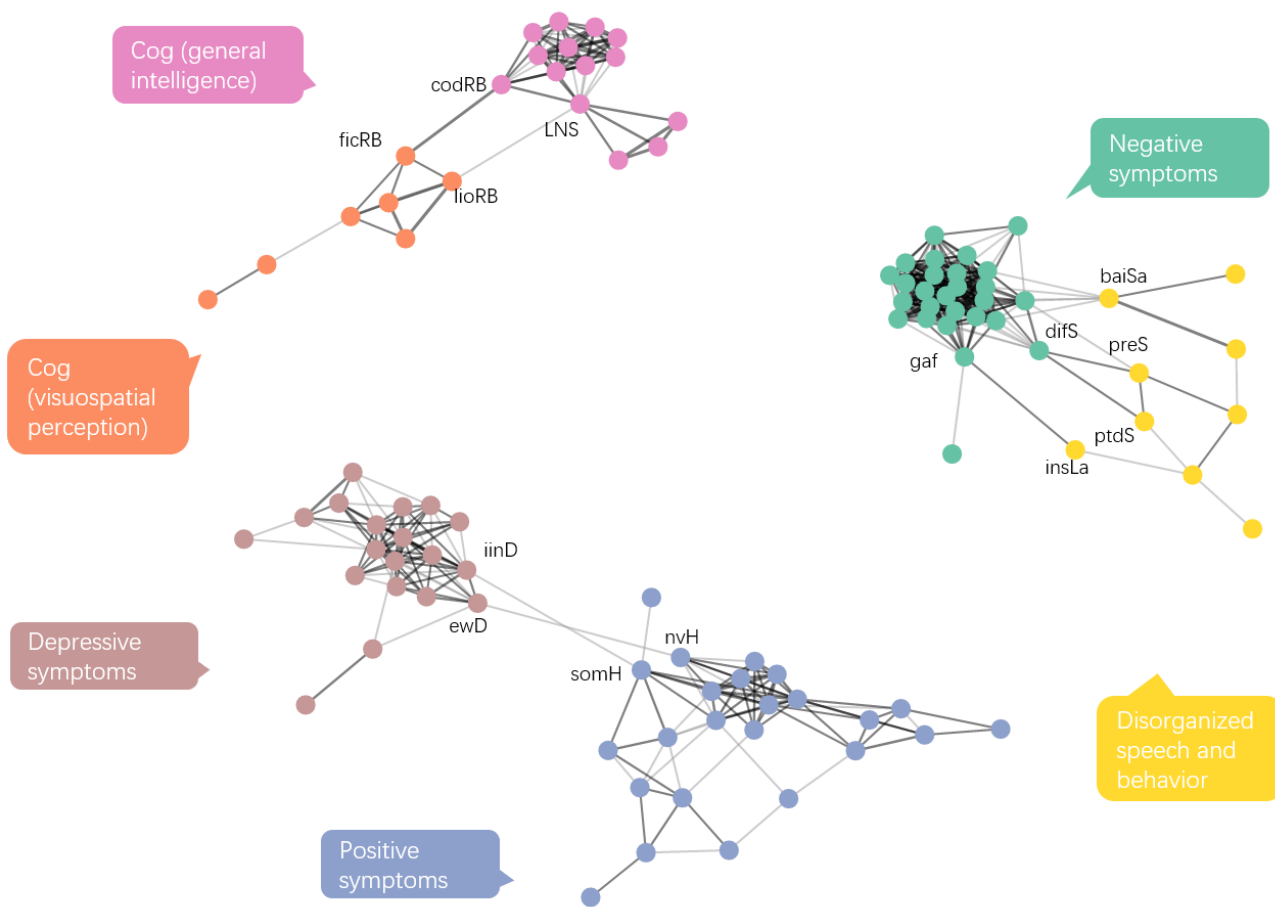
ENIGMA-DTI protocols (<http://enigma.ini.usc.edu/protocols/dti-protocols/>) were used to extract average FA estimates from voxels on a white matter skeleton ³⁵. First, ANTs (<http://stnava.github.io/ANTs/>) was used to nonlinearly register FA maps to the common ENIGMA-DTI target, derived from 400 adult brains ³⁵. Second, individually registered brains were projected onto the ENIGMA-DTI white matter skeleton with FSL's tract-based spatial statistics (*TBSS*) ³⁶, which was employed to alleviate any residual misalignment error. Resulting skeletonized FA maps were used to extract values from a subset of white matter regions comprising the JHU white matter atlas (48 regions). To define each region of interest (ROI), FA was averaged over skeleton-voxels traversing a given atlas region. Statistical inference was performed on the resulting skeletonized ROIs.



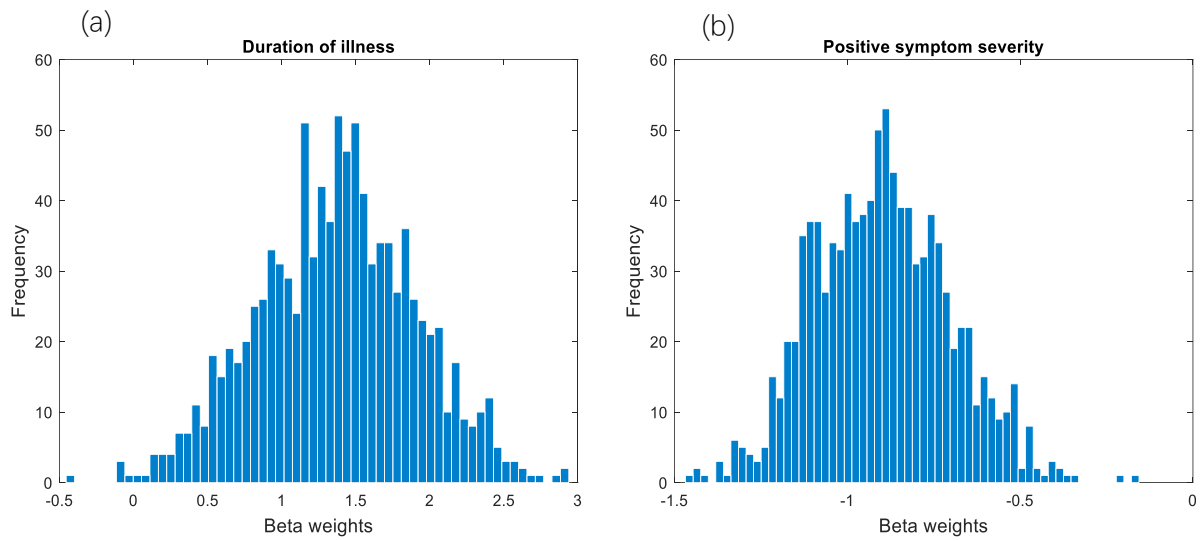
Supplementary Figure 1. Centrality measures across thresholds. The impact of network thresholding on centrality estimates, including degree, closeness and betweenness. Increasing the correlation threshold (vertical axis) resulted in lower degree (a) and closeness (b). Whereas, betweenness peaked at a threshold around $r=.2$ and declined thereafter. The lines represent the mean (blue) and standard deviation (yellow) across all symptom items.



Supplementary Figure 2. Correlation matrix (network) of symptoms in schizophrenia. A total of 126 symptoms from all subjects were used to construct symptom correlation matrices. Each cell in the matrix quantifies the relationship between a pair of symptoms. The network was constructed using (a) the raw correlation coefficients, which were (b) thresholded to remove weak/spurious connections (0.2 is the threshold where all the symptoms in the network exhibit the highest betweenness). Symptom associations were characterized by both negative correlations (blue), and positive correlations (yellow). **Abbreviations.** COG: cognitive symptoms; GAF: General Assessment of Functioning Scale; NEG: Negative symptoms; BEH: behavior affect symptoms; ALC: alcohol drug abuse; POS: positive symptoms; DEP: depressive symptoms.



Supplementary Figure 3. Symptom comorbidity network without substance use items. Circles represent nodes (symptoms), and lines represent associations between symptom pairs, where thicker lines indicate stronger correlations. The network layout is force-directed, whereby distant variables are weakly correlated and adjacent variables are strongly correlated. Modularity analysis yielded 6 symptom modules: negative symptoms (green), positive symptoms (blue), depressive symptoms (brown), disorganized speech and behavior (yellow), cognition - intelligence (violet) and cognition - visuospatial perception (orange). Refer to Supplementary Table 1 for specific item names. As shown, omitting substance use items removed between-module connections representing substance use items in the original network, while preserving local (within module) network structure. These results confirm the centrality of substance use items in a schizophrenia symptom network and demonstrates network stability between symptom networks computed with and without substance use/abuse items.



Supplementary Figure 4. Beta weight frequency across repetitions of the 10-fold cross validation analyses. Histograms present beta weight frequency across 1000 repetitions of the 10-fold cross validation analyses evaluating associations between the number of connected components with duration of illness (a) and with positive symptom severity (b). Results from the 10-fold cross validation suggest that the association between duration of illness and the number of connected components is significant in 42.4% out of 1000 repetitions, whereas the association between psychosis severity and number of connected components is significant in 96.8% out of 1000 repetitions.

Supplementary Table 1.1 Symptom items included in network construction

Scale	Symptom/s assessed
Diagnostic Interview for psychosis (DIP)	Social functioning and disability, psychosis (positive and negative symptoms), patterns of service utilization and patient-perceived need for services, as well as drug use (emphasis on alcohol use and tolerance).
Wechsler Abbreviated Scale of Intelligence (WASI)	Verbal, nonverbal, and general cognitive functioning.
WTAR (Wechsler Test of Adult Reading)	Premorbid IQ and memory performance.
COWAT (Controlled Oral Word Association Test)	Verbal fluency.
LNS (Letter Number Sequencing)	Verbal working memory
RBANS (Repeatable Battery for Assessment of Neuropsychological Status)	Cognitive performance across 5 domains: memory (immediate and delayed), visuospatial function, language (semantic Fluency) and attention.
SANS (Scale for Assessment of Negative Symptoms)	Five aspects of negative symptoms: alogia, affective blunting, avolition-apathy, anhedonia-asociality, and attentional impairment.
GAF (Global Assessment Functioning)	The degree to which an individual's symptoms affect their day-to-day life.

Supplementary Table 1.2 Symptom abbreviations corresponding to Figure 2 (main text)

Items Included	Modules	Abbreviation	Symptom scales
USA standard IQ score*	9	usWT	WTAR (Wechsler Test of Adult Reading)
Vocab	9	vocWA	WASI (Wechsler Abbreviated Scale of Intelligence)
Matrix reasoning	9	mrWA	WASI (Wechsler Abbreviated Scale of Intelligence)
IQ score	9	iqWA	WASI (Wechsler Abbreviated Scale of Intelligence)
LNS	9	LNS	LNS (Letter Number Sequencing)
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Story memory	8	stoRB	RBANS (Repeatable Battery for Assessment of Neuropsychological Status)
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Poor concentration	11	pcoD	DIP depression (Diagnostic Interview for Psychosis)
Activity levels	11	sacD	DIP depression (Diagnostic Interview for Psychosis)
Energy levels	11	loeD	DIP depression (Diagnostic Interview for Psychosis)
Libido	11	libD	DIP depression (Diagnostic Interview for Psychosis)
Poor appetite	11	paD	DIP depression (Diagnostic Interview for Psychosis)
Increased appetite	11	inaD	DIP depression (Diagnostic Interview for Psychosis)
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*Module: 1. Substance abuse; 2. Disorganized speech and behavior; 3. Negative symptoms; 8. Cognitive symptoms (visuospatial perception); 9. Cognitive symptoms (general intelligence); 10. Positive symptoms; 11. Depressive symptoms.

*DIP drug scales including amphetamine, cannabis, cocaine, ecstasy, heroin, inhalants solvents, LSD, tranquilizer were removed in data processing due to high missing data rate.

Items removed due to low correlation coefficients and form modules disconnected to the network

Items	Modules	Symptom scales
List recall	4	RBANS (Repeatable Battery for Assessment of Neuropsychological Status)
Delusions of poverty	5	DIP depression (Diagnostic Interview for Psychosis)
Primary	6	DIP delusions (Diagnostic Interview for Psychosis)
Antipsychotics – insight	7	DIP insight (Diagnostic Interview for Psychosis)

Supplementary Table 2. Similarity in betweenness centrality across sites

r	Sydney (n=123)	Melbourne (n=148)	Brisbane (n=168)	Perth (n=163)	Newcastle (n=47)
Sydney	1.000	0.1434	0.2765*	0.2364*	0.1750*
Melbourne		1.000	0.2321*	0.1182	0.1109
Brisbane			1.000	0.1621	0.2058*
Perth				1.000	0.1444
Newcastle					1.000

Values represent correlation coefficients and * denotes significance (p<0.05)

Supplementary Table 3. Similarity in closeness centrality across sites

r	Sydney (n=123)	Melbourne (n=148)	Brisbane (n=168)	Perth (n=163)	Newcastle (n=47)
Sydney	1.000	0.6933*	0.6343 *	0.5177*	0.3091*
Melbourne		1.000	0.6786*	0.4837*	0.4002*
Brisbane			1.000	0.5967*	0.4073*
Perth				1.000	0.3544*
Newcastle					1.000

Values represent correlation coefficients and * denotes significance (p<0.05)

Supplementary Table 4. Similarity in degree centrality across sites

	Sydney (n=123)	Melbourne (n=148)	Brisbane (n=168)	Perth (n=163)	Newcastle (n=47)
Sydney	1.000	0.6855*	0.6937*	0.5947*	0.3815*
Melbourne		1.000	0.6977*	0.5463*	0.4643*
Brisbane			1.000	0.6458*	0.4001*
Perth				1.000	0.4060*
Newcastle					1.000

Values represent correlation coefficients and * denotes significance (p<0.05)

Supplementary Table 5. Similarity in centrality measures across males and females

	betweenness	closeness	degree
Male (n=433)			
Female (n=209)	0.088	0.665*	0.730*

Values represent correlation coefficients and * denotes significance (p<0.05)

Supplementary Table 6. Similarity between the LASSO network and Pearson network.

Similarity	betweenness	closeness	degree
gamma=0.3	0.046	0.265*	0.444*

Values represent correlation coefficients and * denotes significance (p<0.05)

Supplementary Table 7. Cohen's d effect size for each between-group comparison

# of components	Duration of illness			Positive Symptom Severity		
	t-value	p-value	Cohen's d	t-value	p-value	Cohen's d
1 and 2	-1.4371	0.1512	0.1440	3.8173	1.4861e-04	0.3825
2 and 3	-1.3642	0.1745	0.2895	1.4670	0.1445	0.3113
1 and 3	-2.3311	0.0201	0.4608	3.4391	6.3093e-04	0.6798

Supplementary Table 8. GLM results across different thresholds to define ranked symptoms as 'severe'

GLM analyses	Classified as severe symptoms (%)		
	Top 10% <i>t</i>	Top 15% <i>t</i>	Top 20% <i>t</i>
Impact of clustering on positive symptom severity	-5.306*	-5.467*	-5.827*
Impact of clustering on illness duration	3.036*	2.688*	2.080*

Values represent correlation coefficients and * denotes significance (p<0.05)

Exploring the potential confound of study site.

Supplementary analyses were performed to further ameliorate potential site effects and to establish the reliability of our findings. First, a leave-one-site-out cross-validation was conducted by partitioning the symptom data by study site. In each fold, a single site was left out and a symptom comorbidity network was mapped using subjects from the remaining sites. The left-out subjects from one site were then projected onto the network to determine their number of active modules. This was repeated for each site. At the end of this leave-out-one-site cross-validation procedure, we were left with an out-of-sample estimate of the number of active modules for each subject. The GLM results reproduced the main findings: a significant linear increase in the number of connected components as a function of illness duration ($t=2.818$, $\beta=1.309$, $p=0.005$), as well as a significant decrease in the number of connected components with positive symptom severity ($t=-5.297$, $\beta=-0.868$, $p<0.001$). Similarly, results from repeating the canonical correlation analysis (CCA) in a leave-one-site-out cross-validation framework were consistent with findings from the main CCA. Specifically, the degree of symptom clustering was significantly and positively correlated to regional FA values ($r=0.65$, $p<0.001$, bootstrap=5000).

We further repeated our analyses after simply controlling for study site. Consistent with the main findings, GLM analyses yielded a significant linear increase in the number of connected components as a function of illness duration ($t=2.218$, $\beta=1.654$, $p=0.027$), as well as a significant linear decrease in the number of connected components with positive symptom severity ($t=-4.915$, $\beta=-1.268$, $p<0.001$), after controlling for study site and the number of active symptom modules. Results from repeating the CCA after controlling for study site were also consistent with the main findings, such that increased symptom clustering significantly covaried with decreased regional FA values ($r=0.59$, $p=0.049$, bootstrap=5000).