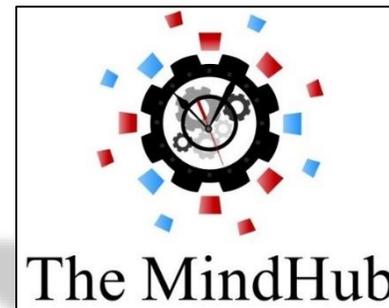


“Intelligent” intelligence testing with the WJ IV cognitive battery

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Links to more
complete sets of
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PPT slides will be
provided the day of
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- General introduction and workshop logistics
- Intelligence testing in the “big picture” context
- Brief overview of Kaufman’s “intelligent” testing approach
- Foundational empirical knowledge– “romancing the stones” (tests)
 - The WJ IV/CHC Periodic Table of Cognitive Test Elements
 - WJ IV variation and comparison procedures - brief
 - Test/cluster score difference (% base rate) rules-of-thumb



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Will be
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with aid of
case study

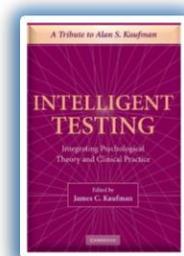
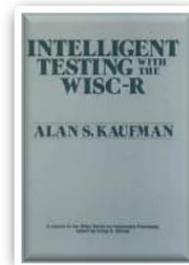
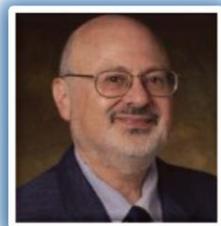
- WJ IV published & new supplemental/clinical test groupings
- WJ IV assessment trees
 - Within-CHC domain assessment trees (“drilling down”)
 - Academic domain referral-focused assessment trees
- Miscellaneous topics and tidbits
- Conclusions and Q/A



Waves Of Intelligence Test Interpretation

(Kamphaus et al., 1997)

- Wave 1 - Quantification of a General Level (g)
- Wave 2 - Clinical Profile Analysis
- Wave 3 - Psychometric Profile Analysis
- Wave 4 - Applying Theory to Intelligence Test Interpretation

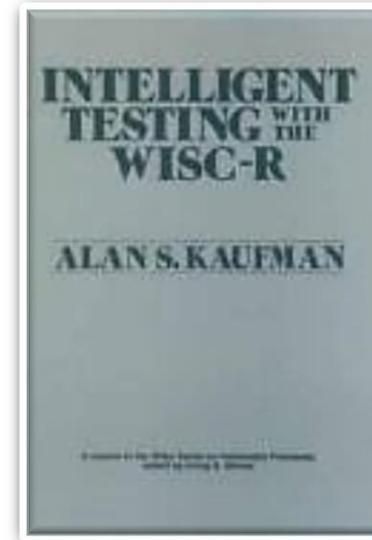




Wave 3: Psychometric Profile Analyses

Cohen, J. (1959). The factorial structure of the WISC at ages 7-6, 10-6, and 13-6, Journal of Consulting Psychology, 23, 285-299.

Kaufman, A. S. (1979). Intelligent testing with the WISC-R. New York: Wiley-Interscience.



Picture Completion

Empirical Analysis

Reliability:

Split-half	.77
Test-retest	.81

g loading .60 (Fair)

Subtest specificity vs. error variance 39% vs. 23% (Ample)

Most related to:

Block Design	.52
Object Assembly	.49

Least related to:

Coding	.18
Digit Span	.25

Proportion of Variance Attributed to:

Factor 1. Verbal Comprehension	14%
Factor 2. Perceptual Organization	28%
Factor 3. Freedom from Distractibility	1%
Factor 4. Processing Speed	1%
Abilities other than the 4 factors	33%
Error	23%

Proportion of Variance When 2 Factors Are Rotated:

Factor 1. General Verbal Ability	15%
Factor 2. General Nonverbal Ability	25%

Abilities Shared with Other Subtests (Unique abilities are asterisked)

INPUT

Visual perception of meaningful stimuli (people—things)

INTEGRATION/STORAGE

Perceptual Organization (Factor Analysis: 4-Factor and 2-Factor)

Gv—Broad Visual Intelligence (Horn)

Holistic (right-brain) processing

Cognition and Evaluation of figural stimuli (Guilford)

Spatial (Bannatyne)

Simultaneous processing

Distinguishing essential from nonessential details

Visual organization without essential motor activity

*Visual recognition and identification (long-term memory)

OUTPUT

Simple motor (pointing) or vocal

Subject to Influence of:

Ability to respond when uncertain

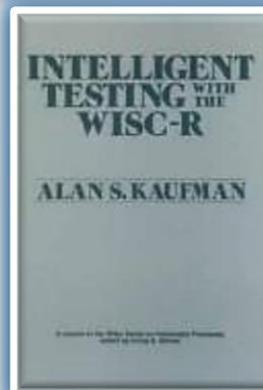
Alertness to the environment

Cognitive style (field dependence—field independence)

Concentration

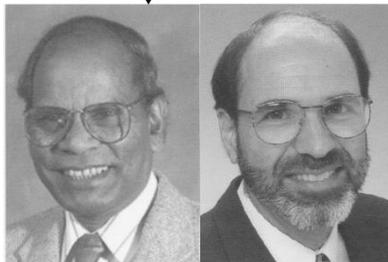
Negativism (“Nothing’s missing”)

Working under time pressure





Wave 4: Applying Theory to Test Interpretation (and research & development)



PASS → CAS/CAS II

Sim/Suc → KABC/KABC-II

Gf-Gc → KAIT
CHC → KABC-II



CHC (Gf-Gc) → WJ-R/III/IV



CHC (Gf-Gc) → SB5

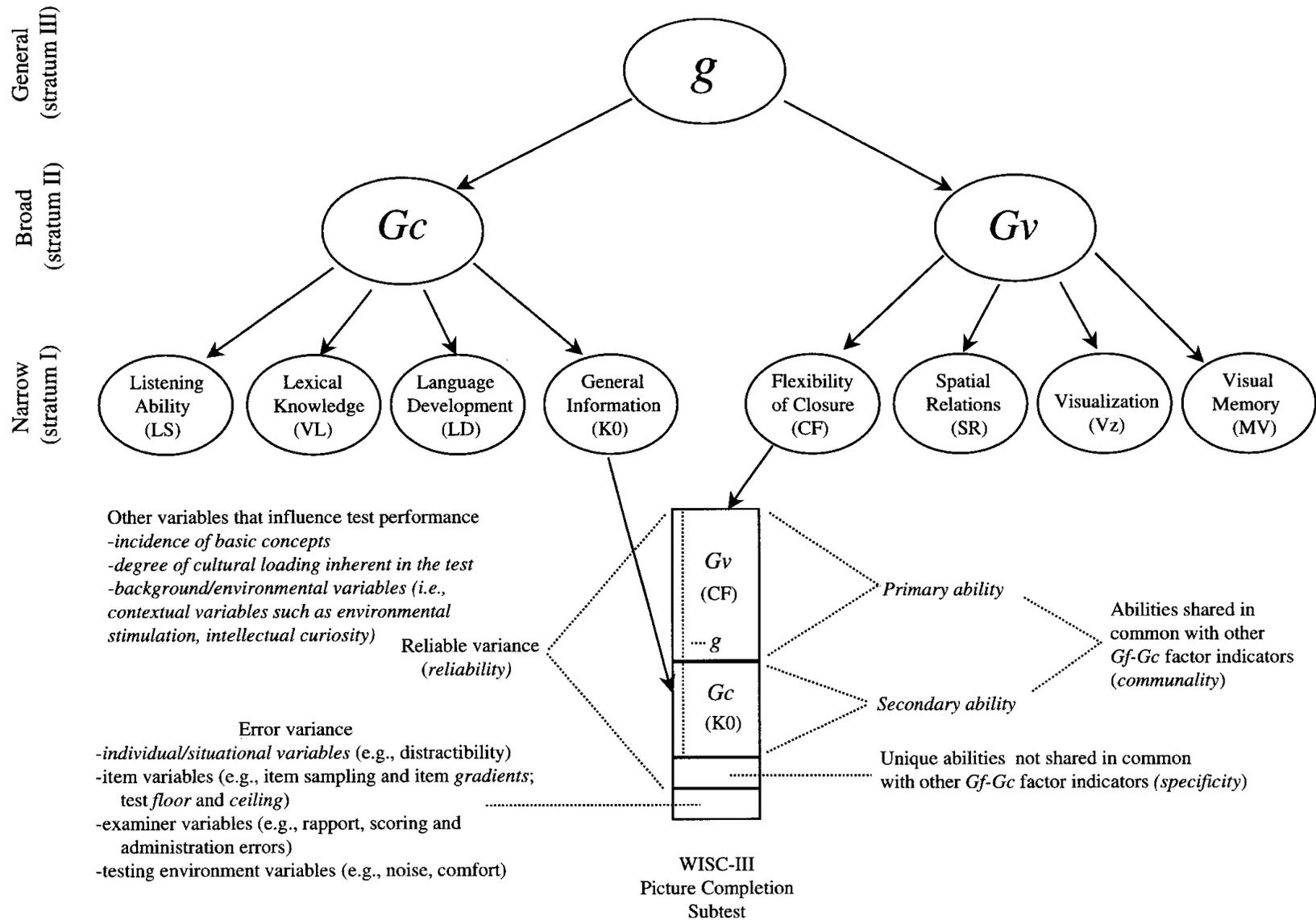
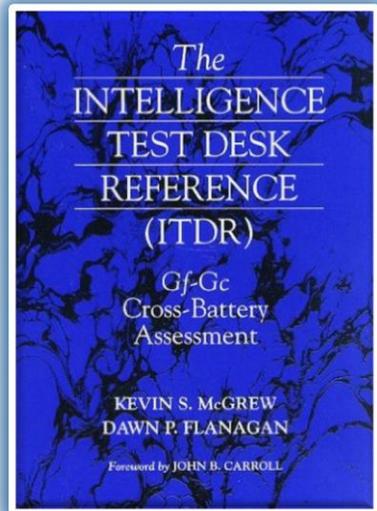


FIGURE 4.1 A Conceptual Model of the Variables Considered in Test Interpretation (WISC-III Picture Completion Example)

Note: There are additional narrow abilities in the domains of *Gc* and *Gv* that are not included in this figure; the rectangle represents the total score variance of the WISC-III Picture Completion test; the italicized terms represent the test characteristic information that is presented for the Wechsler Scales in Table 4.2 and in the Wechsler Scale summary pages.

Sample ITDR summary page from McGrew & Flanagan (1997)

Battery: WISC-III

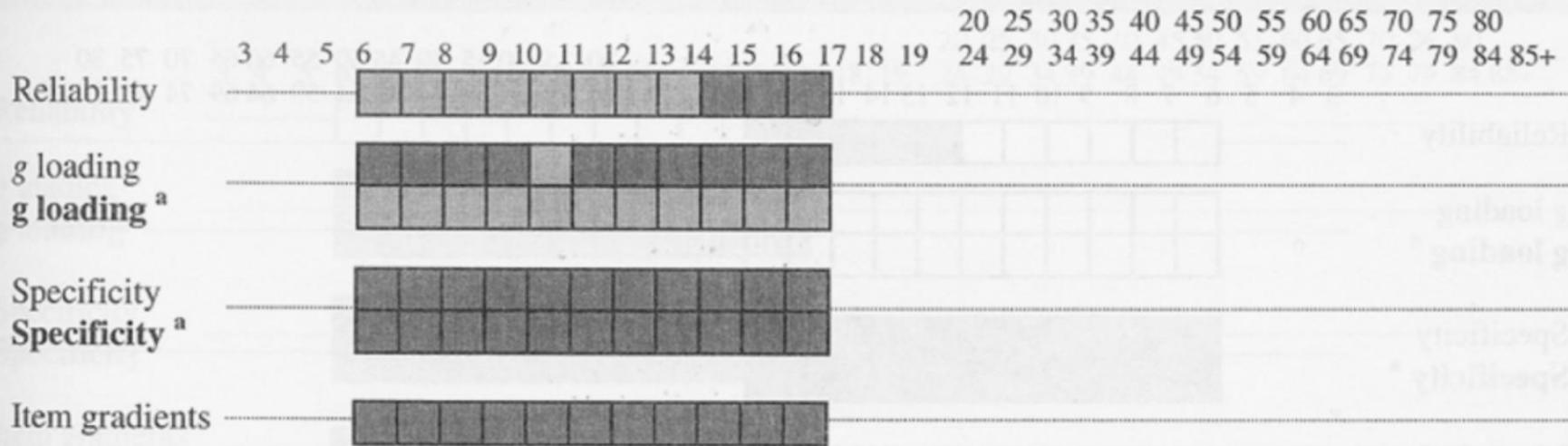
Test: Block Design

Age Range: 6 to 16 years

Description of test: The examinee is required to replicate a set of modeled or printed two-dimensional geometric patterns using two-color cubes. This is a timed test.

BASIC PSYCHOMETRIC CHARACTERISTICS

Low Medium High  Poor Fair Good (Item gradients only)



Inadequate at ages: Ages 6:0 to 6:3

Test floor Test ceiling

Sample ITDR summary page

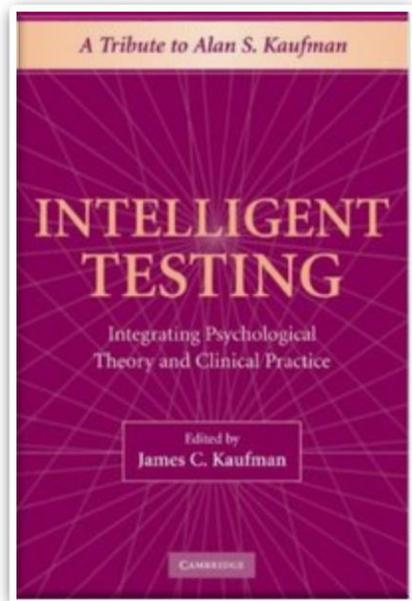
Gf-Gc CLASSIFICATIONS (Broad:stratum II / Narrow:stratum I)

Visual Processing (Gv): The ability to generate, perceive, analyze, synthesize, manipulate, transform, and think with visual patterns and stimuli (Empirical: strong).

- *Spatial Relations (SR):* Ability to rapidly perceive and manipulate visual patterns or to maintain orientation with respect to objects in space (probable).
- *Visualization (Vz):* Ability to mentally manipulate objects or visual patterns and to "see" how they would appear under altered conditions (possible).

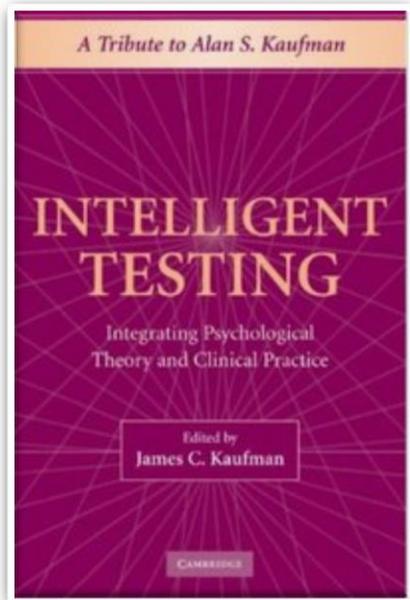
OTHER VARIABLES THAT MAY INFLUENCE TEST PERFORMANCE

Background and Environmental	Individual and Situational	Degree of Linguistic Demand																
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The intent of the intelligent testing model was and remains to “bring together empirical data, psychometrics, clinical acumen, psychological theory, and careful reasoning to build an assessment of an individual leading to the derivation of an intervention to improve the life circumstances of the subject” (Reynolds, 2007, p. 1133) – in Fletcher-Janzen (2009)

Intelligent Testing: Bridging the Gap between Classical and Romantic Science in Assessment (Elaine Fletch-Janzen, 2009)



- The **gold standard** for clinical-psychometric test interpretation
- Incorporates both quantitative and qualitative analysis
- The first system of test interpretation that **followed scientific principles** and at the same time overtly sought to reduce inappropriate use of obtained test scores
- Demands a very **high standard of clinical expertise**
- The central point of intelligent testing is that the **clinician's judgement** regarding the patient is the central point



“ Tests do not think for themselves, nor do they directly communicate with patients. Like a stethoscope, a blood pressure gauge, or an MRI scan, a psychological test is a dumb tool, and the worth of the tool cannot be separated from the sophistication of the clinician who draws inferences from it and then communicates with patients and professionals”

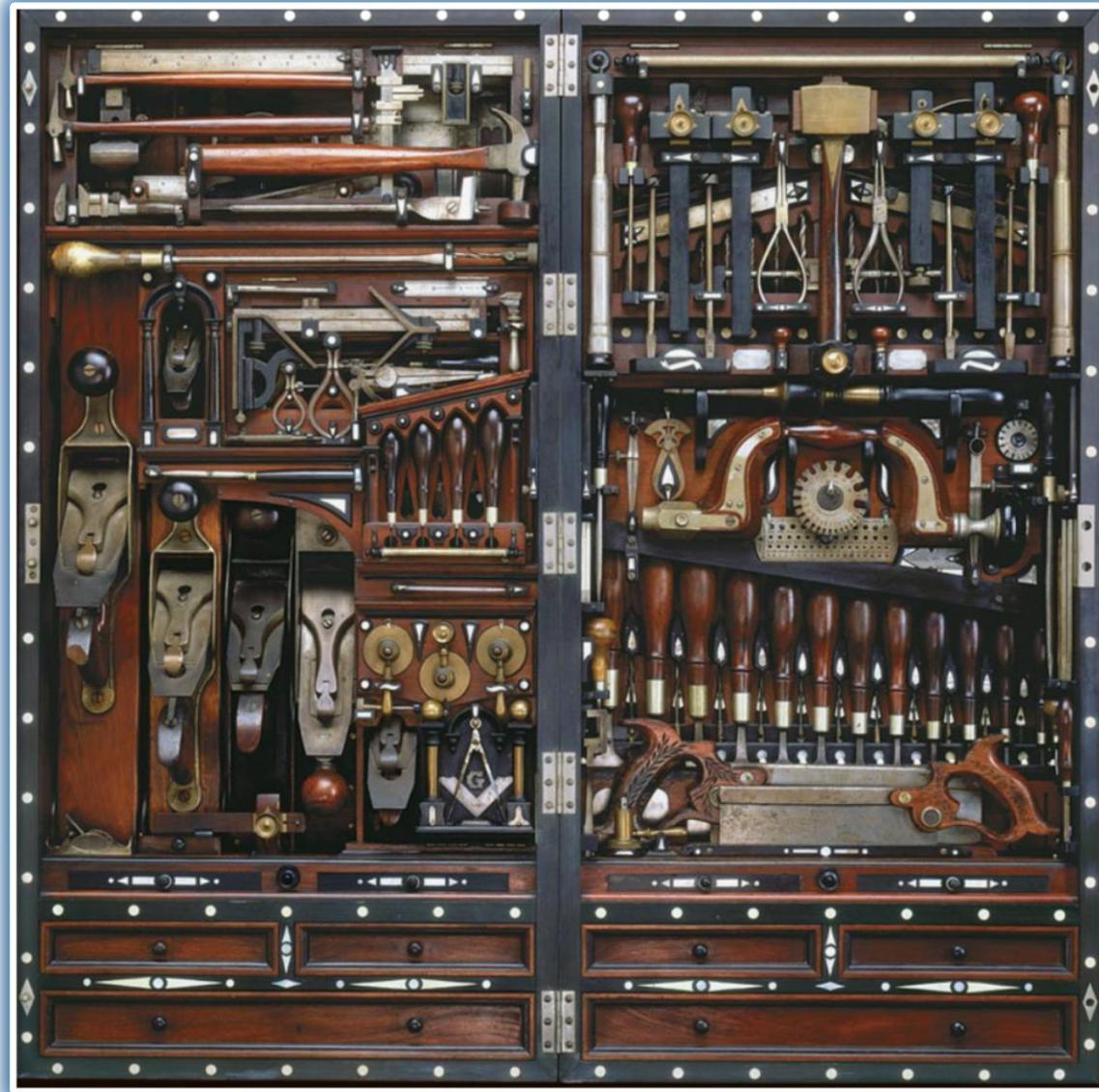
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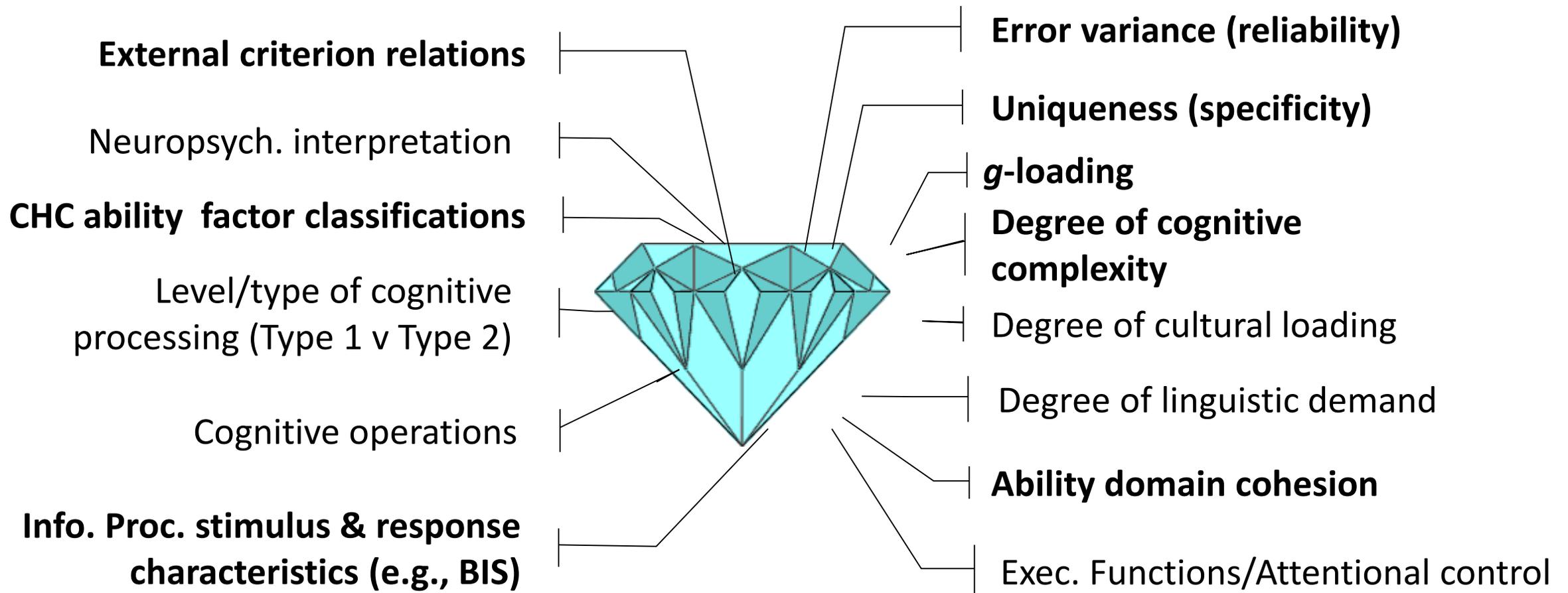
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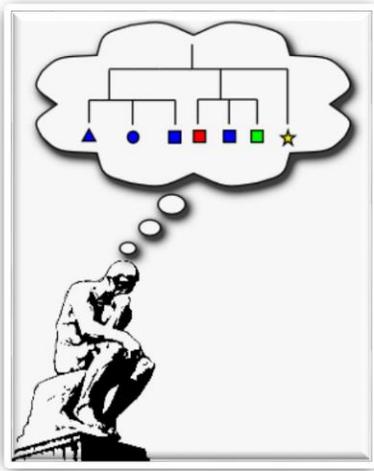
We are the instrument !!!!



“Intelligent” intelligence testing and interpretation
requires ... **knowing thy instruments**

An “intelligent” clinician understands and **“romances the
stones (tests)”** which have different and multiple facets





The importance of **taxonomies and classification** in science

...most disciplines have a common set of terms and definitions (i.e., a **standard nomenclature**) that facilitates communication among professionals and guards against misinterpretations. In chemistry, this standard nomenclature is reflected in the **Table of Periodic Elements**. Carroll (1993a) has provided an **analogous table for intelligence**.....

(Flanagan & McGrew, 1998)

A Good Taxonomy

The Periodic Table

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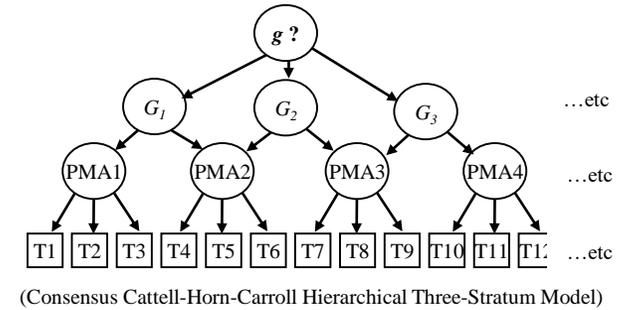
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Transition Metals
Metalloids
Non-metals
Lanthanoids
Halogens
Alkali Metals
Actinoids
Noble Gases
Alkali Earth Metals

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87 Fr francium [223]	88 Ra radium [226]	89-103 Ac-Lr actinoids	104 Rf rutherfordium [261]	105 Db dubnium [262]	106 Sg seaborgium [266]	107 Bh bohrium [264]	108 Hs hassium [277]	109 Mt meitnerium [268]	110 Ds darmstadtium [271]	111 Rg roentgenium [272]							
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Measurable cognitive behaviors
(psychometric models)



The **Cattell-Horn-Carroll (CHC)** model is the contemporary consensus taxonomy of human cognitive abilities

The verdict is unanimous re: the importance of Carroll's (1993) work

Richard Snow (1993):

“John Carroll has done a magnificent thing. He has reviewed and reanalyzed the world’s literature on individual differences in cognitive abilities...no one else could have done it... it defines the **taxonomy** of cognitive differential psychology for many years to come.”

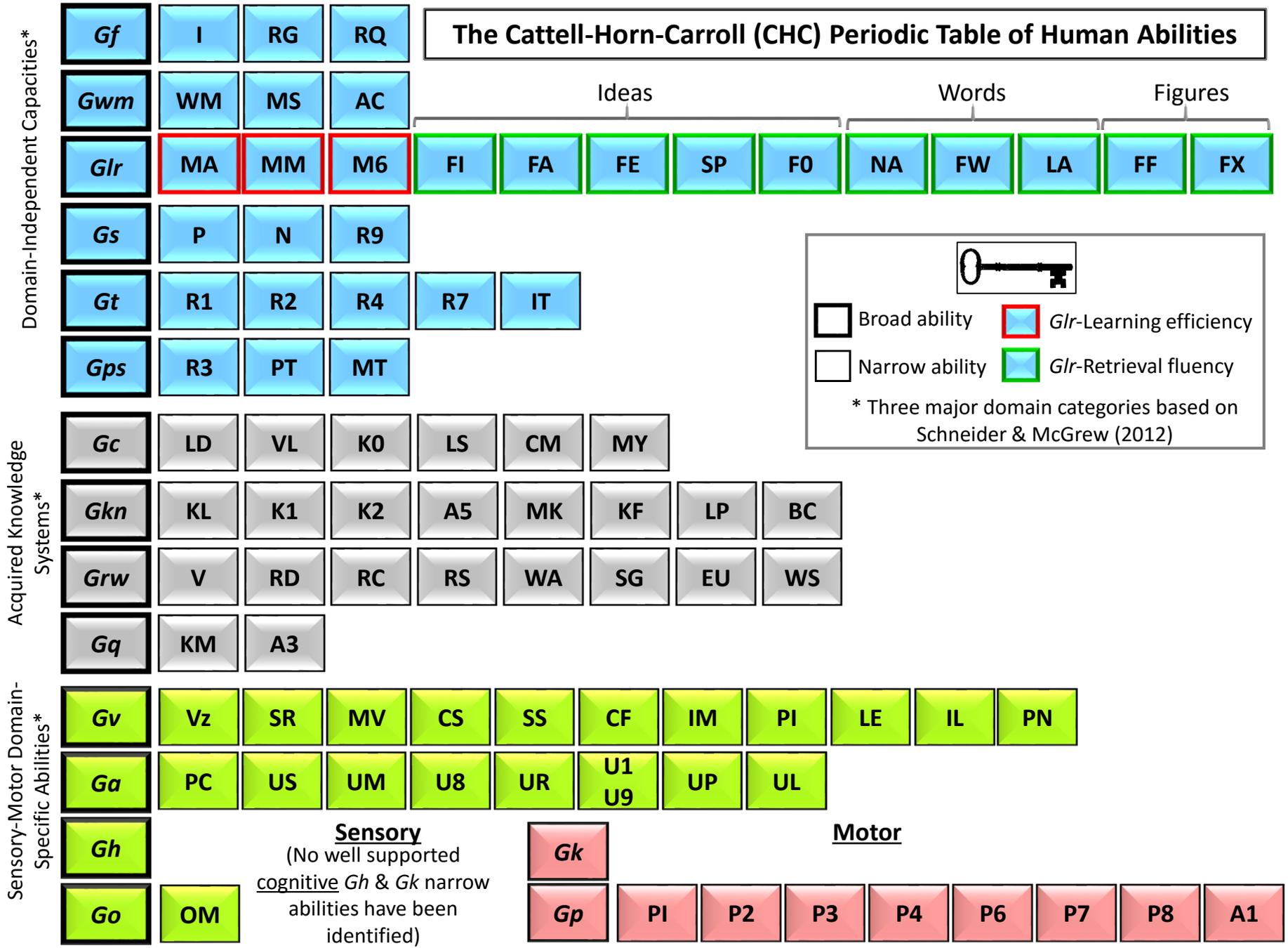
John Horn (1998):

A “**tour de force** summary and integration” that is the “**definitive foundation for current theory**” (p. 58). Horn compared Carroll’s summary to “**Mendelyev’s first presentation of a periodic table of elements in chemistry**” (p. 58).

1	H	He																	
2	Li	Be	B	C	N	O	F	Ne											
3	Na	Mg	Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar											
4	K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr	
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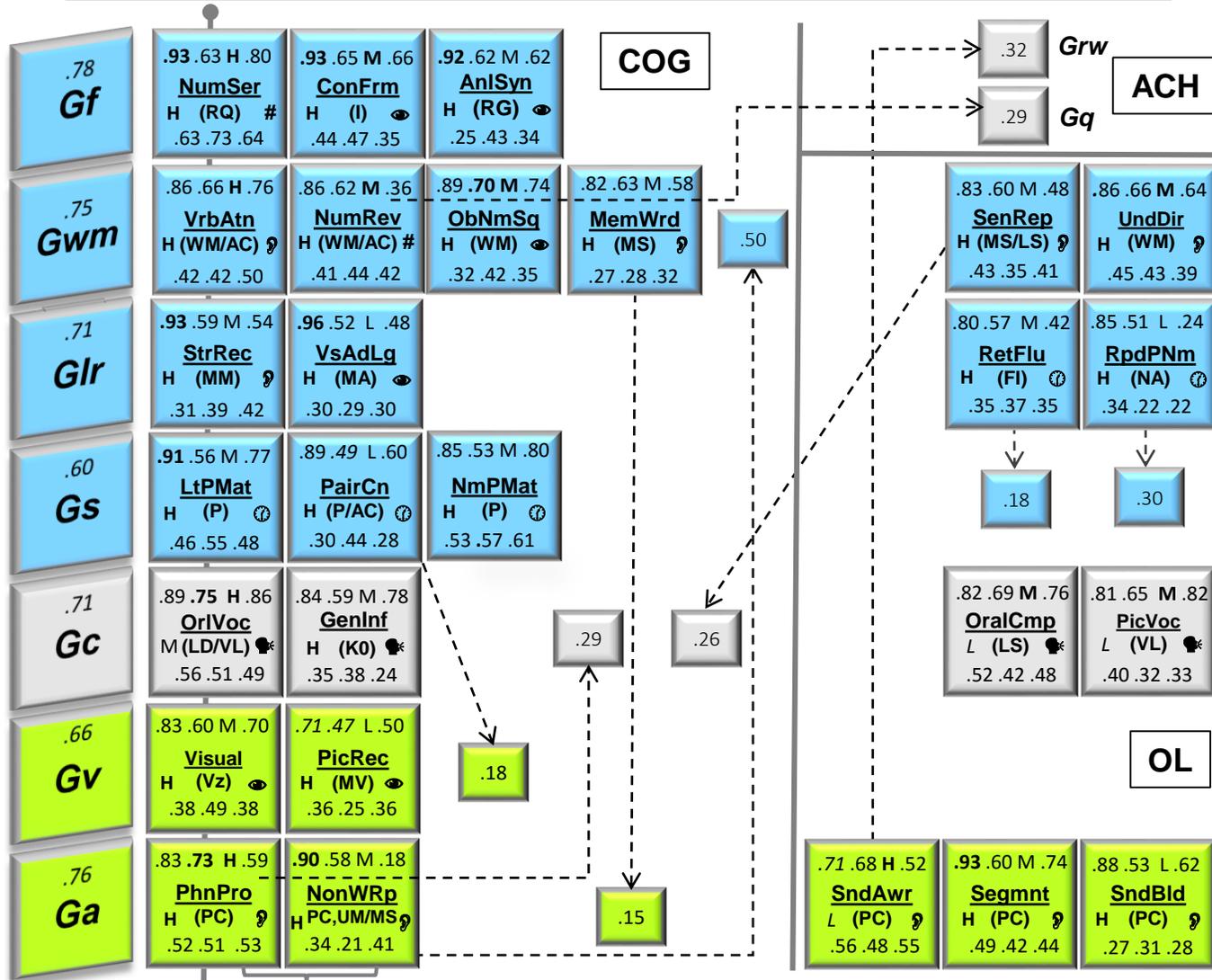
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* Actinide Series
Th Pa U Np Pu Am Cm Bk Cf Es Fm Md No Lr

The Cattell-Horn-Carroll (CHC) Periodic Table of Human Abilities



The WJ IV Cattell-Horn-Carroll (CHC) periodic table of COG/OL test elements: Ages 6 to 19

COG CHC clusters and g-loadings



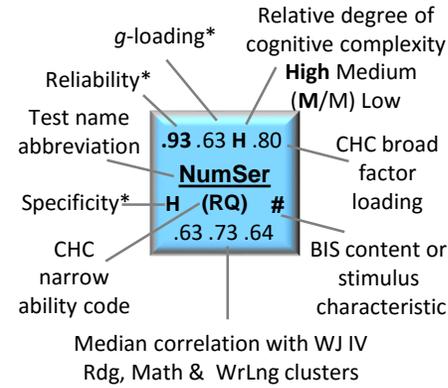
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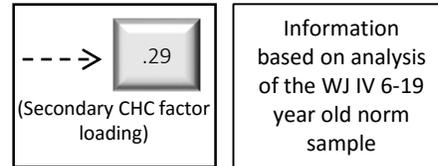
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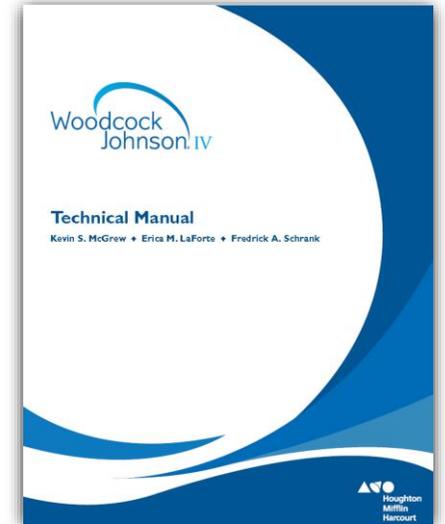
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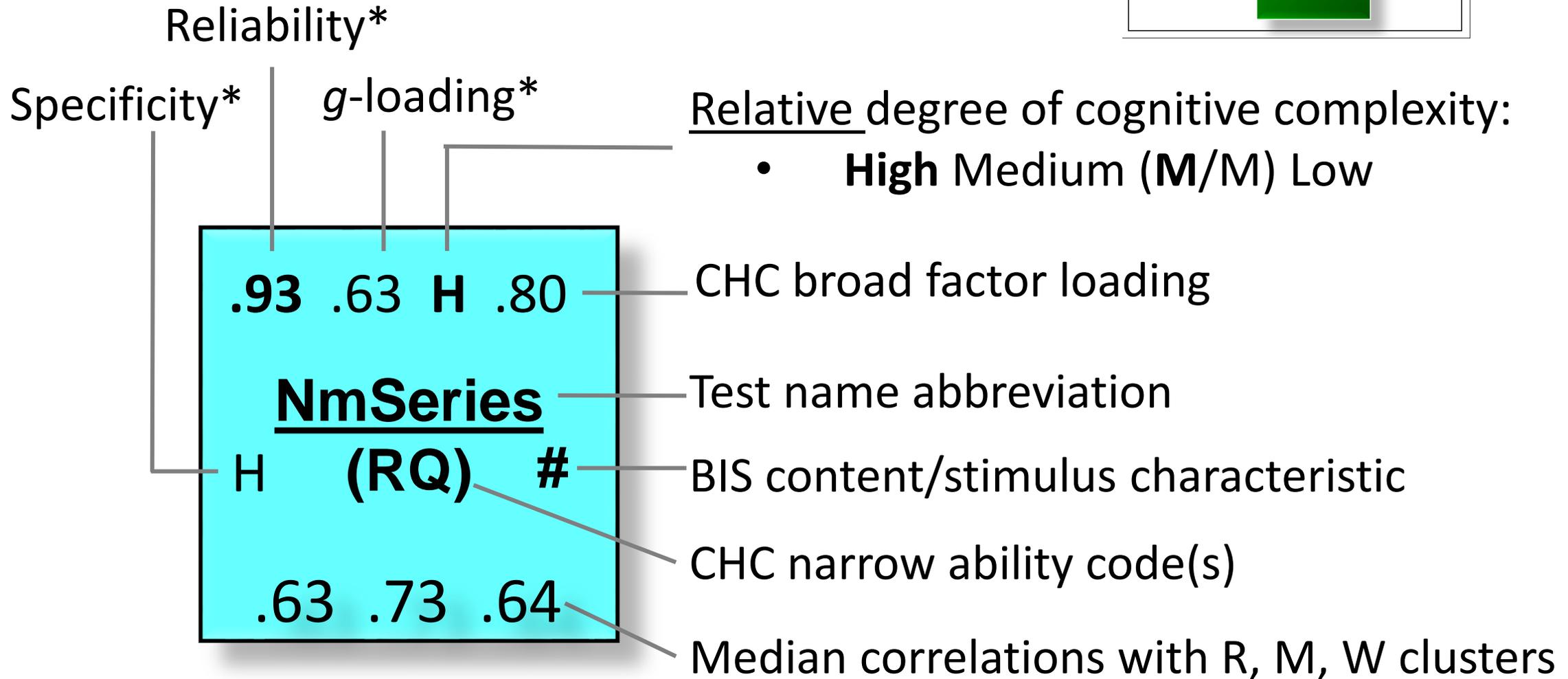
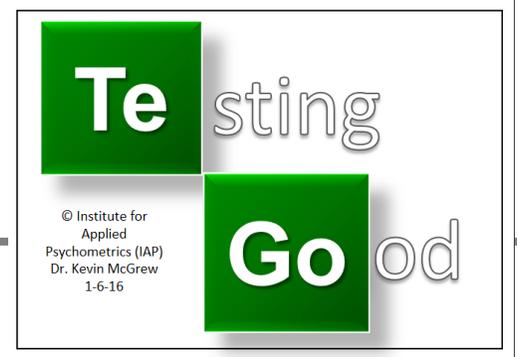
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- **Reliability:** The degree to which a test score is free from errors of measurement. Test score precision.
- **Specificity:** The portion of a test's score variance that is reliable and unique to the test.
- **g-loading:** A test's loading on the first unrotated factor or component in factor or principal component analysis.
- **Cognitive complexity:** The relative degree of cognitive information processing load (e.g., resource demands on working memory, attentional control, executive functions) demanded by a test.
- **CHC narrow ability code:** (see back)
- **BIS content characteristic:**
 - ☞ Verbal # Quant.-numeric
 - ☞ Auditory ☞ Figural-visual
 - ☞ Speed-fluency

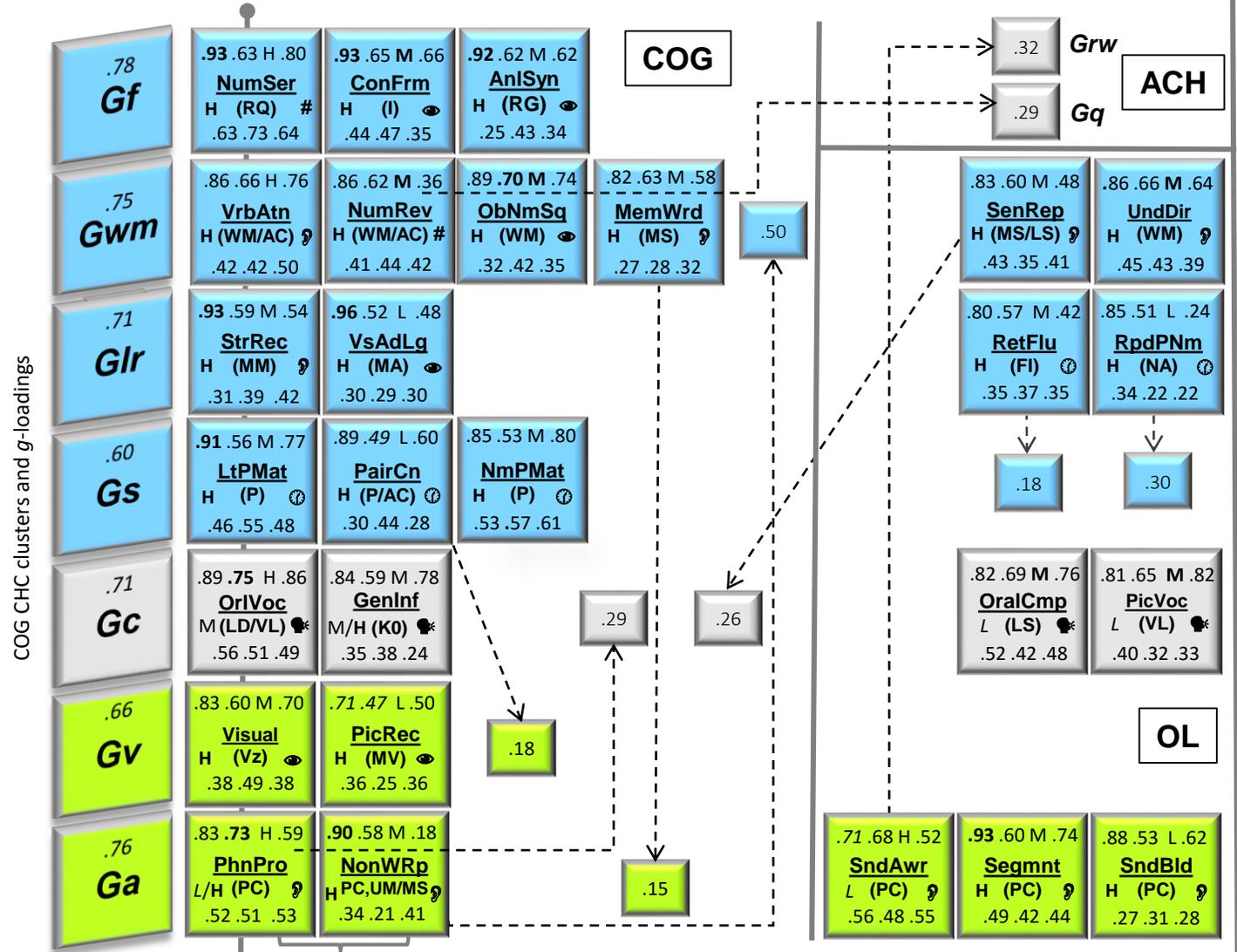


All information based on analysis of WJ IV norm data from ages 6 thru 19



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The WJ IV Cattell-Horn-Carroll (CHC) periodic table of COG/OL test elements: Ages 6 to 19



WISC-V related measures

- Matrix Reasoning (I)
- Figure Weights (RQ)
- Picture Concepts (I)
- Arithmetic (RQ; Gq)
- Digit Span (MS,WM)
- Letter-Number Seq. (WM)
- Picture Span (WM/MS; Gv-MV?)
- Arithmetic (Gwm-WM)
- Naming Speed Literacy (NA)
- Naming Speed Quantity (NA)
- Immediate Symbol Translation (MA)
- Delayed Symbol Translation (MA)
- Recognition Symbol Translation (MA)
- Coding (R9/MA?)
- Symbol Search (P/R9; Gv-SS?)
- Cancellation (P/R9)
- Similarities (VL/LD)
- Vocabulary (VL)
- Information (K0)
- Comprehension (LD/K0)
- Block Design (Vz)
- Visual Puzzles (Vz/SR?)

No Ga tests

WISC-V tests & tentative CHC classifications (based on multiple sources)

Italic font designates Canivez, Watkins & Dombrowski's (2015) conclusion that Gf and Gv are not separate factors-instead combine as perceptual reasoning

GIA cluster tests CHC COG cluster tests



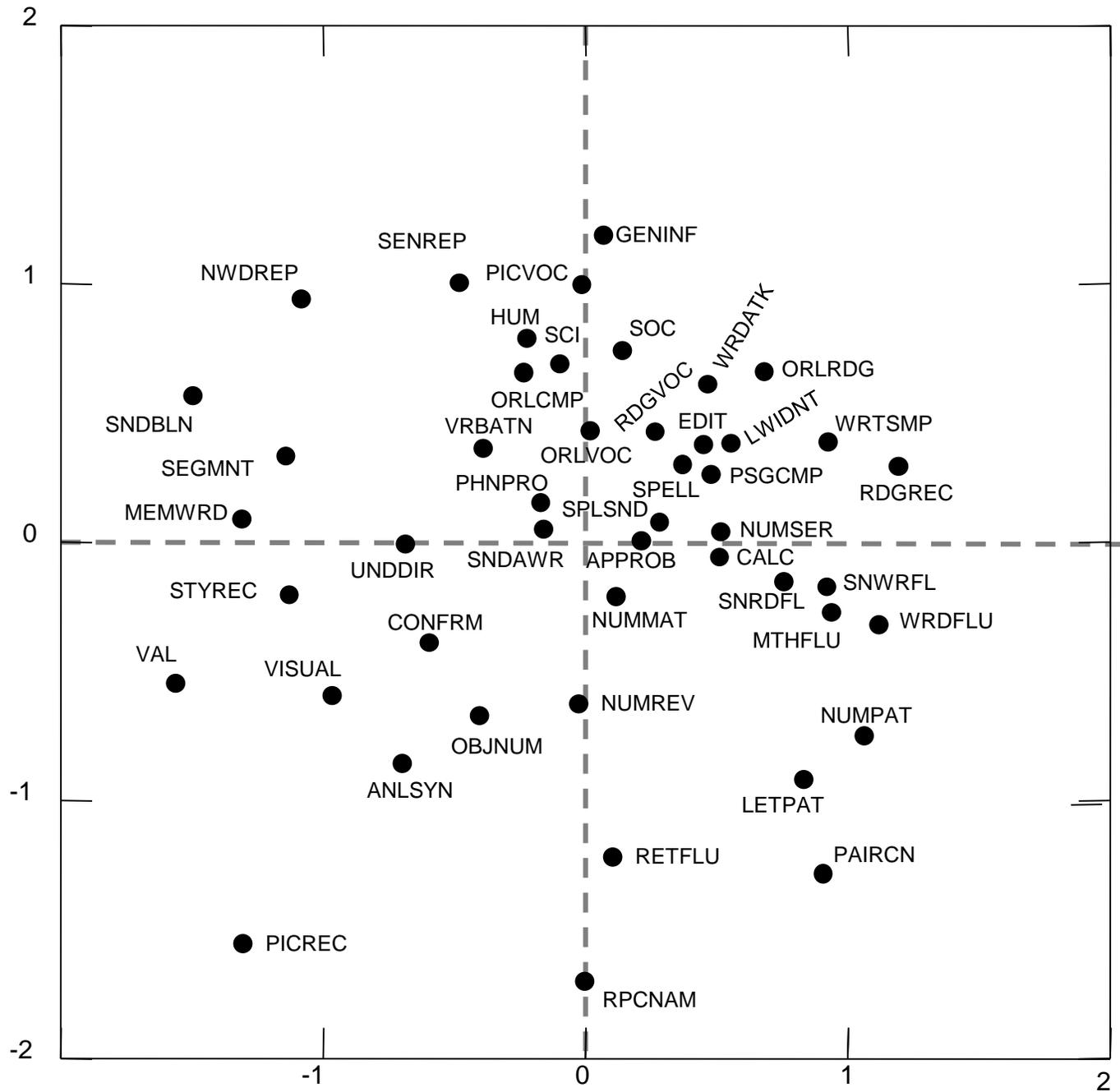
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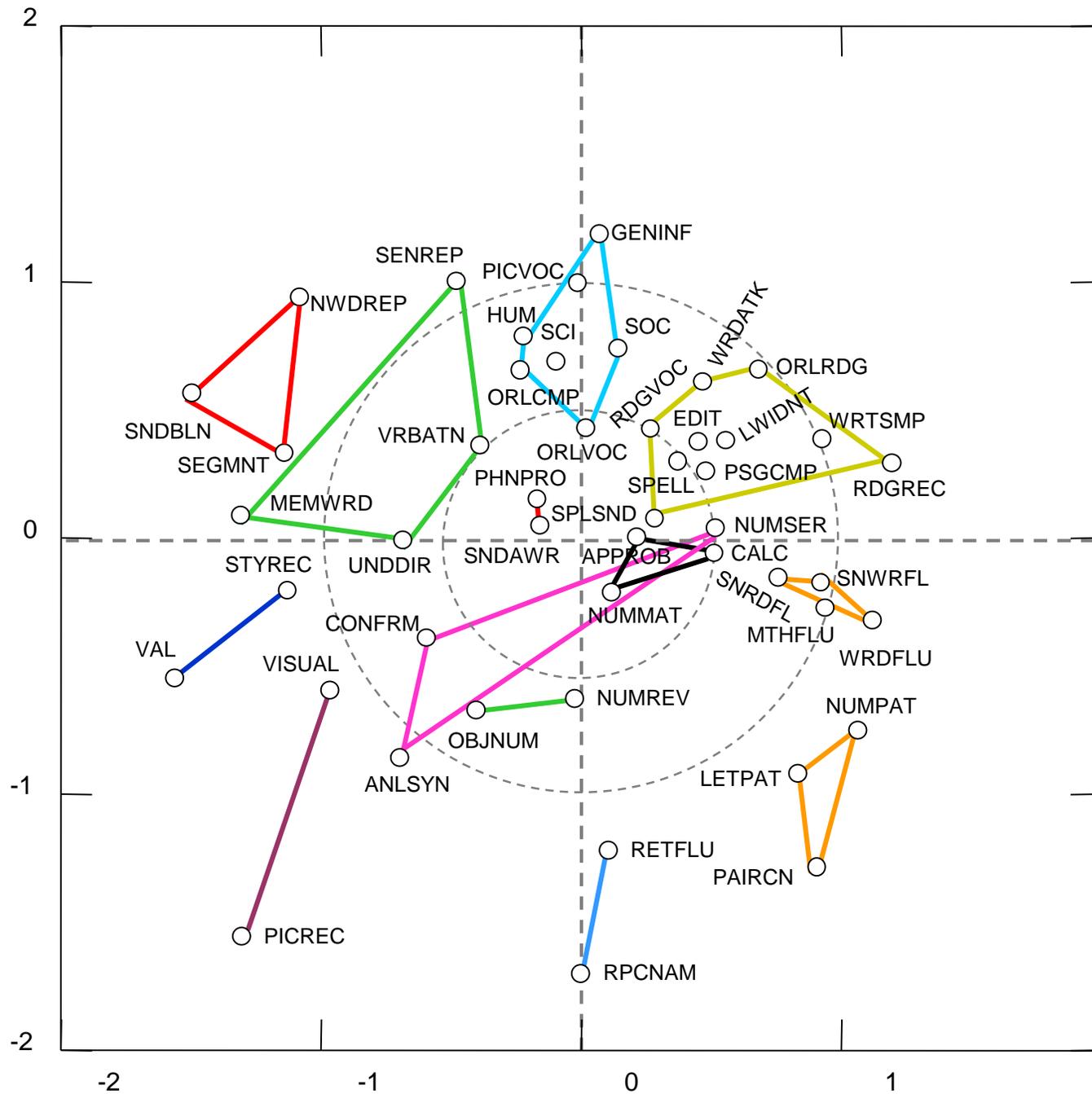
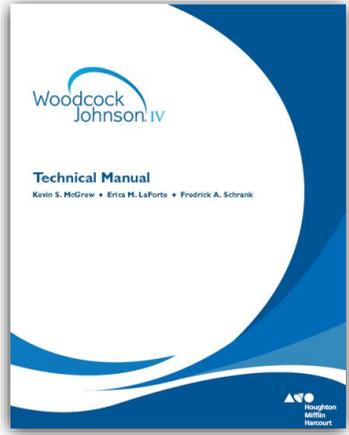
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Exploratory MDS
of WJ IV norm
subjects ages 6-19

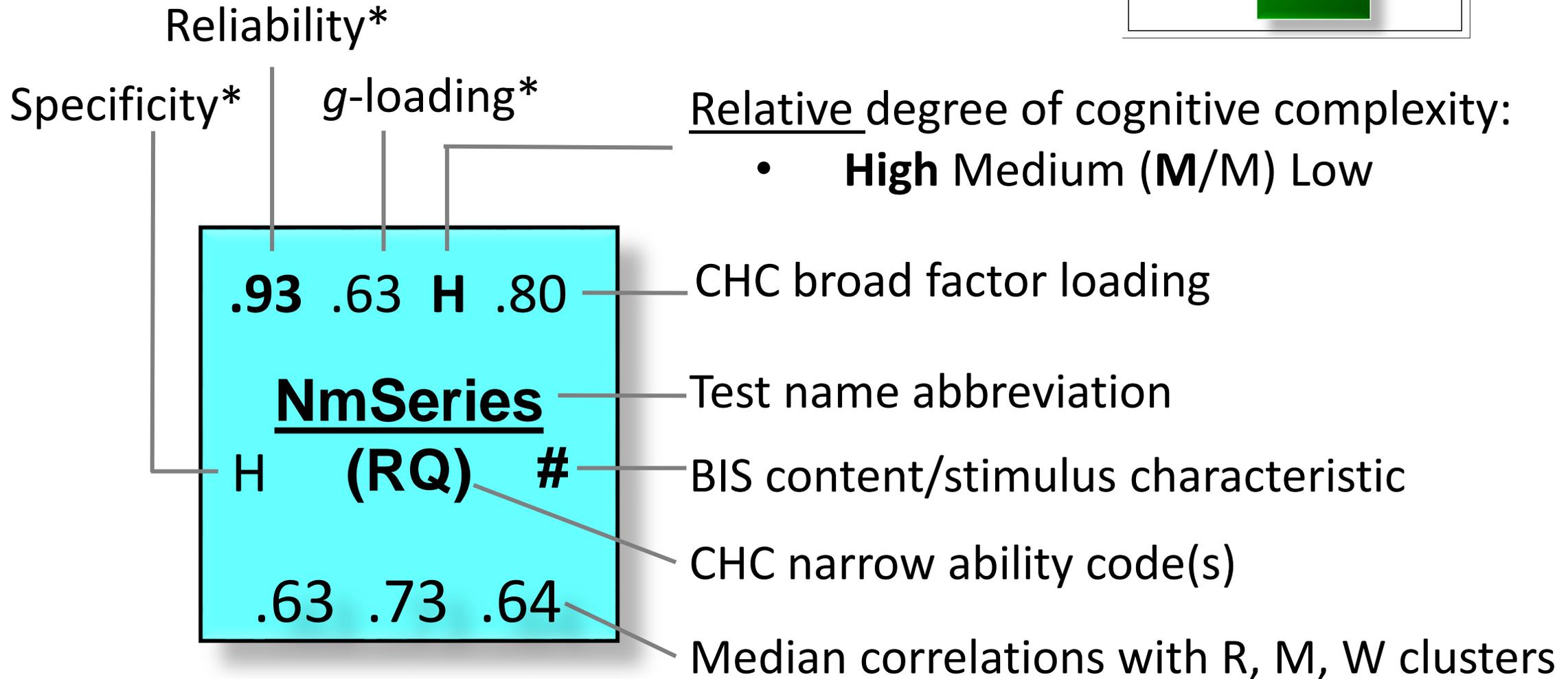
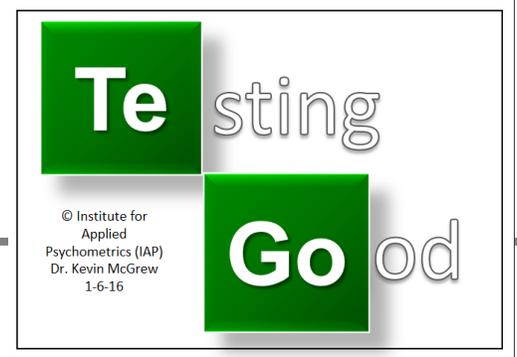


WJ IV test 2D MDS
(Ages 6 to 19; n =
4,082)



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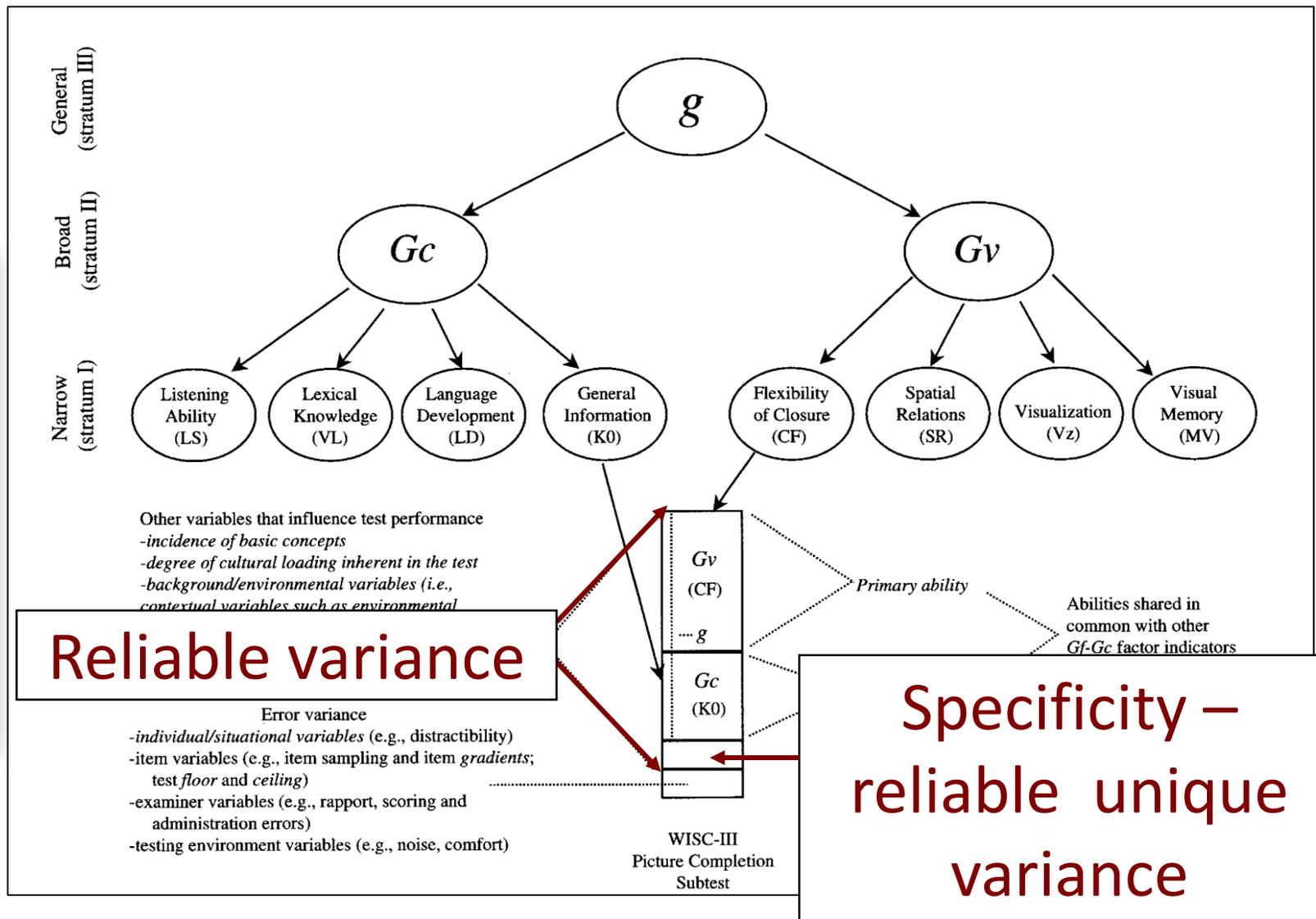
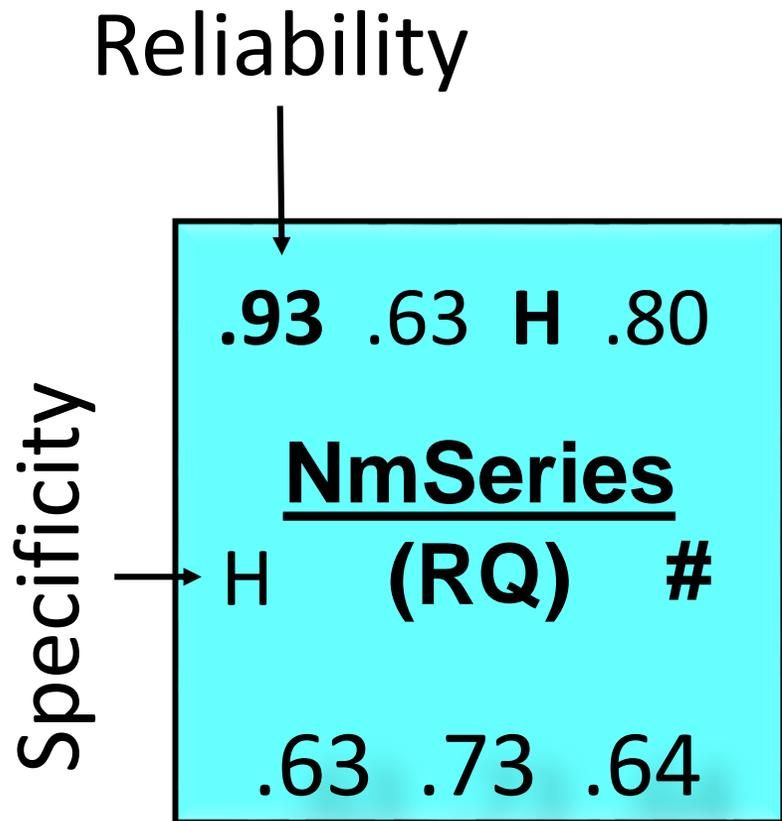
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<p><u>Reliability</u></p>	<p>The degree to which a test score is free from errors of measurement. Test score precision.</p>	<p>Important for making accurate educational and/or diagnostic decisions.</p>
<p>High</p>	<p>Coefficients of .90 or above.</p>	<p>Test scores are sufficiently reliable and can be used to make diagnostic decisions.</p>
<p>Medium</p>	<p>Coefficients from .80 to .89 inclusive.</p>	<p>Test scores are moderately reliable and can be used to make <u>screening</u> decisions or can be combined with other tests to form a composite with “high” reliability.</p>
<p>Low</p>	<p>Coefficients below .80.</p>	<p>Test scores are not sufficiently reliable and cannot be used to make important screening or diagnostic decisions. Need to be combined with other tests to form a composite with “medium” or “high” reliability.</p>

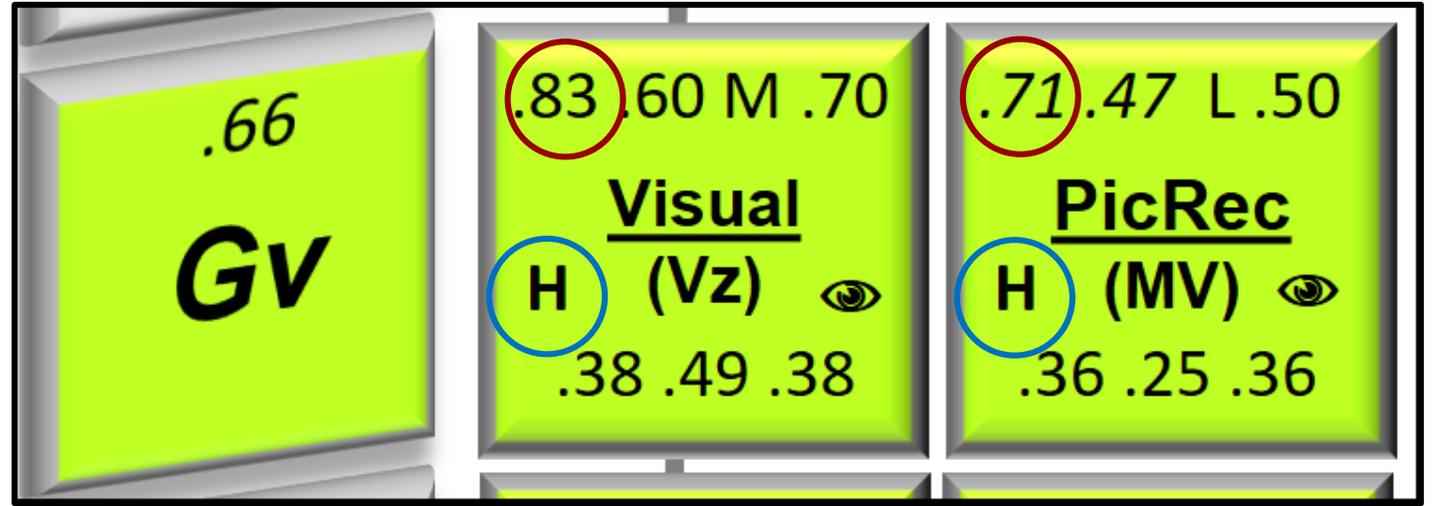
<p><u>Specificity</u></p>	<p>The portion of a test's score variance that is reliable and unique to the test.</p>	
<p>High</p>	<p>A test's unique reliable variance is equal to or above 25% of the total test variance and it exceeds error variance (1-reliability).</p>	<p>A test with high specificity may be interpreted as measuring an ability distinct within a battery of tests.</p>
<p>Medium</p>	<p>When a test meets only one of the criteria for High.</p>	<p>A test with medium specificity should be interpreted cautiously as measuring an ability distinct within a battery of tests).</p>
<p>Low</p>	<p>When a test does not meet either of the criteria for High.</p>	<p>A test with low specificity should not be interpreted as representing a unique ability but may prove useful in interpretation when it is considered as part of a composite or cluster of other similar tests.</p>



Reliability

Specificity

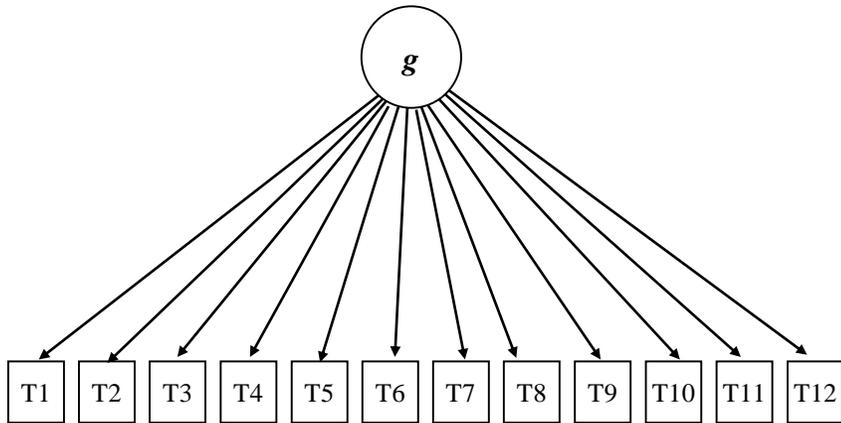
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H	(RQ)	#		
	.63	.73	.64	



<u>g-loading</u>	Each test's loading on the first unrotated factor or component in principal factor or component analysis with all other tests from a specific intelligence battery.	Important indicator of the degree to which a test of an individual battery measures general intelligence. Aids in determining the extent to which a test score can be expected to vary from other scores within a profile.
High	General factor or g loading of .70 or higher.	Tests with high g loadings are not expected to vary greatly from the mean of the profile and are considered good indicators of general intelligence.
Medium	A loading of .51 to .69.	Tests with medium g loadings may vary from the mean of the profile as tests with this classification are considered fair indicators of general intelligence.
Low	A loading of .50 or lower.	Tests with low g loadings can be expected to vary from the mean of the profile as tests with this classification are considered poor indicators of general intelligence.

IQ test battery subtest *g*-loadings or saturation

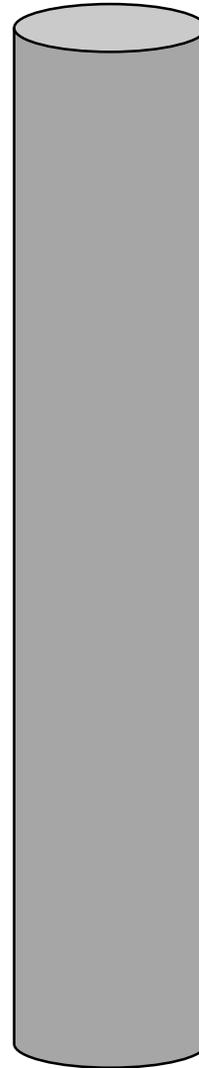
General intelligence (*g*) →



(1a) Spearman's general Factor model

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High *g*



Intelligence test battery
test *g* (general intelligence)
loadings (weights)

Derived from factor analysis

Think of a **general intelligence pole** that is saturated with more *g*-ness (like magnetism) at the top and less *g*-ness at the bottom

Factor analysis orders the tests on the pole based on their **saturation of *g*-ness**

Low *g*



Subtests

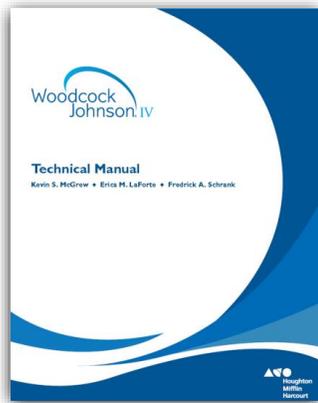
First (unrotated)
principal component
for **WJ IV COG & WISC-
IV tests** ($n=173$)

	<u>g</u>	<u>h2</u>
Arithmetic	0.81	0.66
Phonological Processing	0.81	0.66
Vocabulary	0.80	0.64
Oral Vocabulary	0.80	0.64
Information	0.79	0.62
Concept Formation	0.78	0.61
Matrix Reasoning	0.75	0.56
Similarities	0.74	0.55
Verbal Attention	0.73	0.53
Block Design	0.71	0.50
General Information	0.71	0.50
Number Series	0.70	0.49
Numbers Reversed	0.69	0.48
Comprehension	0.69	0.48
Letter-Number Sequencing	0.68	0.46
Digit Span	0.65	0.42
Object-Number Sequencing	0.64	0.41
Picture Concepts	0.63	0.40

	<u>g</u>	<u>h2</u>
Visual-Auditory Learning	0.62	0.38
Nonword Repetition	0.62	0.38
Symbol Search	0.62	0.38
Analysis-Synthesis	0.61	0.37
Number-Pattern Matching	0.59	0.35
Story Recall	0.58	0.34
Pair Cancellation	0.58	0.34
Visualization	0.55	0.30
Picture Recognition	0.49	0.24
Letter-Pattern Matching	0.48	0.23
Coding	0.47	0.22
Cancellation	0.42	0.18

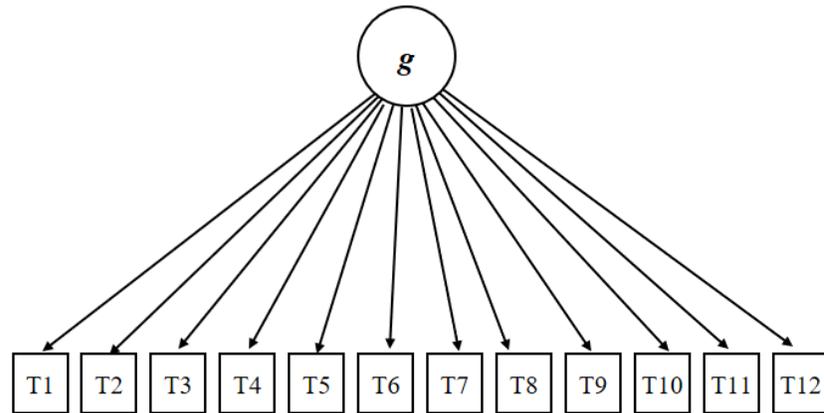
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IQ test battery subtest
g-loadings or saturation

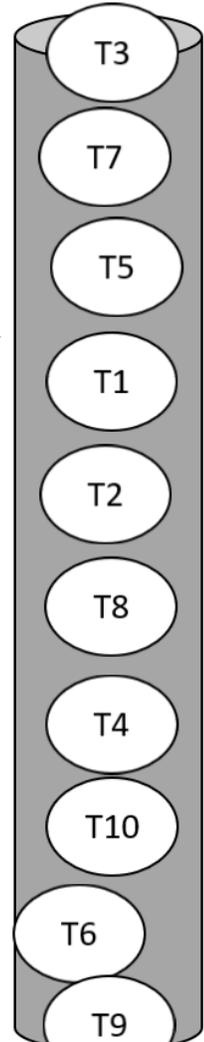
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High *g*



Low *g*

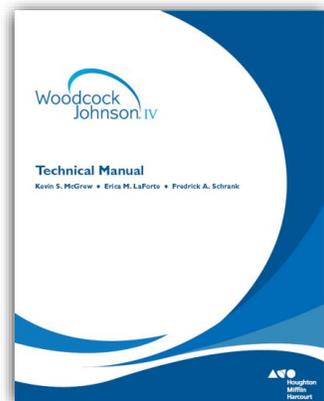
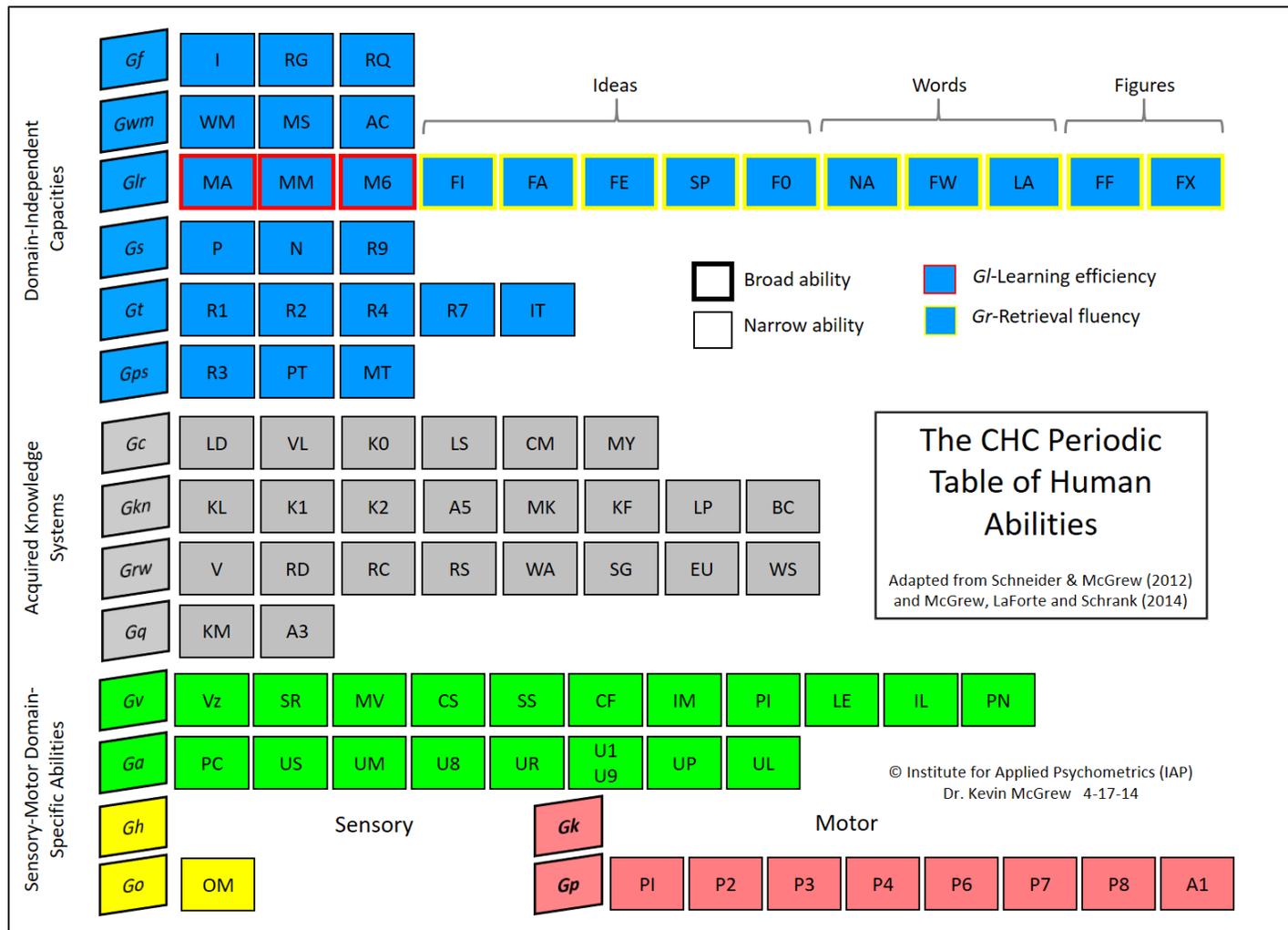
CHC narrow factor classification

.93 .63 H .80

NmSeries

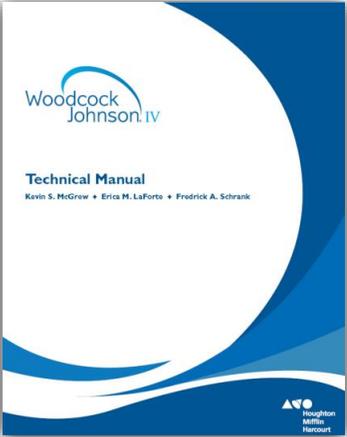
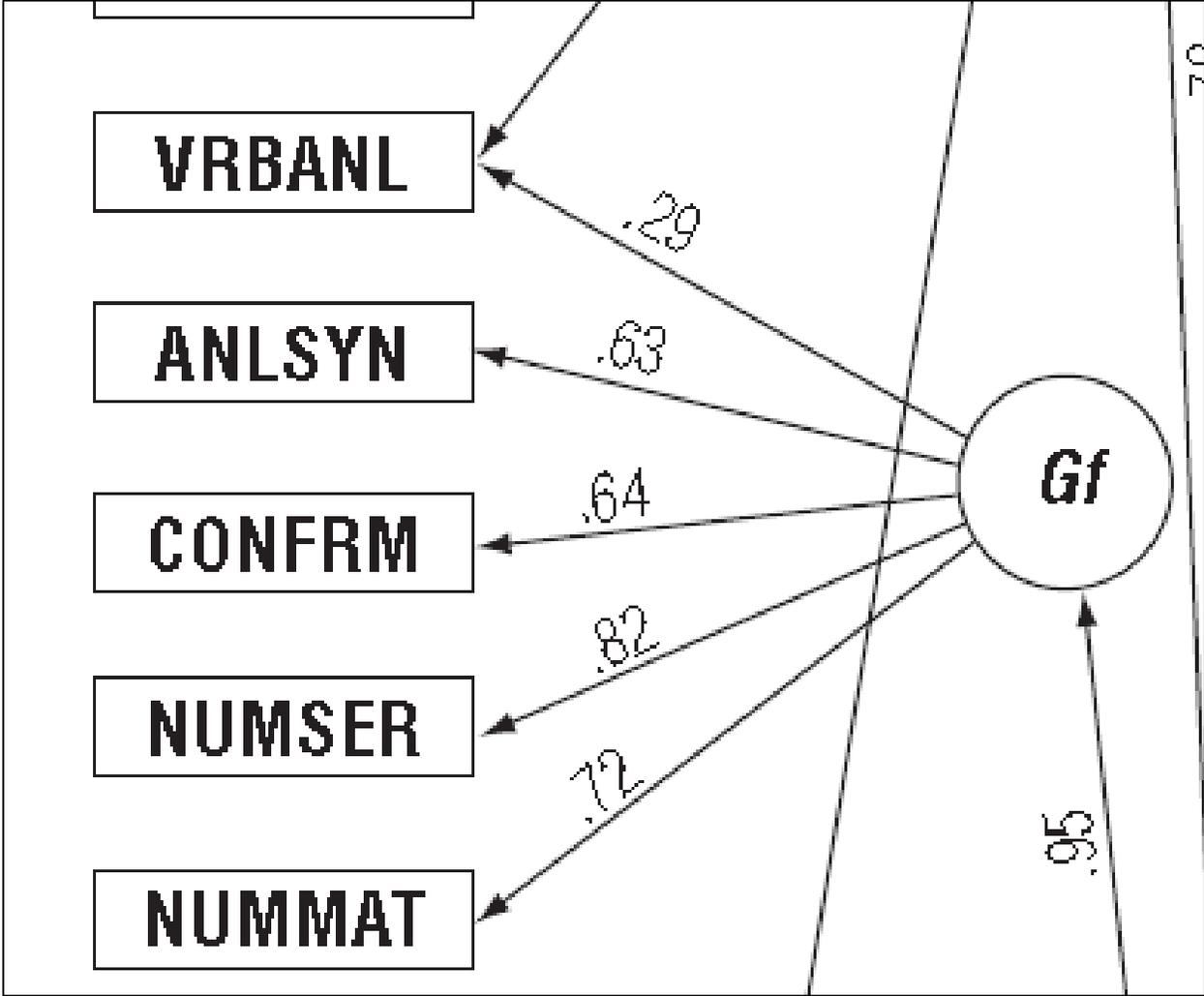
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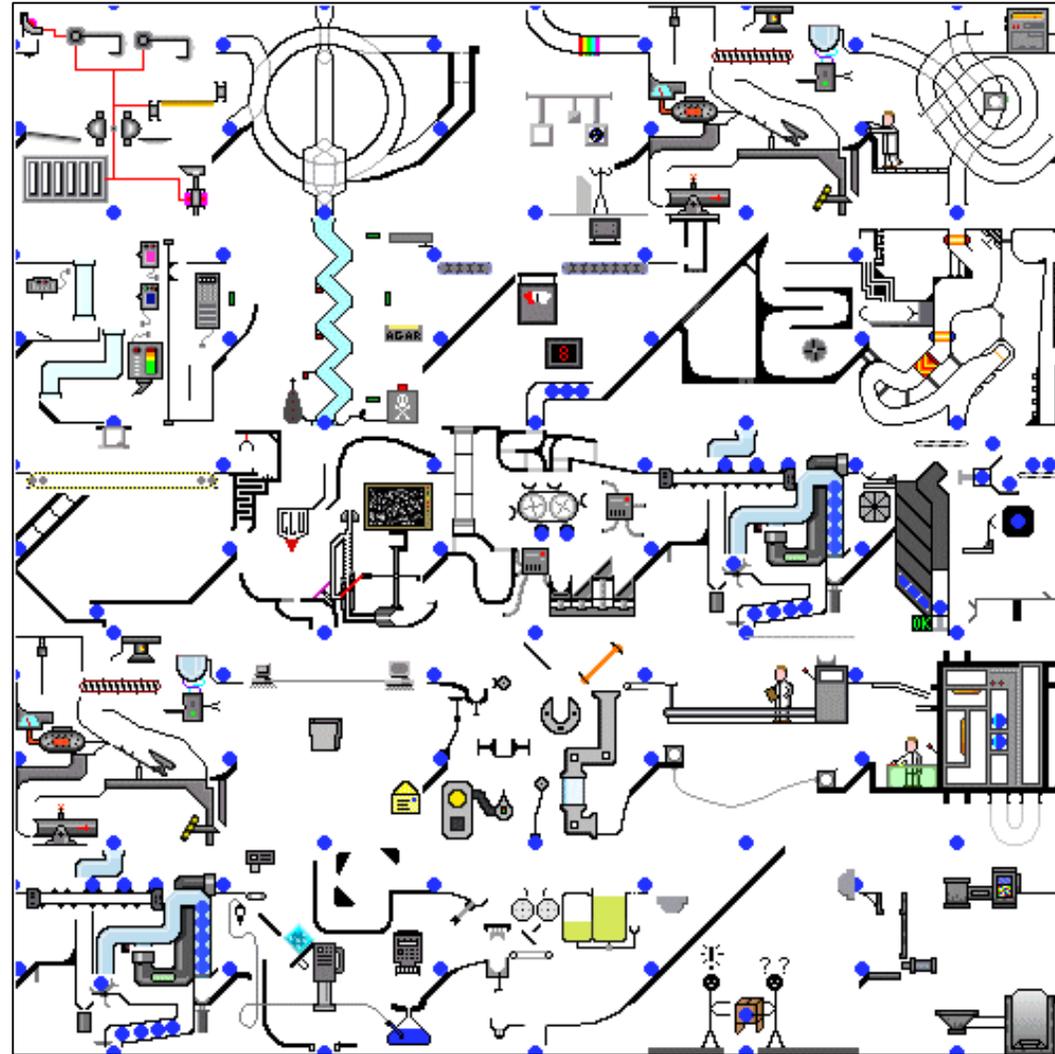
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CHC broad factor loading (average)



Ages 9-13 in technical manual

What is (relational) cognitive complexity?



Cognitive Variables in Series Completion

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The cognitive determinants of number series completion performance were studied by presenting a systematic set of problems to college adults and to average- and high-IQ elementary-school children. In each group a combination of process and content-knowledge variables accounted for more than 70% of the variance in solution difficulty. Solution difficulty was most affected by the amount of information to be coordinated in working memory while assembling and applying the pattern description rule for the sequence. Adults could effectively coordinate more information than children, but IQ levels did not differ on this component ability. Skill in dealing with unusual, hierarchical relations and arithmetic computation also affected performance and discriminated between age and IQ levels. Comparisons with results from other types of rule-induction tasks suggested some general abilities of importance to rule induction.

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How Many Variables Can Humans Process?

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Processing capacity defined by relational complexity: Implications for comparative, developmental, and cognitive psychology

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Two major classes of cognitive complexity theories (Bertling, 2012)

- **Empirical:** Post-hoc purely **data-driven** theories (e.g., Marshalek, Lohman & Snow, 1983)
 - *g*-loadings
 - Proximity to center of MDS spatial maps



- **Cognitive theories:** Working memory theories and the **constraints** placed on reasoning (e.g., *Gf*). Increasing processing demands results in an **increase (demand/load) on cognitive resources**



Two types of **cognitive theories** regarding cognitive complexity

Load placed on **working memory** by a task

- Focus is on the **sheer number** of elements or element relations in a task

Relational Complexity theory (RC): The relational complexity of a task (e.g., Birney et al., 2006); Halford, 1993; Halford et al., 1988; Just & Carpenter, 1992)

- Focus is on the complexity of **the interrelated elements** (pieces of information) that need to be processed in **parallel**



Example of task with high relational cognitive complexity (RC)

Another example is provided by Sweller (1993), who analysed the following problem: *Suppose five days after the day before yesterday is Friday. What day of the week is tomorrow?* Despite our expertise in reasoning about days of the week, this problem is frustratingly difficult. The reason is that, especially in the first sentence, numerous elements are related to each other and cannot be considered meaningfully in isolation. These relations have to be at least partially processed in order to segment the statement into sub-problems that can be processed serially. The processing load is felt most keenly when we try to plan this procedure.



More on relational cognitive complexity (RC) theory

Processing complexity

- May depend on **executive functions**.
- The strategy used by a person may differ across people or within the same person at different times
- The optimal strategy may not be the one that is best theoretically or as generated by an artificial intelligence (AI) algorithm
- Individuals operate in ways that are different from theoretically optimal algorithms

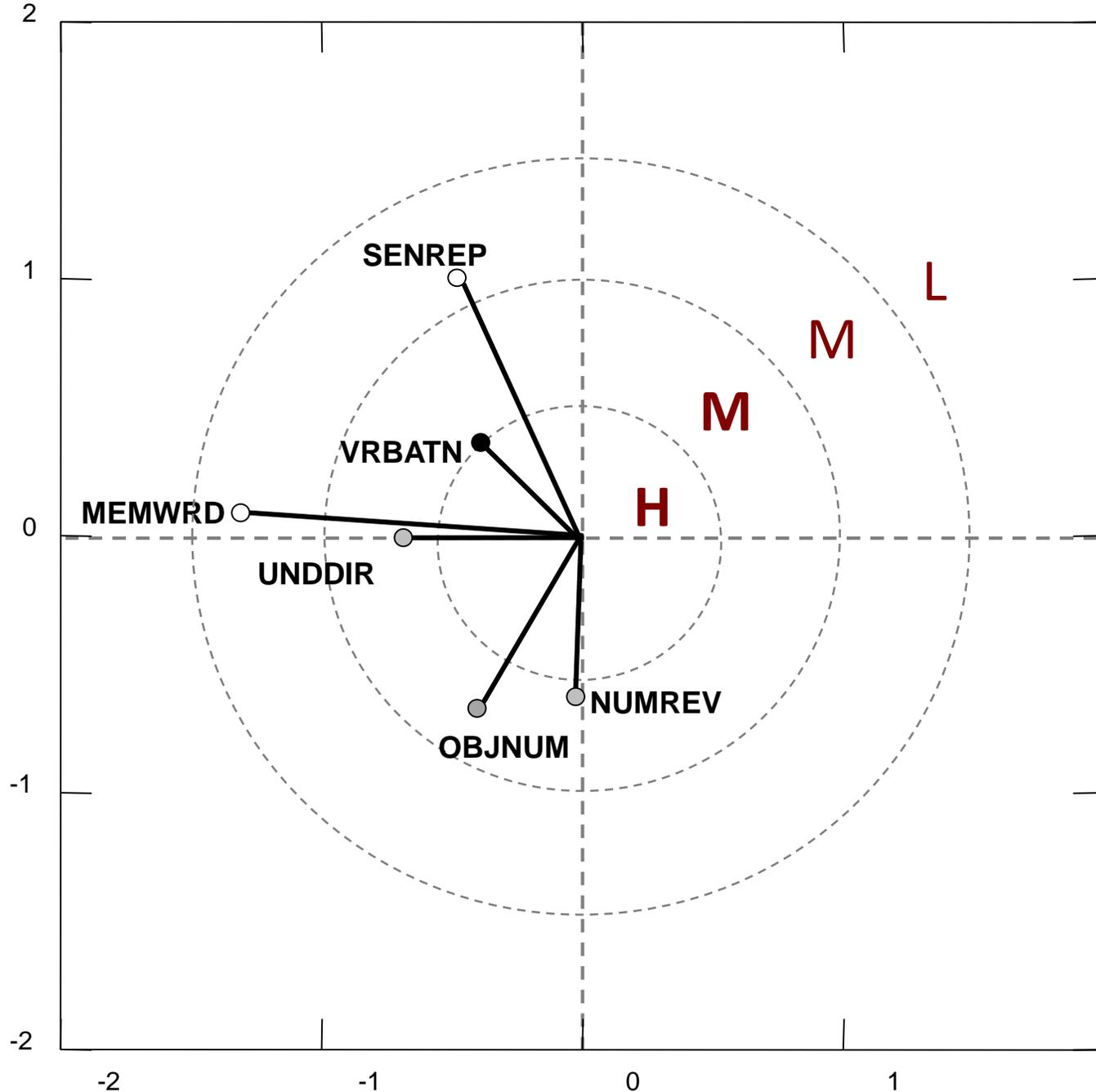


WJ IV **cognitive complexity design approach** based on work of Lohman & Larkin (2011)

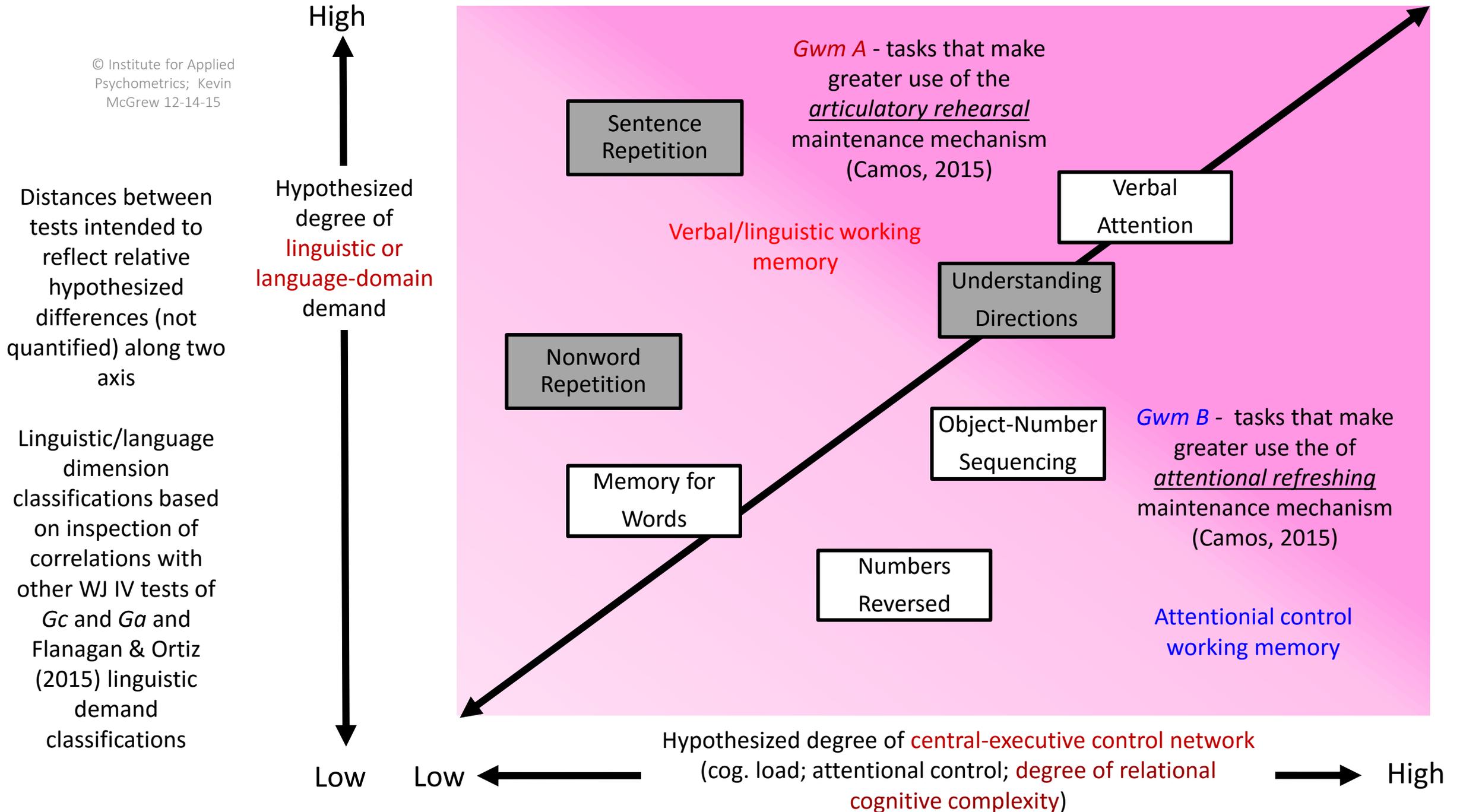
- **Increase the information processing demands** of the tests within a specific narrow CHC domain.
- Design tests that place greater demands on:
 - Cognitive information processing (**cognitive load**)
 - Greater allocation of key cognitive resources (**working memory or attentional control**)
 - The involvement of more **cognitive control or executive functions**

Cognitive complexity interpretation aid

Gwm tests



- **H = High**
- **M = Moderate**
- **M = Low Mod.**
- **L = Low**



Cognitive complexity

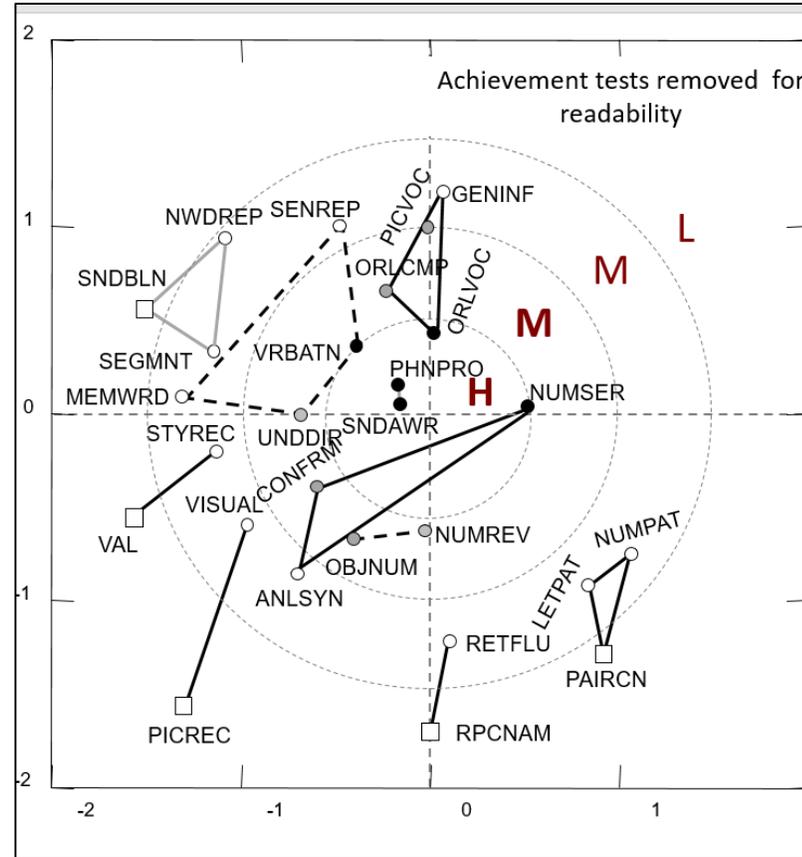


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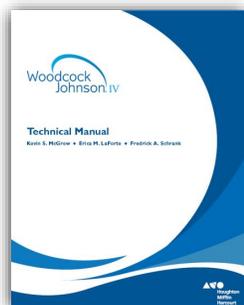


Cognitive complexity by CHC domain

interpretation aid

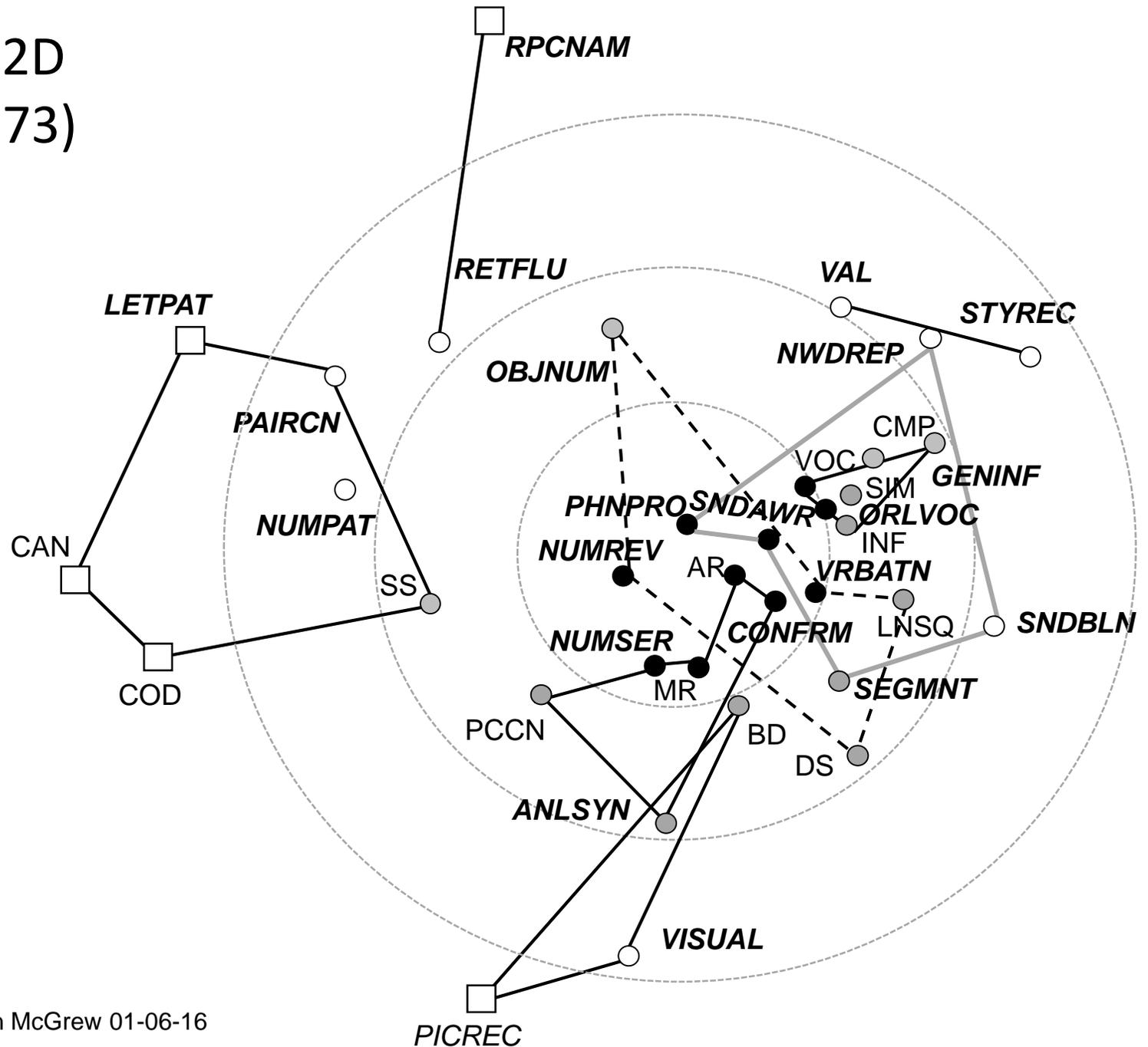
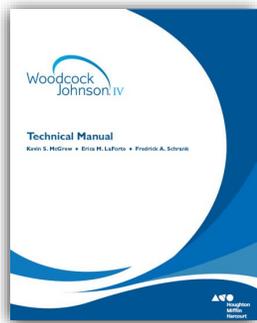
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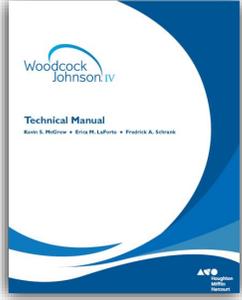
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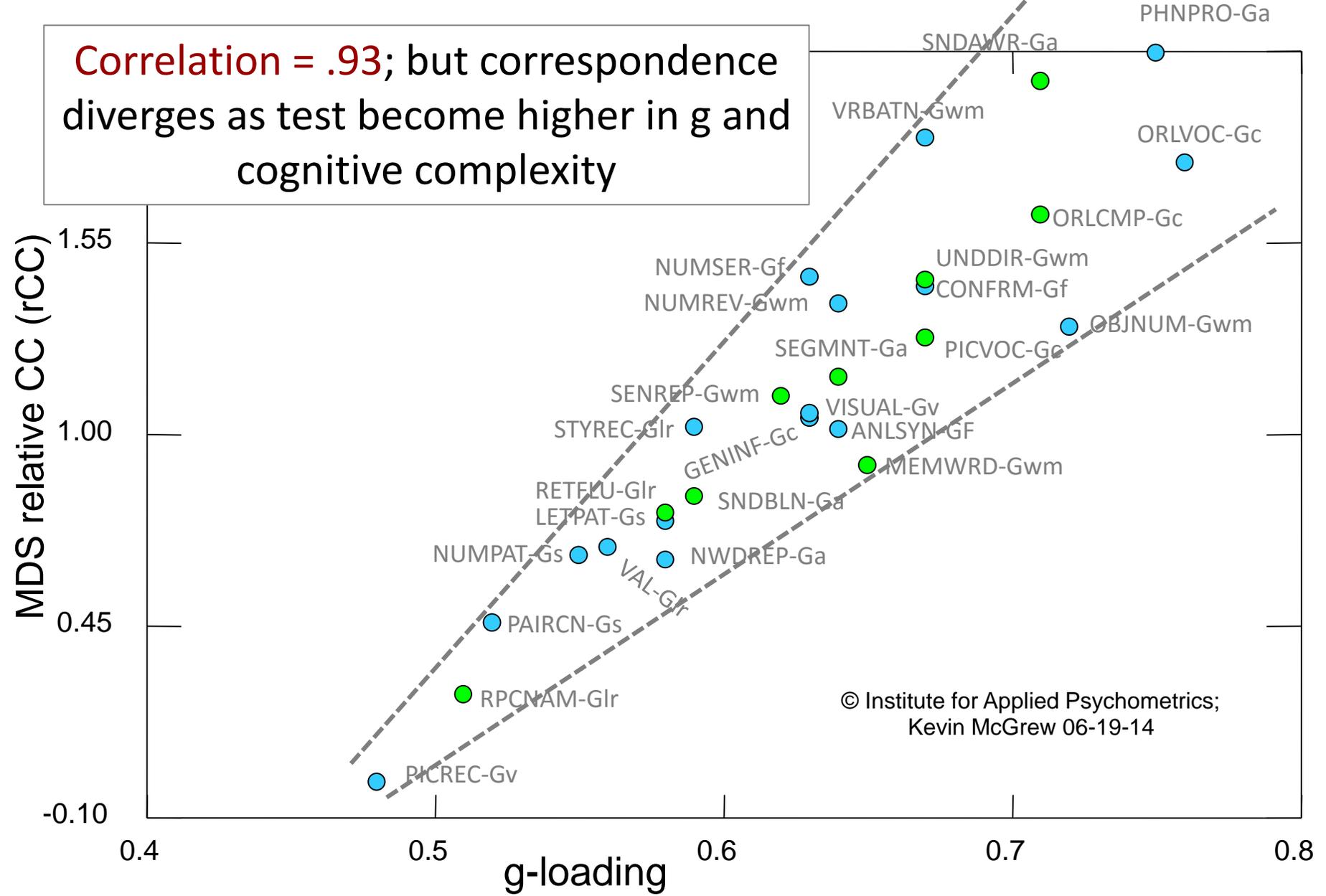
WJ IV and WISC-IV 2D MDS solutions (n=173)

● **H = High**
 ● **M = Moderate**
 ○ **M = Low Mod.**
 □ **L = LOW**





Correlation = .93; but correspondence diverges as test become higher in *g* and cognitive complexity



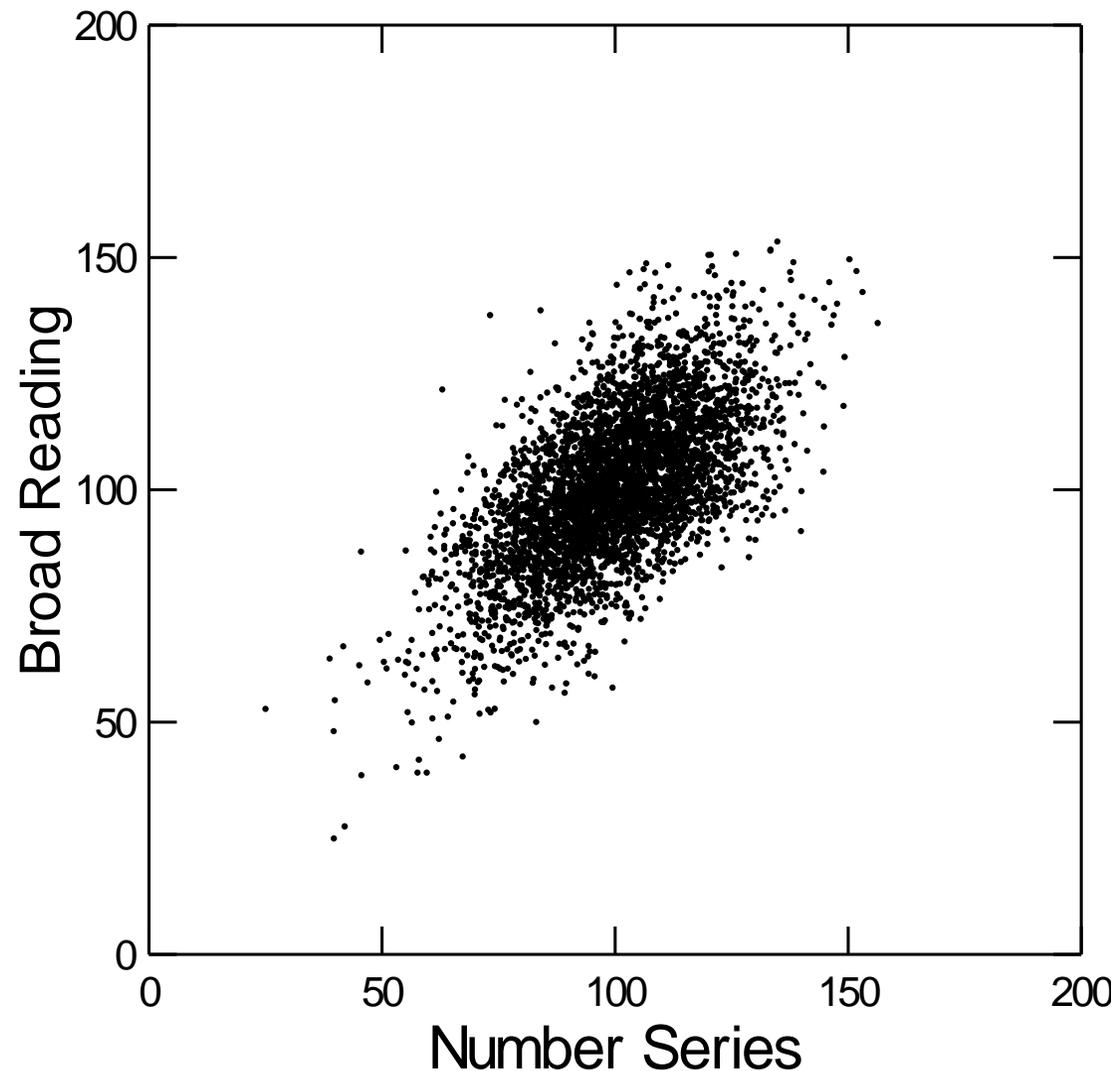
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Relationship between *g*-loadings and MDS-based relative cognitive complexity (rCC) for WJ IV COG and OL tests

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Median test correlations
with R, M, & W
clusters for ages 6-19
(not reported in technical
manual)



For example, correlation of Number Series with
Broad Reading cluster

External criterion relations validity

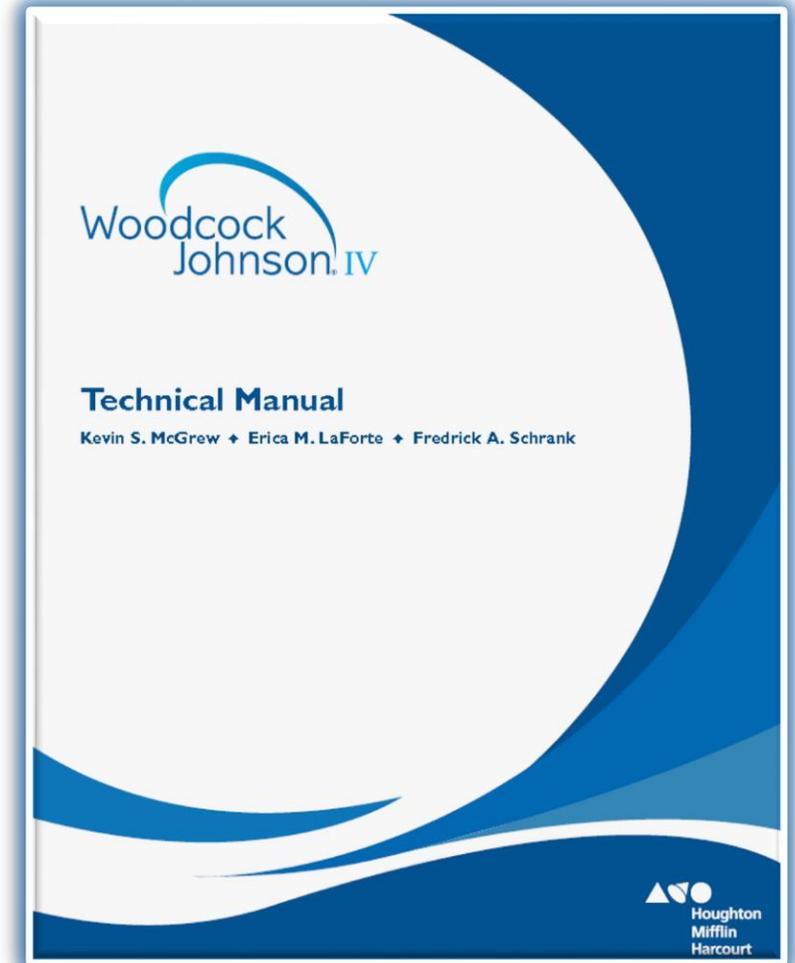
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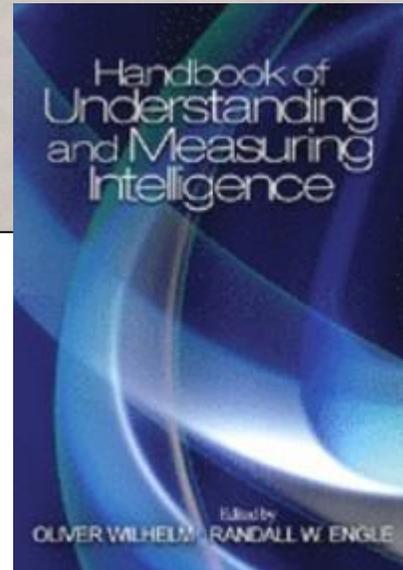
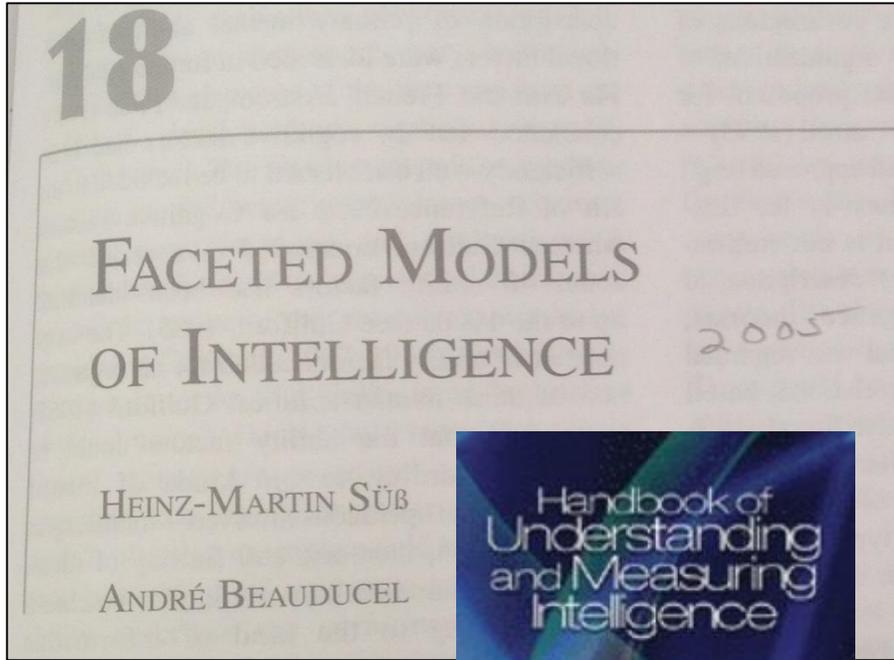
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Median correlation with WJ IV reading, math, and written language achievement clusters (ages 6-19)



Auditory has recently been proposed to be added



Faceted models of intelligence

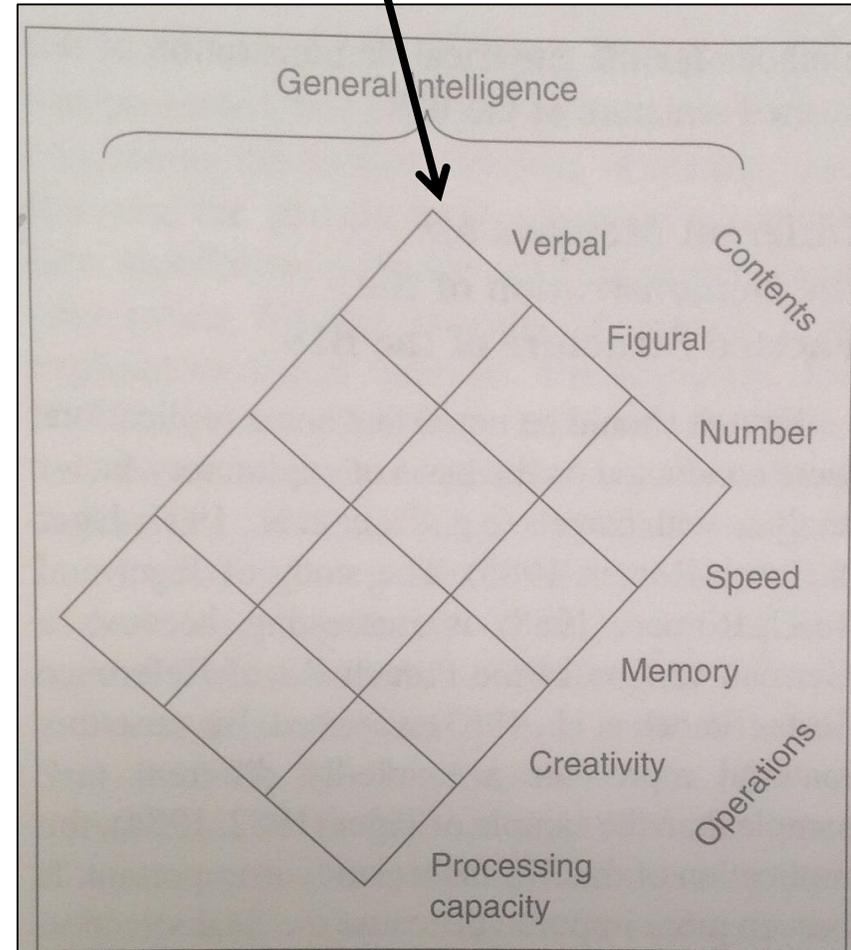


Figure 18.3 The Berlin Model of Intelligence Structure (BIS)

Fluid and Crystallized Intelligence and the Berlin Model of Intelligence Structure (BIS)

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Working-memory capacity explains reasoning ability—and
a little bit more

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Cognitive **operations** and content **dimensions**

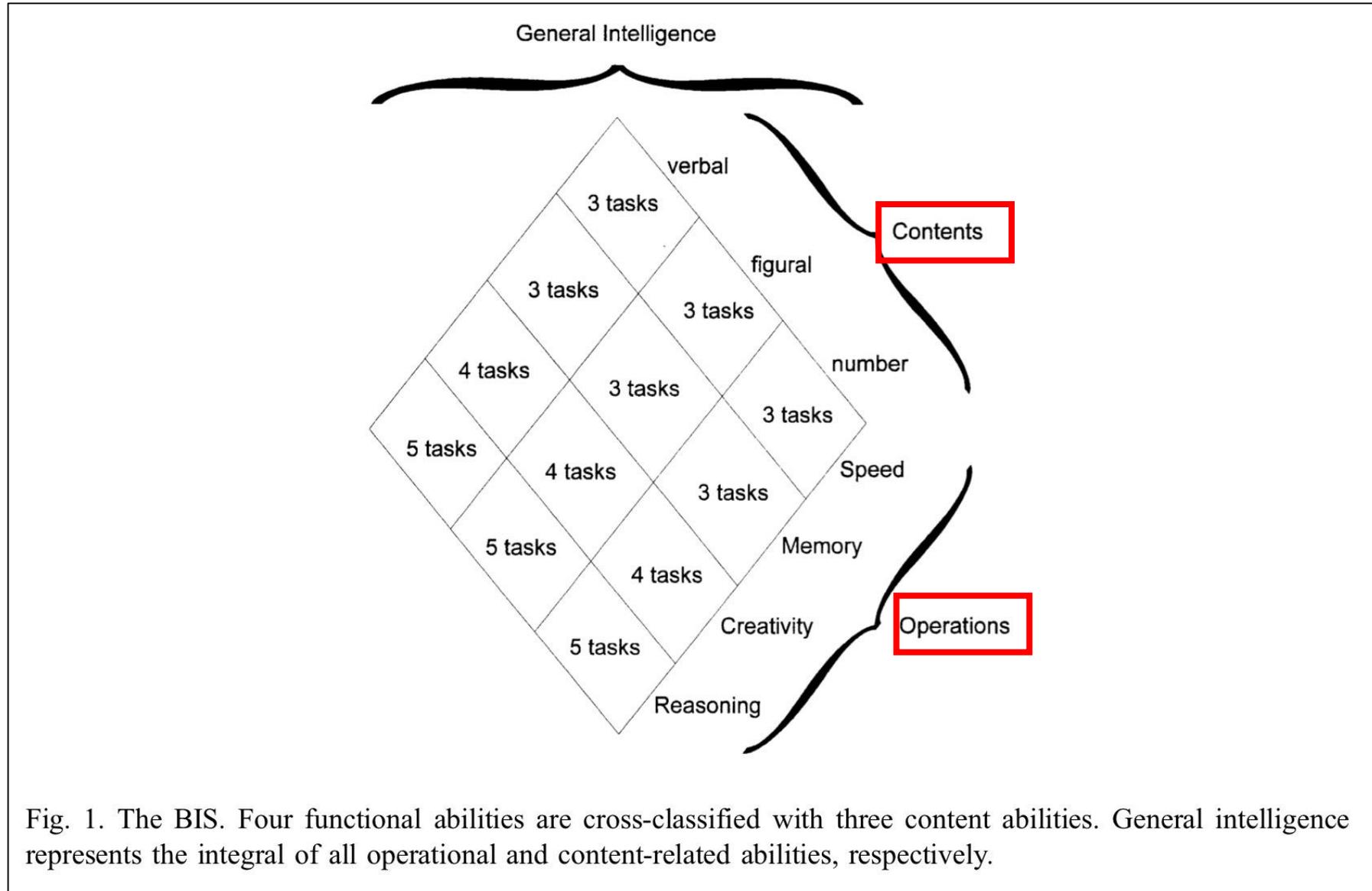
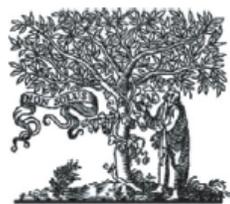


Fig. 1. The BIS. Four functional abilities are cross-classified with three content abilities. General intelligence represents the integral of all operational and content-related abilities, respectively.

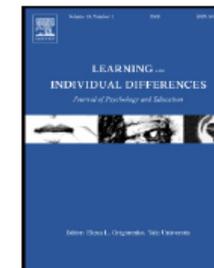


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Auditory intelligence: Theoretical considerations and empirical findings



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ABSTRACT

In the last few years, auditory intellectual abilities have received increased attention in different fields of research. However, most intelligence models have yet to include an auditory factor. This paper aimed to replicate the general auditory factor and examined whether and how the hierarchical and faceted Berlin Intelligence Structure model (BIS; Jäger, 1982) should be extended by adding an auditory dimension. Two studies included 126 students (Study 1) and a heterogeneous group of 175 adults (Study 2). Participants took a broad auditory intelligence test and the BIS test and provided a self-report of musical training. Confirmatory factor analyses revealed two separate auditory content factors: nonverbal and speech. Auditory nonverbal ability was clearly distinct from academic intelligence, whereas auditory speech ability could be completely subsumed under verbal reasoning. We suggest that auditory ability – as represented by auditory nonverbal tests – needs to be added to the BIS as an additional content dimension.



There has been **an explosion of research on auditory abilities** since Carroll's (1993) seminal work (Schneider & McGrew, 2012). A wide-ranging collection of *Ga* characteristics have been related to disorders of reading, speech, and language. For example, *Ga* **abilities are now recognized as playing a pivotal scaffolding role in the development of language and general cognitive abilities** (Conway, Pisoni, & Kronenberger, 2009).

The BIS intelligence framework (2016)

Stimulus Content



Verbal

Auditory

Figural

Numeric

Cognitive Operations

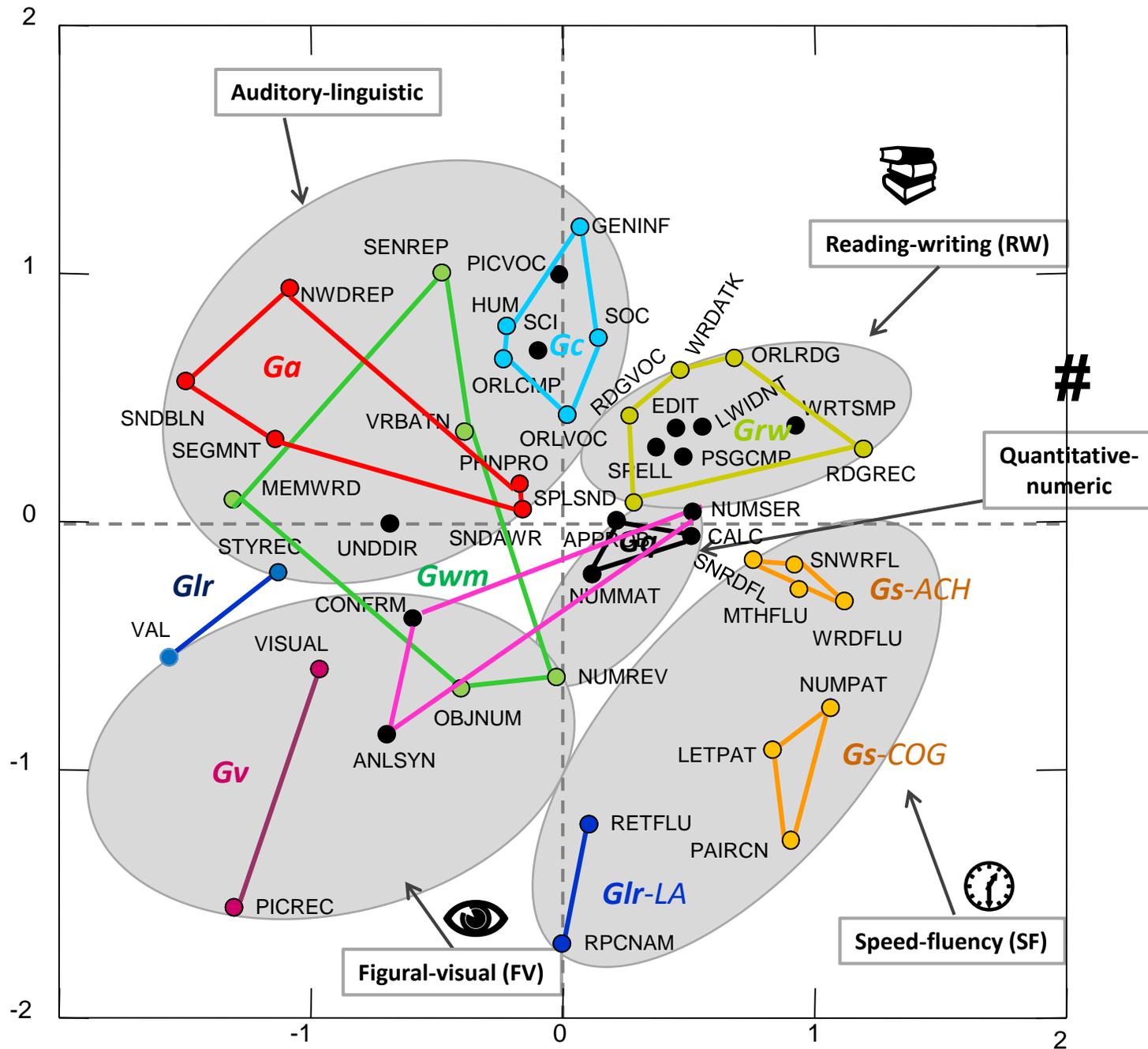
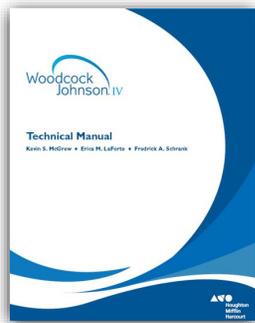
Reasoning

Creativity

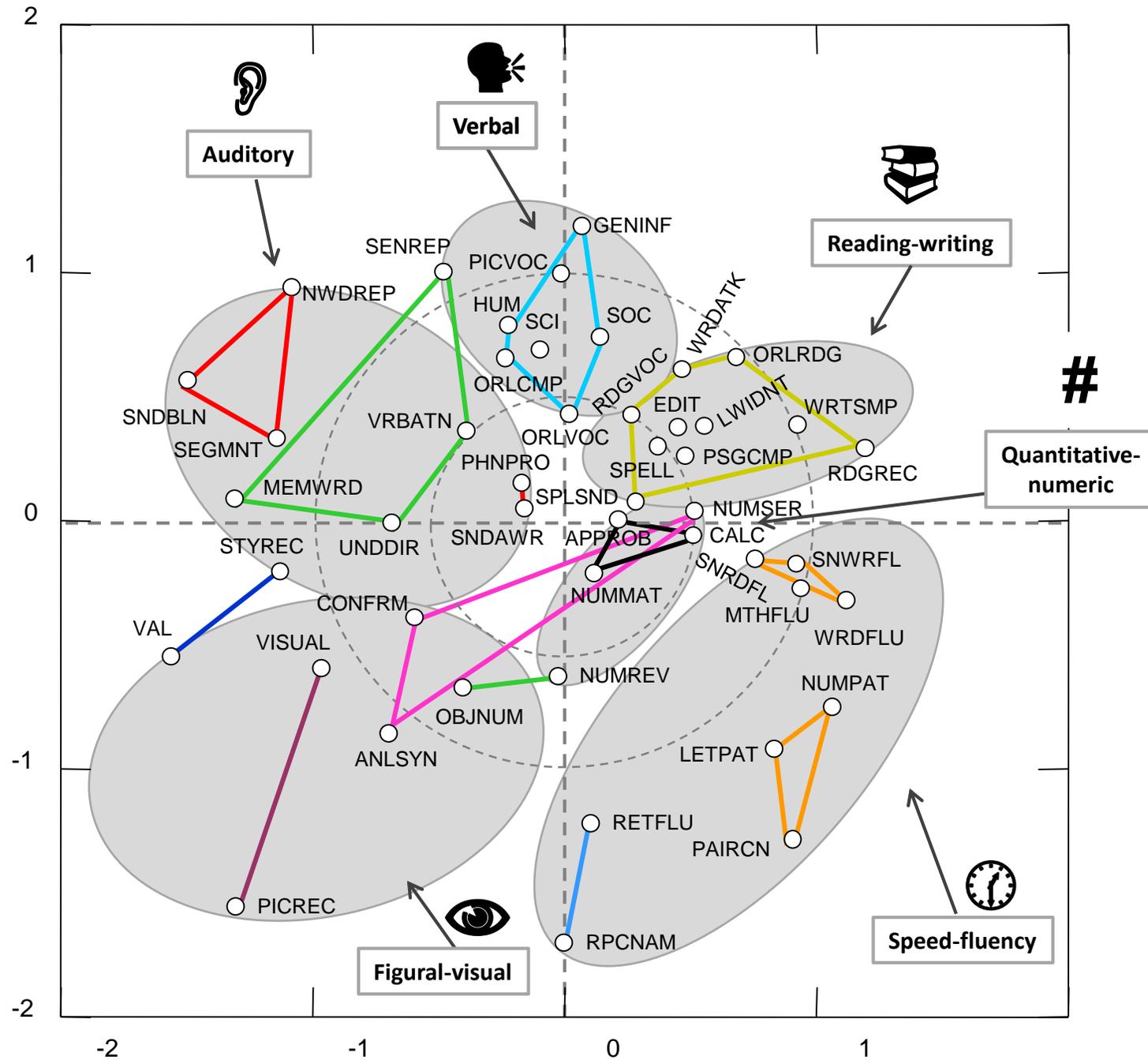
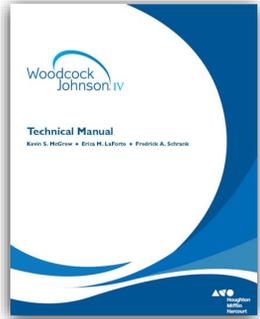
Memory

Speed

Another perspective:
 BIS framework:
 The stimulus content dimension
 Ages 6-19

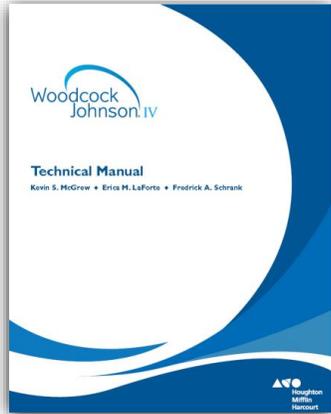


WJ IV test 2D MDS
(Ages 6 to 19; n = 4,082)



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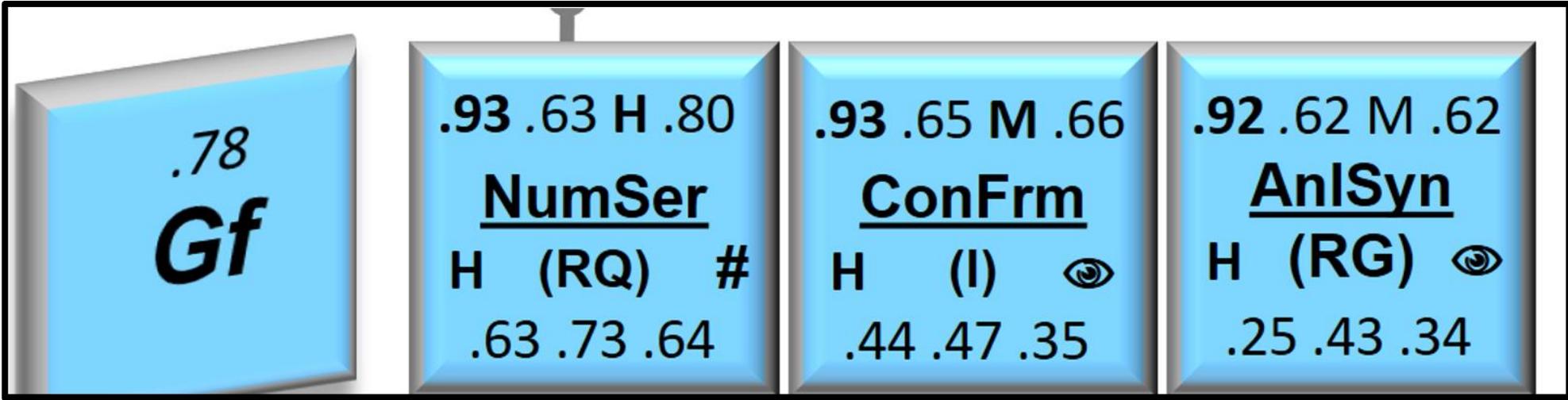
← BIS content/stimulus characteristic



The BIS intelligence framework (2016)

		<u>Stimulus Content</u>			
					#
		Verbal	Auditory	Figural	Numeric
<u>Cognitive Operations</u>	Reasoning				
	Creativity				
	Memory				
	Speed				

The BIS intelligence framework (2016)		<u>Stimulus Content</u>			
		 Verbal	 Auditory	 Figural	 Numeric
<u>Cognitive Operations</u>	Reasoning				
	Creativity				
	Memory				
	Speed				



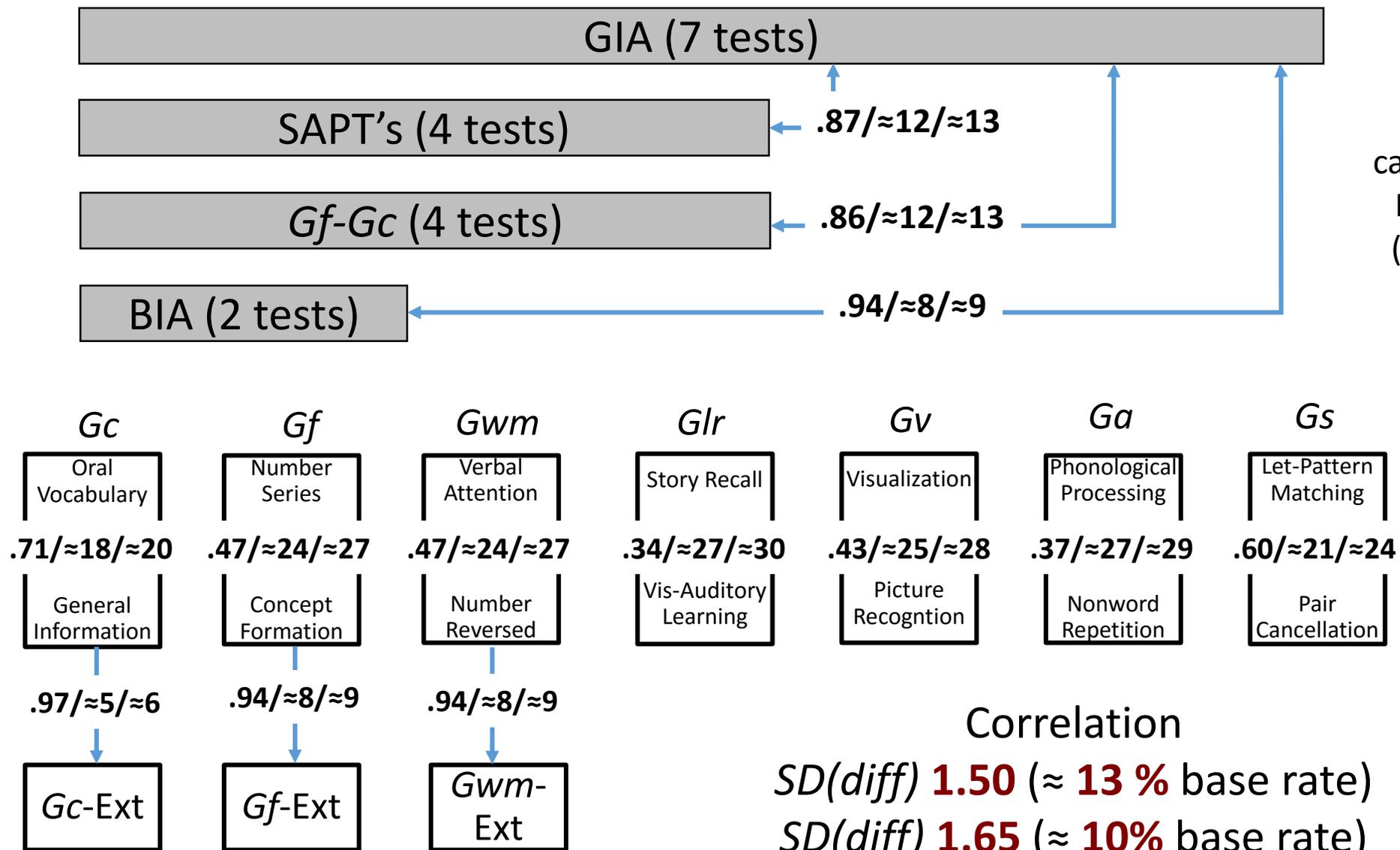
How to evaluate the **unusualness (base rate)** of WJ IV cluster or test score differences

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It's a **pleasure** when you use the
correct **measure**

Select WJ IV COG cluster/test score significance values (ages 6-19) *



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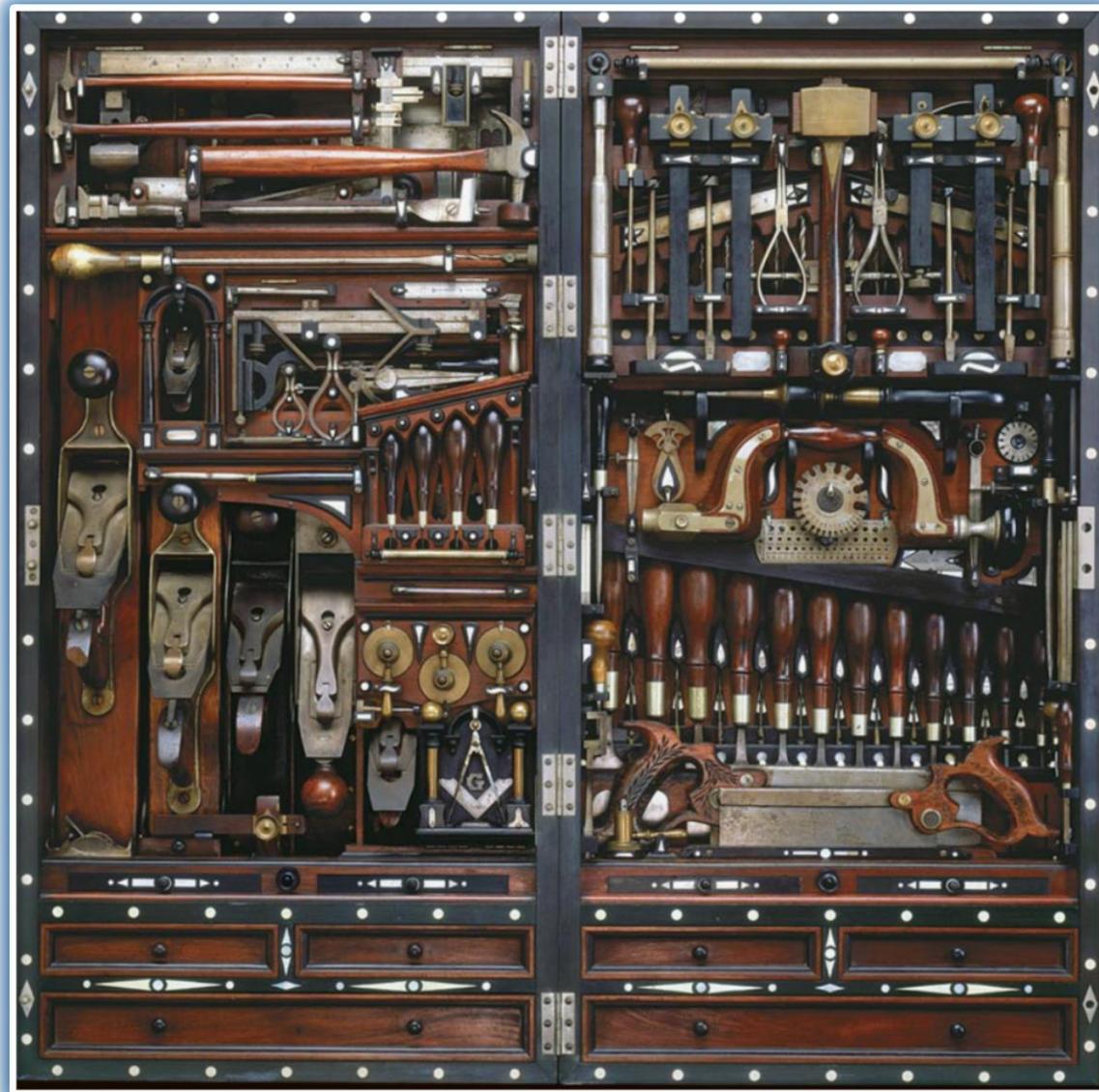


Intelligence *is* Important, Intelligence *is* Complex

Timothy Z. Keith
Alfred University

....and....."intelligent" intelligent testing is complex....and important

We are the instrument !!!!



In the remainder of this presentation I will **model** “**intelligent**” **intelligence test interpretation** for the WJ IV COG+OL

Will provide you with some **aids and templates** to organize thinking and test data

Not to be used as cookbooks