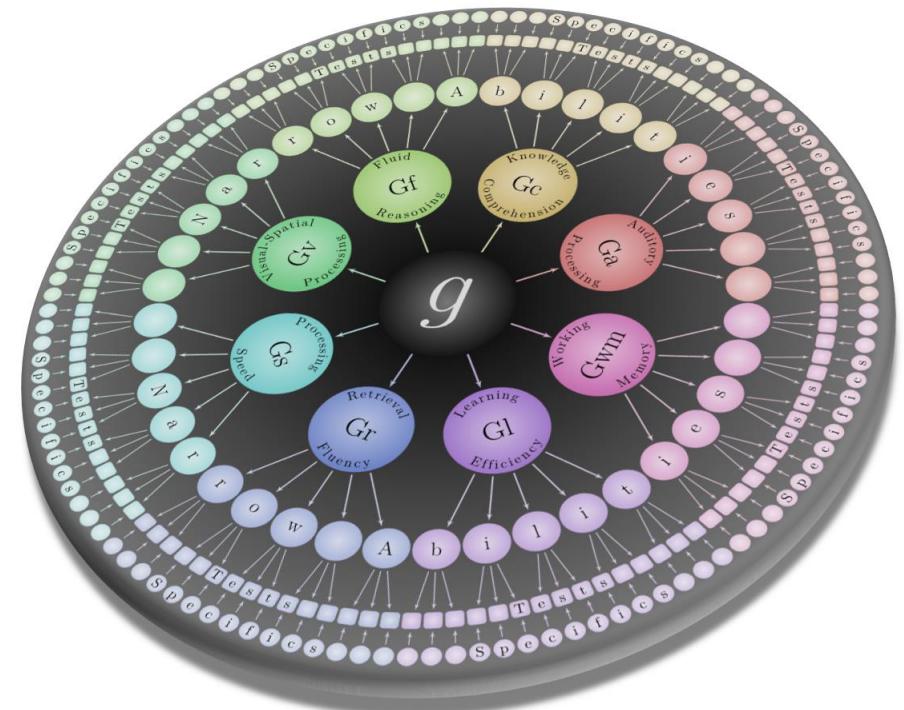
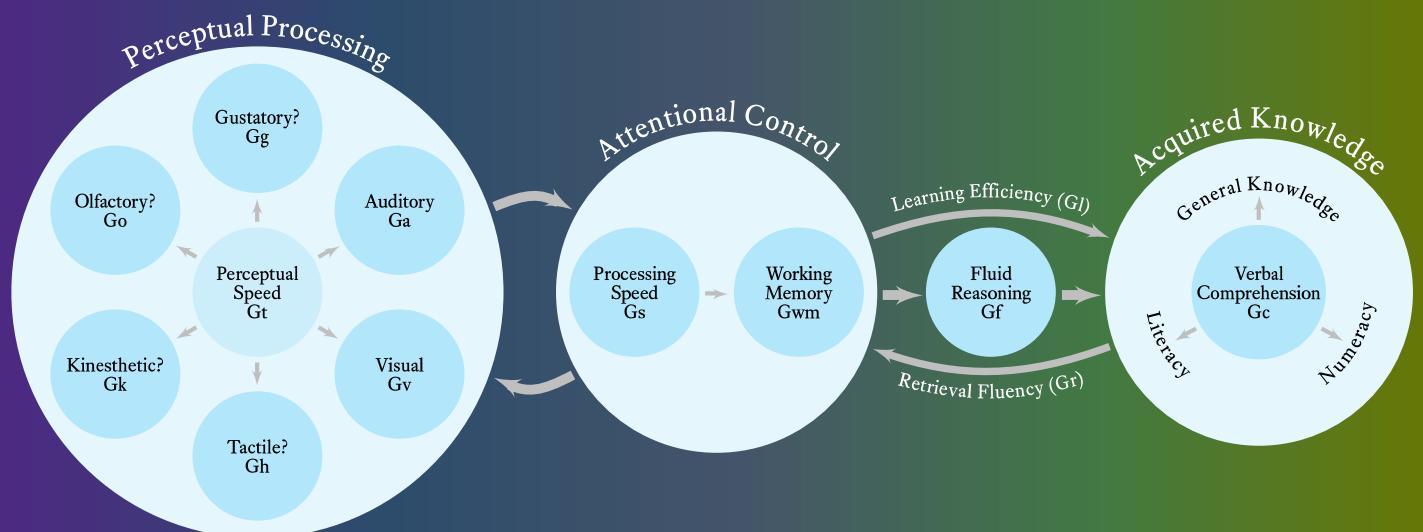
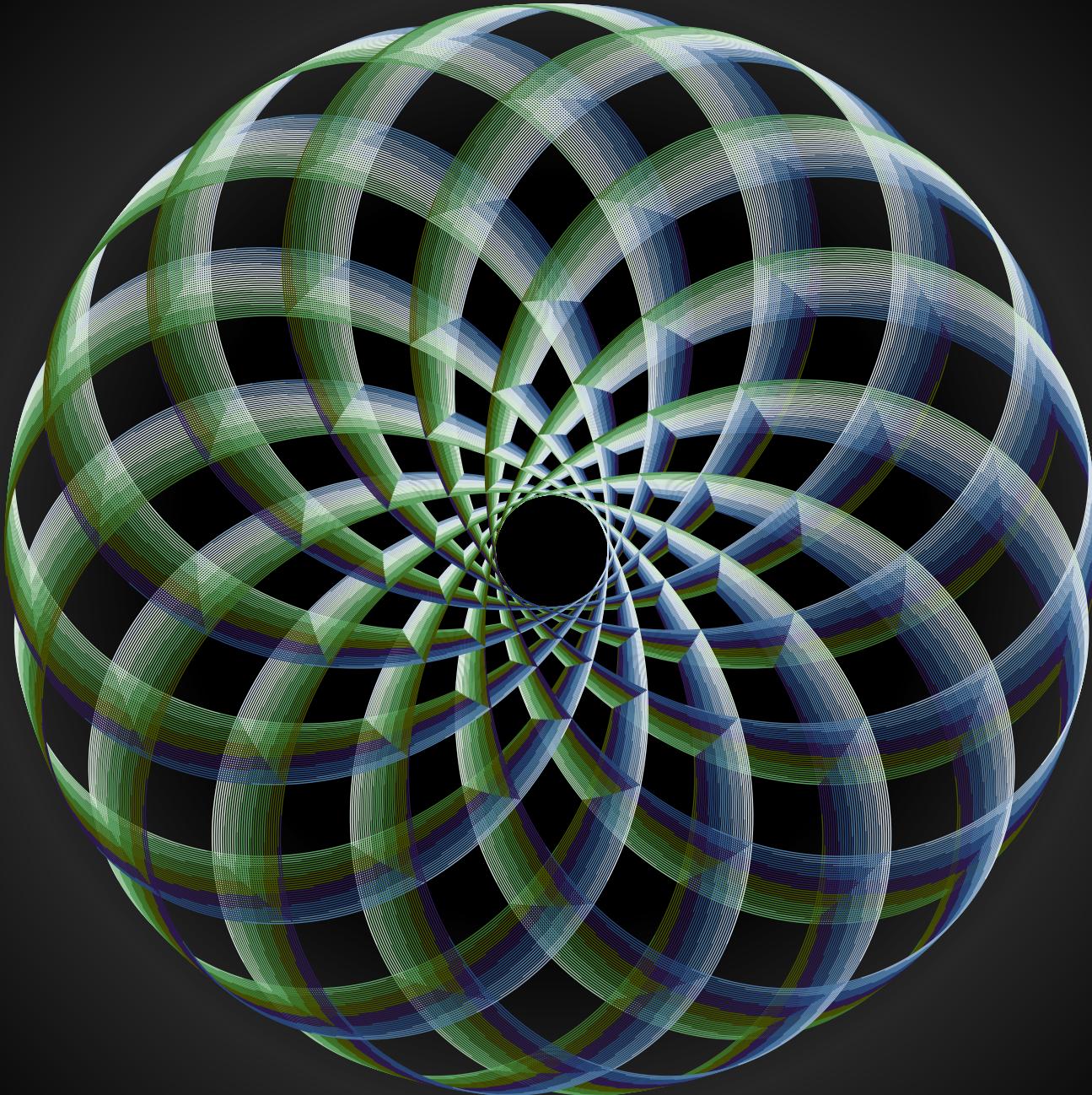


CATTELL-HORN-CARROLL THEORY OF COGNITIVE ABILITIES



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Clear, Important,
Legitimate Exceptions
Can Be Found

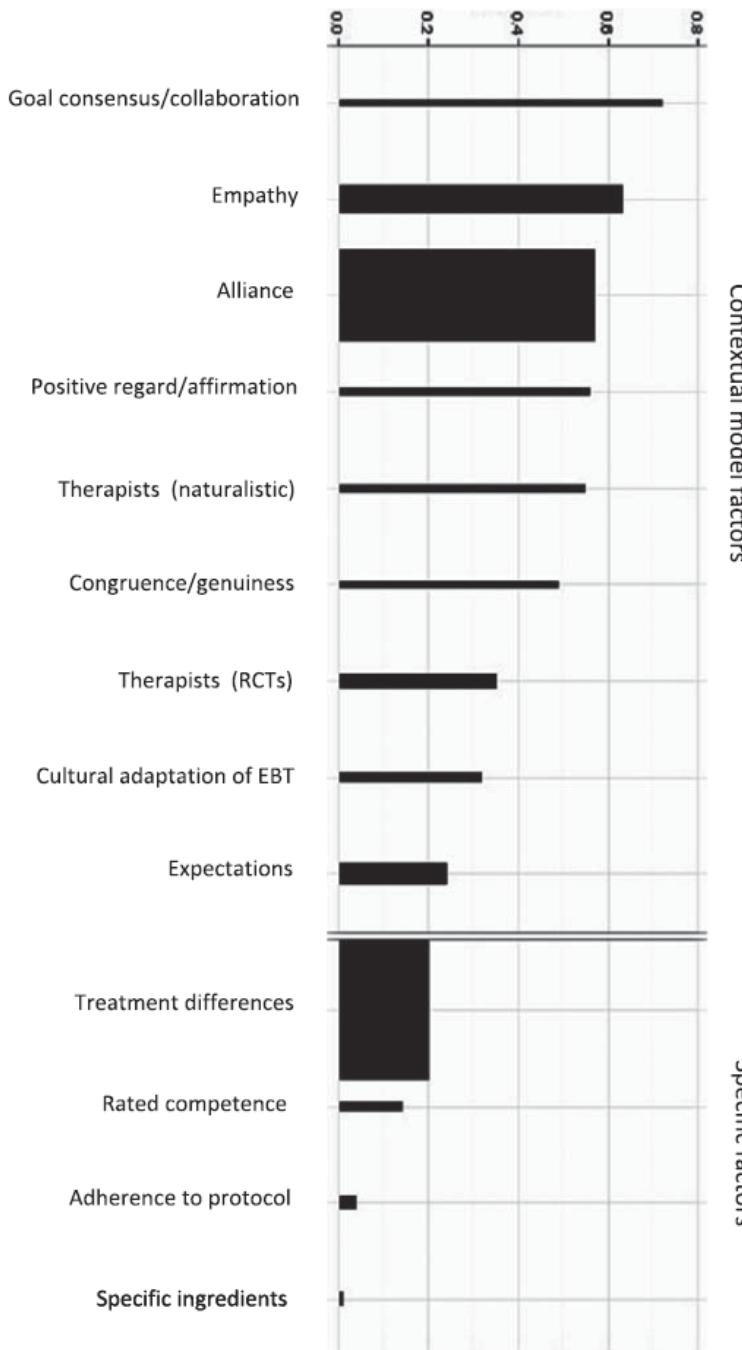
For Every
Statement
I Will Make.

INCLUDING
THIS ONE

[Empathy] means entering the private perceptual world of the other...being sensitive, moment by moment to the changing felt meanings which flow in this other person. ... It means sensing meaning of which he or she is scarcely aware.

—Carl Rogers (1980)
A Way of Being





SPECIAL ARTICLE

How important are the common factors in psychotherapy? An update

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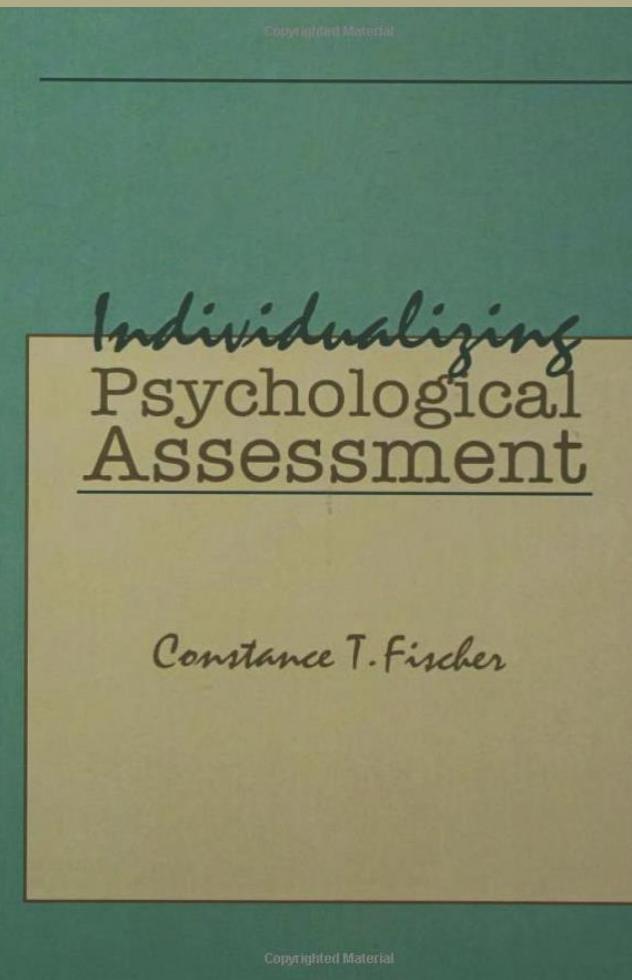
The common factors have a long history in the field of psychotherapy theory, research and practice. To understand the evidence supporting them as important therapeutic elements, the contextual model of psychotherapy is outlined. Then the evidence, primarily from meta-analyses, is presented for particular common factors, including alliance, empathy, expectations, cultural adaptation, and therapist differences. Then the evidence for four factors related to specificity, including treatment differences, specific ingredients, adherence, and competence, is presented. The evidence supports the conclusion that the common factors are important for producing the benefits of psychotherapy.

Key words: Common factors, contextual model, psychotherapy, alliance, empathy, expectations, cultural adaptation, therapist differences, specific ingredients

(World Psychiatry 2015;14:270–277)

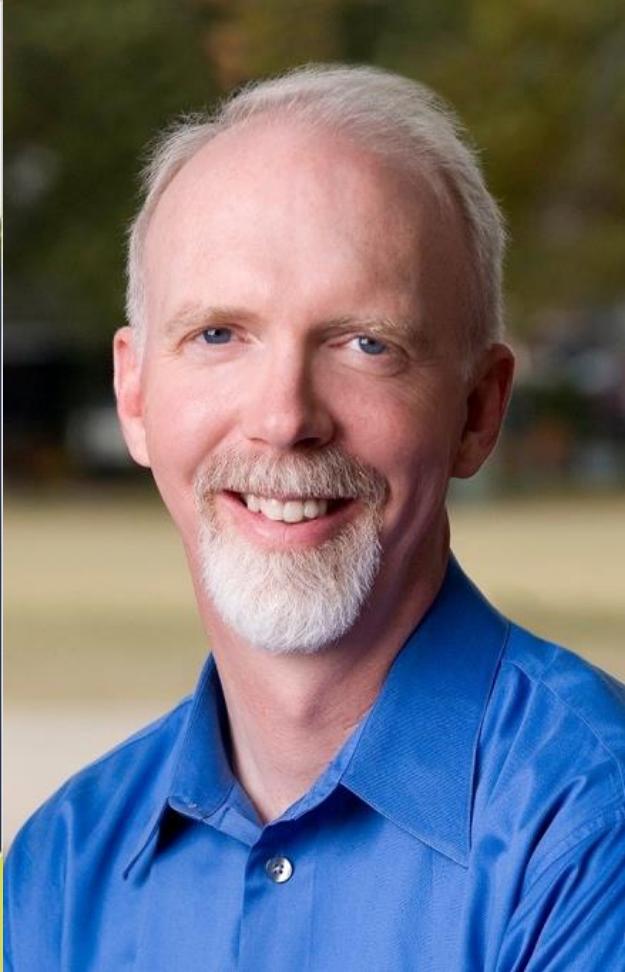
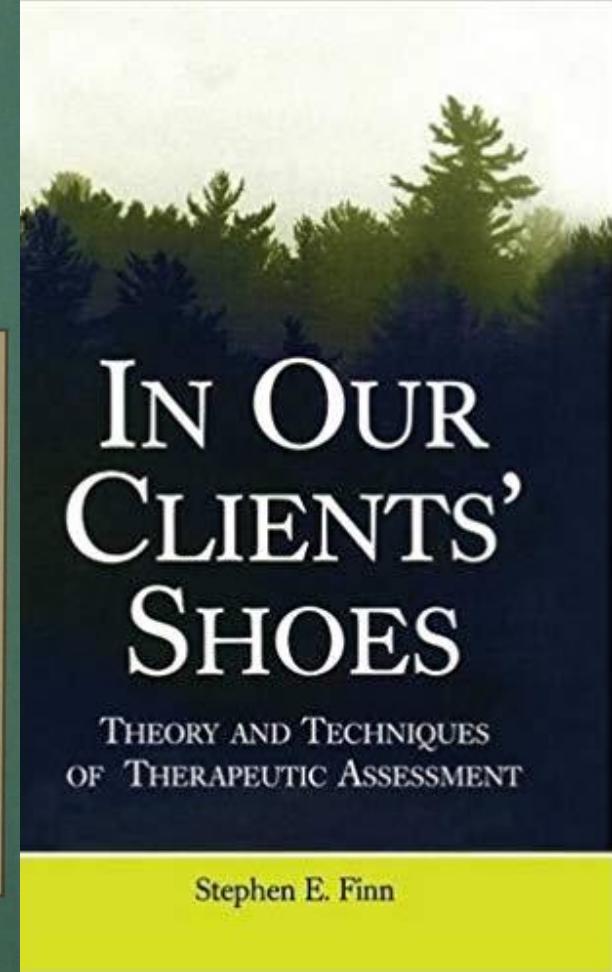
Constance T. Fischer

COLLABORATIVE ASSESSMENT



Stephen E. Finn

THERAPEUTIC ASSESSMENT

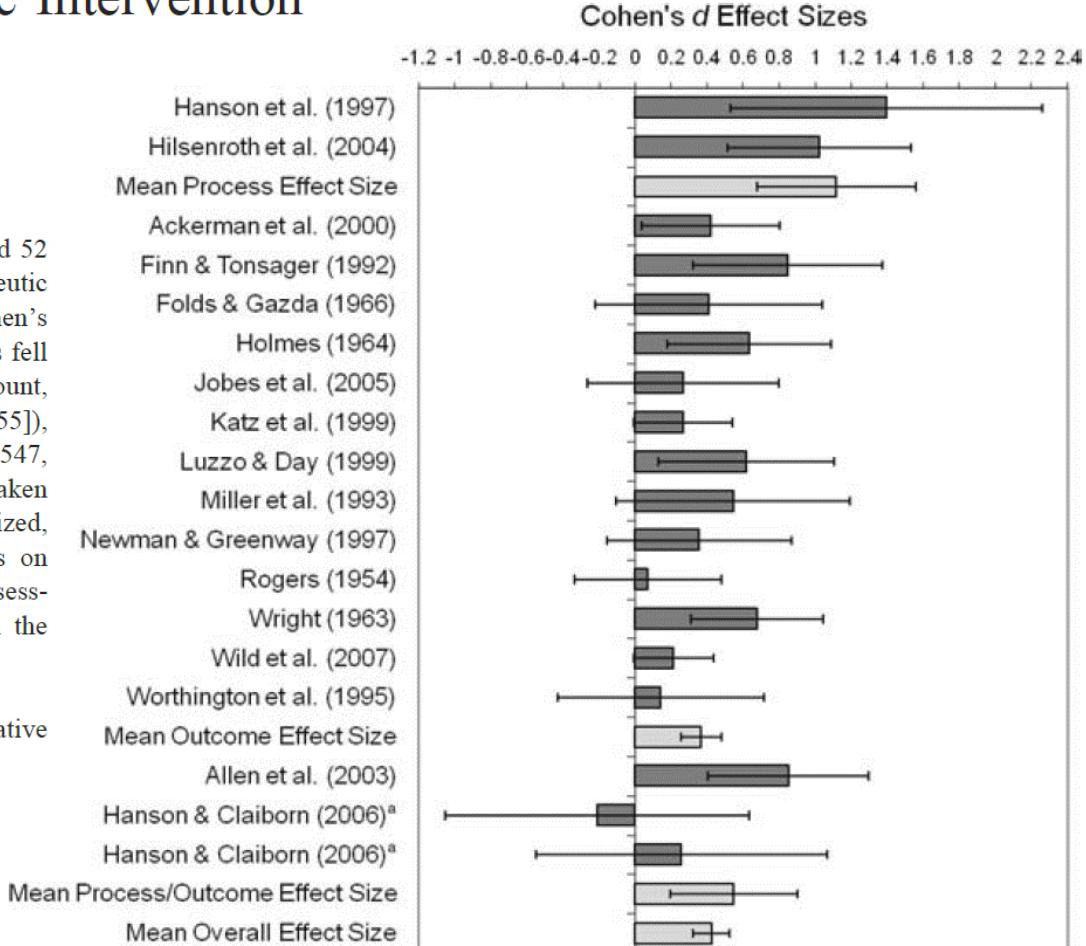


Meta-Analysis of Psychological Assessment as a Therapeutic Intervention

John M. Poston and William E. Hanson
Purdue University

This study entails the use of meta-analytic techniques to calculate and analyze 18 independent and 52 nonindependent effect sizes across 17 published studies of psychological assessment as a therapeutic intervention. In this sample of studies, which involves 1,496 participants, a significant overall Cohen's d effect size of 0.423 (95% CI [0.321, 0.525]) was found, whereby 66% of treatment group means fell above the control and comparison group means. When categorical variables were taken into account, significant treatment group effects were found for therapy process variables ($d = 1.117$, [0.679, 1.555]), therapy outcomes ($d = 0.367$, [0.256, 0.478]), and combined process/outcome variables ($d = 0.547$, [0.193, 0.901]). These findings appear to be robust on the basis of fail-safe N calculations. Taken together, they suggest that psychological assessment procedures—when combined with personalized, collaborative, and highly involving test feedback—have positive, clinically meaningful effects on treatment, especially regarding treatment processes. They also have important implications for assessment practice, training, and policy making, as well as future research, which are discussed in the conclusion of the article.

Keywords: assessment utility, treatment validity, meta-analysis, therapeutic assessment, collaborative assessment



Therapeutic Assessment

- Build and Maintain a Working Alliance
- Collaboratively Define Assessment Goals
- Share and Explore Assessment Results



“We are lonesome animals. We spend all our life trying to be less lonesome. One of our ancient methods is to tell a story begging the listener to say—and to feel—Yes, that’s the way it is, or at least that’s the way I feel it. You’re not as alone as you thought.”

— John Steinbeck



NARRATIVES ARE THE BEGINNING

Interview

Empathize

Listen to People

Investigate

Clarify

Gather data

Do the math

Learn from Data

Interpret the data

Forget the math

Induce empathy

Explain problems

Retell the Story

Restore hope

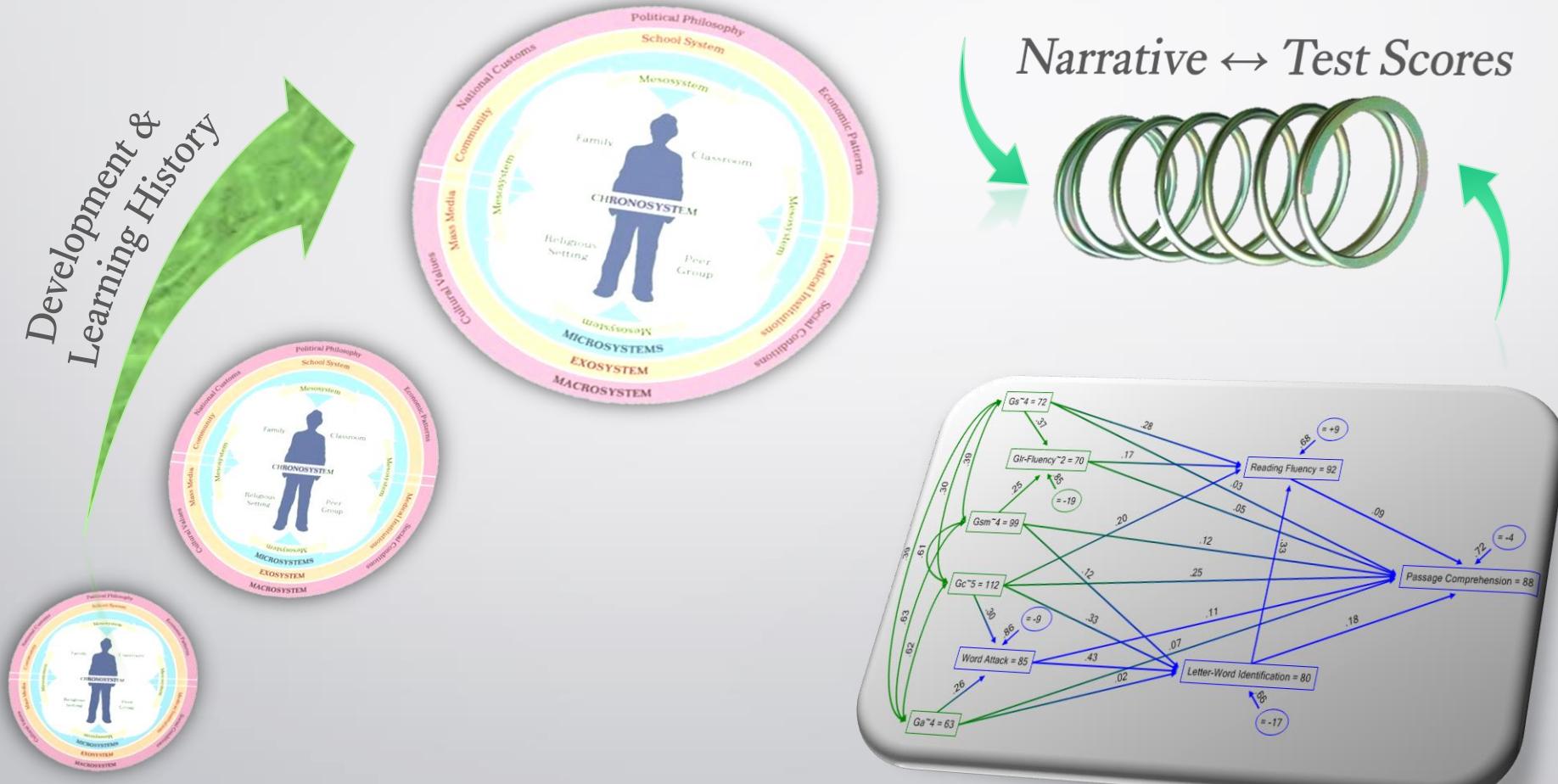
Inspire change

AND ENDING OF ASSESSMENT

Current Context



Narrative \leftrightarrow Test Scores



Best Available Data and Models

To answer questions directly related to cognitive abilities

To understand difficult cases

THE PROPER ROLE OF COMPREHENSIVE INDIVIDUAL COGNITIVE ASSESSMENT

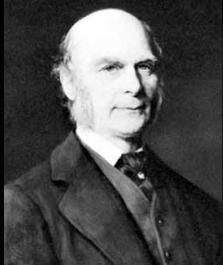
Unnecessary for routine academic difficulties

Usually only indirectly relevant for diagnosis (except when cognitive abilities are explicit criteria)

BEFORE
ASSESSING



Consider
NOT
Assessing



Francis Galton



Edward L. Thorndike



David Rapaport



John Carroll



Thomas Bouchard



Earl Hunt Flynn



James Hunt Flynn



Robert Plomin



John Horn



Phillip Vernon



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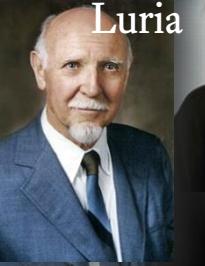
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Edith Kaplan



Raymond Cattell



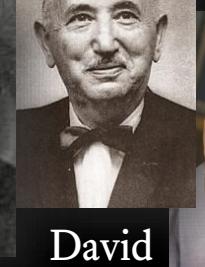
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Louis Thurstone



Donald Hebb



Cyril Burt



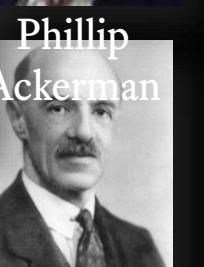
David Wechsler



Ian Deary



J. P. Guilford



Charles Spearman



Dawn Flanagan



Leta Hollingworth



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Lloyd Humphries

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Lazar Stankov



David Lohman



Howard Gardner



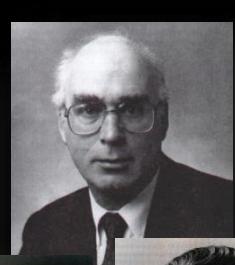
Jack Naglieri



Dawn Flanagan



Godfrey Womsom



Alfred Binet



Linda Gottfredson



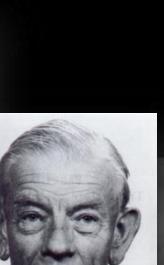
Douglas Detterman



Hans Eysenck



Richard Woodcock



Alan Kaufmann



Phillip Ackerman



J. P. Das



Wendy Johnson



Charles Spearman

Definition



Research



Theory



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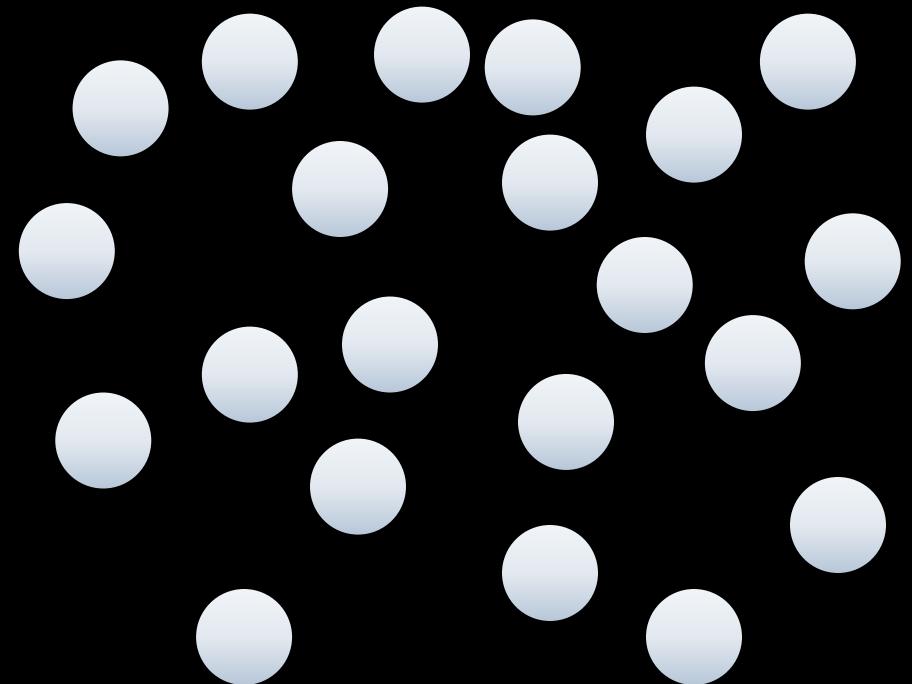


One Thing

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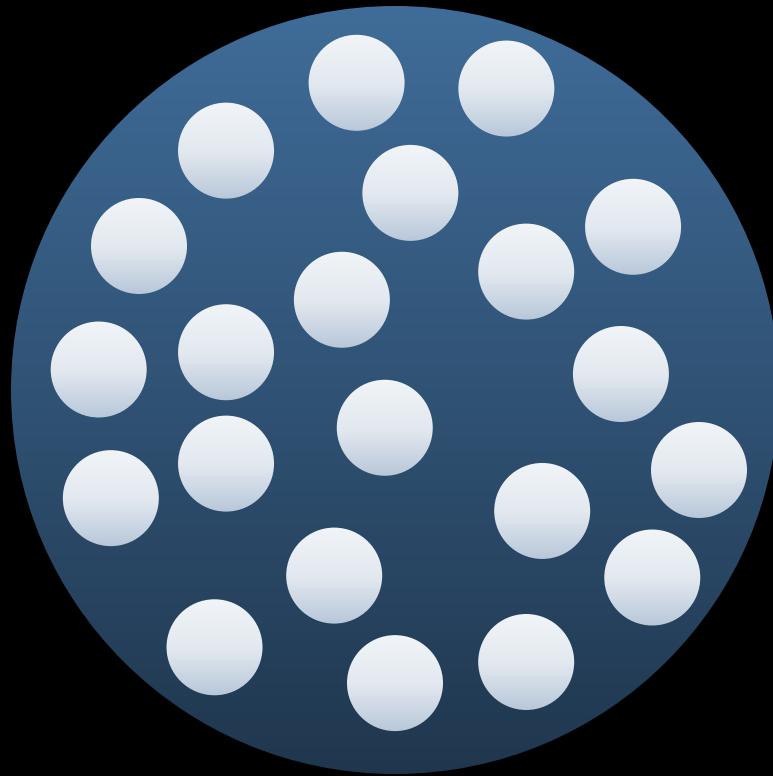


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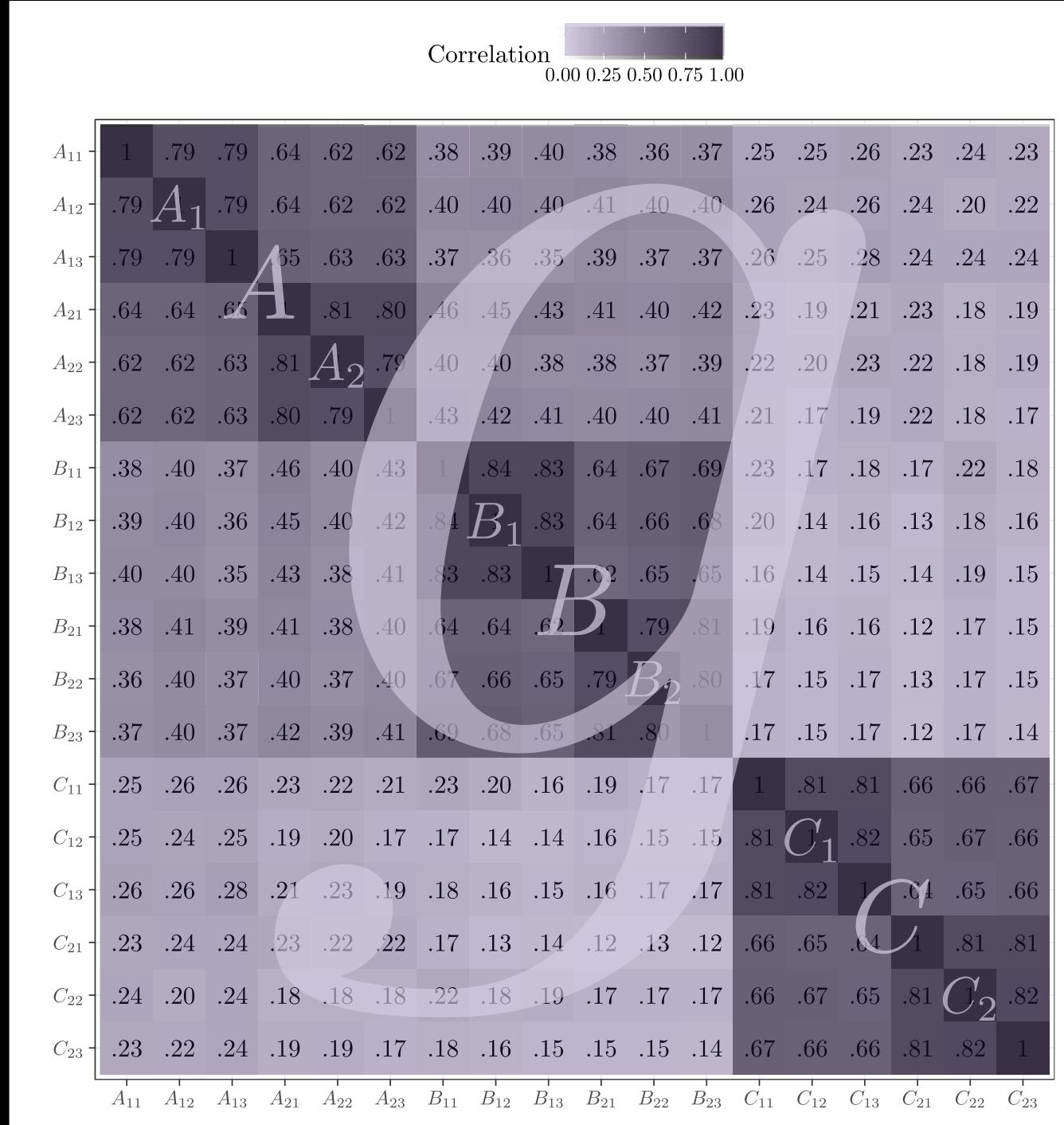


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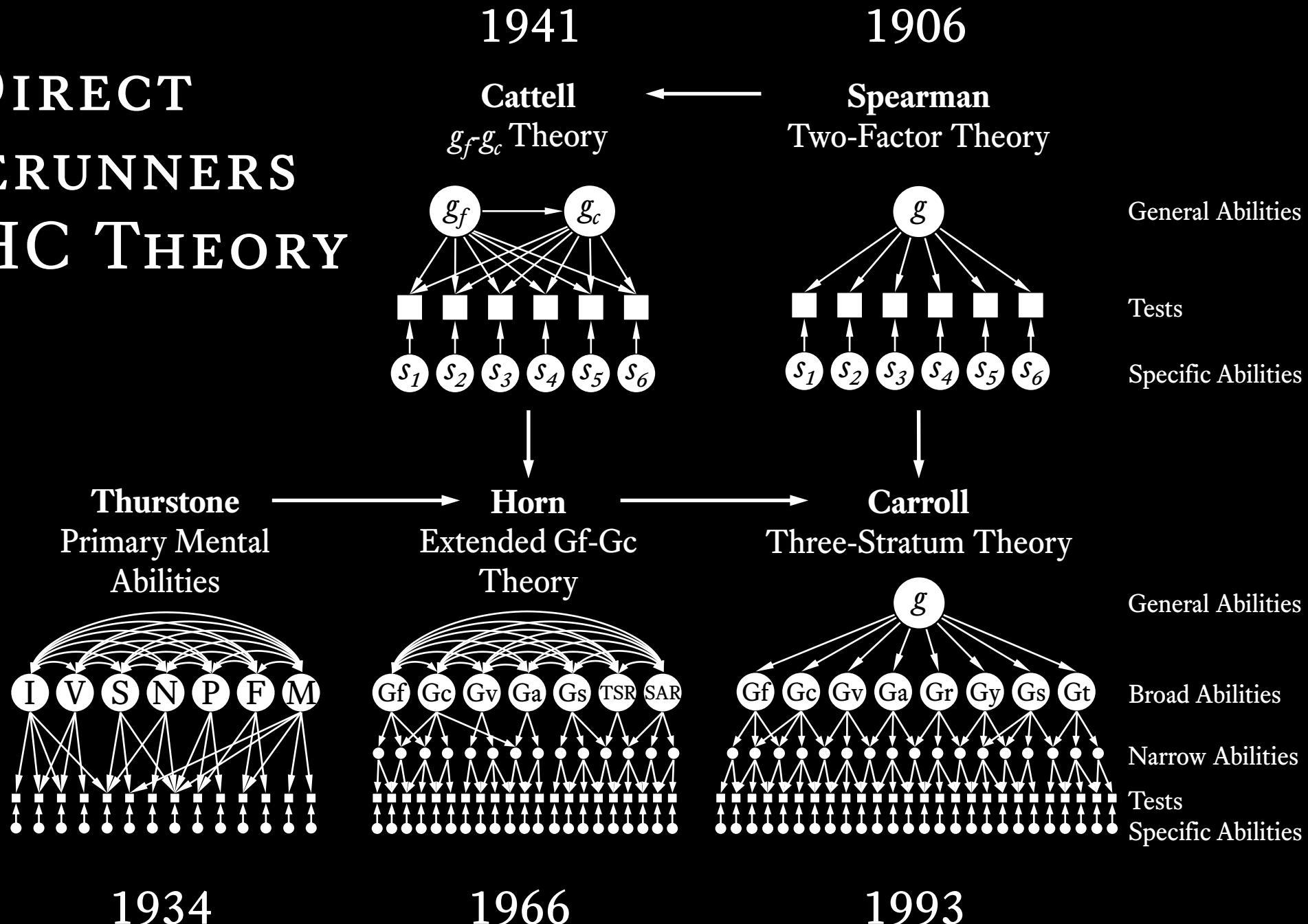
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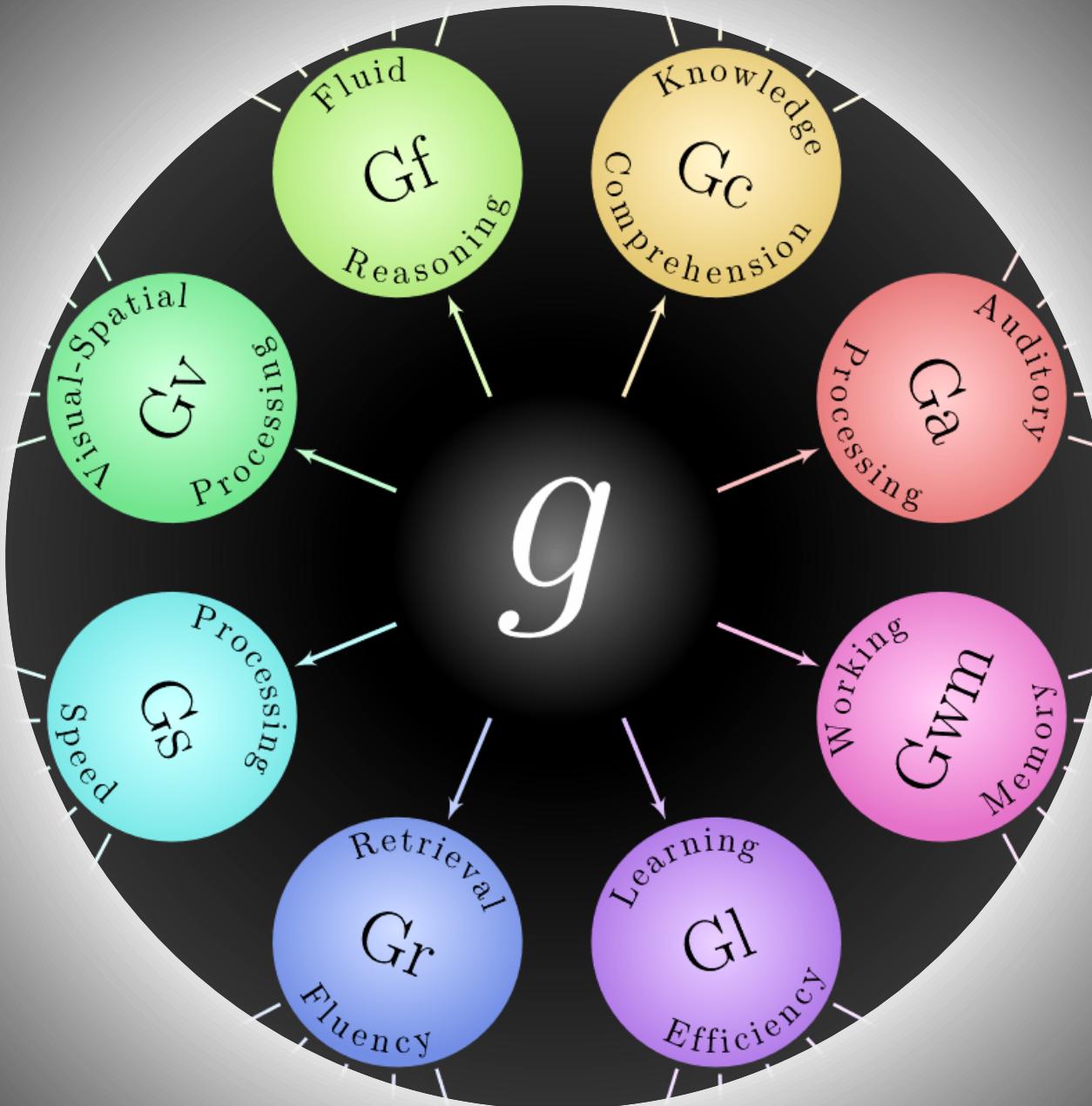
One Thing and Many Things

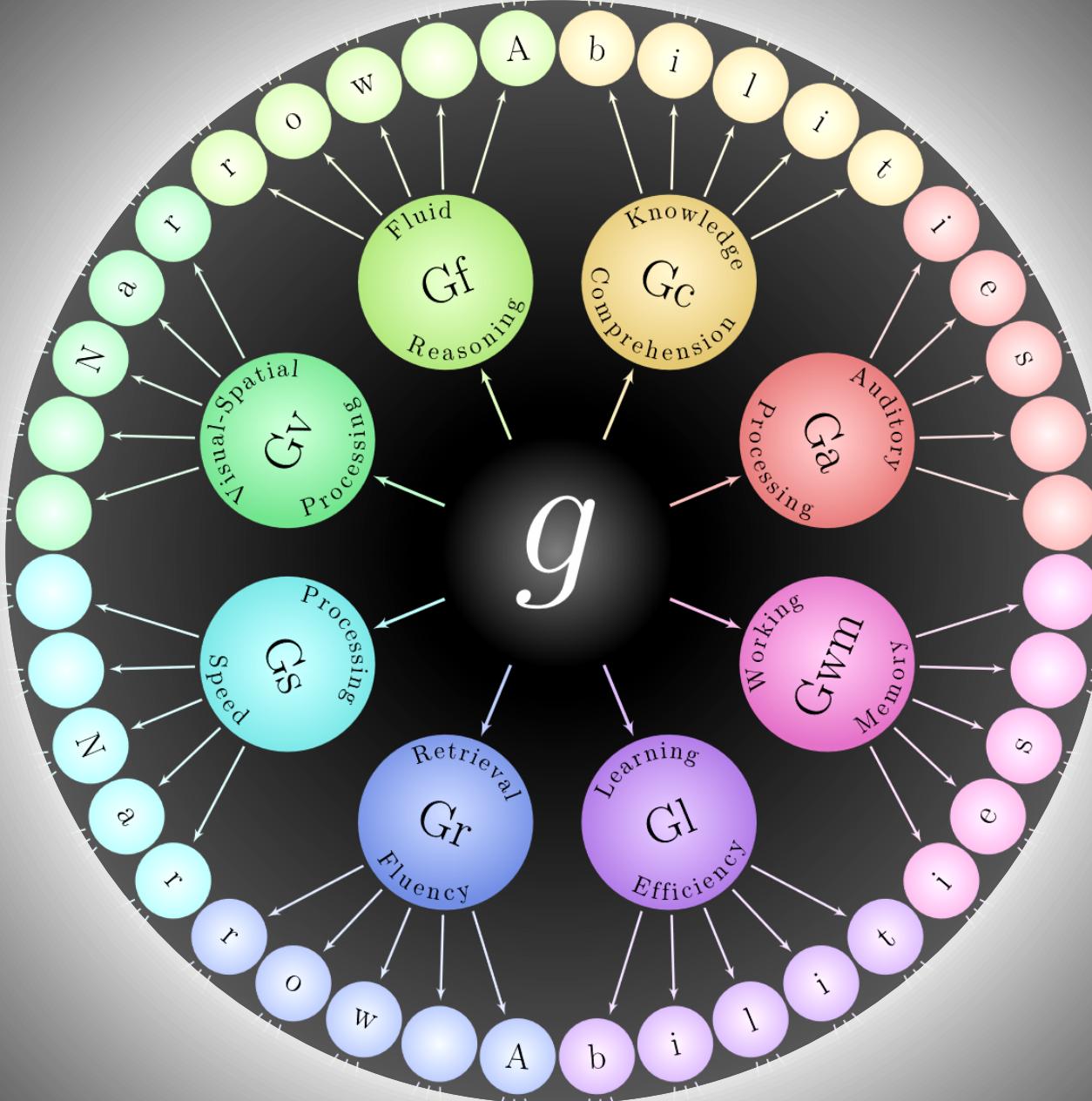


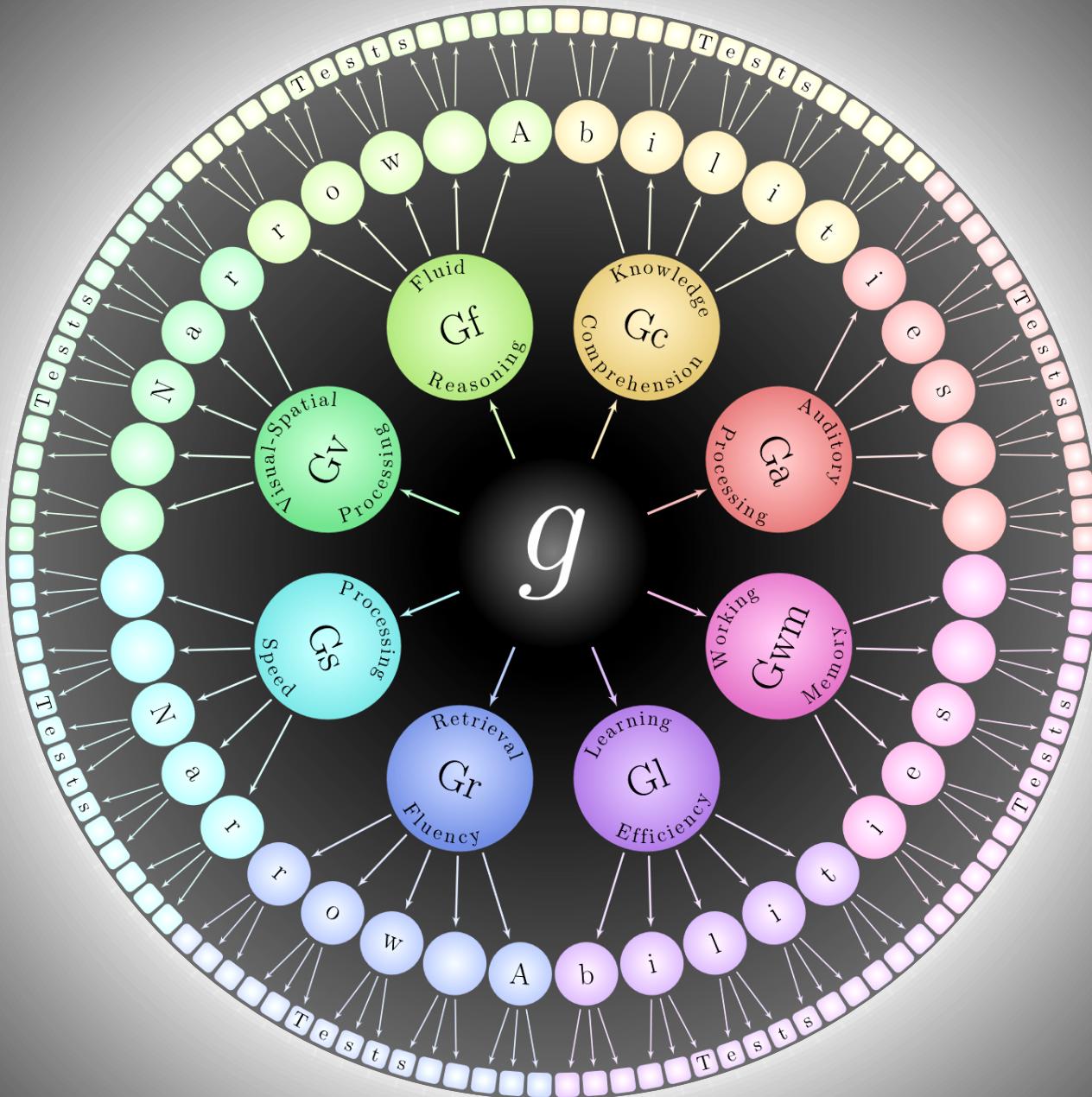
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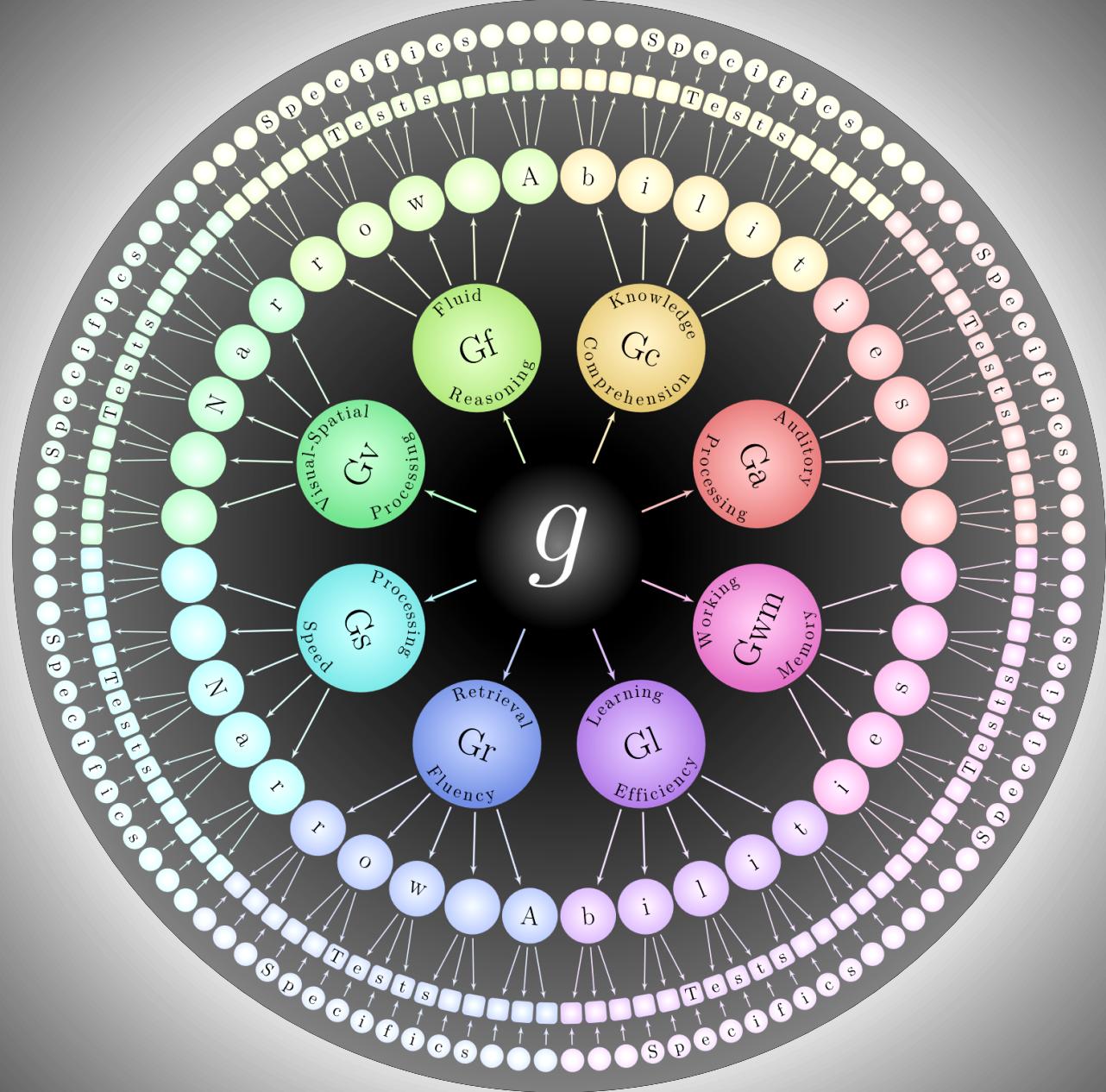


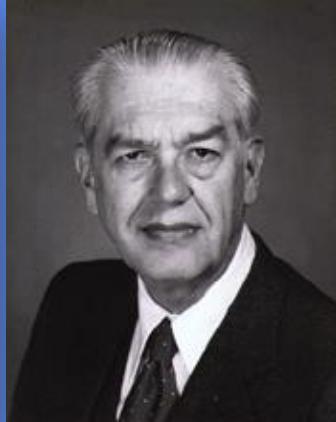
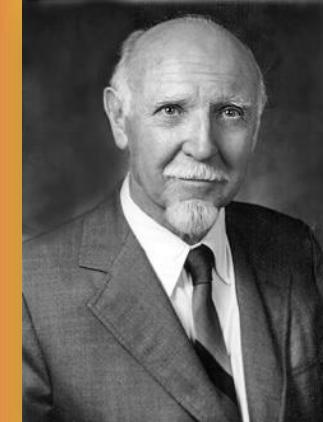
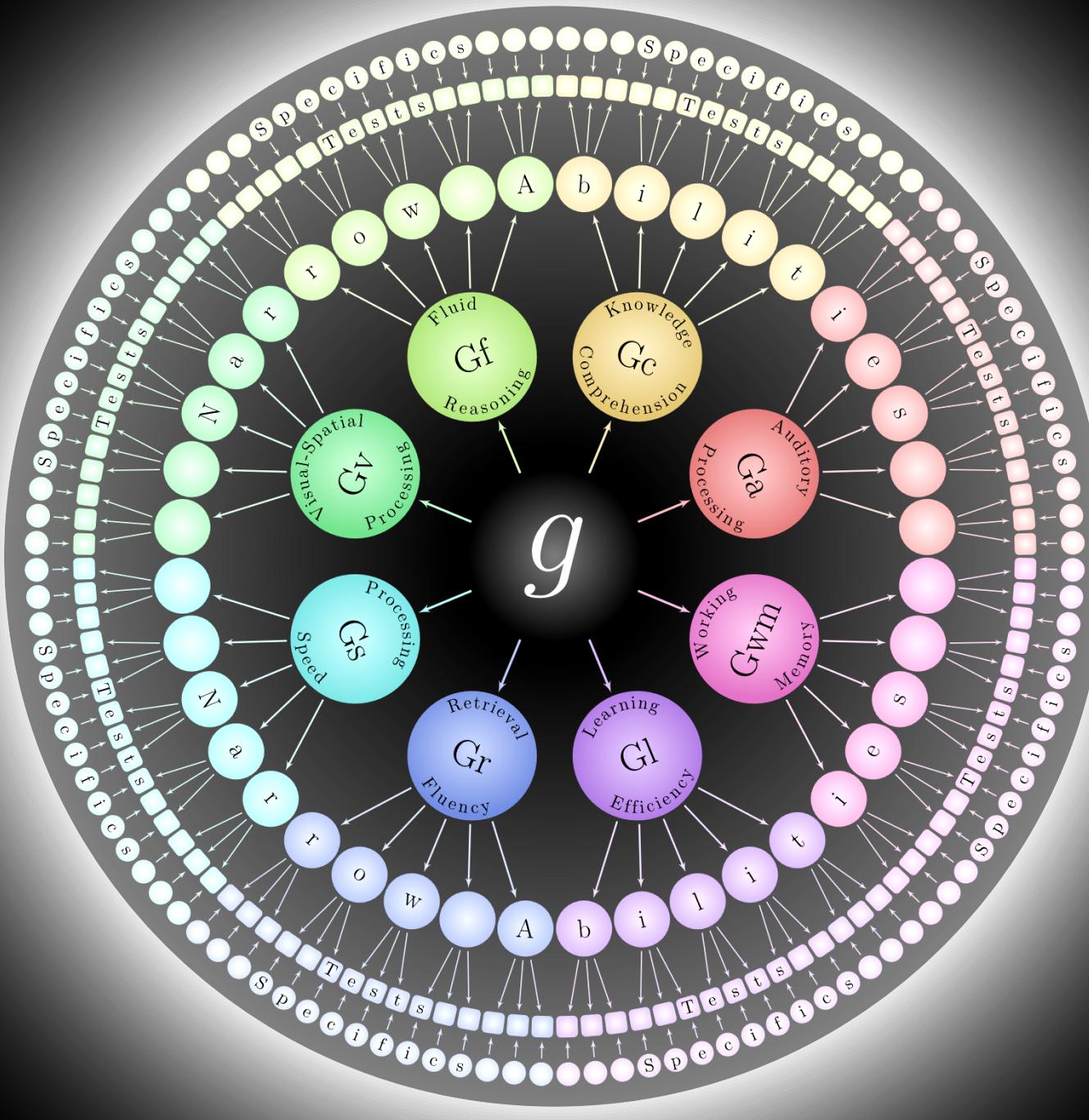
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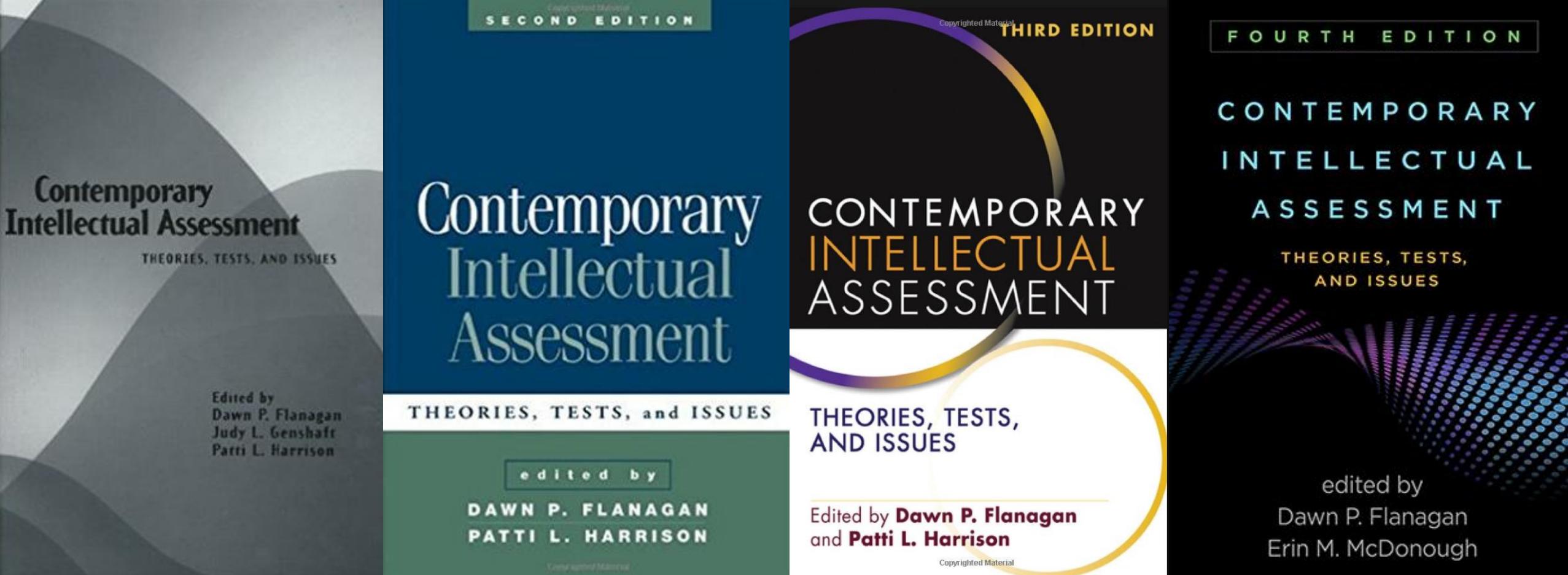






CATTELL-HORN-CARROLL Theory of Cognitive Abilities

An Ecumenical Space
for Scholars to Suspend
—Temporarily—
Our Interminable,
Intemperate,
and Futile Feuds
About the *g* Factor



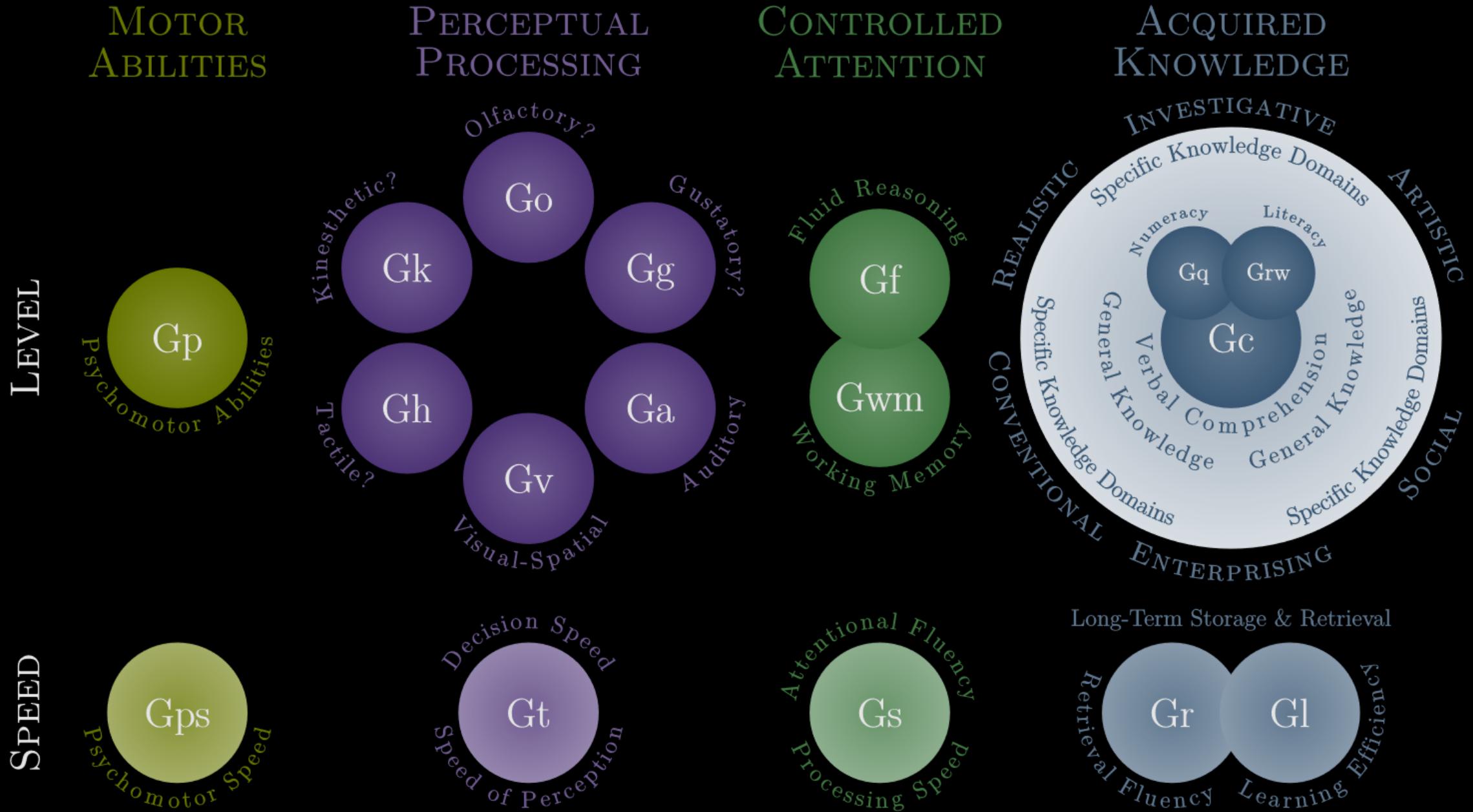
Analysis of the Major
Intelligence Batteries
According to a Proposed
Comprehensive Gf-Gc
Framework
McGraw (1997)

The Cattell-Horn-Carroll
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McGraw (2005)

The Cattell-Horn-
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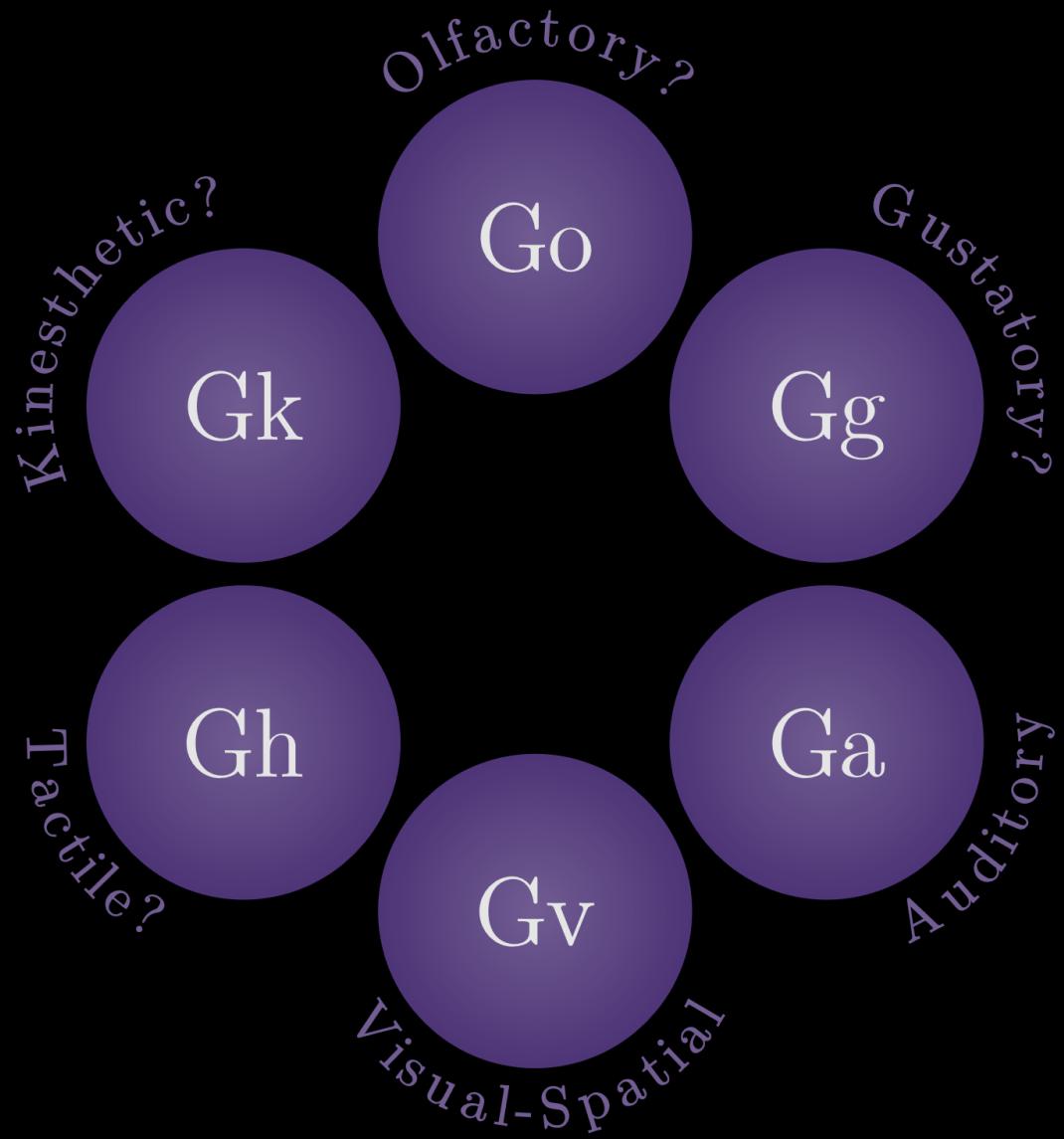
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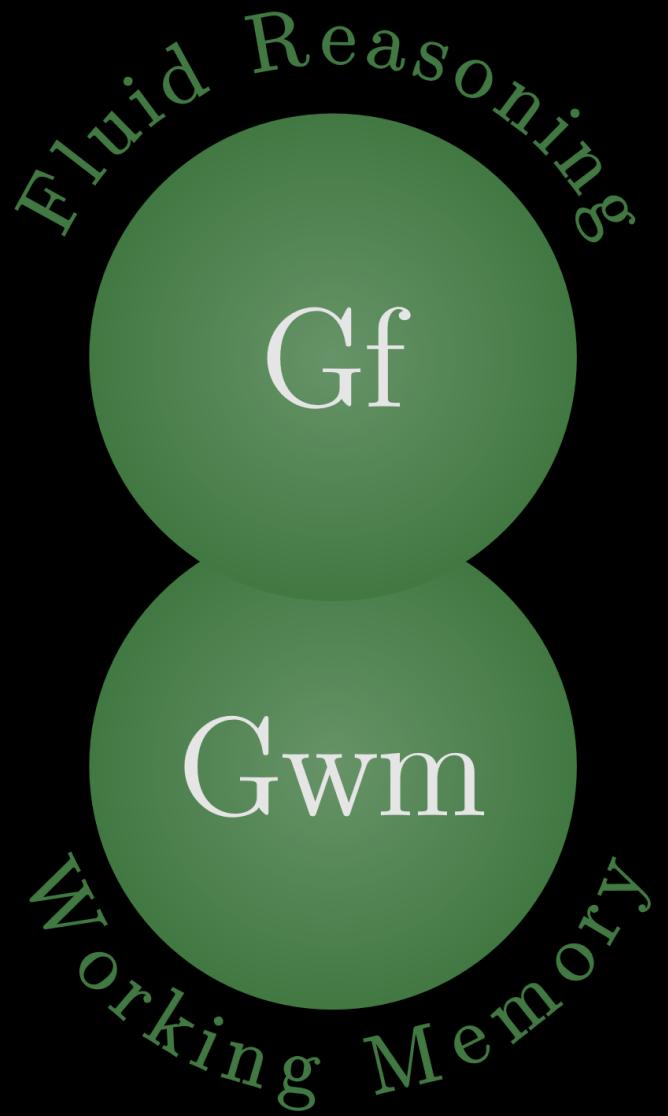
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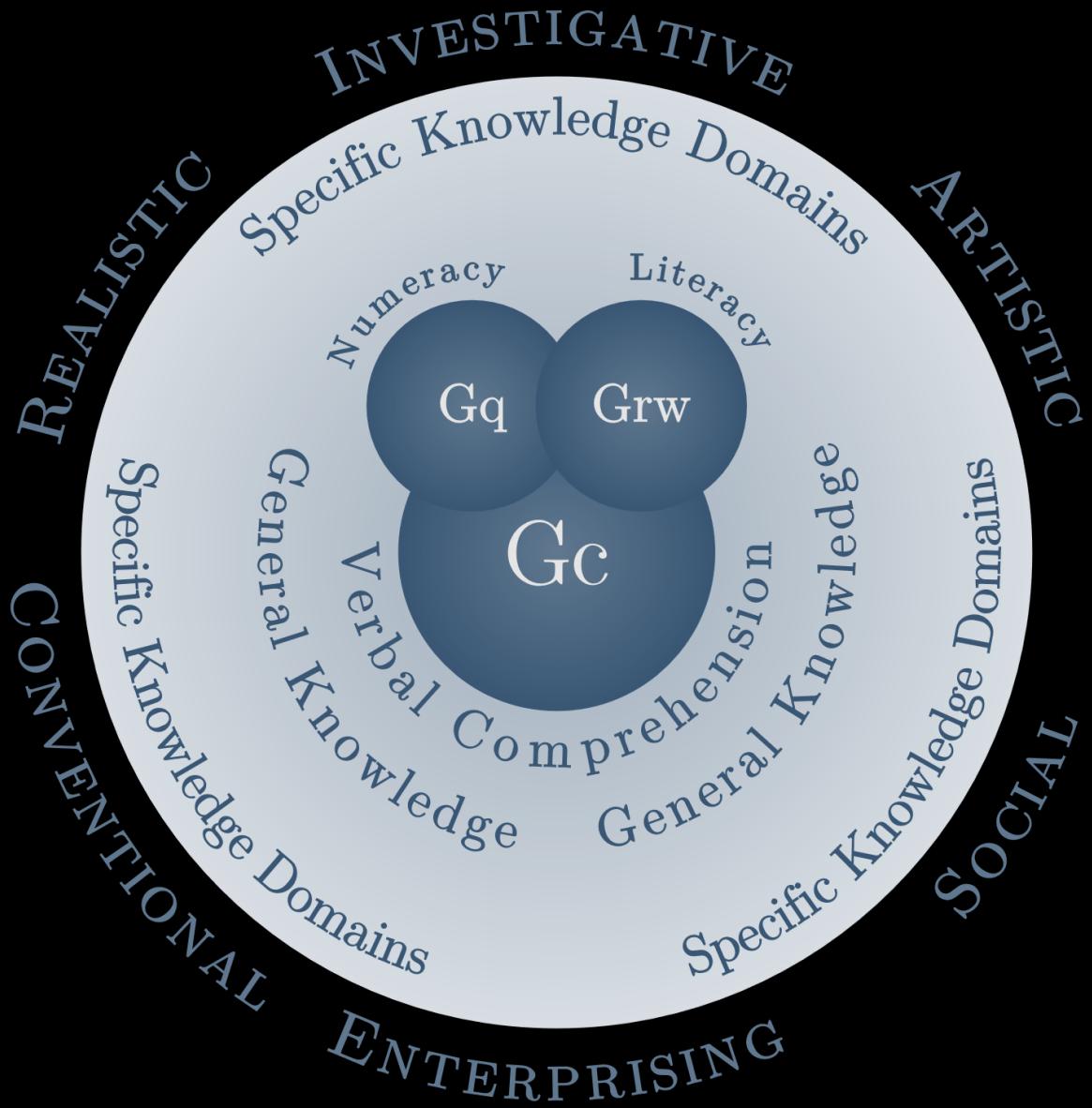
PERCEPTUAL PROCESSING



DOMAIN-GENERAL PROCESSING

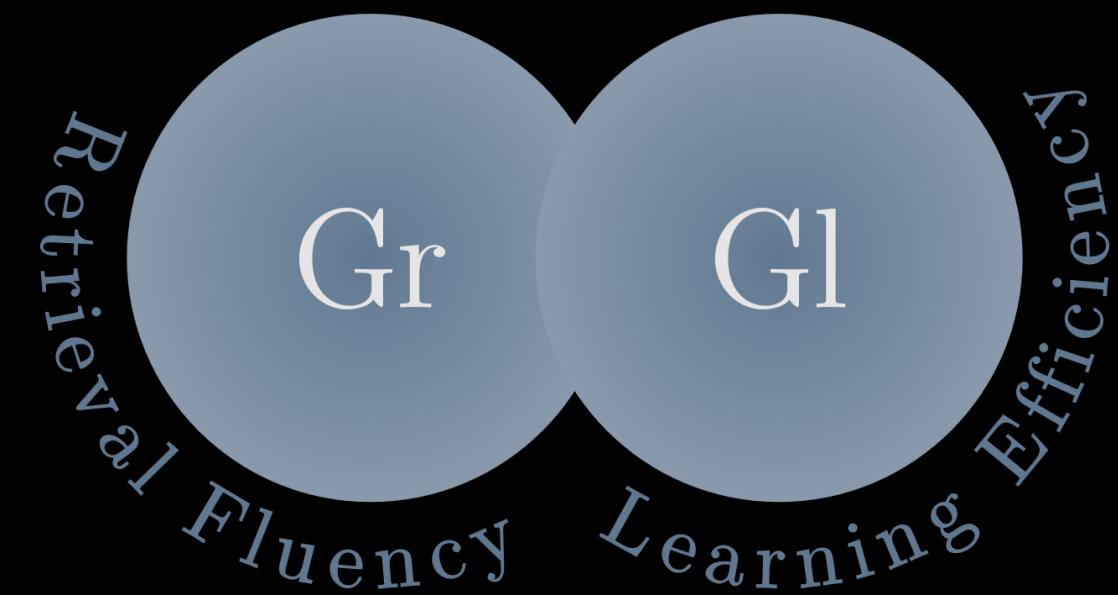


ACQUIRED KNOWLEDGE



LONG-TERM MEMORY

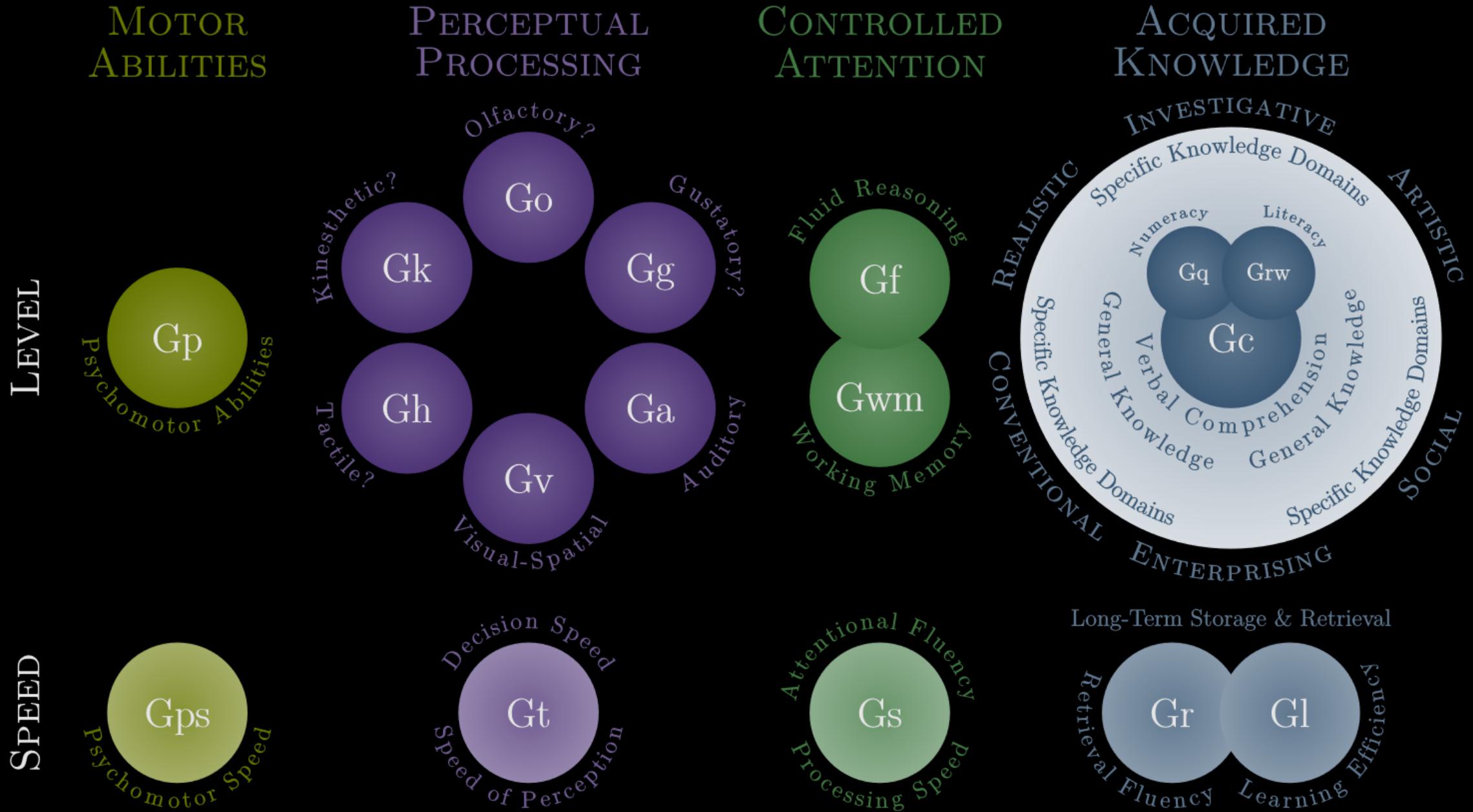
Long-Term Storage & Retrieval



SPEEDED ABILITIES

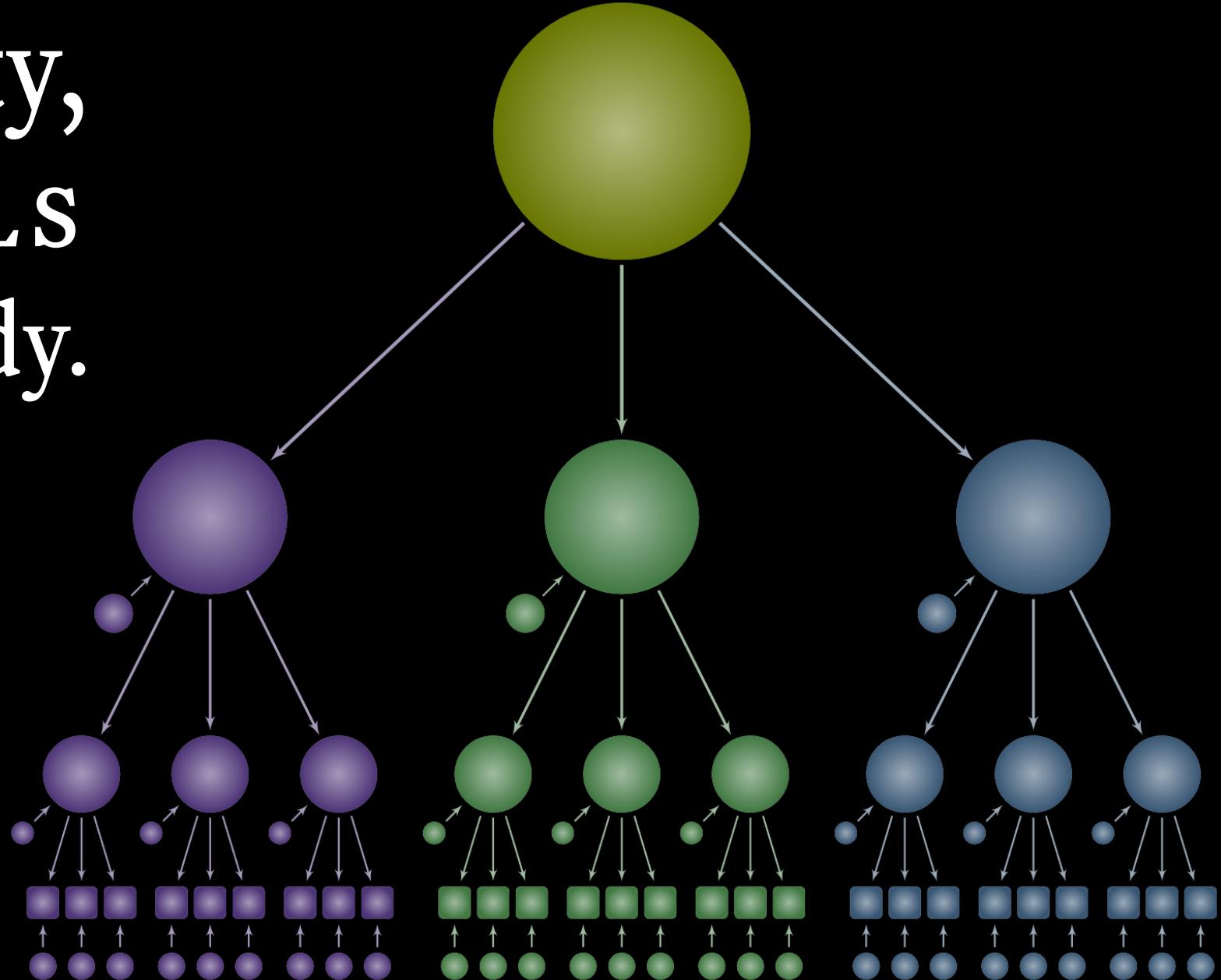


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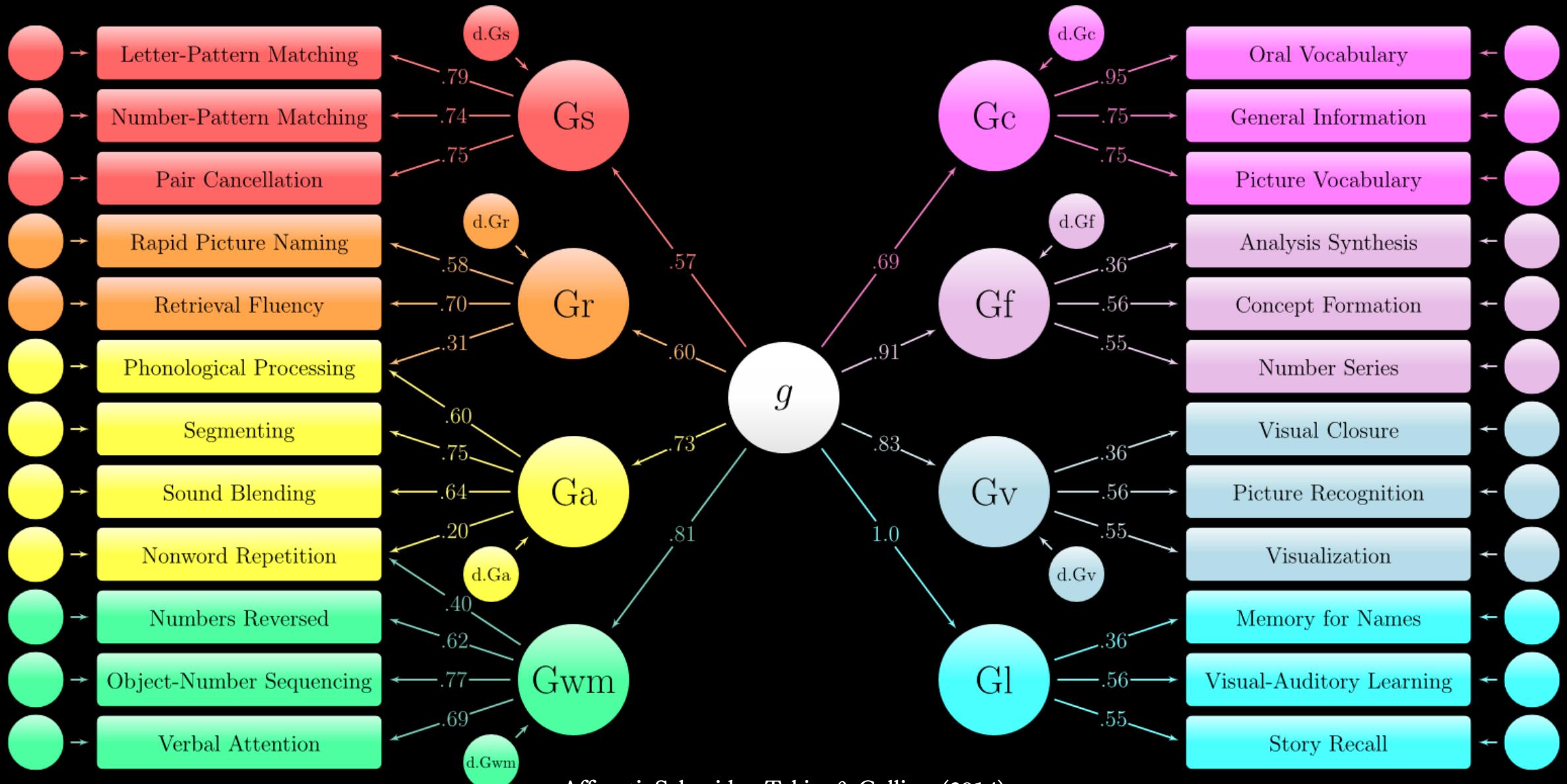


Unlike Reality, OUR MODELS Are Neat & Tidy.

Models are to be used,
but not to be believed.
—Henry Theill



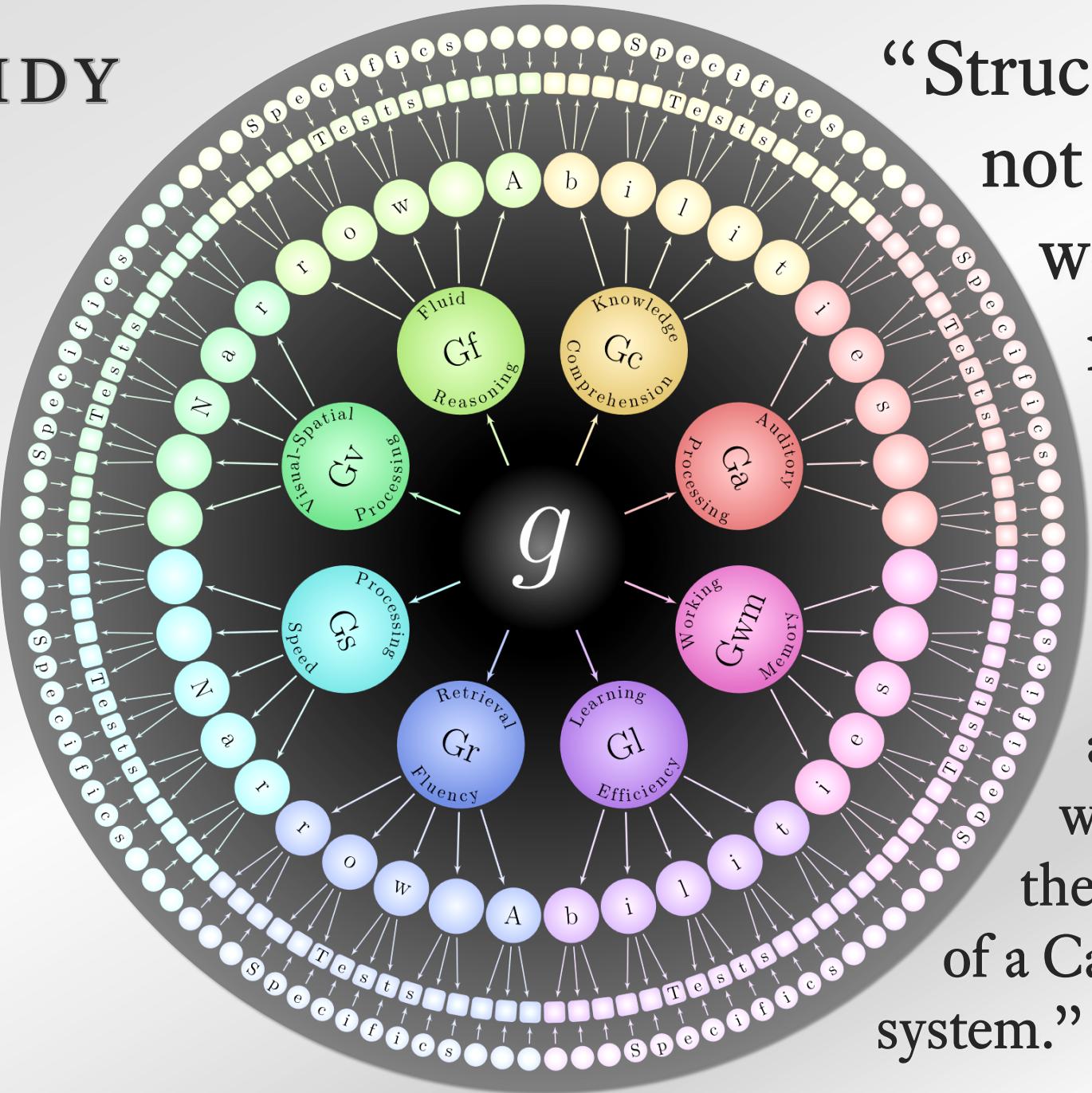
Neat, Tidy Hierarchies Are Pretty But Not Natural



NEAT & TIDY MODEL

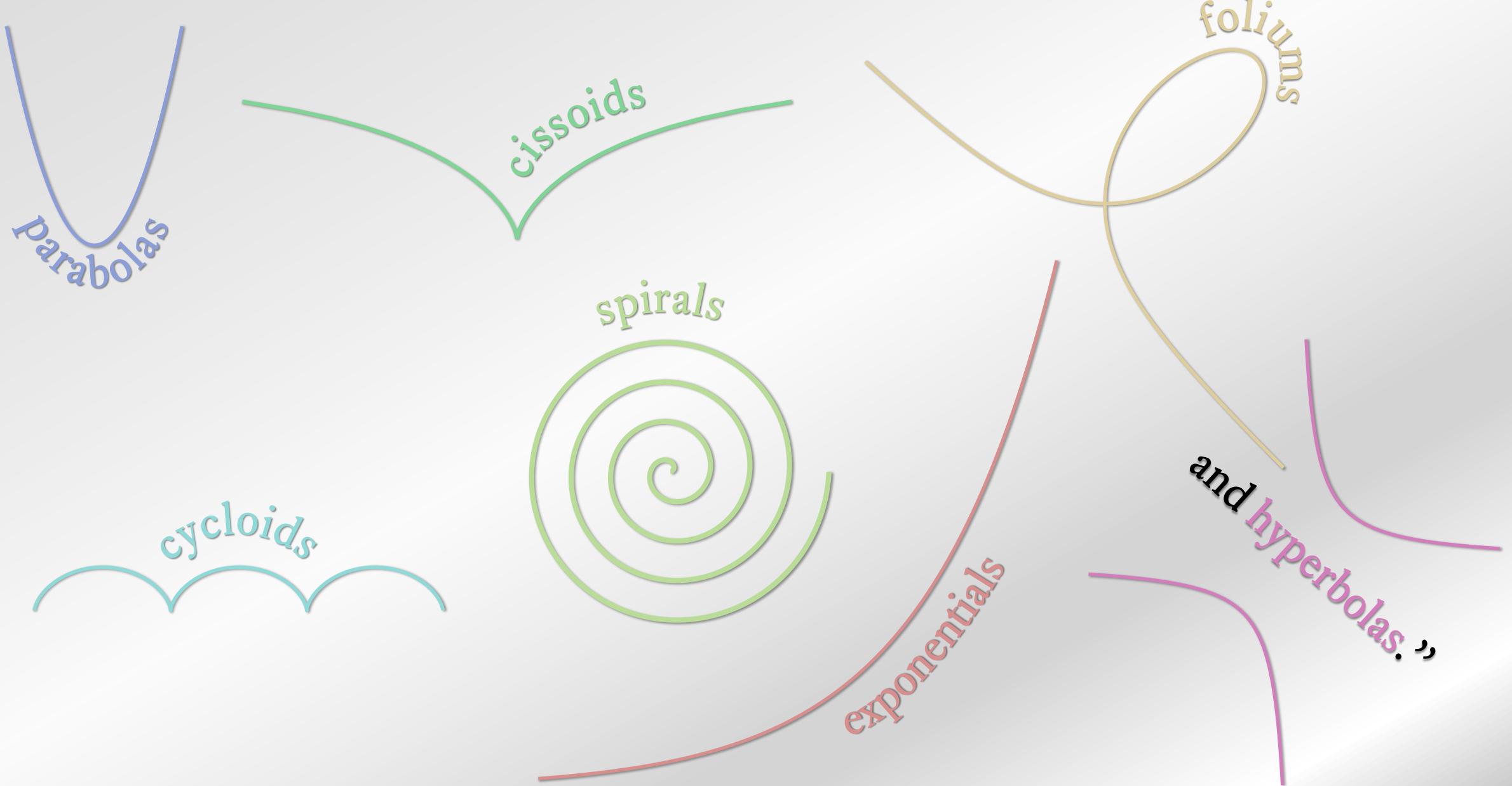


John Horn
1928–2006

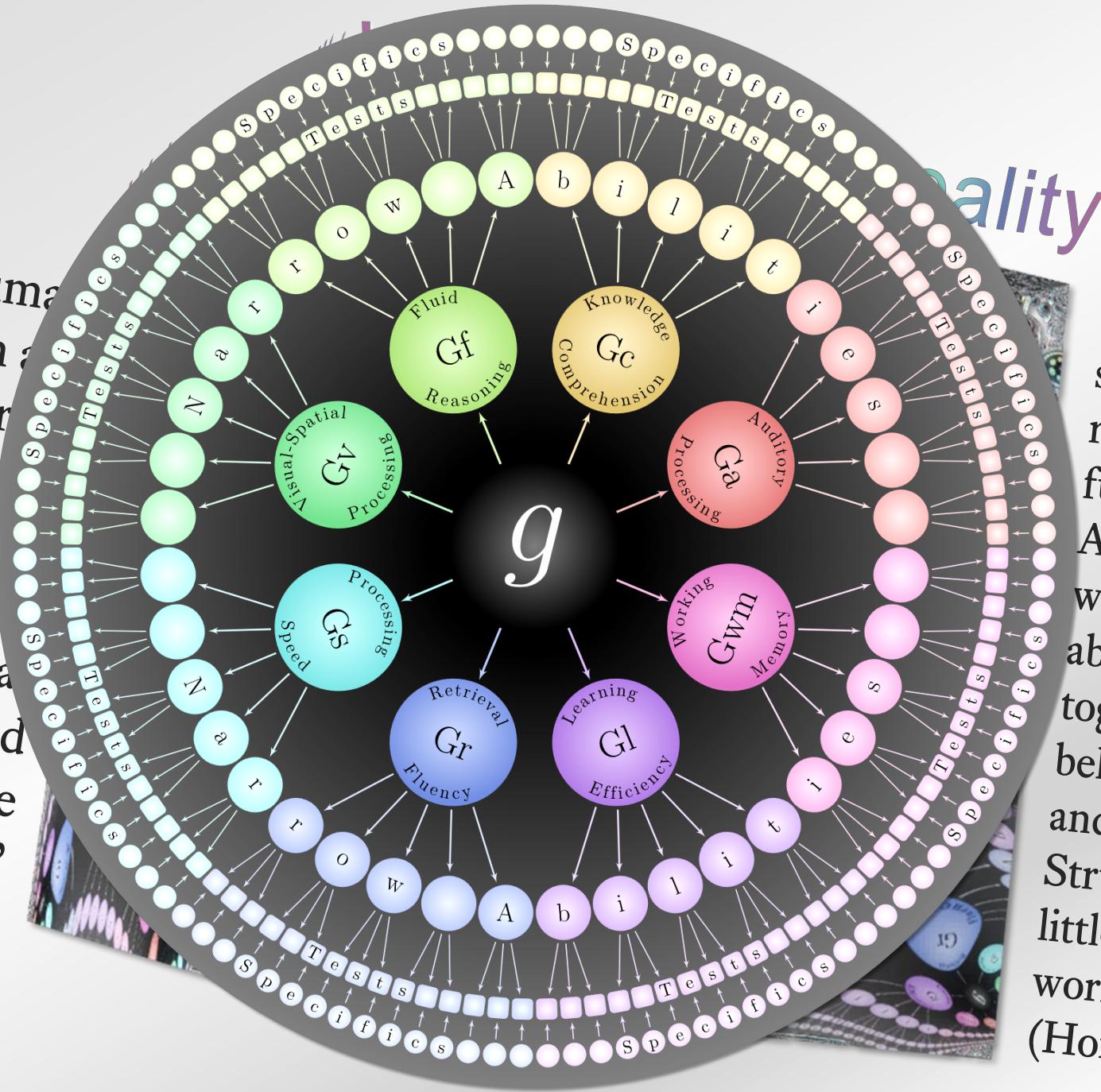


“Structural theory is not of a form that well describes natural phenomena. The phenomena of nature are usually rounded and irregular, not well described by a the linear equations of a Cartesian coordinate system.”

“The equations that describe the outer structure of the brain must include

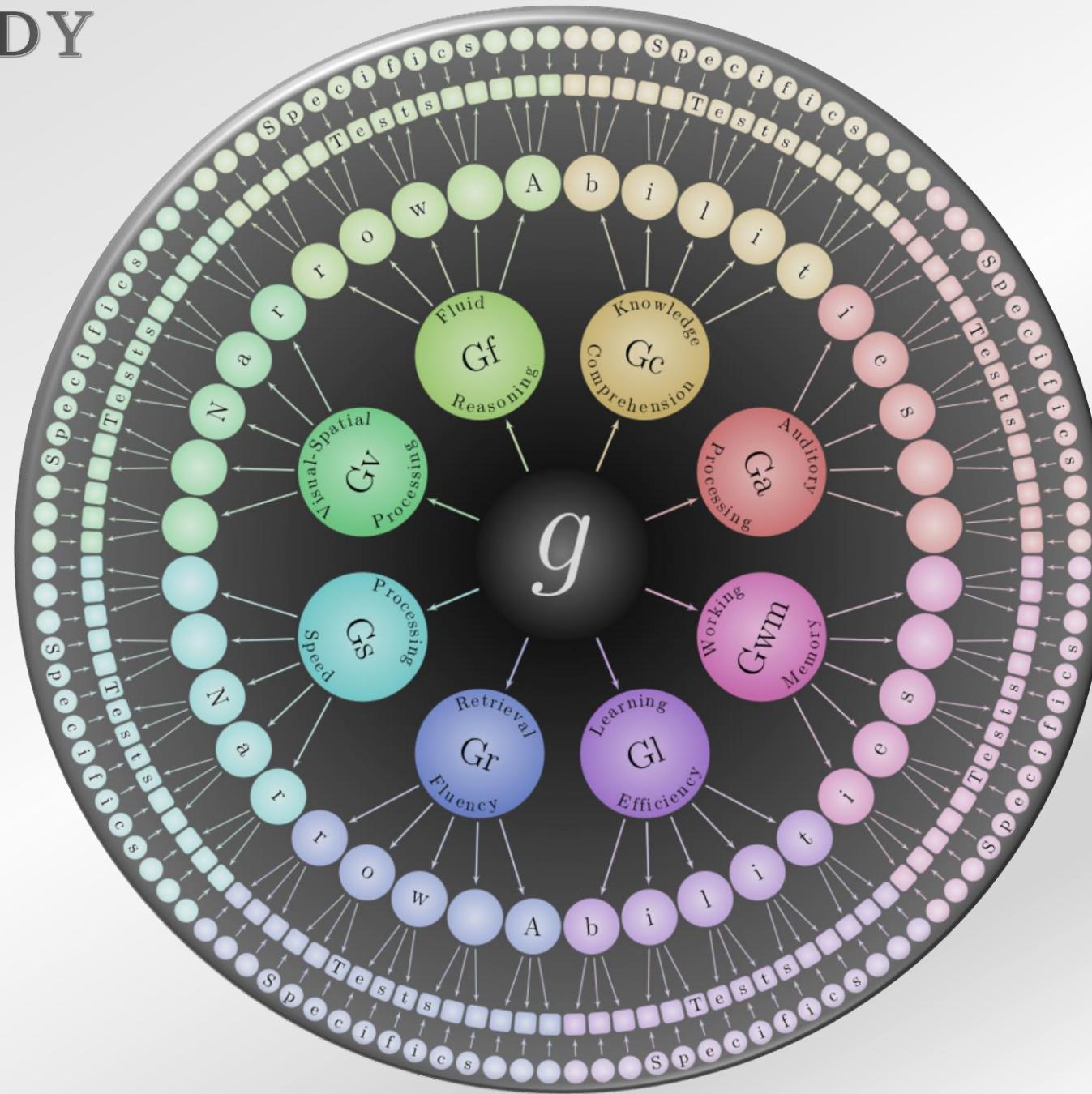


“It is likely that human capabilities, which are grounded in brain structure, are best described with similar equations, not terms of linear equations of the kind that describe city blocks.”



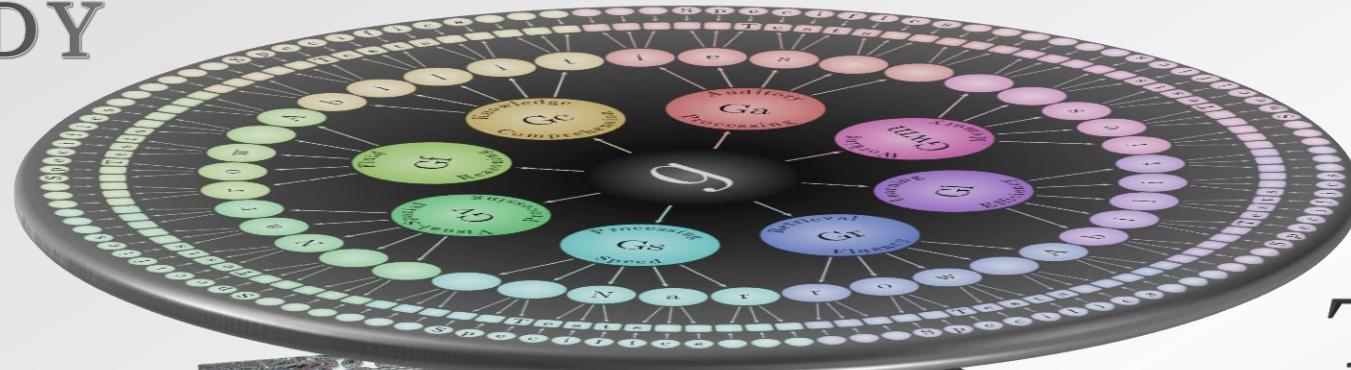
“The factors of structural theory do not represent biological functional relationships. A functional theory would indicate how abilities interact and work together to produce the behavior of adaptation and adjustment. Structural theory does little to help indicate such workings together.”
(Horn, 1998, p. 64)

NEAT & TIDY MODEL



NEAT & TIDY MODEL

Weird & Wild
Reality



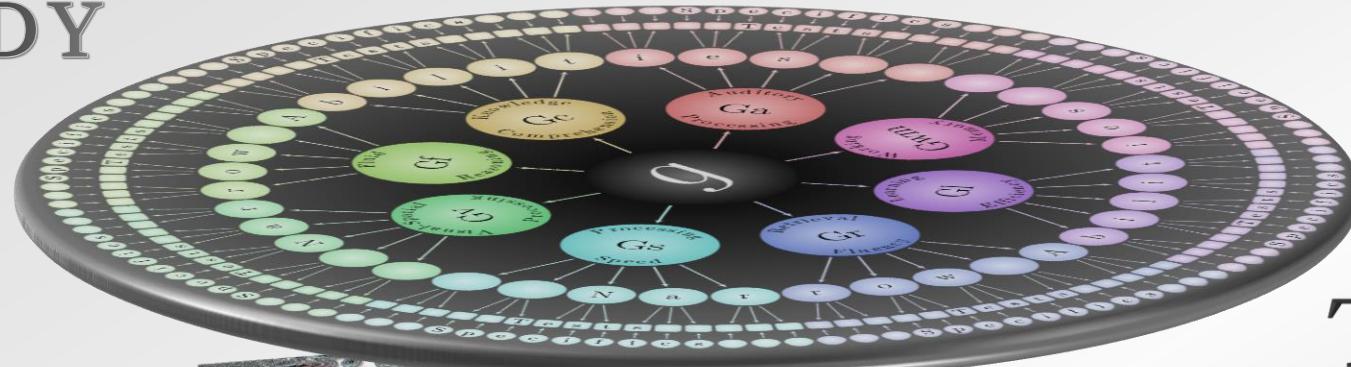
What You
Think You See



What Is
Underneath

NEAT & TIDY MODEL

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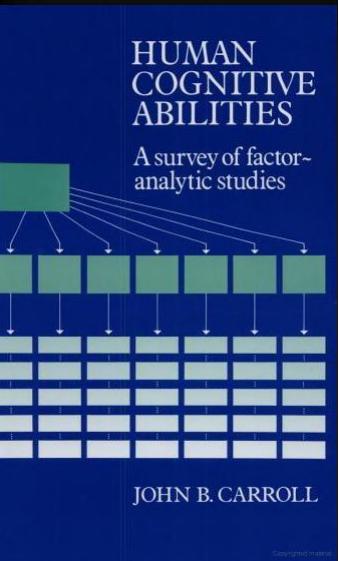


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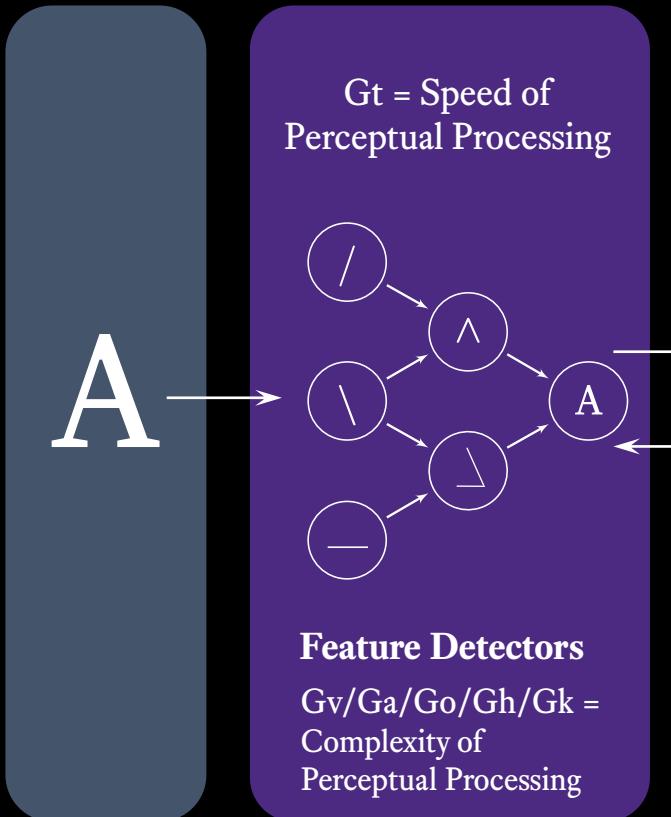
What Is
Underneath

“To construct a theory of intelligence
is to construct a theory of cognition.”



CHC Broad Abilities as parameters of information processing

Sensation Perception



Long-Term Memory

Gc/Gkn/Gq/Grw
= Breadth, Depth, and Complexity of Knowledge

Gl = Learning Efficiency

Gr = Retrieval Fluency

Storage

Retrieval

Activation

Priming

Recently Activated Concepts

Focus of Attention

Memory Span =
Size of Activated Area

Gf = Complexity of Reasoning
within Working Memory

Working Memory

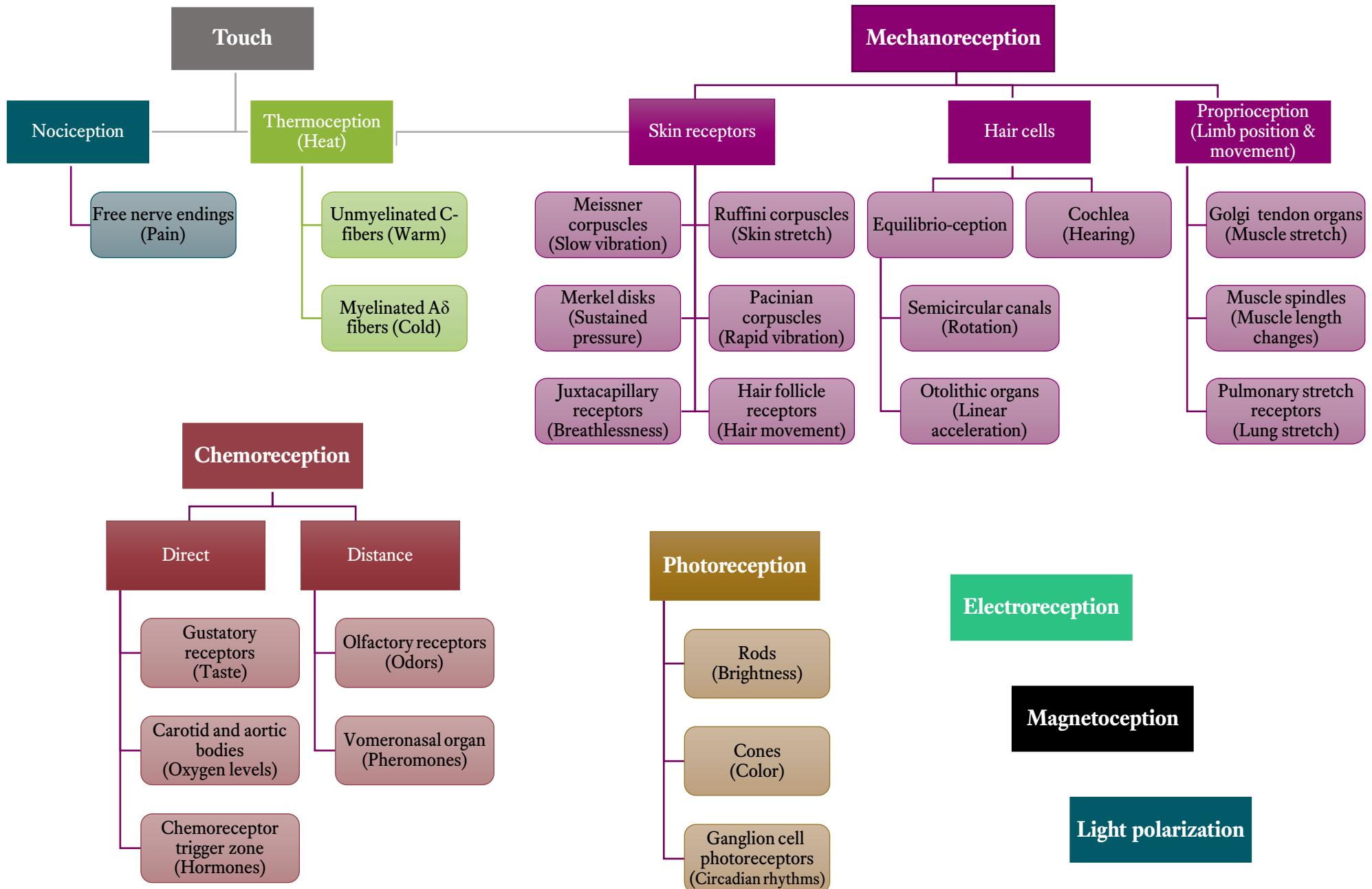
Central Executive

Working Memory Capacity =
Efficiency of Attentional Control
Gs = Attentional Fluency

Gp = Psychomotor Ability

Decisions

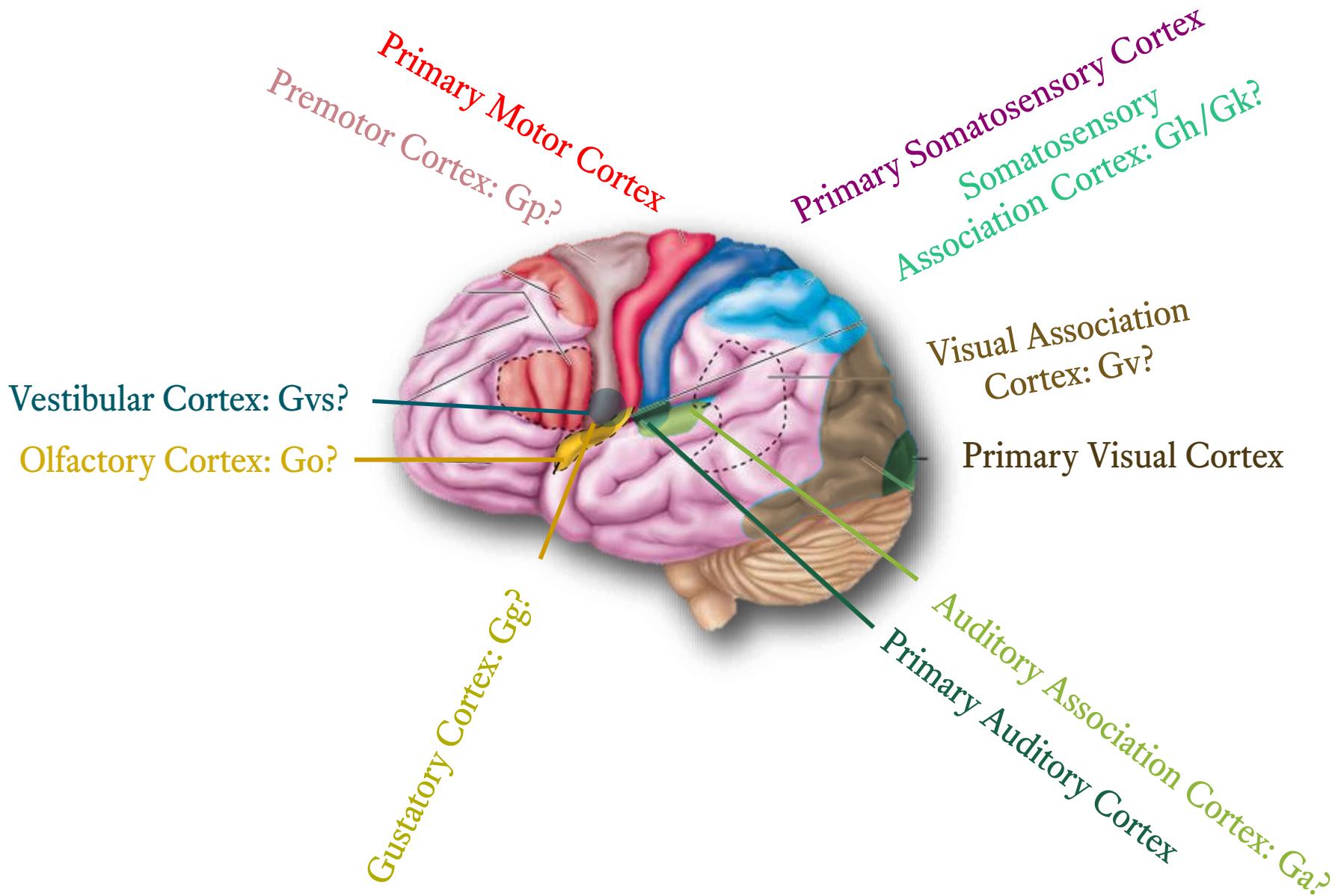
SENSATION

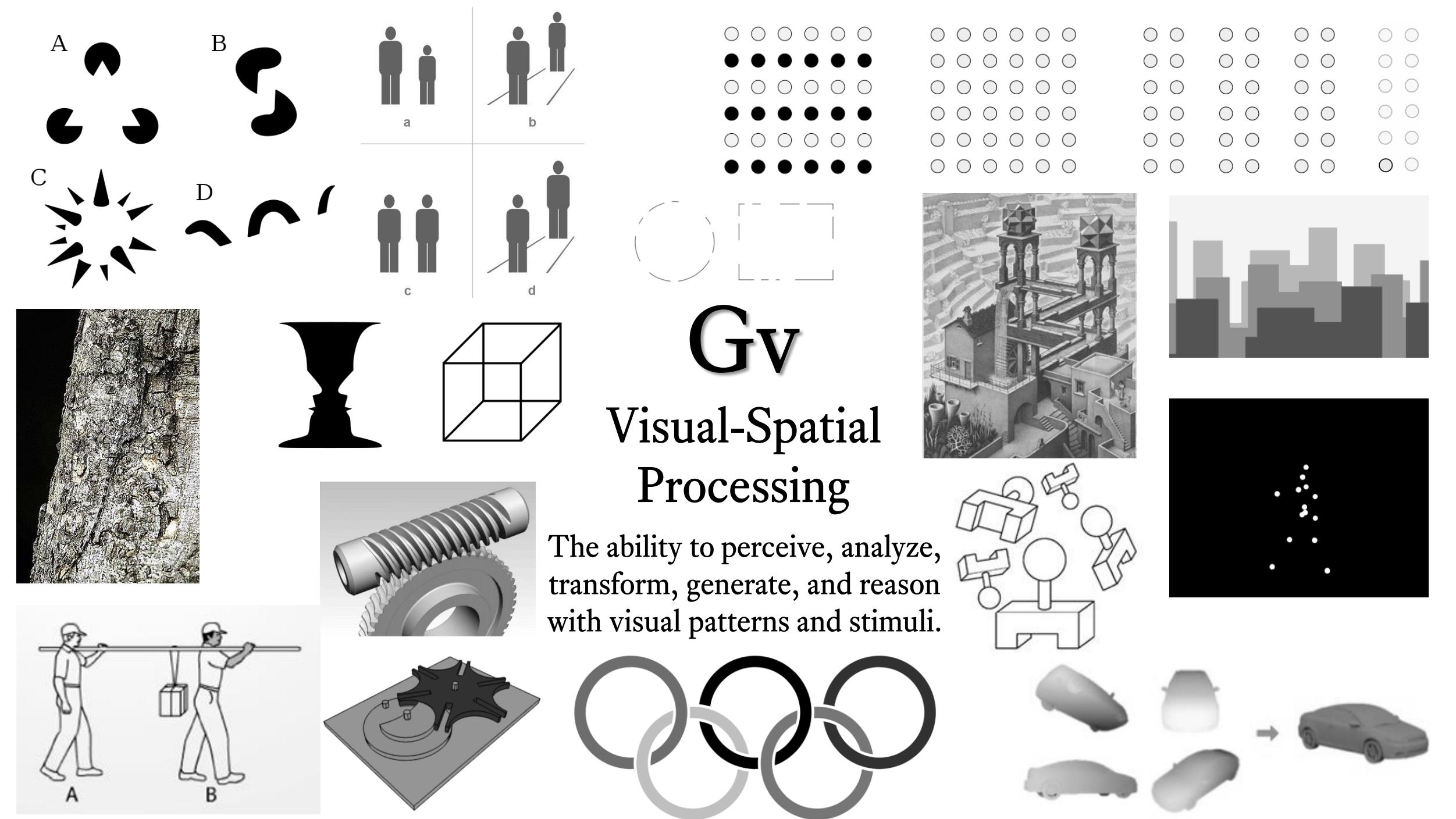




I did not
approve of
this joke.

SENSE AND SENSE ABILITY





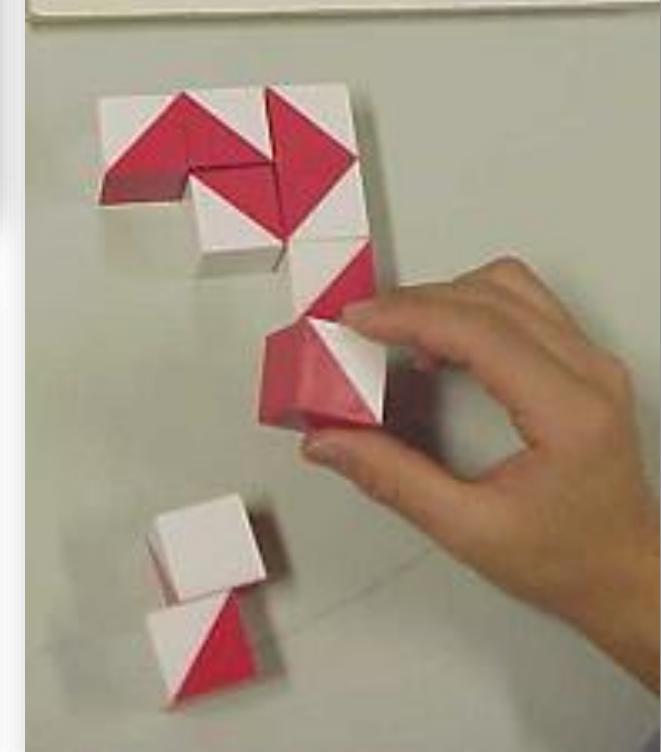
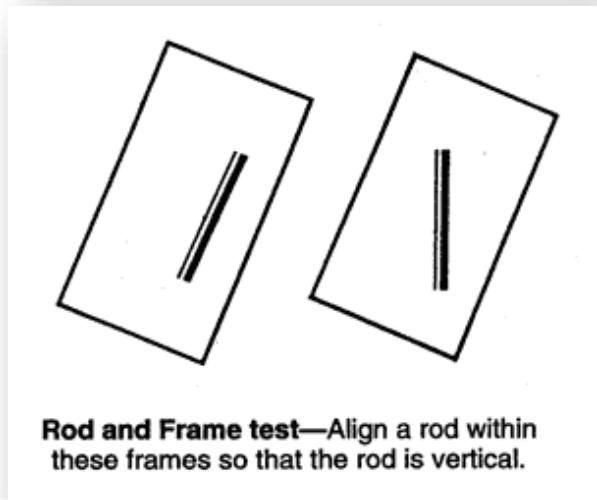
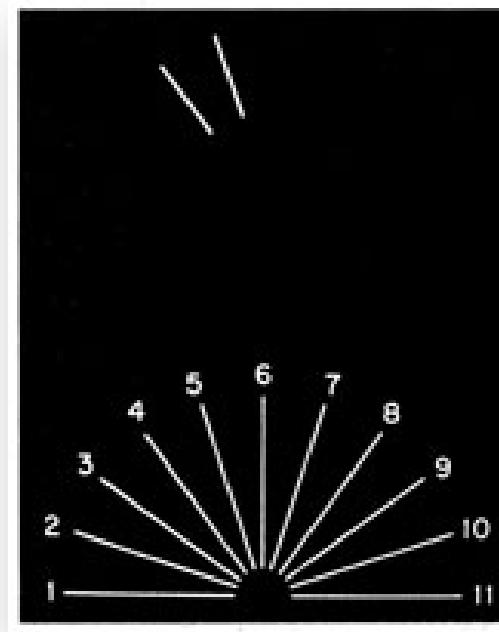
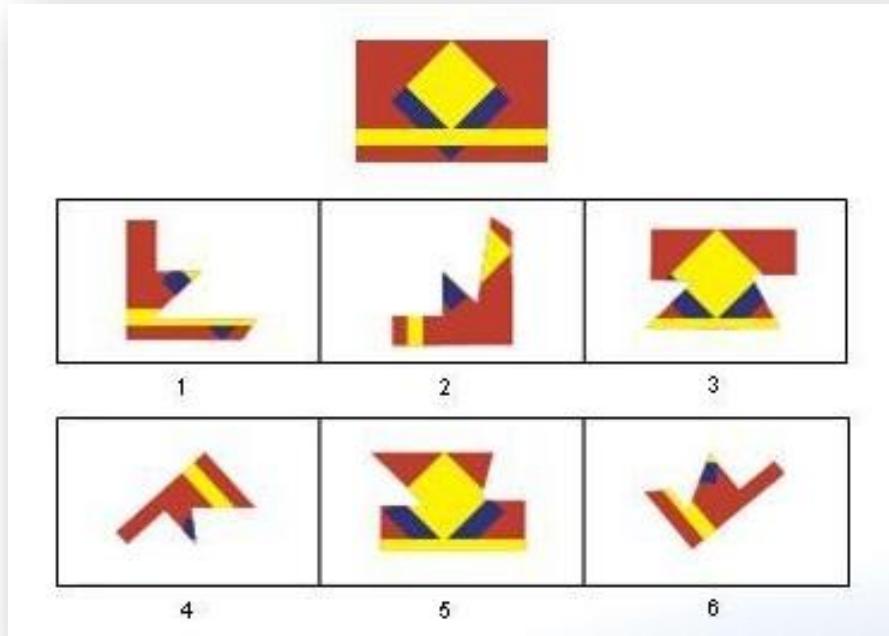
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Visual-Spatial Processing

The ability to perceive, analyze, transform, generate, and reason with visual patterns and stimuli.

VISUALIZATION

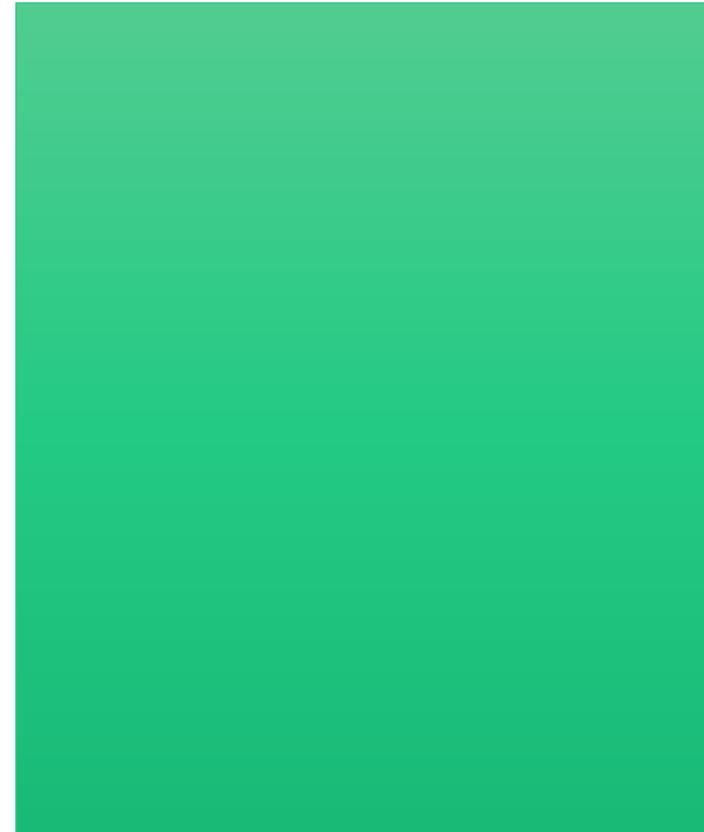
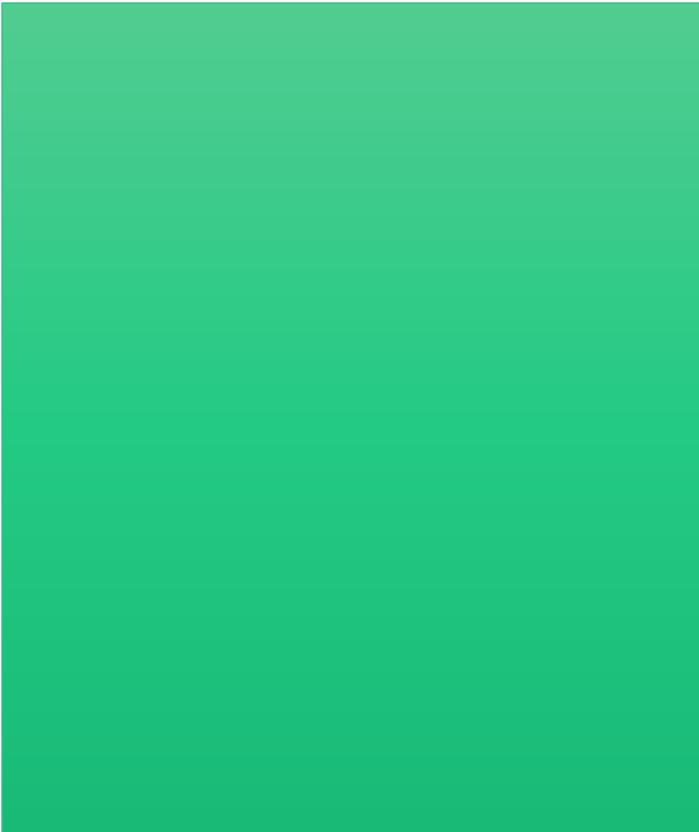
The ability to perceive complex patterns and mentally simulate how they might look when transformed.



Rod and Frame test—Align a rod within these frames so that the rod is vertical.

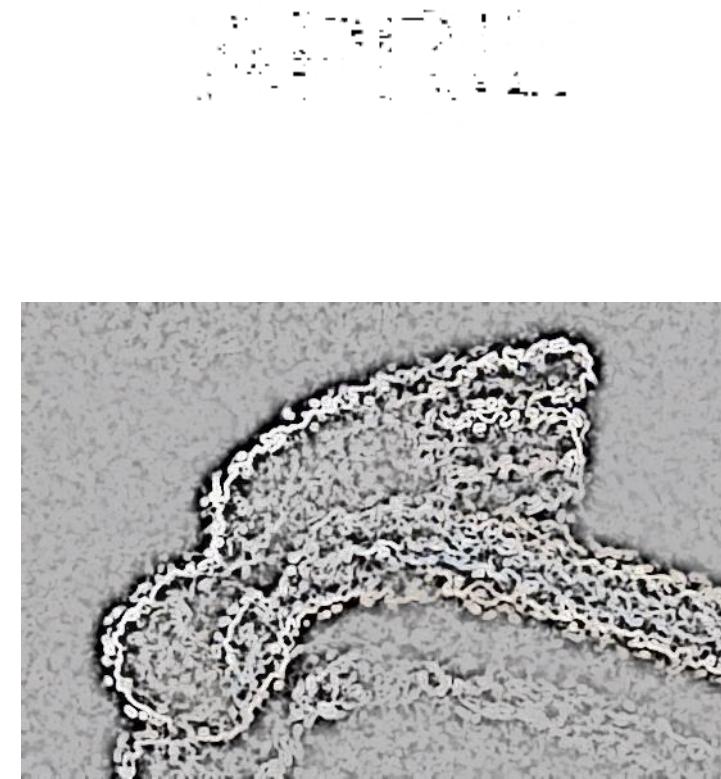
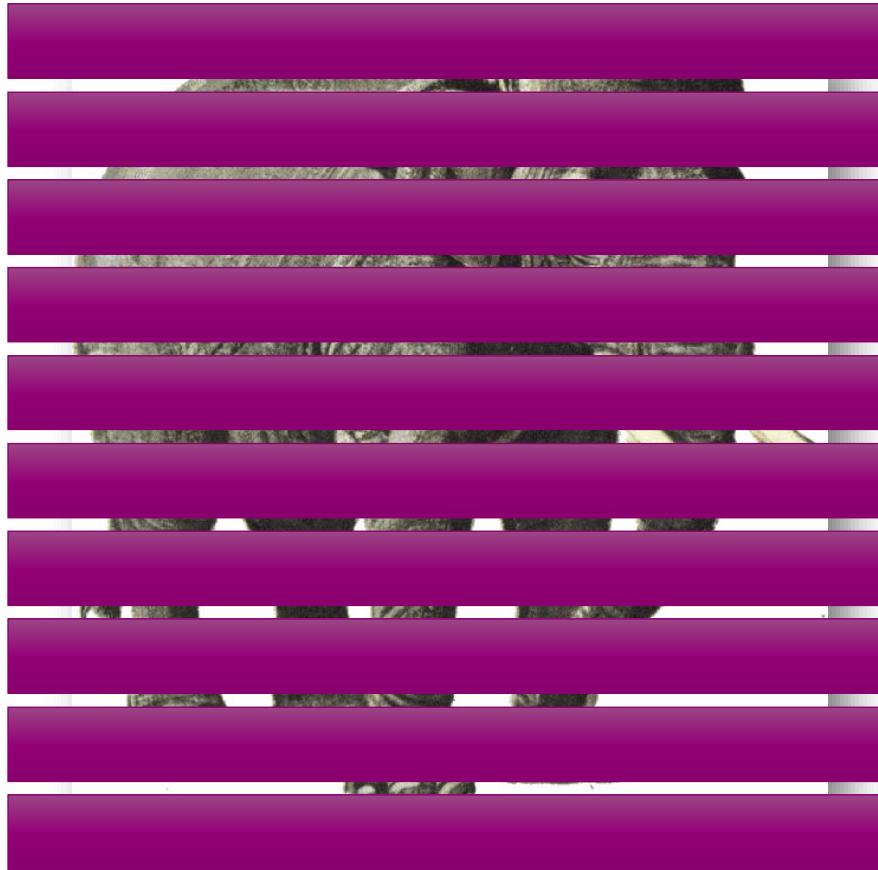
SERIAL PERCEPTUAL INTEGRATION

Ability to recognize an object after only parts of it are shown in rapid succession.



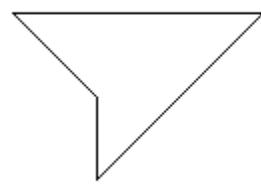
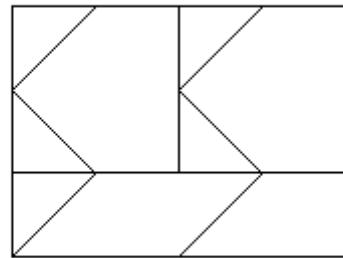
GESTALT CLOSURE

Ability to quickly identify an object from incomplete visual stimuli.

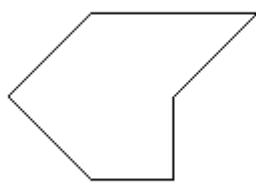


FLEXIBILITY OF CLOSURE

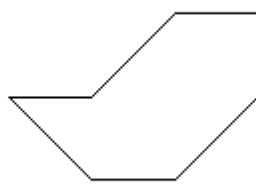
Ability to identify a known visual figure embedded in a complex visual pattern



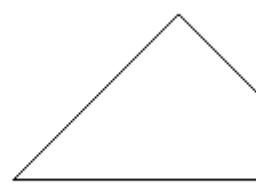
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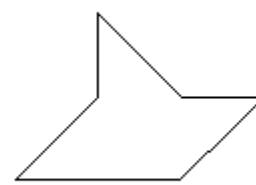
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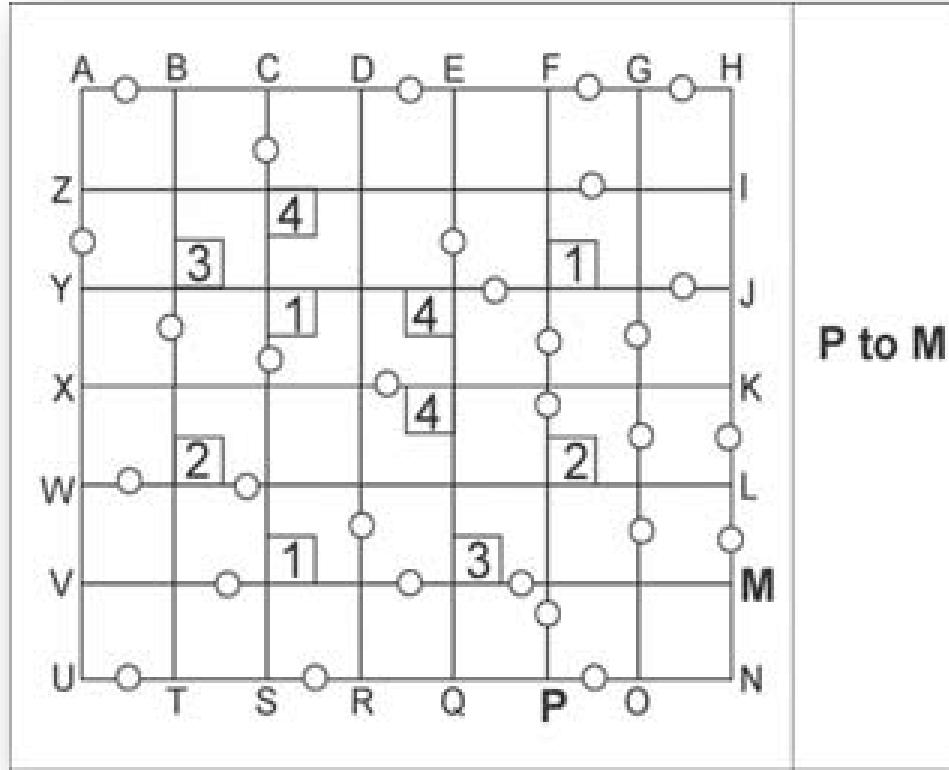


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Which of these figures can be found in the figure above?

SPATIAL SCANNING

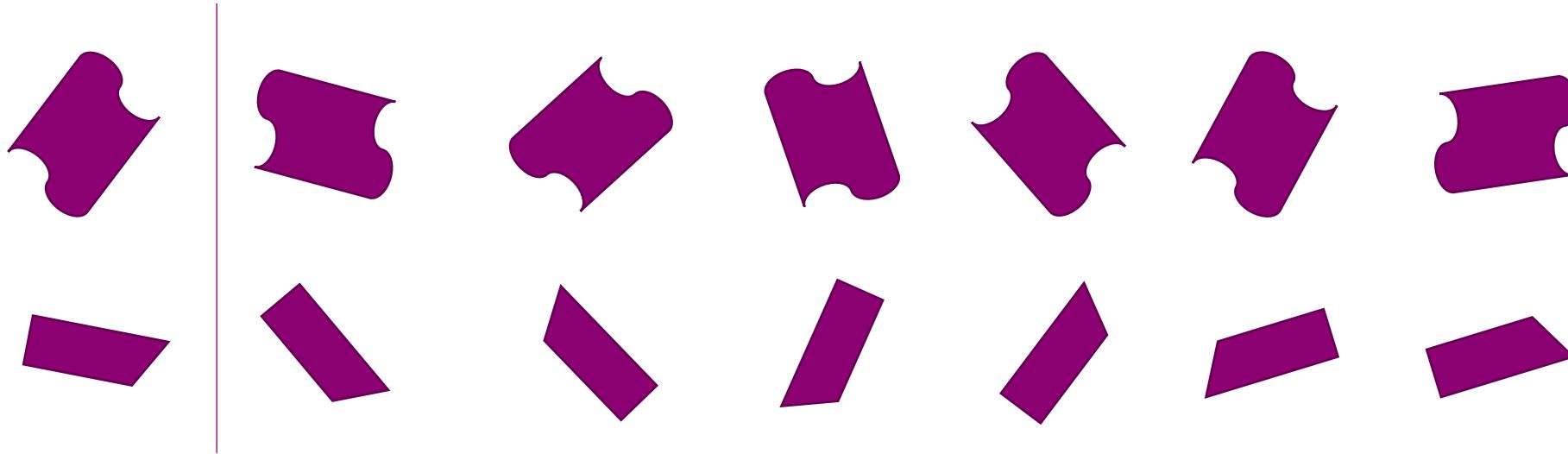
Ability to visualize a path out of a maze.



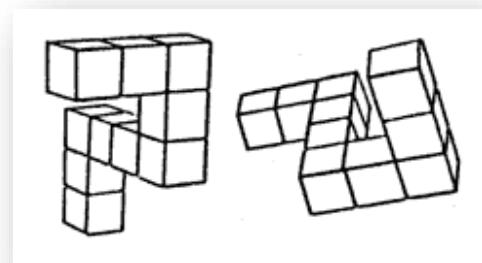
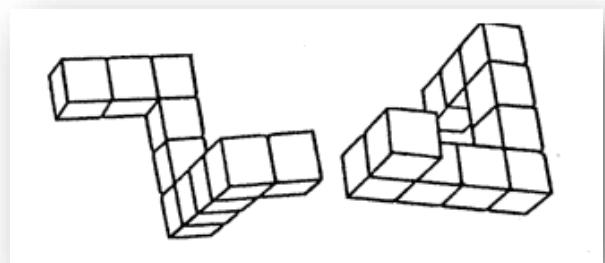
Which number(s) will you pass if you trace the shortest route from P to M (circles are roadblocks)?

SPEEDED ROTATION

The ability to mentally rotate images quickly.



Which figures are the same as the first figure in each row (i.e., rotated, not flipped)?



Are these figures the same, except for their orientation?

TESTS OF VISUAL PROCESSING

Block
Design

WECHSLER
TESTS
Object
Assembly

Block
Counting

KABC-II
Face
Recognition

Visual
Puzzles

Triangles

Gestalt
Closure

Recognition
of Pictures

Copying

Pattern
Construction

DAS-II

Recall of
Designs

Visual
Closure

Visualization

Visual Memory

Gestalt Closure

Visualization

WOODCOCK-
JOHNSON IV

Picture
Recognition

TESTS OF VISUAL PROCESSING

Face Recognition	Recall of Designs	Visual Memory	Gestalt Closure
Picture Recognition	Block Counting	Visualization	Object Assembly
Block Design	Copying	Visual Puzzles	Pattern Construction
Recognition of Pictures	Triangles	Block Design	Visualization

Auditory Processing (Ga)

The ability to detect and process nonverbal information in sound.

Resistance to Auditory Distortion

Phonetic Coding

Memory for Sound Patterns

Speech Sound Discrimination

Phonological Processing

Maintaining & Judging Rhythm

Musical Discrimination & Judgment

Absolute Pitch

Sound Localization

PHONOLOGICAL PROCESSING TEST PARADIGMS

Phoneme
Segmentation
 $\text{cat} \rightarrow /k/ + /a/ + /t/$

Phoneme
Blending
 $/k/ + /a/ + /t/ \rightarrow \text{cat}$

Non-word
Repetition
Say *glickorous*

Phoneme
Reversal
 $\text{snow} \rightarrow \text{owns}$

Rhyming
Say a word that rhymes with *game*.

Phoneme
Closure
 $\text{elect_ic} \rightarrow \text{electric}$

Phoneme
Elision
Say *slow* without */l/* $\rightarrow so$

TESTS OF AUDITORY PROCESSING

Speech Discrimination in Noise	Blending ASA Rhyming	Blending Nonwords	Blending Words	Phonological Processing
Tonal Discrimination		CTOPP-2	Elision	Pitch Discrimination
DAS-II	Phonological Processing	Segmenting Nonwords	Phoneme Isolation	Phonological Processing
KTEA-III	Phonological Processing	SCAN-3		WOODCOCK-JOHNSON IV
WIAT-IV	Phonological Proficiency	Auditory Figure-Ground	Time Compressed Sentences	Sound Blending Segmentation

TESTS OF AUDITORY PROCESSING

Phonological Processing	Blending Rhyming	Phonological Proficiency	Phonological Processing
Phonological Processing	Phoneme Isolation	Blending Nonwords	Blending Words Elision
		Segmenting Nonwords	Sound Blending
			Segmentation

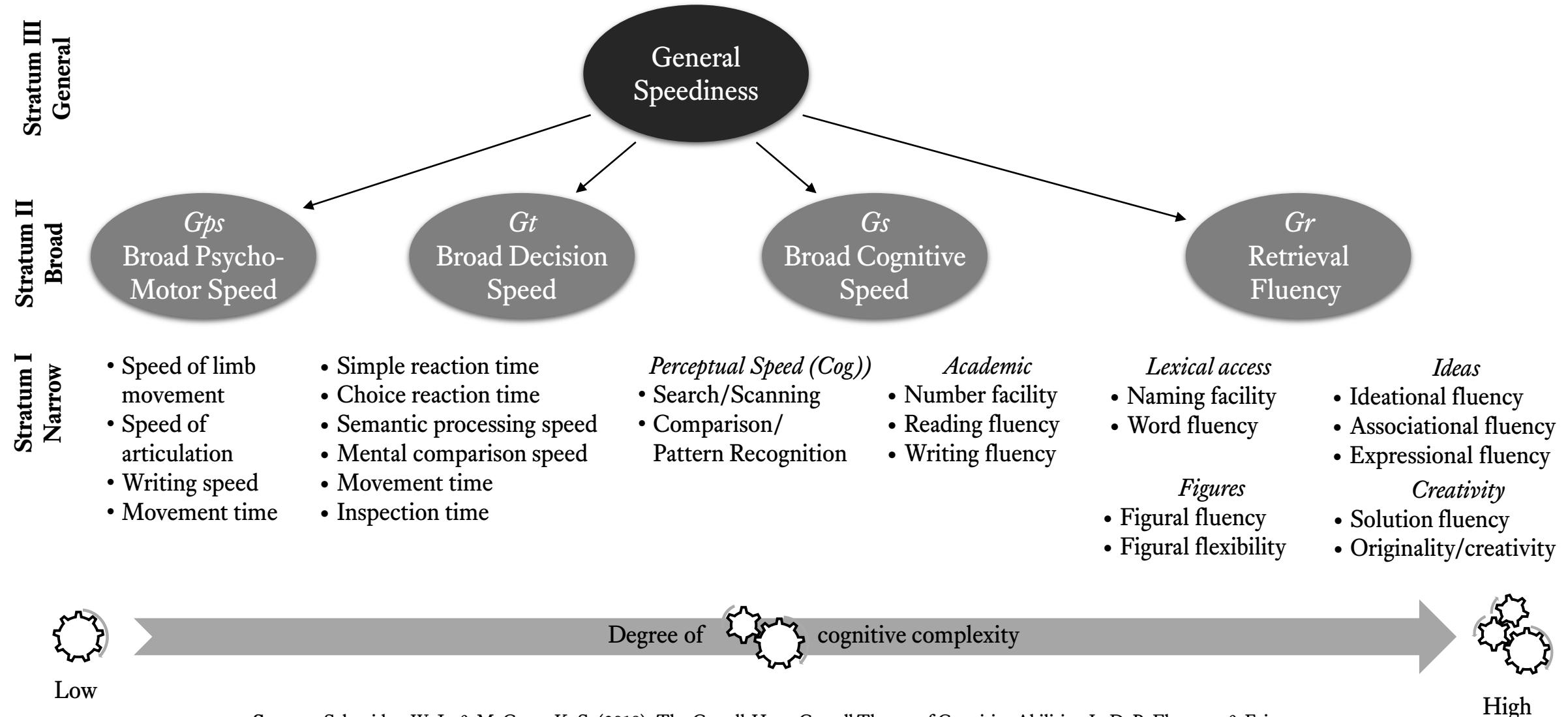
Resistance to Auditory Distortion

Auditory Figure-Ground	Time Compressed Sentences	Speech Discrimination in Noise
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Pitch Discrimination

Tonal Discrimination

A PROPOSED HIERARCHY OF SPEED ABILITIES



PERCEPTUAL SPEED (SCANNING)

leg	damage	food	leather
or	all	eye	division
join	pin	account	hope
plough	force	iron	fiction
hammer	rat	mist	building
sex	dark	impulse	brake
bell	knife	chain	question
form	hook	material	part
probable	glass	seem	harmony
answer	experience	necessary	pot
sail	sea	great	fall
sharp	same	sheep	cry
insect	cover	advertisement	ready
arch	order	right	journey
fixed	run	place	shelf
feeble	guide	face	far
air	liquid	news	frequent
make	farm	quality	front
bit	cruel	fish	meat
act	last	card	fat

As quickly as you can, cross out every word with an "a."

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PERCEPTUAL SPEED (COMPARISON)

51	_____	15
89	_____	89
16	_____	16
624	_____	634
708	_____	708
101	_____	110
4741	_____	4741
6503	_____	6508
2743	_____	2743
84285	_____	84285
78788	_____	78787
59544	_____	59444
412297	_____	412297
396518	_____	396528
291769	_____	291769
1178997	_____	1187997
6536999	_____	6536999
9708239	_____	9788239

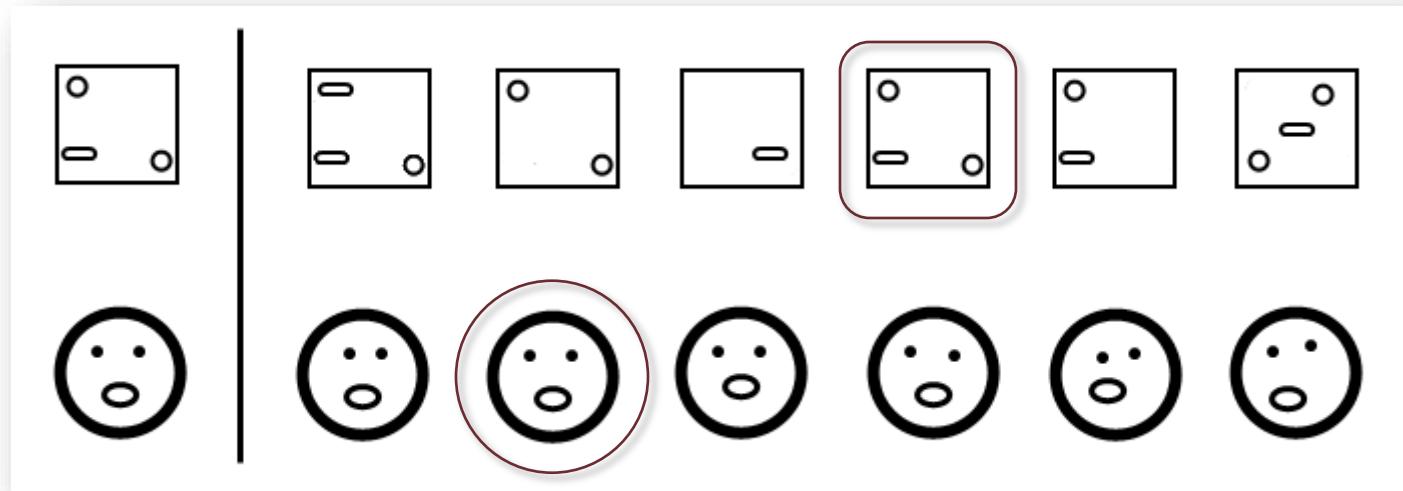
Put an "X" between each pair of numbers that matches.

PERCEPTUAL SPEED (COMPARISON)

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PERCEPTUAL SPEED (COMPARISON)



In each row, find the picture than looks the same as the first picture.

TESTS OF PROCESSING SPEED

Symbol
Search

WECHSLER
TESTS

Cancellation

Coding

DAS-II
Speed of
Information
Processing

Pair
Cancellation

Comparison Speed
Scanning Speed

Letter-Pattern
Matching

WOODCOCK-
JOHNSON IV

Number-Pattern
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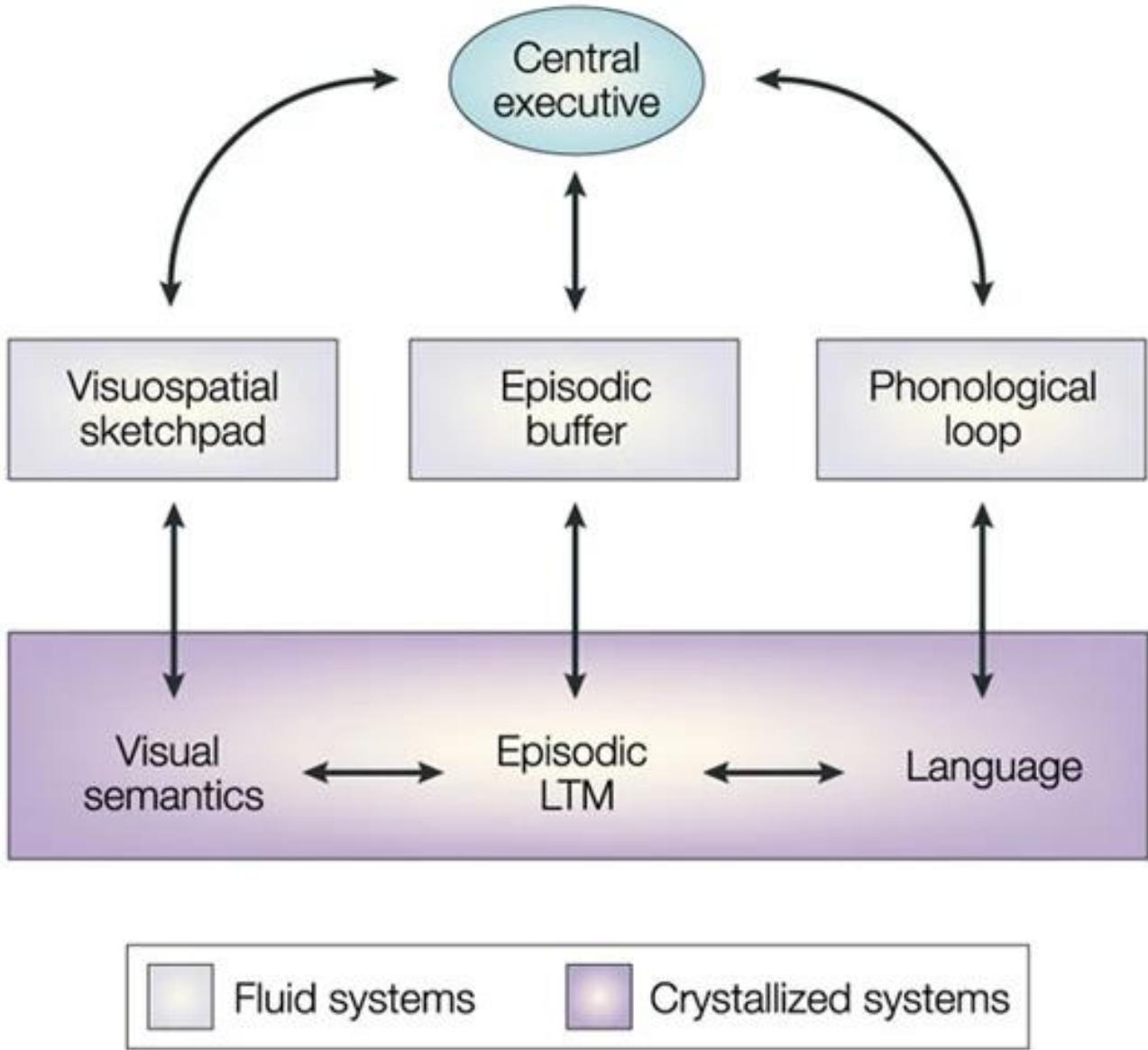
YOU CAN BUY TWO TYPES OF MEMORY:

Option A

- Lavishly expensive
- Ridiculously fragile
- Achingly slow
- Laughably error prone
- Holds only three or four items at a time,
- Continuously overwritten every time your attention wanders

Option B

- Quick
- Cheap
- Reliable
- Robust
- Lasts forever
- Offers unlimited storage space.



Working Memory

“A limited capacity system, which temporarily maintains and stores information, supports human thought processes by providing an interface between perception, long-term memory and action.”

Image and Definition from
 Baddeley, A. (2003). Working memory:
 looking back and looking forward.
Nature Reviews Neuroscience 4, 829–839.
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WORKING MEMORY CAPACITY (GWM)

The ability to maintain and manipulate information in active attention.

Visual-Spatial Short-Term Storage

The ability to encode and maintain visual information in primary memory

Attentional Control

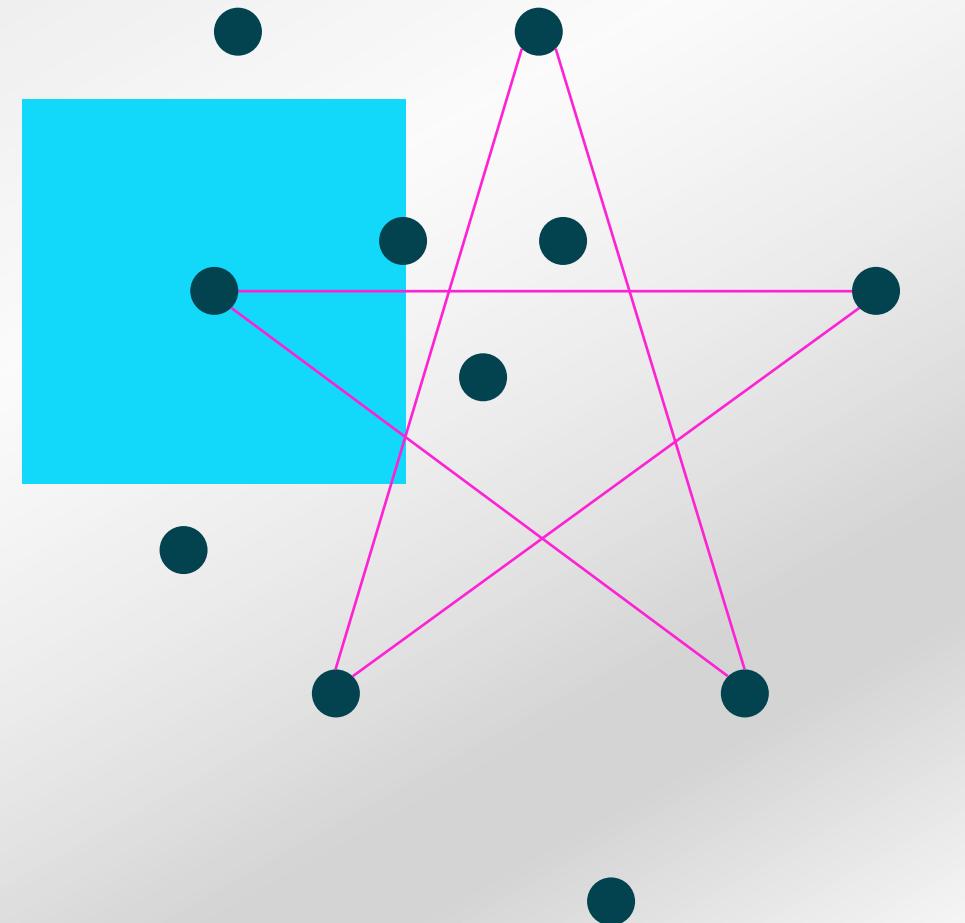
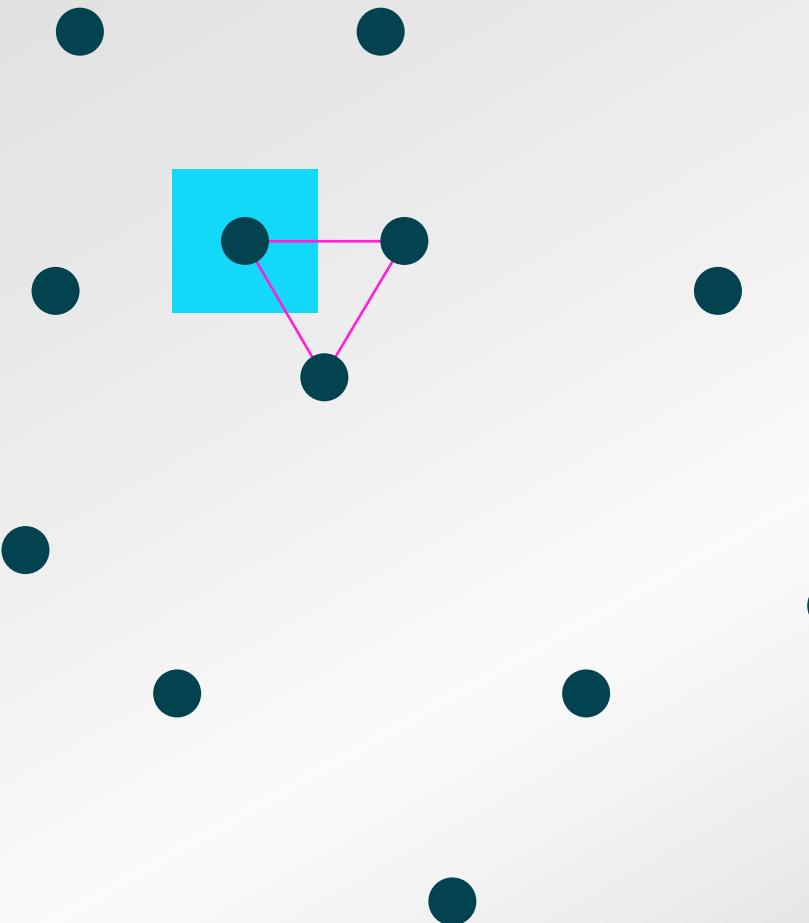
The ability to manipulate the spotlight of attention flexibly to focus on relevant stimuli

Auditory Short-Term Storage

The ability to encode and maintain verbal information in primary memory

The Size of Your Work Surface Limits the Range of Tasks You Can Do



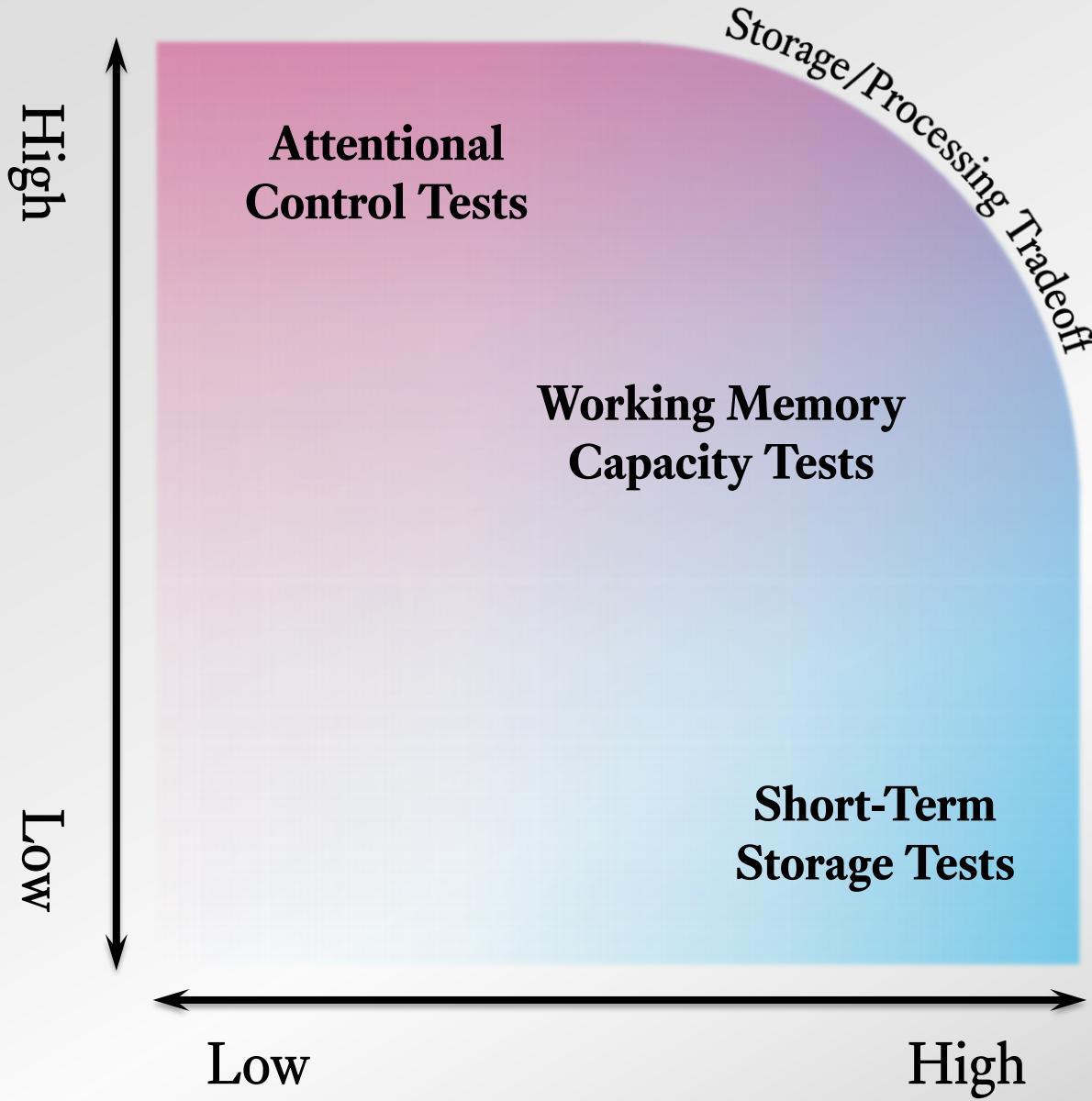




HURDLING

Alternating Between Running & Jumping

Deliberate Processing Demands

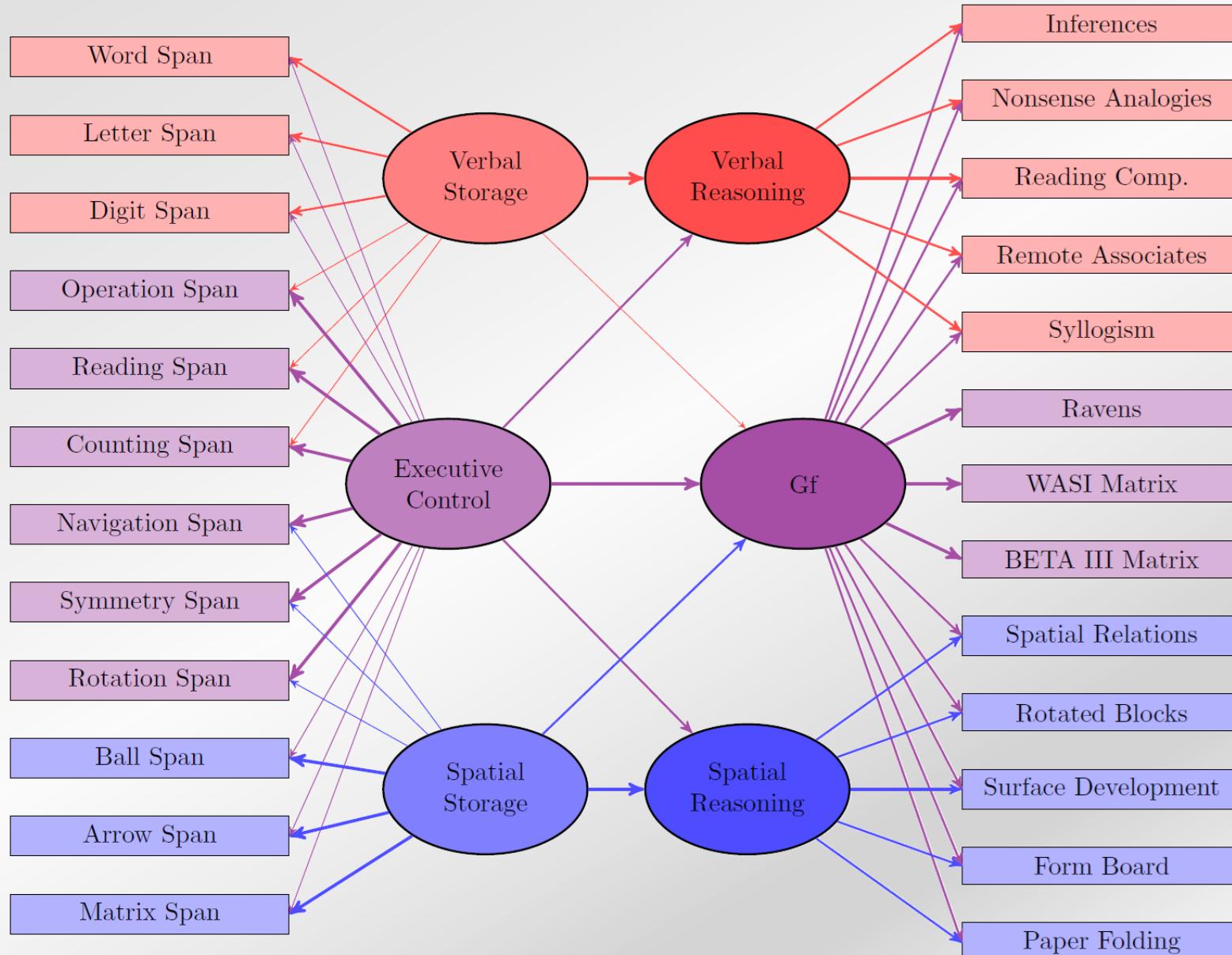


Storage/Maintenance Demands

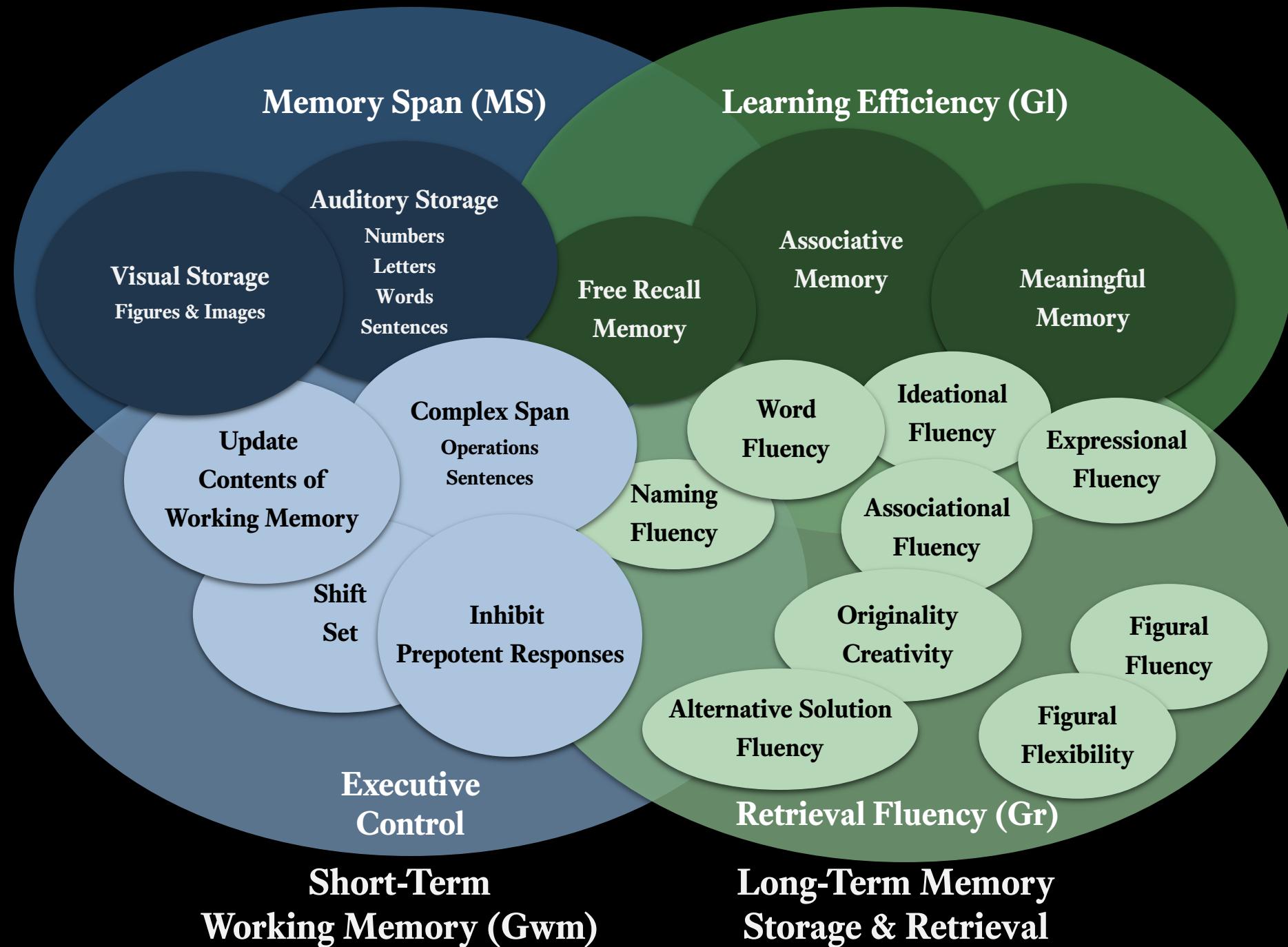
WORKING MEMORY Is a Strange Construct.

In the same way that *hurdling* is the controlled alternation of running and jumping, *working memory capacity* is the controlled alternation of storage and deliberate processing.

Differential Effects of Broad & Narrow Abilities



Kane, M. J., Hambrick, D. Z., Tuholski, S. W., Wilhelm, O., Payne, T. W., & Engle, R. W. (2004). The generality of working memory capacity: A latent-variable approach to verbal and visuospatial memory span and reasoning. *Journal of Experimental Psychology-General*, 133(2), 189-217.



TESTS OF LEARNING EFFICIENCY

Logical Memory
Paired Associates
WECHSLER
Immediate Tests
Symbol Translation

Verbal Paired Recall
Visual Selective Word
Selective Reminding Reminding
TOMAL-2
Object Recall
Memory for Stories

Sound Symbol WRAML2 Verbal
Story Learning
Memory

KAUFMAN
Atlantis Rebus

DAS-II Recall of
Objects

Meaningful Memory
Associative Learning
List Learning

Visual-
Memory Auditory
for Names Learning
WOODCOCK-
JOHNSON IV
Story Recall

TESTS OF LEARNING EFFICIENCY

		Visual Selective Reminding	Word Selective Reminding	Object Recall		
			List Learning		Recall of Objects	
			Verbal Learning			
Verbal Paired Associates	Immediate Symbol Translation	Visual- Auditory Learning	Memory for Names		Memory for Stories	Story Memory
					Meaningful Memory	
Atlantis	Associative Learning	Sound Symbol Rebus	Paired Recall		Logical Memory	Story Recall

TESTS OF RETRIEVAL FLUENCY

Naming
Speed
Literacy

WECHSLER

TESTS

Naming
Speed
Quantity

Object
Naming
Facility

KAUFMAN

Associational
Fluency

Oral Word
Fluency

Rapid Color
Naming

Rapid Digit
Naming

CTOPP-II

Rapid Object
Naming

Rapid Letter
Naming

Retrieval
Fluency

WOODCOCK-
JOHNSON IV

DAS-II

Rapid
Naming

Rapid Picture
Naming

Naming Speed
Ideational Fluency
Word Fluency

TESTS OF RETRIEVAL FLUENCY



Ideational Fluency

Retrieval
Fluency

Oral Word
Fluency

Associational
Fluency



Time

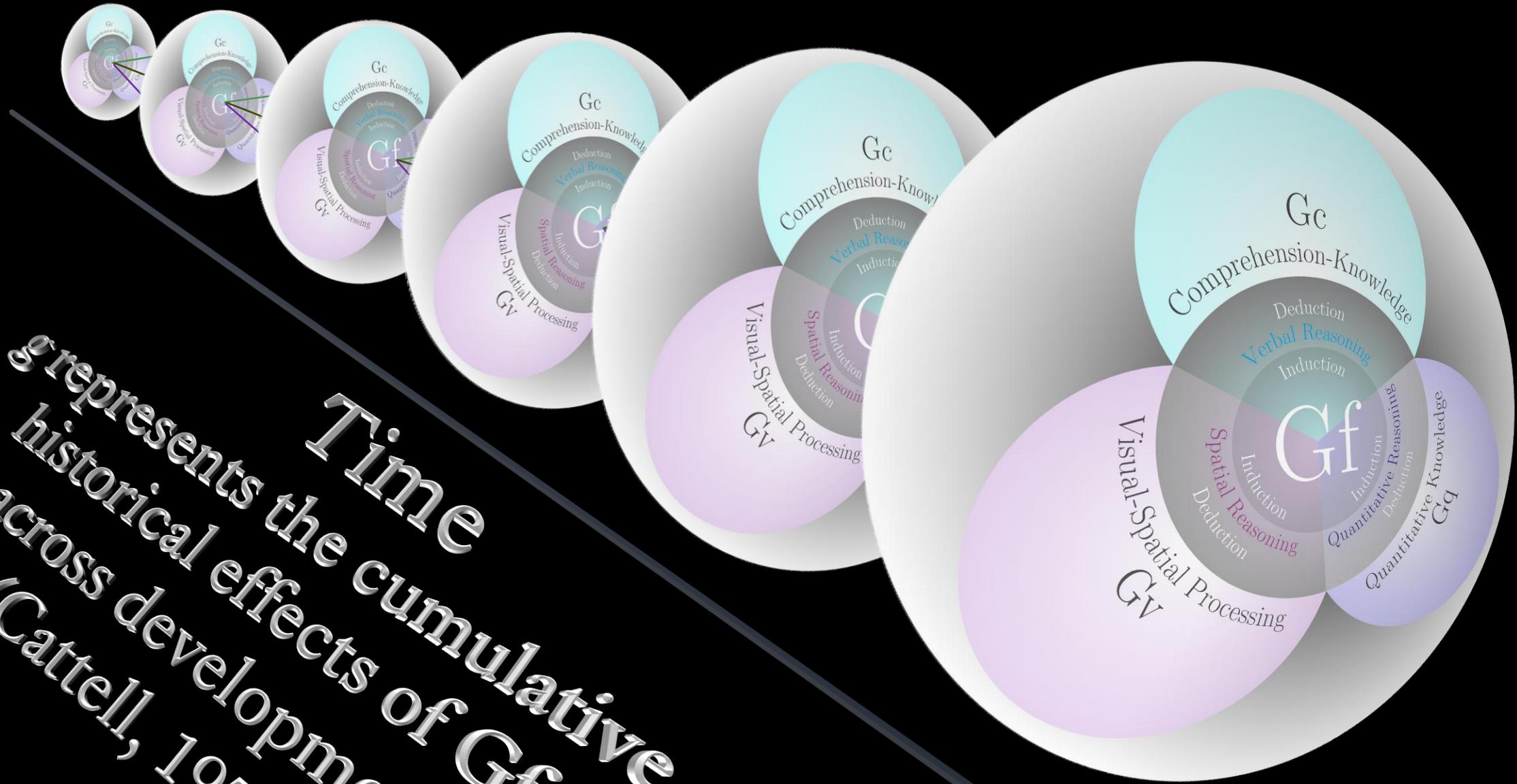




Time



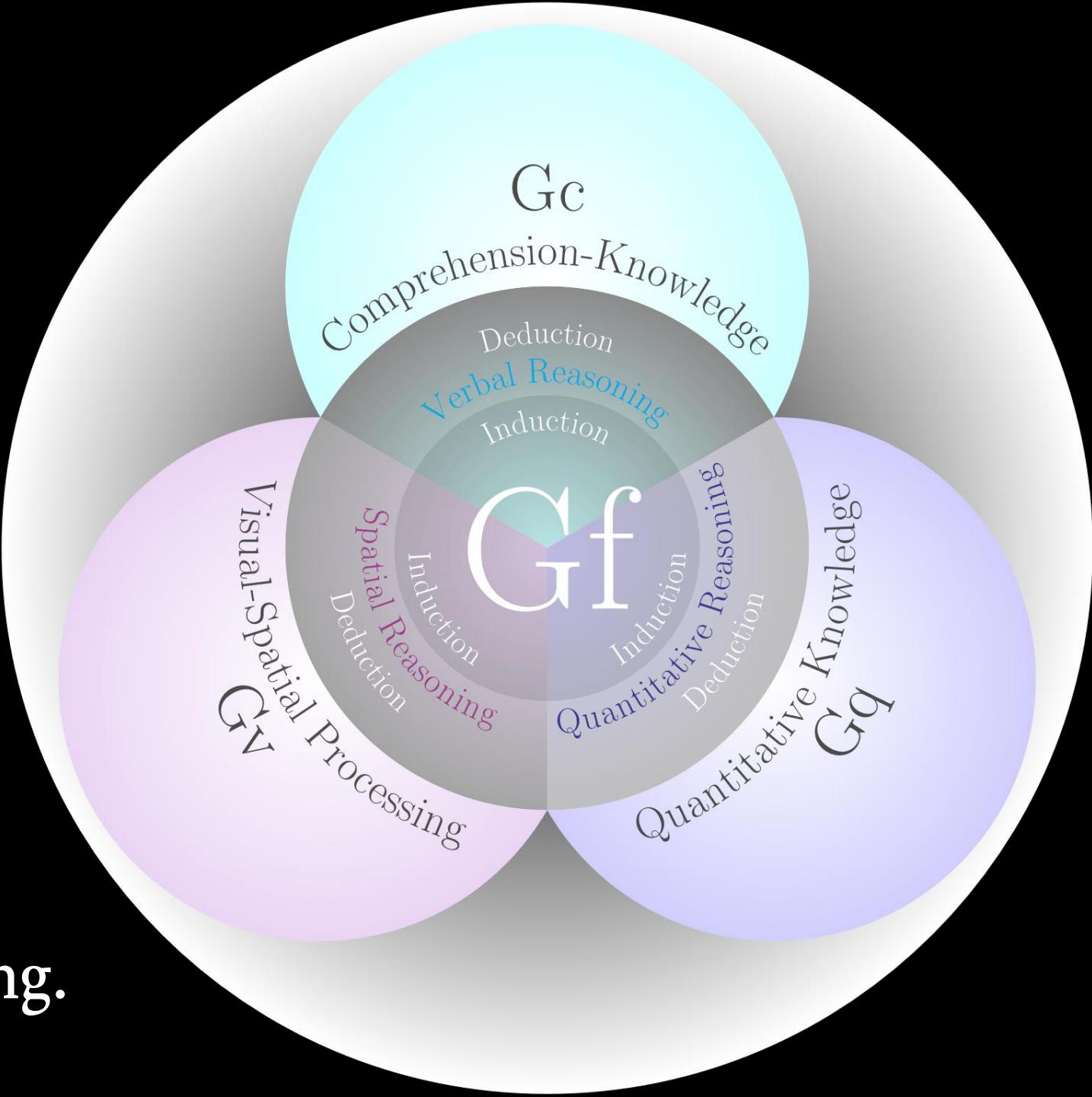
Time represents the cumulative historical effects of Gf across development (Cattell, 1971).

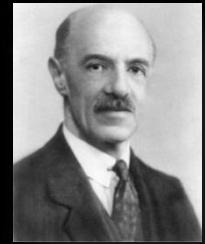


FLUID REASONING

The use of deliberate and controlled procedures (often requiring focused attention) to solve novel “on the spot” problems that cannot be solved by using previously learned habits, schemas, and scripts.

Gf has its fingers in everything.





Charles
Spearman

PRINCIPLES OF COGNITION

1. Apprehension of Experience: Encoding of stimuli
2. **Eduction** of relations: Inductive reasoning
3. Eduction of correlates: Deductive reasoning

Educe: To draw out
(something hidden
or latent); Deduce

A and B have a relationship.
With which letter does Y
have the same relationship?

A : B :: Y : _____



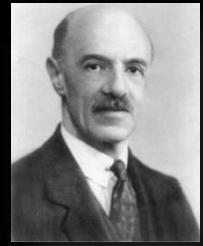
Morningstar : Venus :: Eveningstar : _____



Hope : Disappointed :: Dread : _____

USA : George Washington :: Turkey : _____

Cowardly : Prudent :: Hotheaded : _____

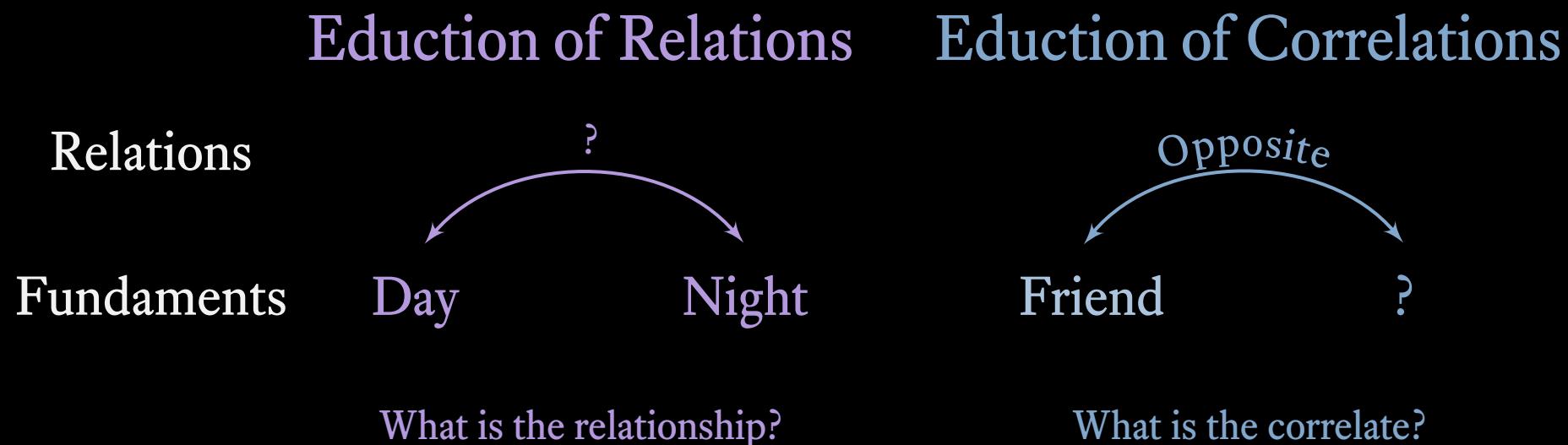


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PRINCIPLES OF COGNITION

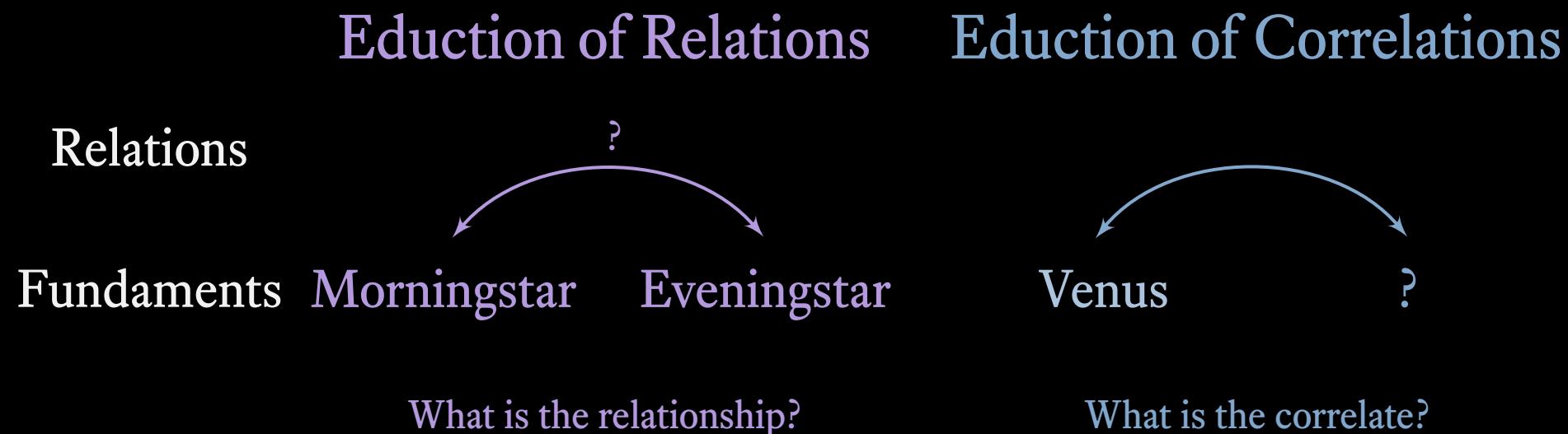
1. Apprehension of the Fundaments of Experience
2. **Eduction** of relations: Inductive reasoning
3. Eduction of correlates: Deductive reasoning

Educe: To draw out something hidden or latent



CULTURE-REDUCED TESTS

Fundaments must be equally familiar to all examinees

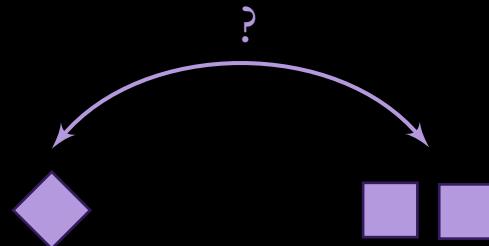


CULTURE-REDUCED TESTS

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Eduction of Relations

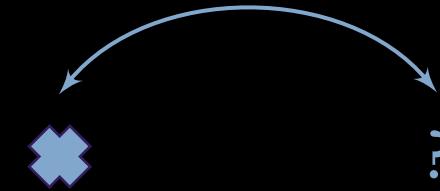
Relations



Fundaments

What is the relationship?

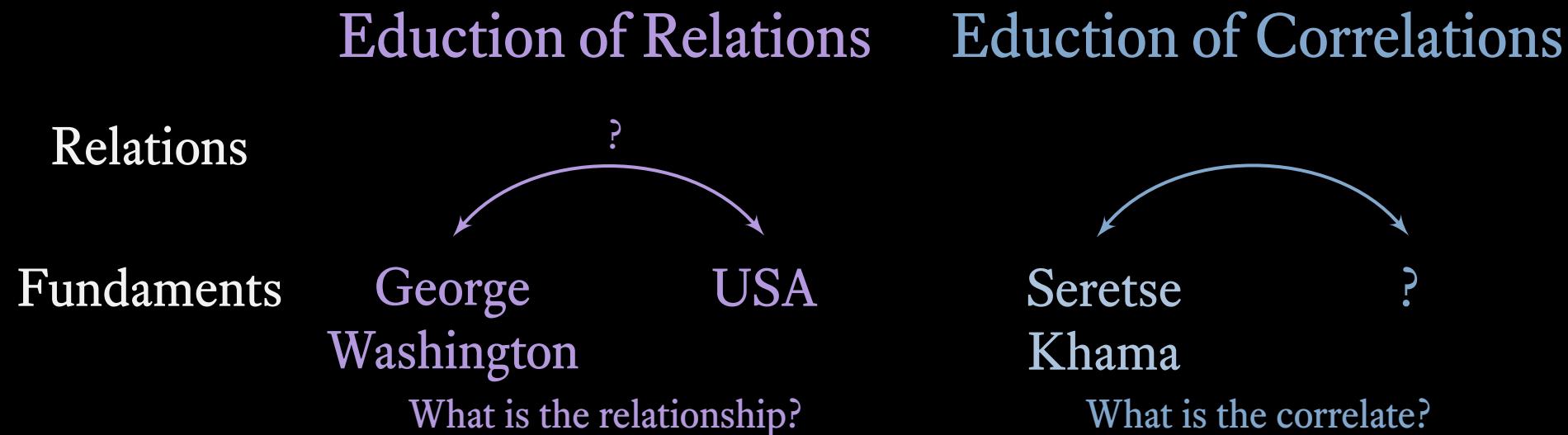
Eduction of Correlations



What is the correlate?

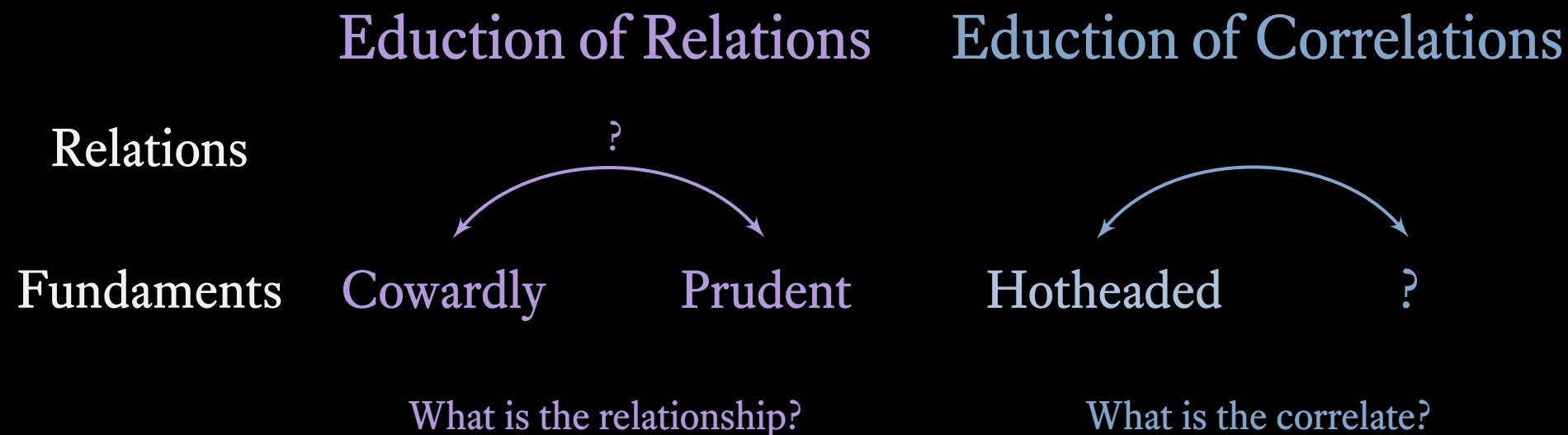
CULTURE-REDUCED TESTS

Educing correlates must not require specialized knowledge



CULTURE-REDUCED TESTS

The correlates must exist in the examinee's language



ON INTELLIGENCE

JEFF
HAWKINS



“The brain creates a predictive model. This just means that the brain continuously predicts what its inputs will be. Prediction isn’t something that the brain does every now and then; it is an intrinsic property that never stops, and it serves an essential role in learning. When the brain’s predictions are verified, that means the brain’s model of the world is accurate. A mis-prediction causes you to attend to the error and update the model.”
— Jeff Hawkins (2021)

“Brilliant.... Exhilarating.”

—RICHARD DAWKINS, from the Foreword

A T H O U S A N D B R A I N S

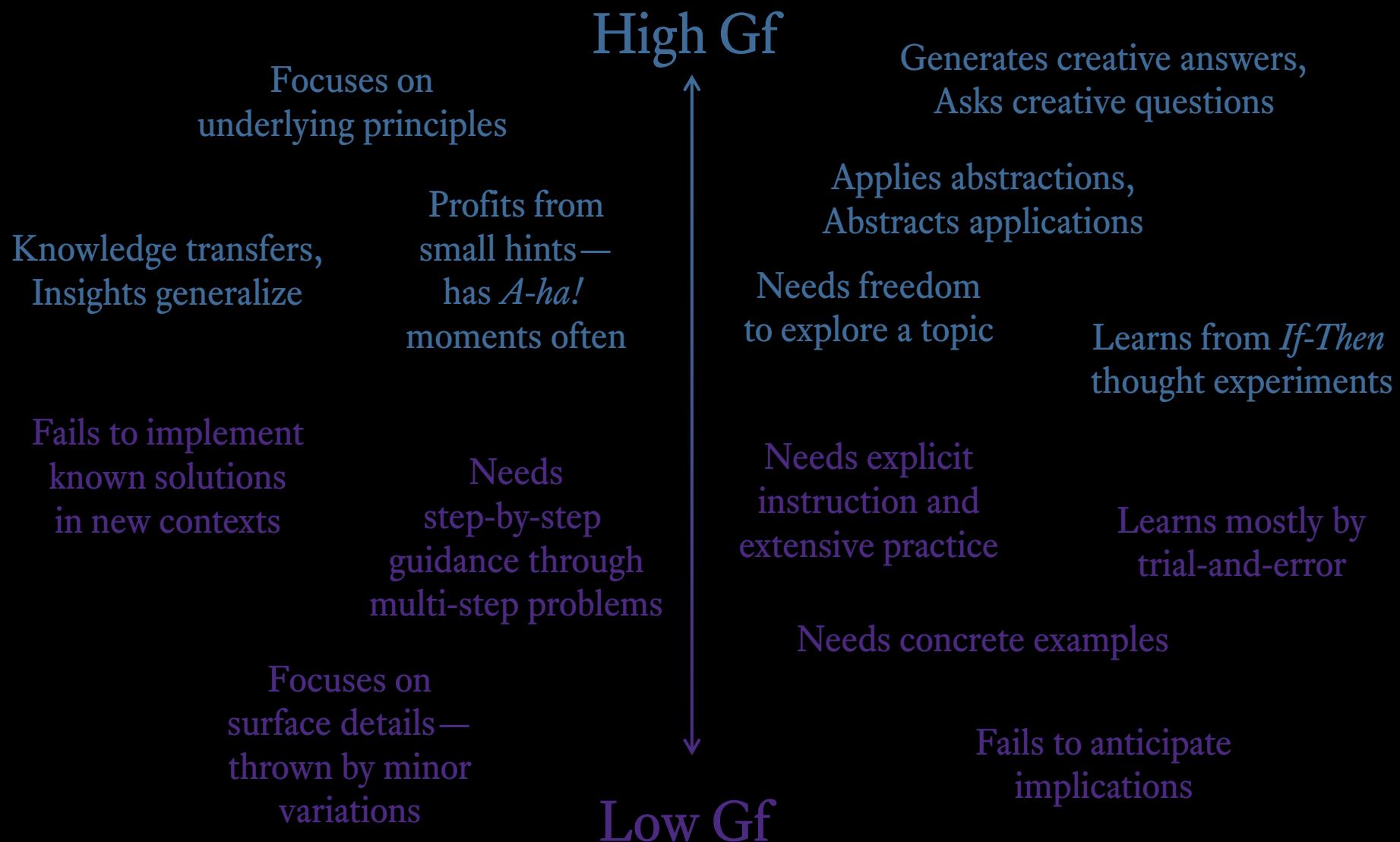


A NEW THEORY OF
INTELLIGENCE

JEFF HAWKINS

FLUID REASONING

IN THE CLASSROOM & ON THE JOB



TESTS OF FLUID REASONING

Matrix
Reasoning

Picture
Concepts

Inductive Reasoning
Deductive/Sequential Reasoning
Quantitative Reasoning

WECHSLER
TESTS

Figure
Weights

Arithmetic

Pattern
Reasoning

KABC-II

Story
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Similarities

Concept
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Analysis-
Synthesis

DAS-II
Sequential &

Quantitative Reasoning

Number
Matrices

WOODCOCK-
JOHNSON IV

Number
Series

TESTS OF FLUID REASONING

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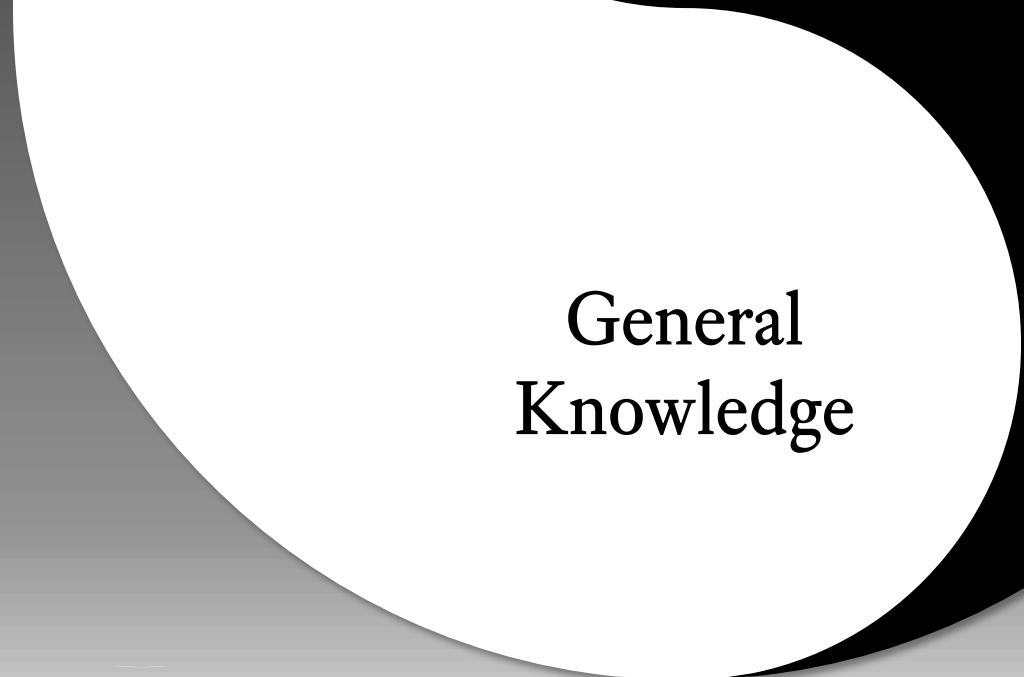
Picture
Concepts

CRYSTALLIZED INTELLIGENCE

Use of language to
acquire and use
culturally-valued
knowledge

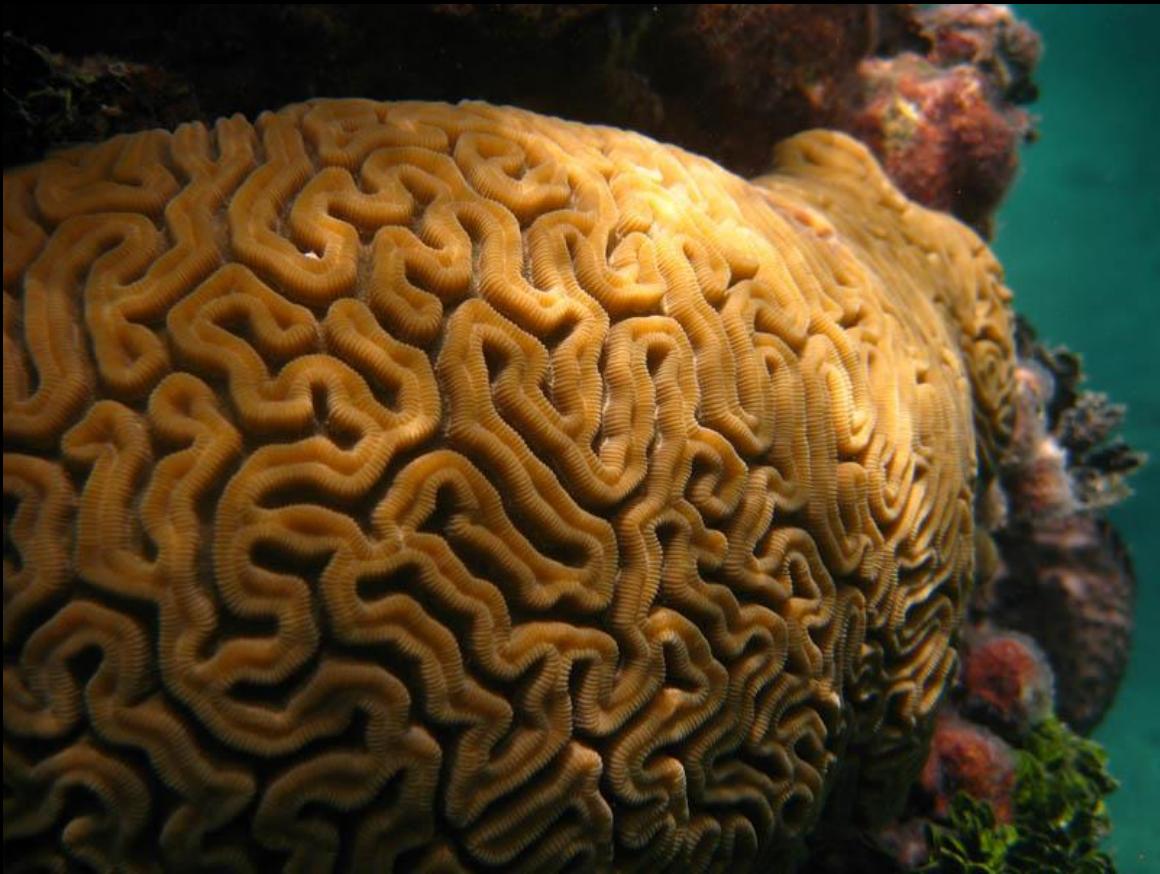


Language
Development



General
Knowledge

Gf = Outer living layer



Gc = Accumulated skeletal remains





Expressive

Oral

Language
Development

Written

Receptive

LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

Comprehension and Communication Skills Via Language

Expressive
Receptive

Rapid
Picture Naming

Retrieval
Fluency

Understanding
Directions

Story
Recall Sentence
 Repetition

Oral
Comprehension
Picture
Vocabulary Oral
 Vocabulary

General
Information

Word Reading
Fluency Sentence
 Writing Fluency

Sentence Reading
Fluency Reading
 Recall

Writing
Samples Spelling
 of Sounds
Word
Attack Editing Spelling
 Letter-Word
Passage
Identification
Comprehension Oral
 Reading

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Oral

Written

CRYSTALLIZED INTELLIGENCE IN THE CLASSROOM & ON THE JOB



TESTS OF CRYSTALLIZED INTELLIGENCE

Vocabulary

Comprehension

Lexical Knowledge

WECHSLER
TESTS

General Knowledge

Information

Similarities

General Gc/Mixed Measure

Verbal
Knowledge

Word
Definitions

Verbal
Comprehension

Humanities,
Social Science,
Science

KABC-II
Riddles

DAS-II

Verbal Similarities

Oral Vocabulary

WOODCOCK-
JOHNSON IV
Picture
Vocabulary
General
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HOLLAND'S STRUCTURE OF CAREER INTERESTS: RIASEC

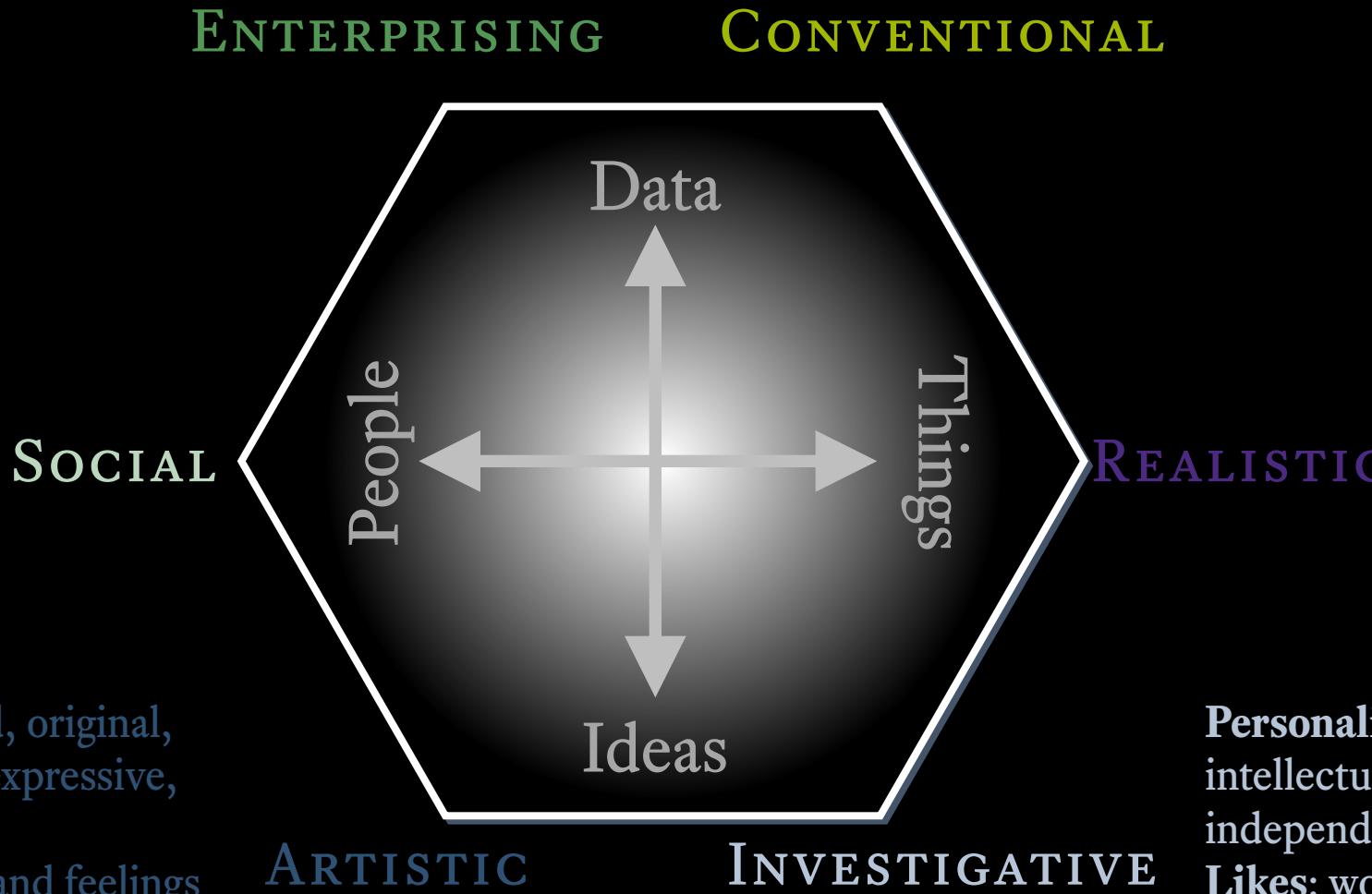
Definitions from <https://www.hollandcodes.com>

Personality: Persuasive, Energetic, Sociable, Adventurous, Ambitious, and Risk-taking.
Likes: leading, managing, and organizing.

Personality: Careful, Conforming, Conservative, Conscientious, Self-controlled, and Structured.
Likes: ordering activities paying attention to details.

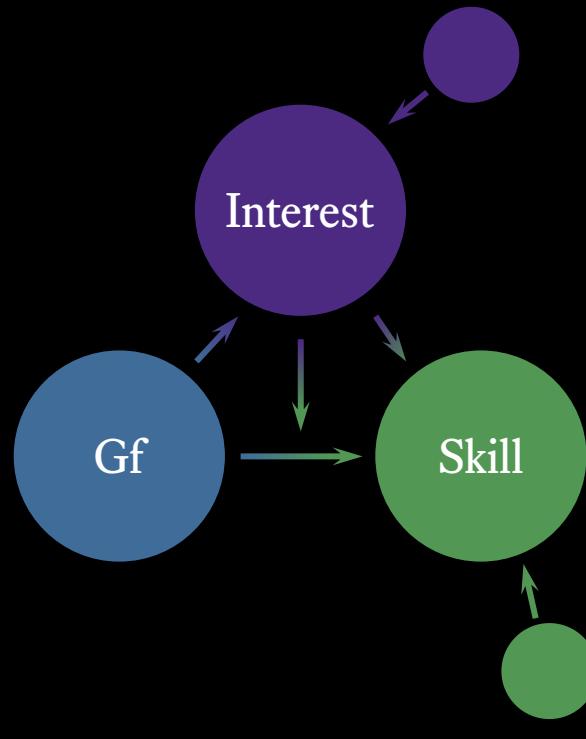
Personality: helping, informing, teaching, inspiring, counseling, and serving.
Likes: interacting with people and concerned with the welfare of people.

Personality: complicated, original, impulsive, independent, expressive, and creative
Likes: using imagination and feelings in creative expression



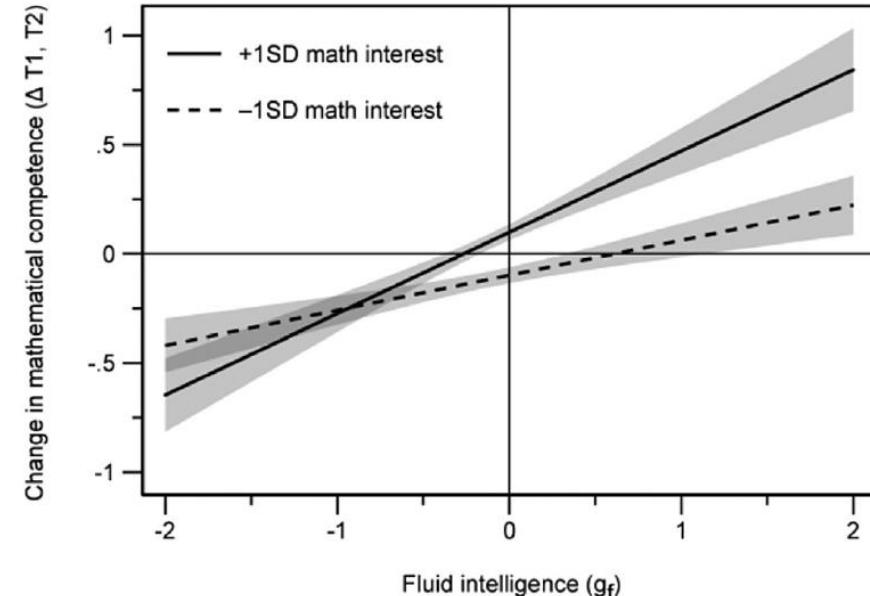
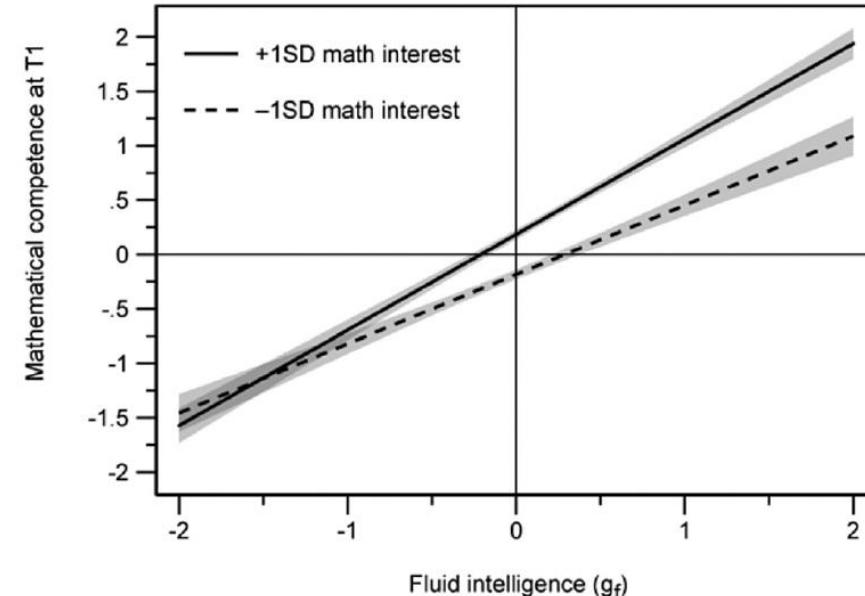
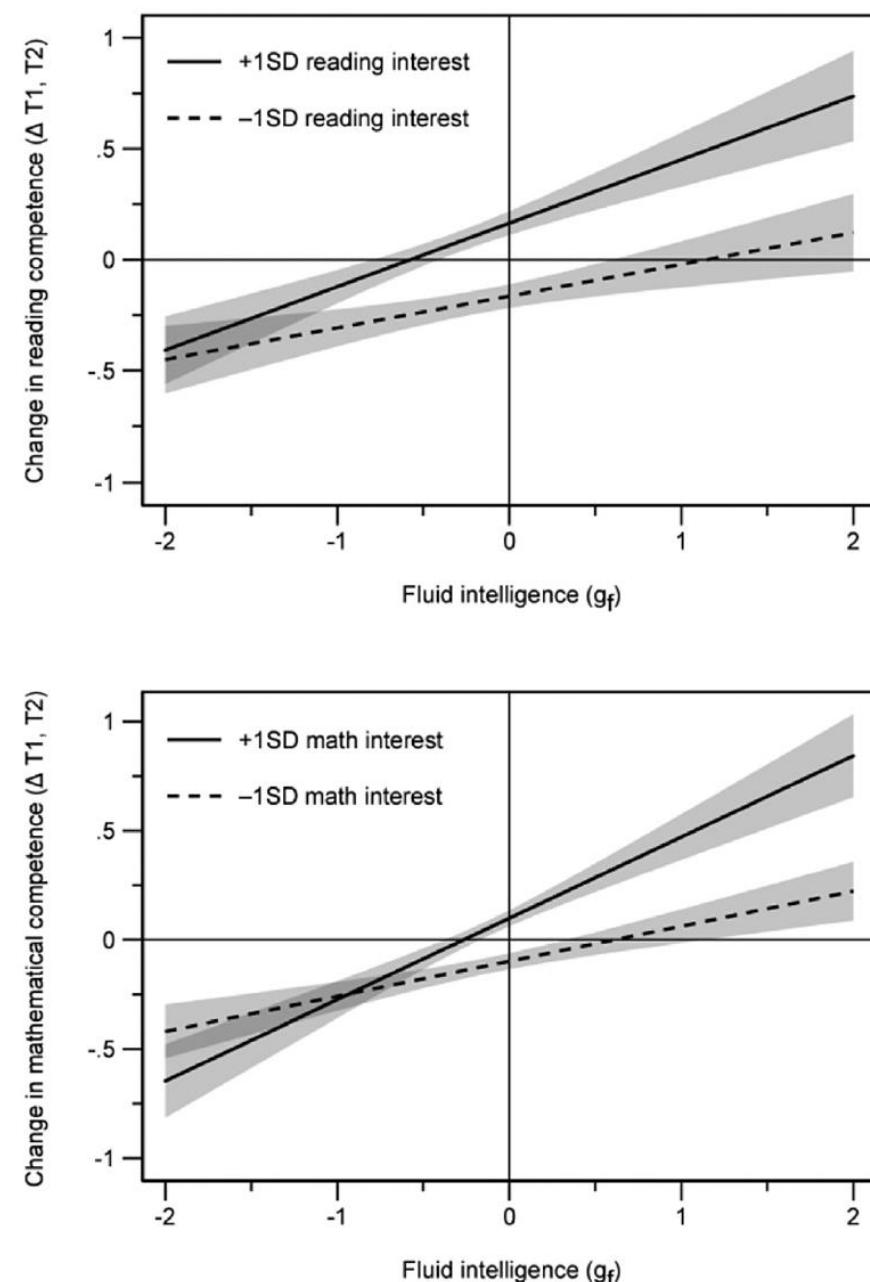
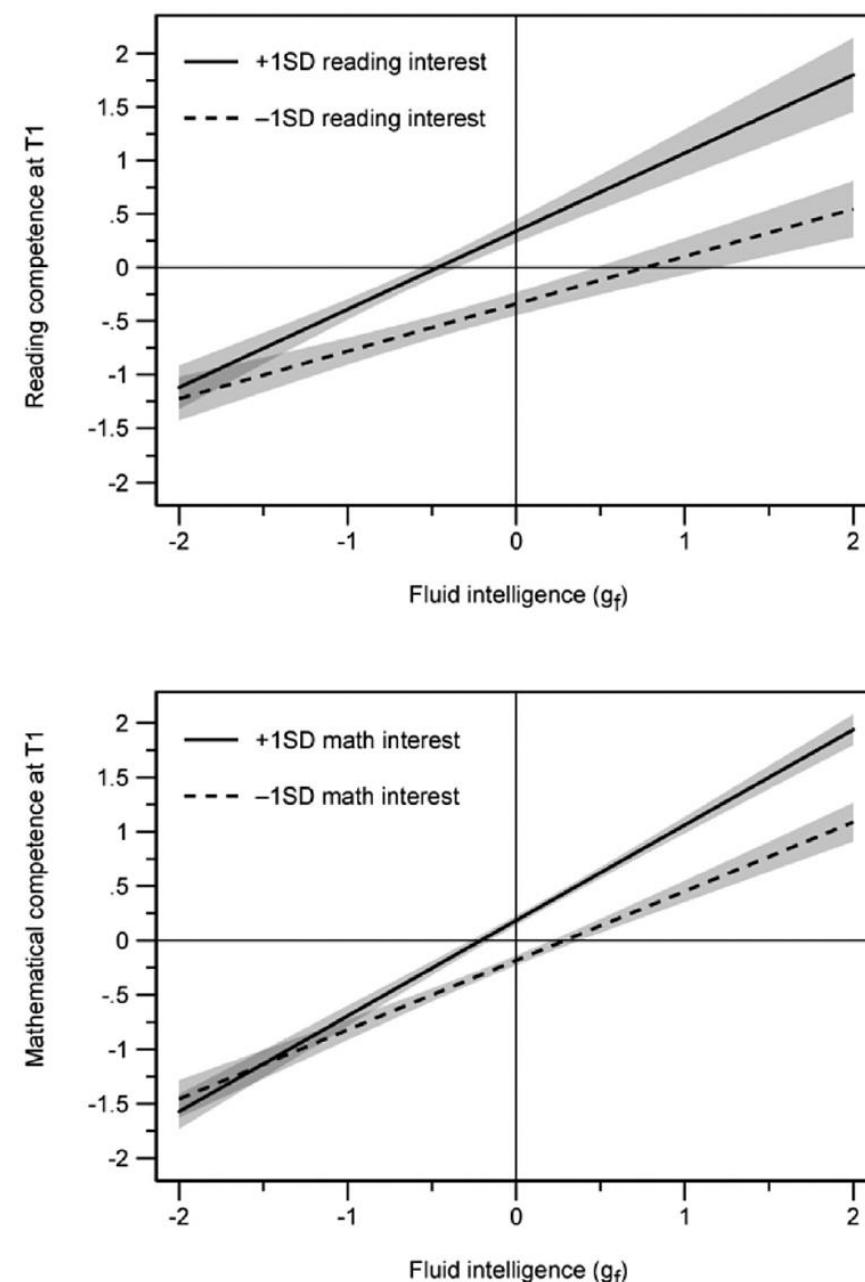
Personality: frank, practical, focused, mechanical, determined, or rugged
Likes: manipulating tools, doing mechanical or manual tasks, or doing athletic activities

Personality: analytical, intellectual, reserved, independent, and scholarly.
Likes: working with abstract ideas and intellectual problems.



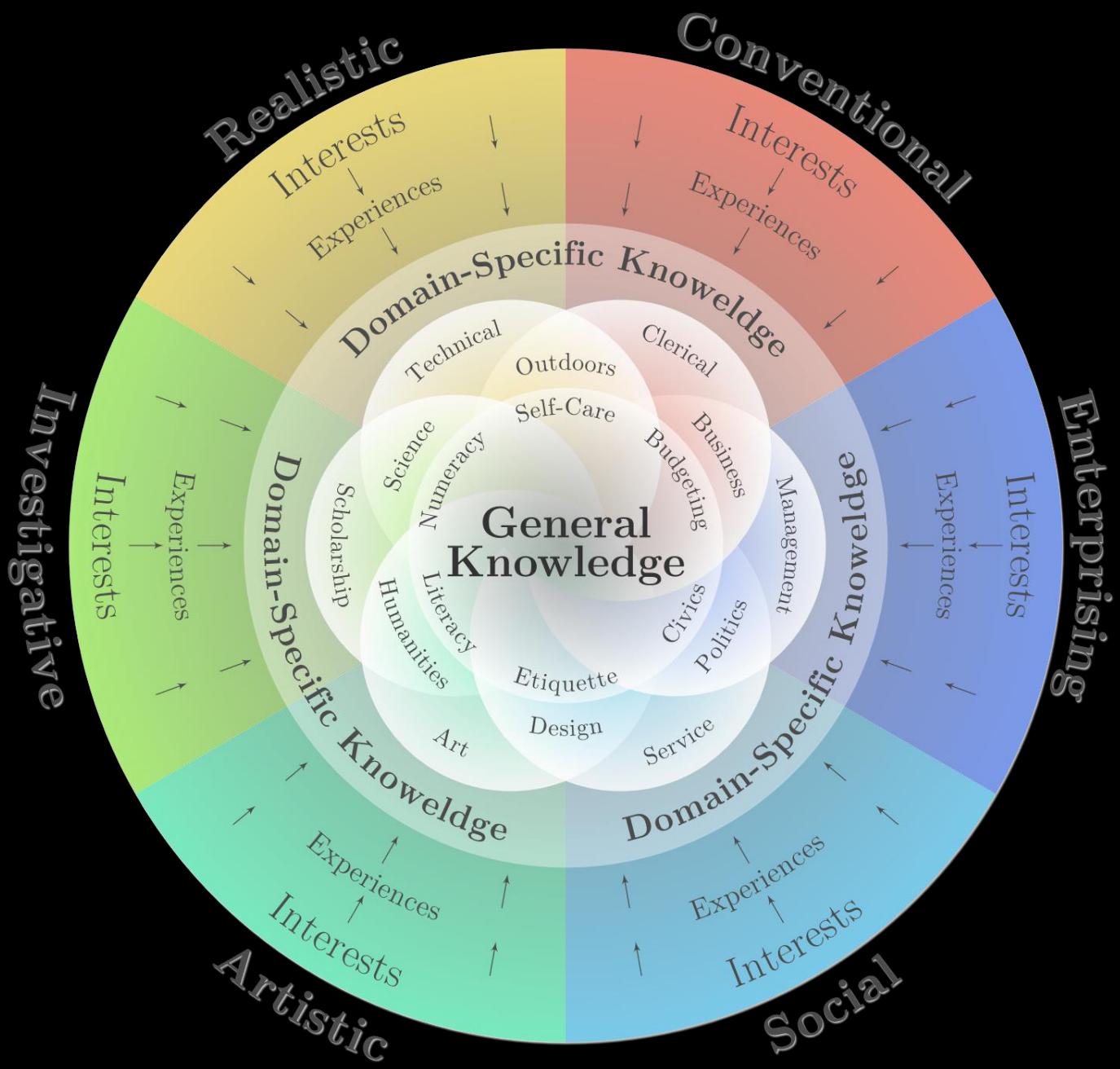
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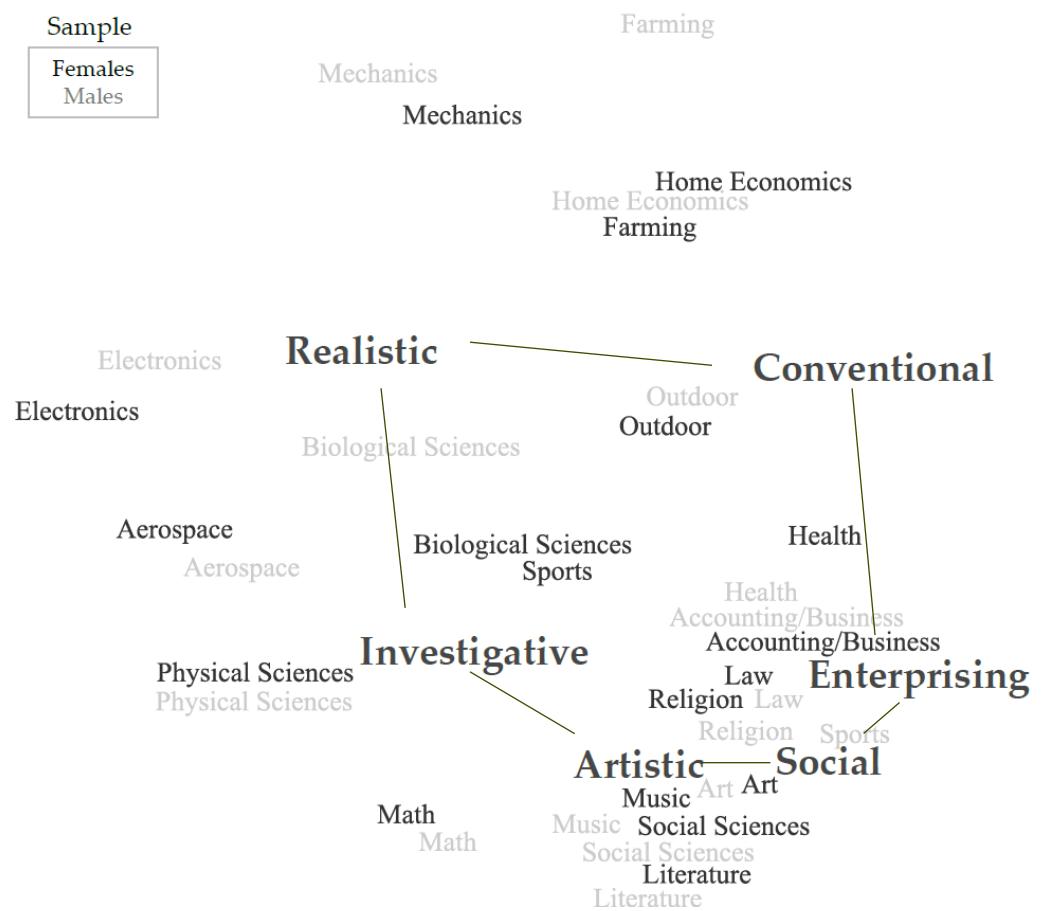
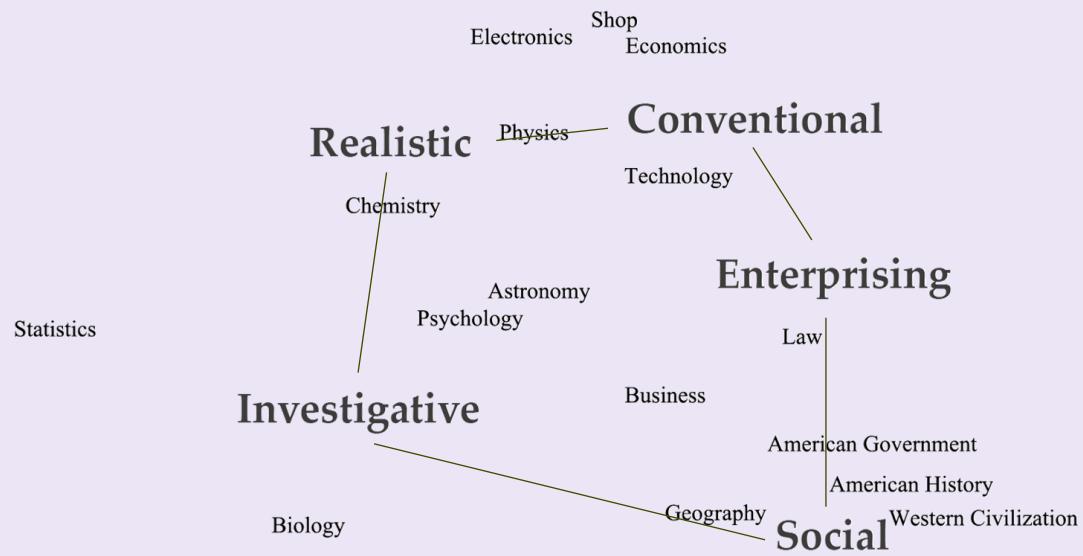
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INTEREST & EXPERIENCE

Influence Domain-Specific Knowledge

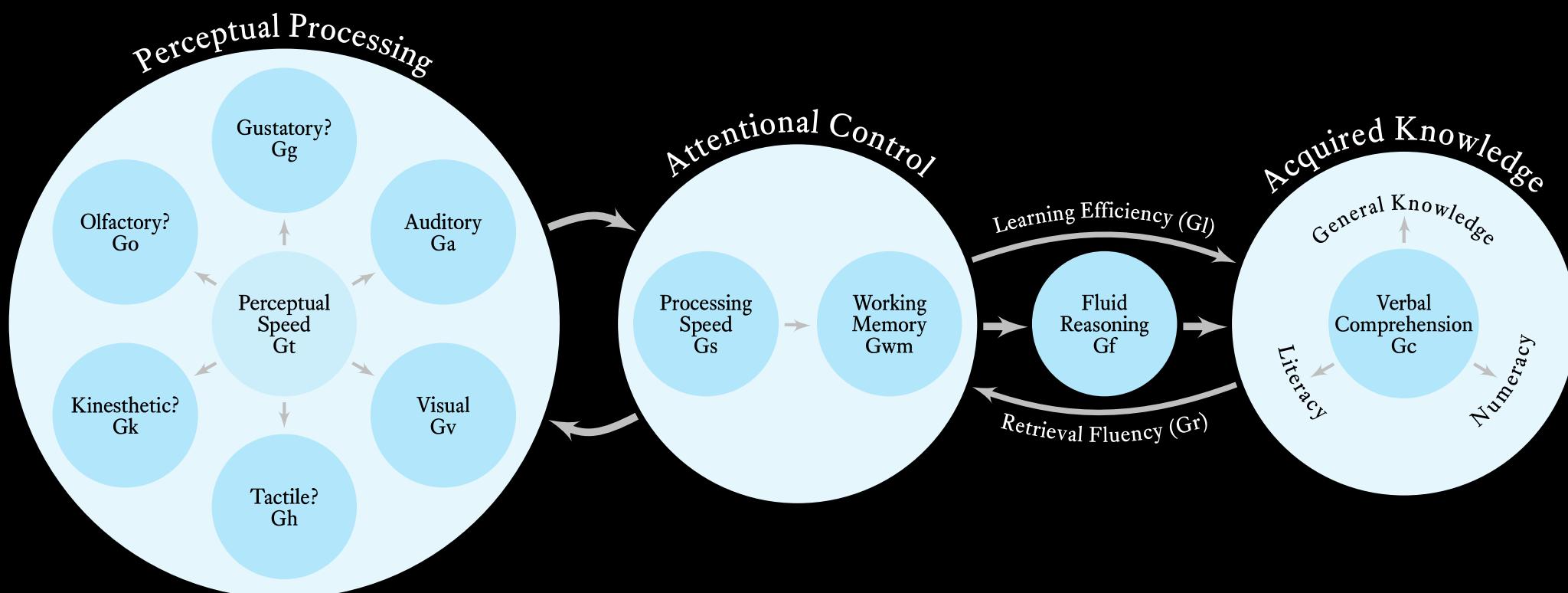


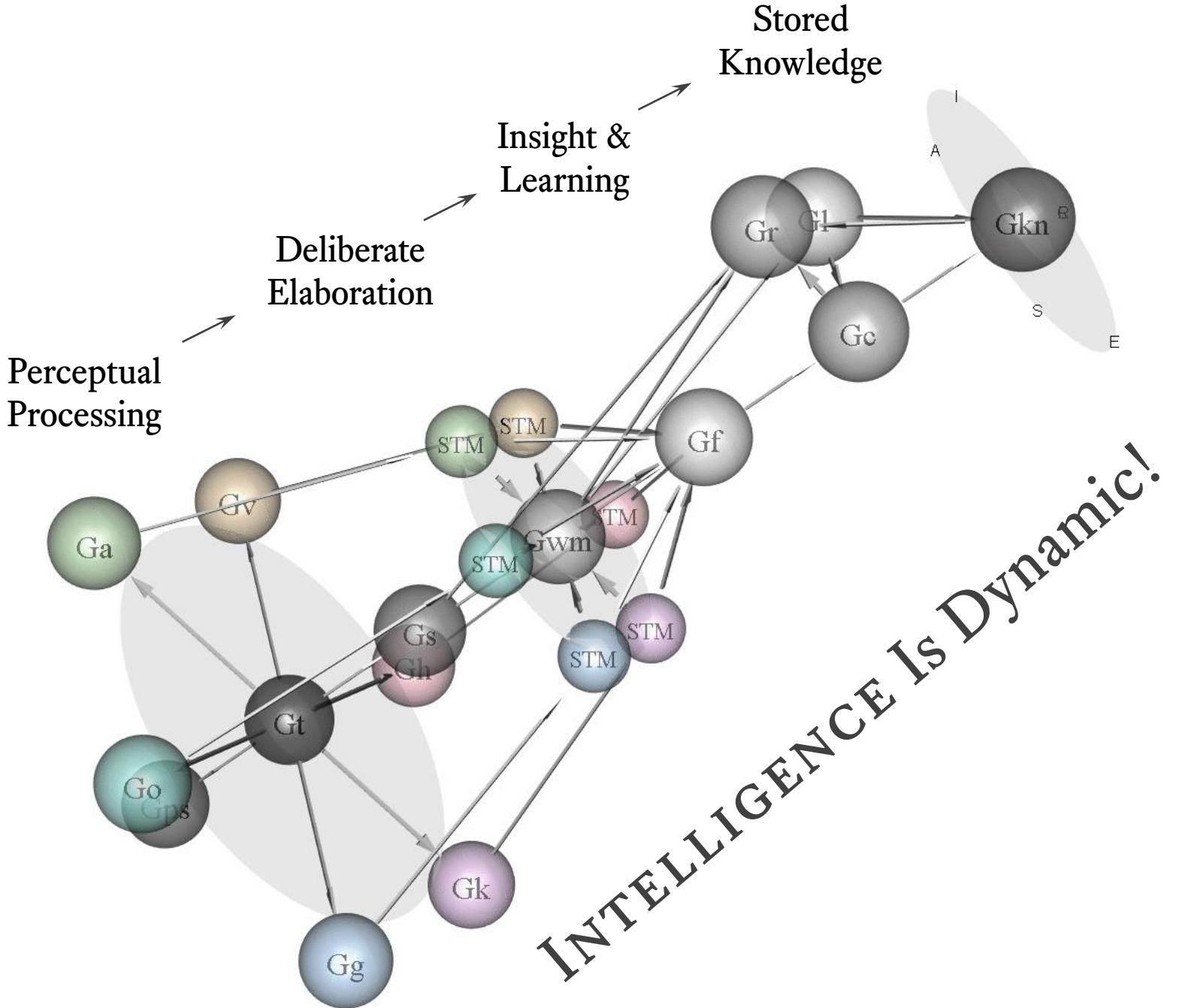
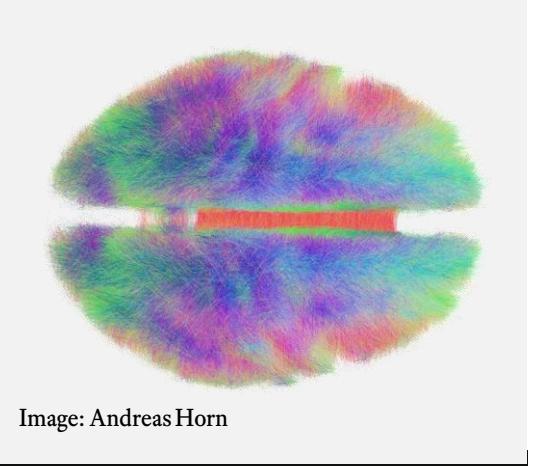
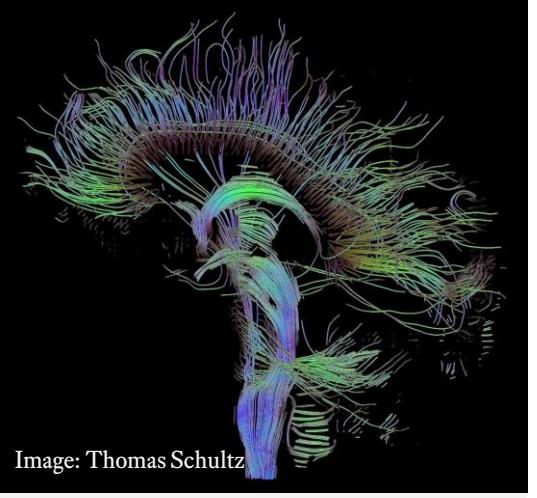


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INTELLIGENCE Is Dynamic.

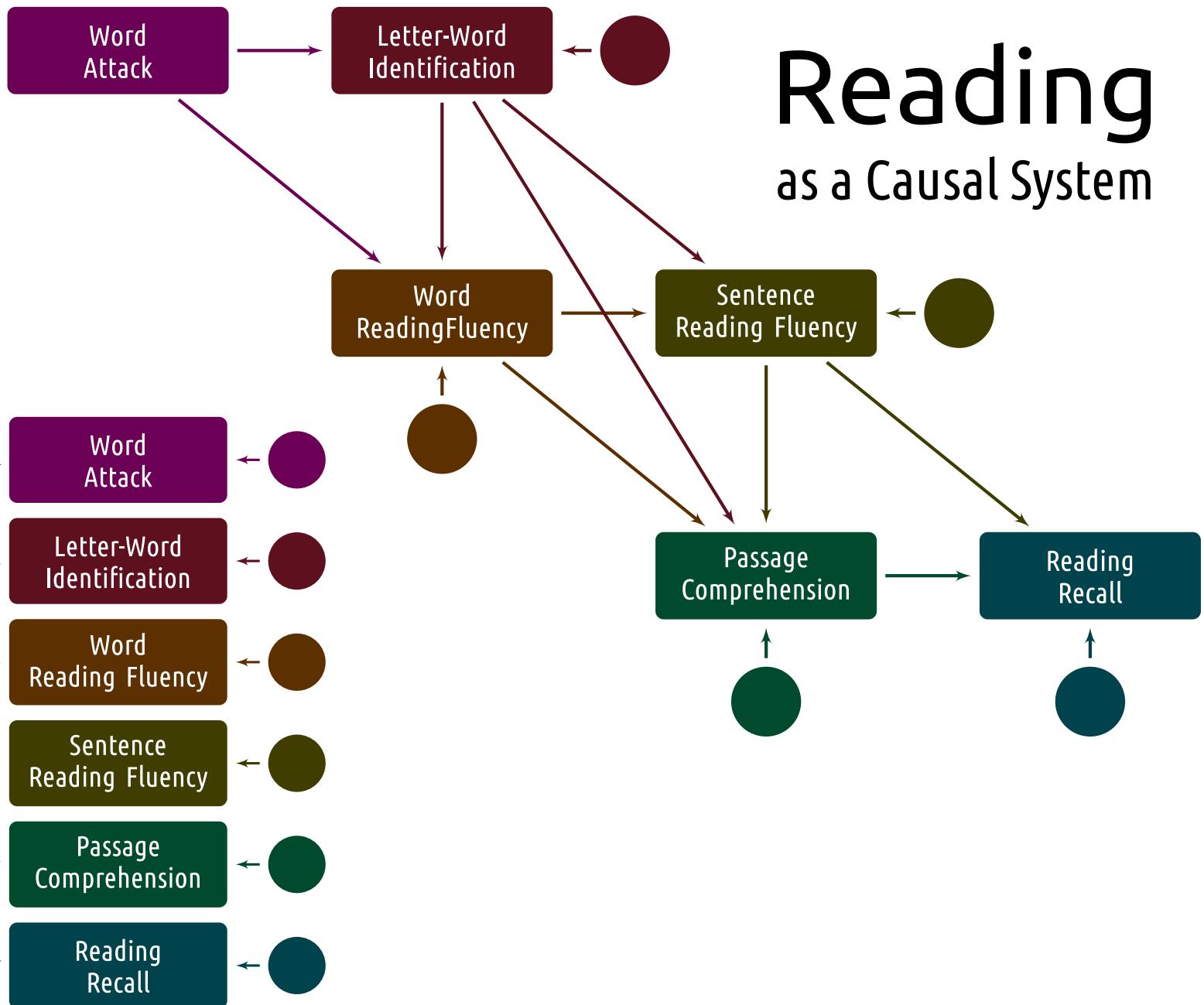




Reading as a Causal System

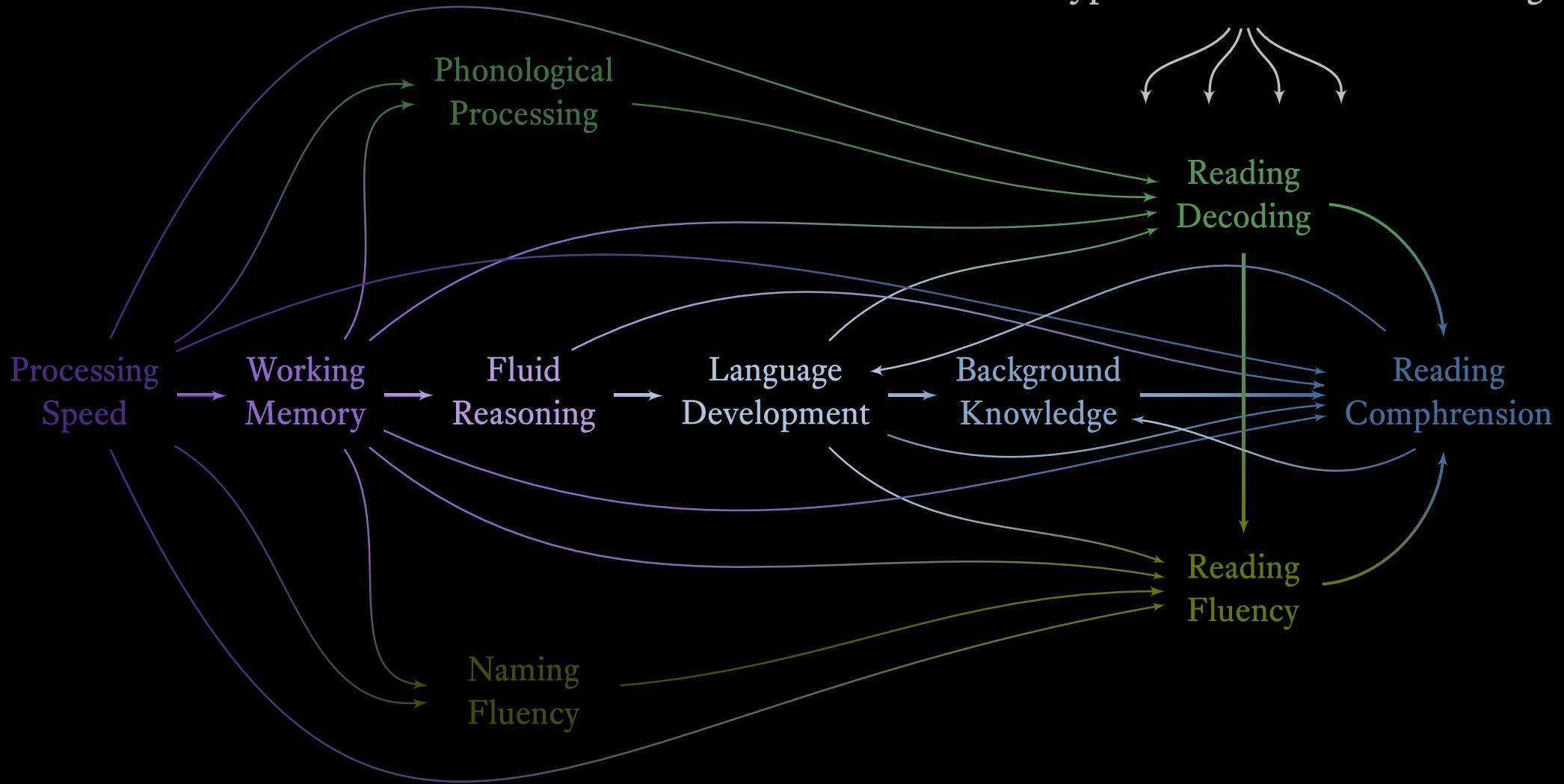
Reading
as a Latent Variable

A large black circle labeled "Reading (Grw)" is at the bottom left. Six arrows point from it to rectangular boxes above: "Word Attack" (purple), "Letter-Word Identification" (dark red), "Word Reading Fluency" (brown), "Sentence Reading Fluency" (green), "Passage Comprehension" (teal), and "Reading Recall" (dark teal). Each box has a small circular node to its left.



A SIMPLIFIED MODEL OF READING ABILITY

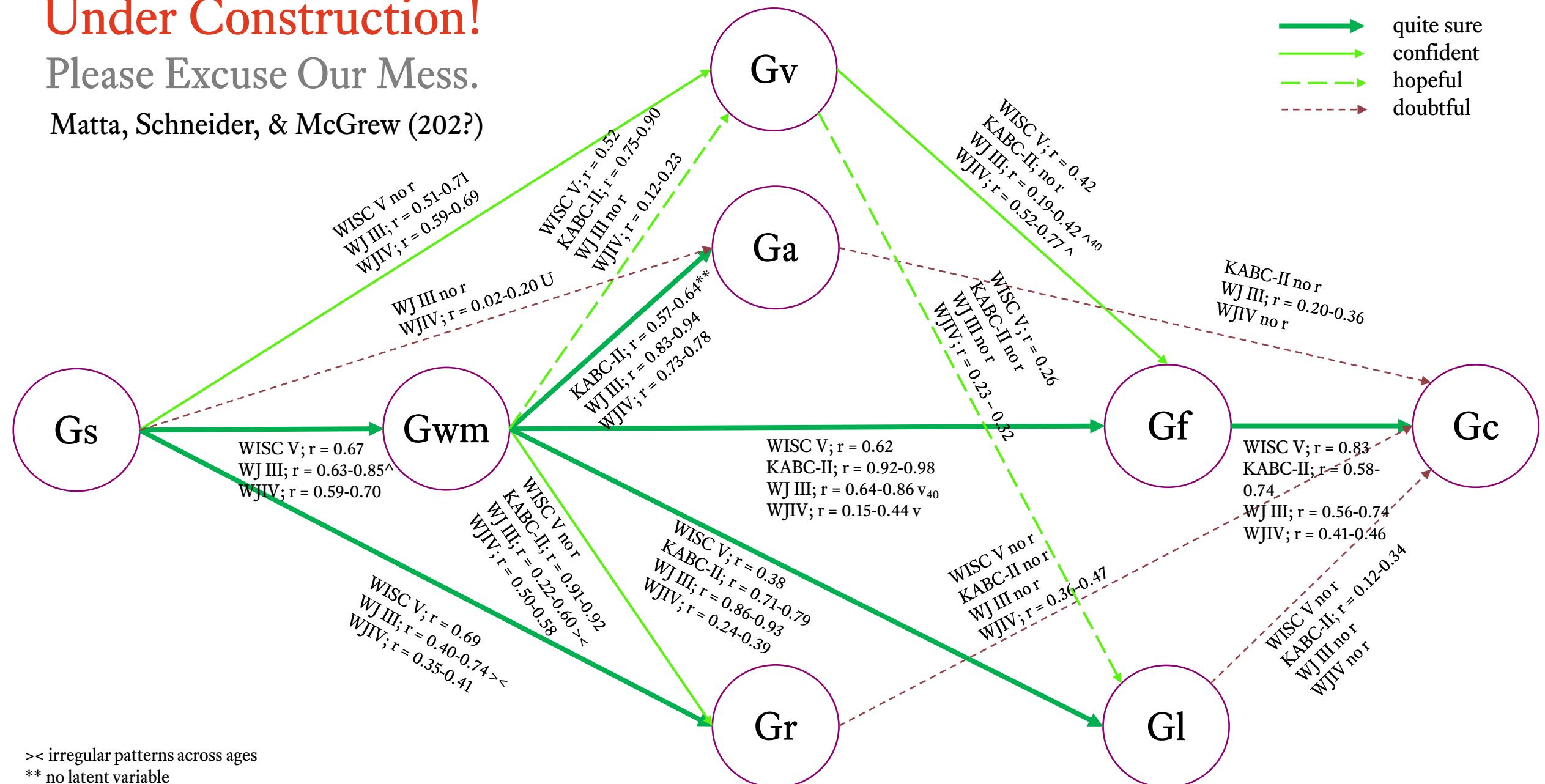
Economic, Cultural, Situational, &
Other Types of Influence on Learning



Under Construction!

Please Excuse Our Mess.

Matta, Schneider, & McGrew (202?)

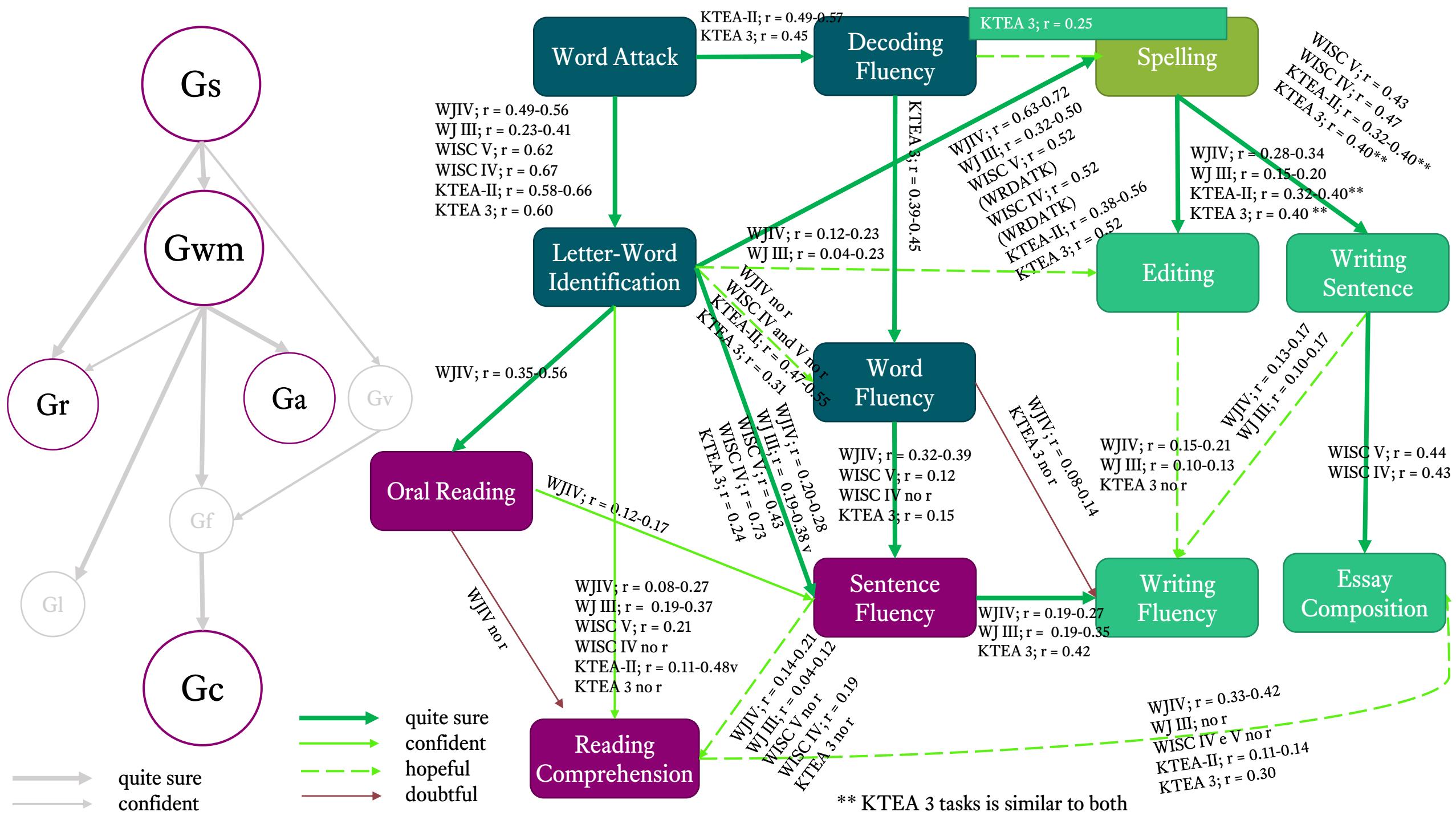


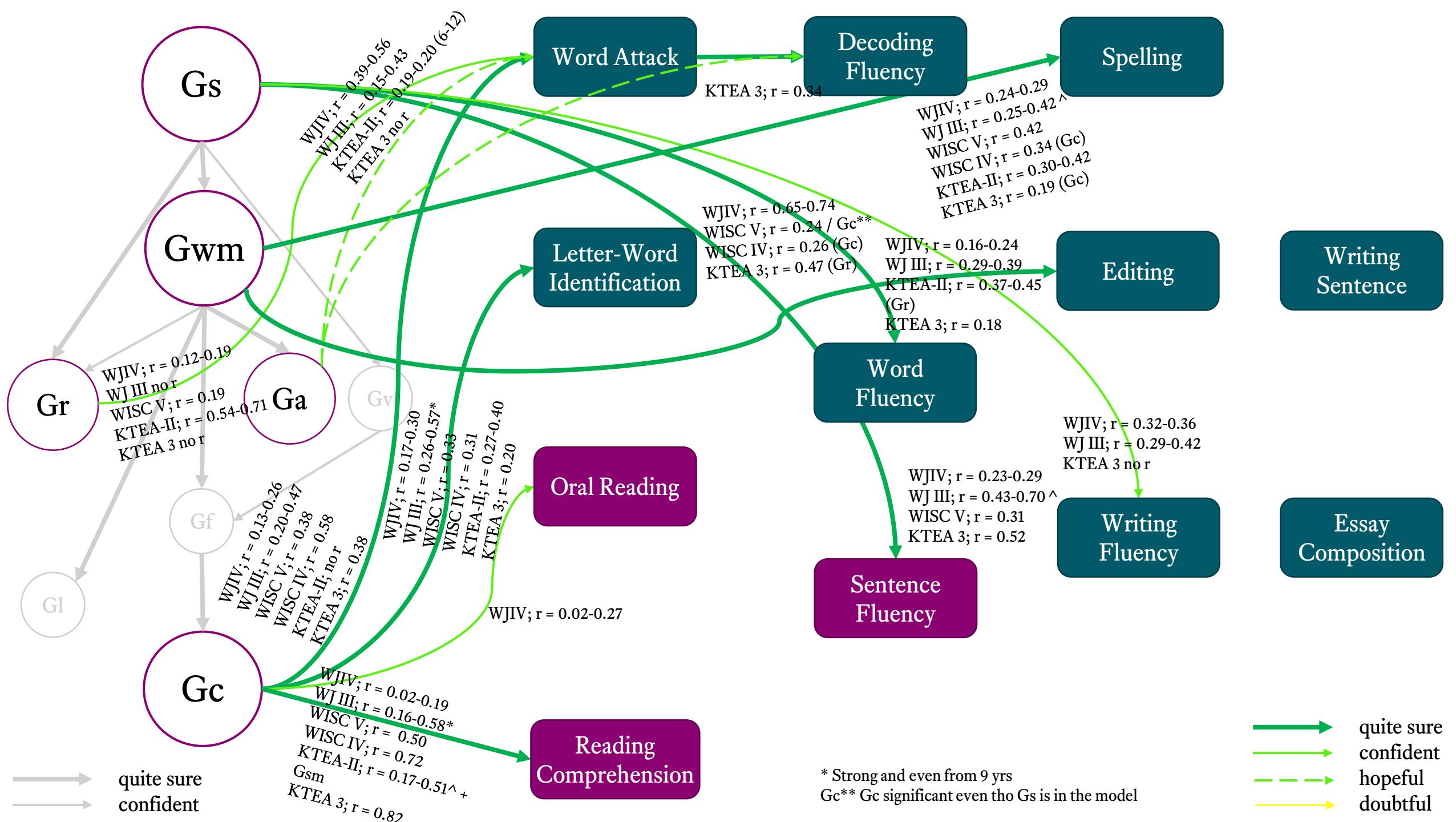
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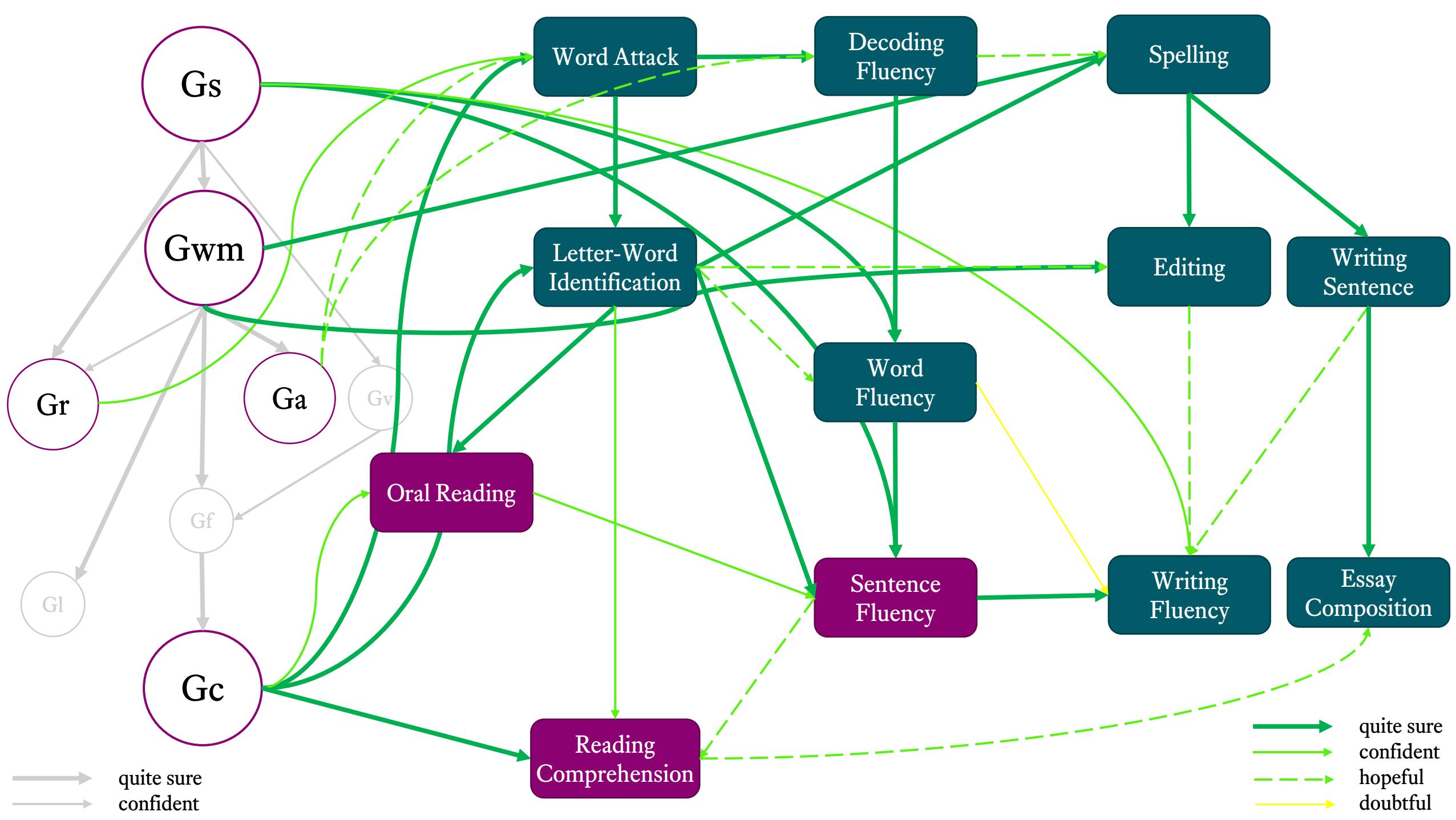
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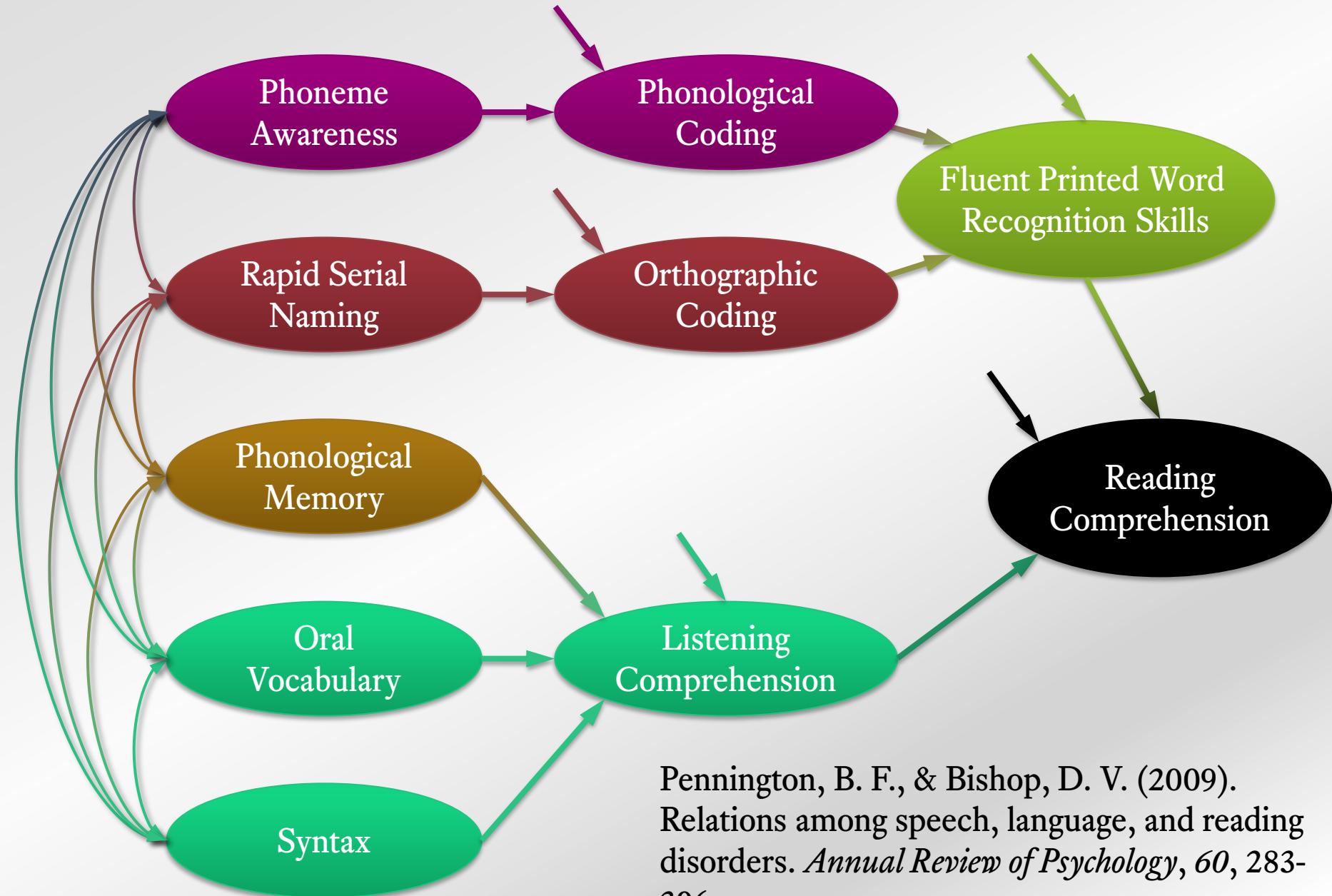
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v40 similar by 40 yrs and then lower



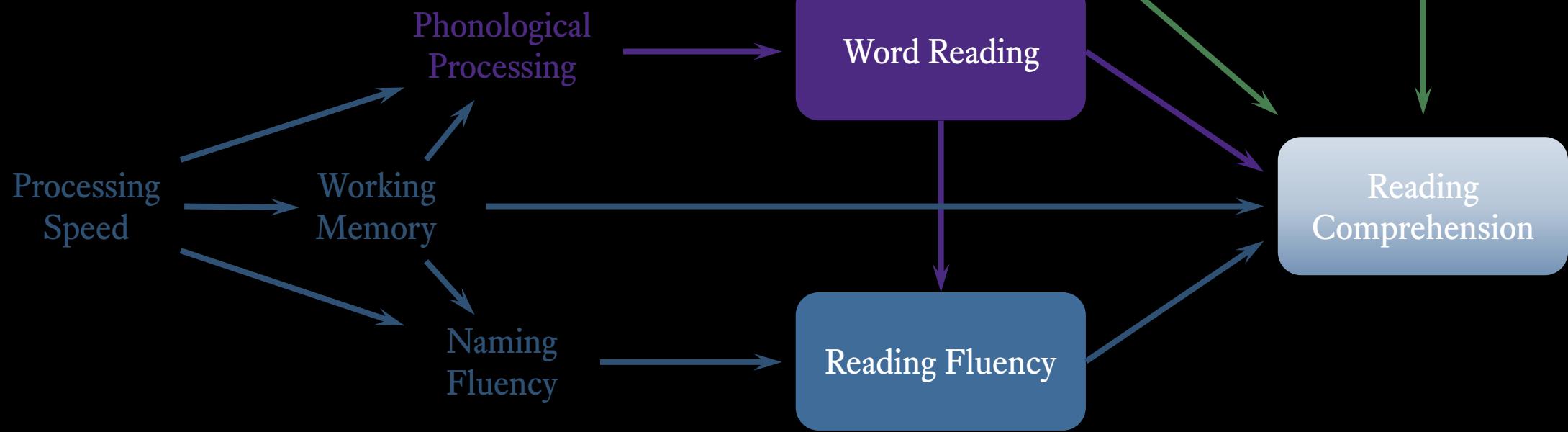


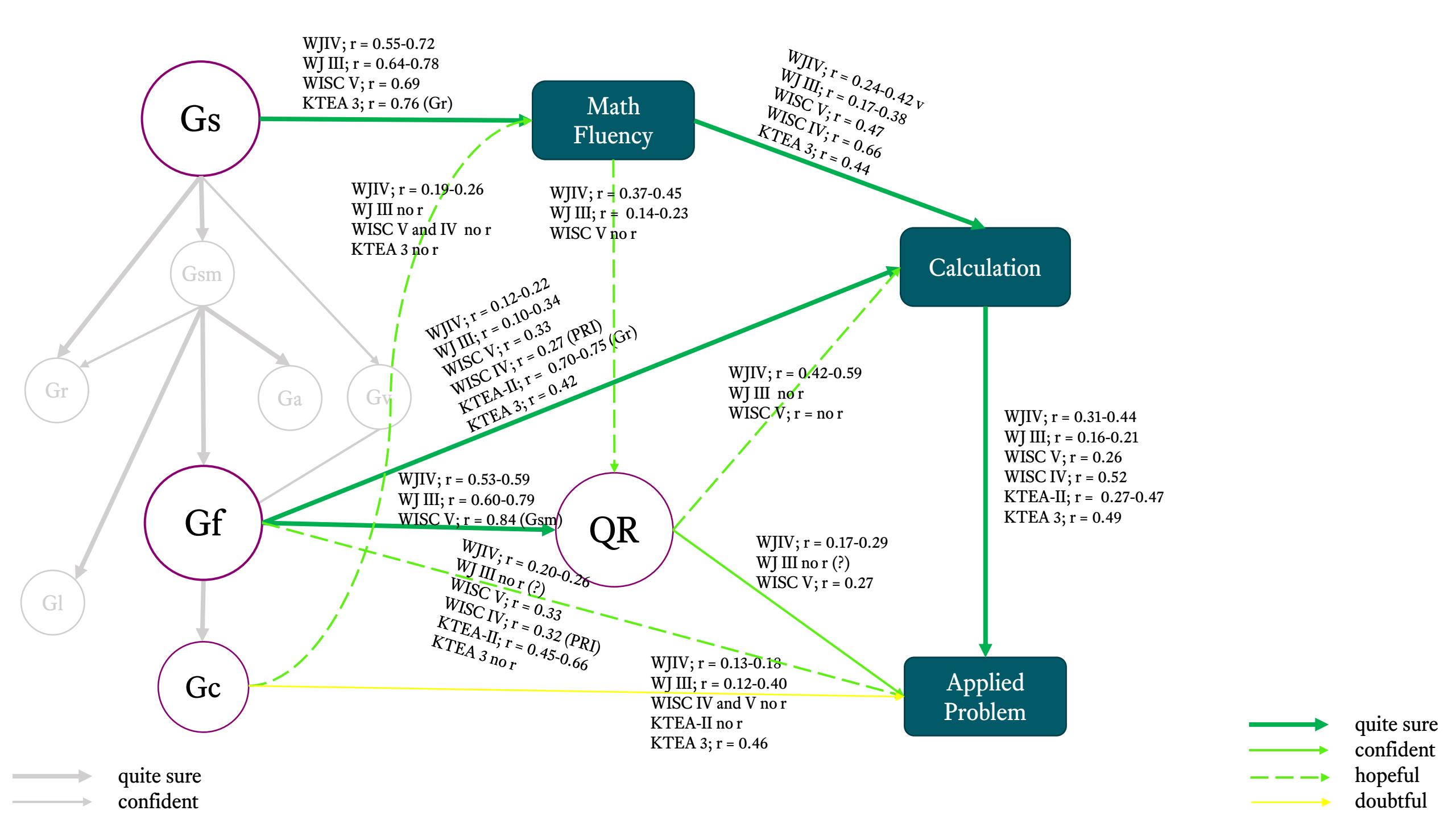




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Cognitive Precursors to Reading Ability





Cognitive ability and math computation developmental relations with math problem solving: An integrated, multigroup approach.

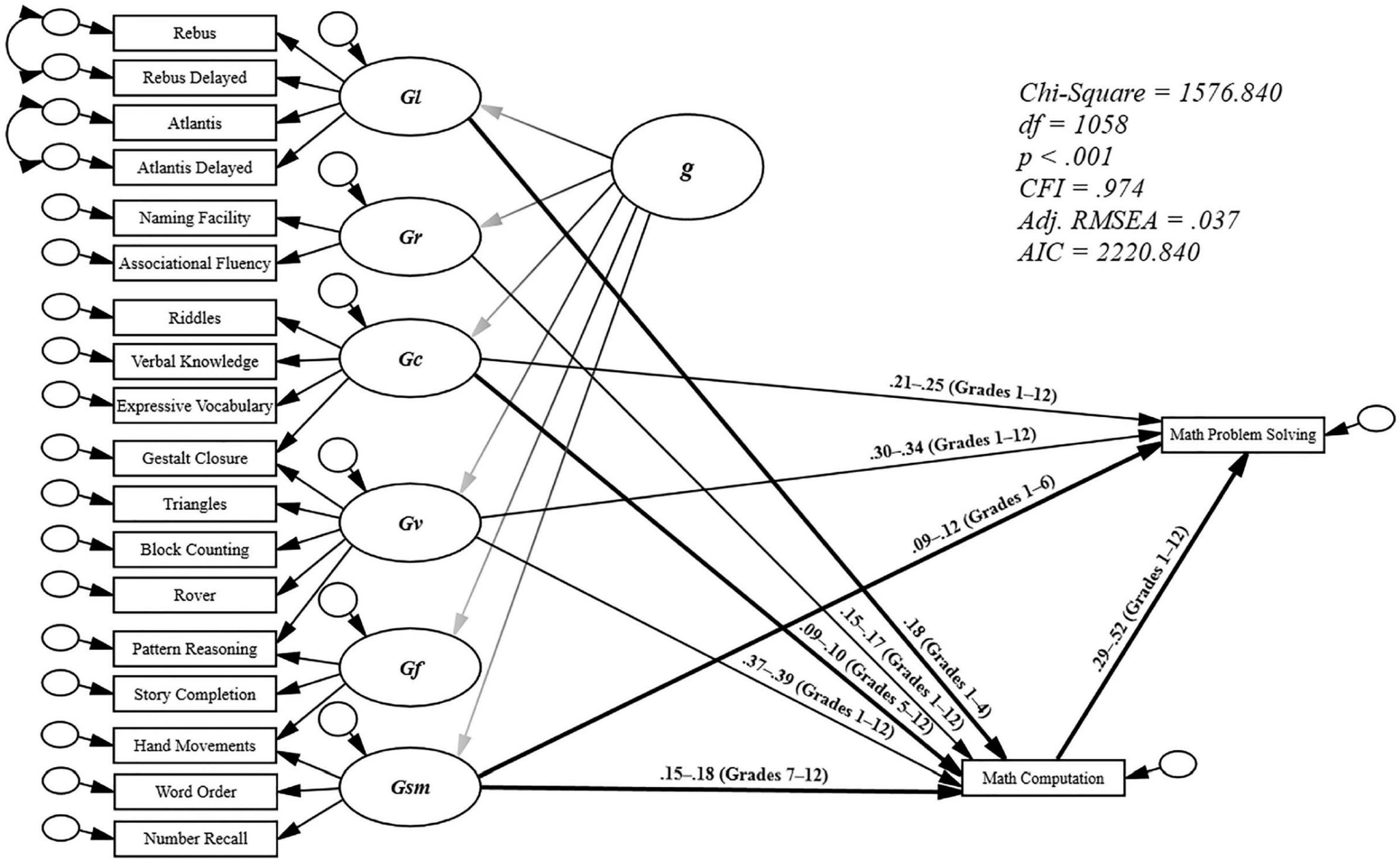
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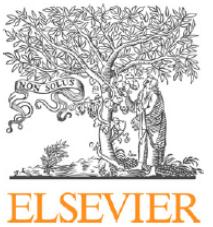
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Individual differences in Cattell-Horn-Carroll (CHC) cognitive abilities are related to individual differences in math problem solving. However, it is less clear whether cognitive abilities are associated with math problem solving directly or indirectly via math component skills and whether these relations differ across grade levels. We used multigroup structural equation models to examine direct and indirect CHC-based cognitive ability relations with math problem solving across six grade-level groups using the Kaufman Assessment Battery for Children, Second Edition and the Kaufman Tests of Educational Achievement, Second Edition co-normed standardization sample data ($N = 2,117$). After testing factorial invariance of the cognitive constructs across grade levels, we assessed whether the main findings were similar across higher-order and bifactor models. In the higher-order model, the Crystallized Ability, Visual Processing, and Short-Term Memory constructs had direct and indirect relations with math problem solving, whereas the Learning Efficiency and Retrieval Fluency constructs had only indirect relations with math problem solving via math computation. The integrated cognitive ability and math achievement relations were generally consistent across the CHC models of intelligence. In the higher-order model, the g factor operated indirectly on math computation and math problem solving, whereas in the bifactor model, the first-order G factor had direct relations with math computation and math problem solving. In both models, g/G was the most consistent and largest cognitive predictor of math skills. Last, the relation of math computation with math problem solving increased as grade level increased. Theoretical implications for math development and considerations for school psychologists are discussed.

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$\text{Chi-Square} = 1576.840$
 $df = 1058$
 $p < .001$
 $CFI = .974$
 $Adj. RMSEA = .037$
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Cognitive and numerosity predictors of mathematical skills in middle school



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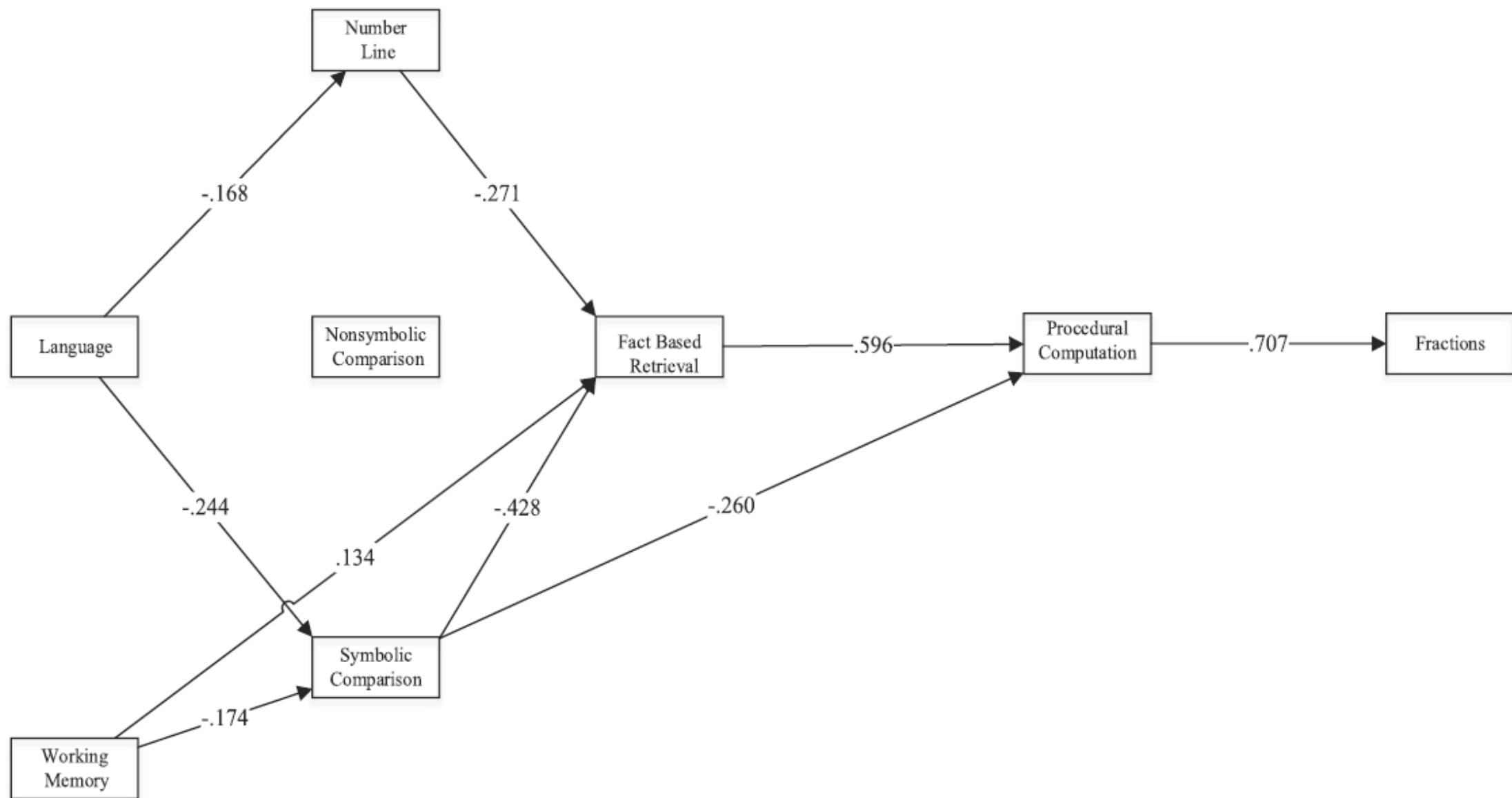
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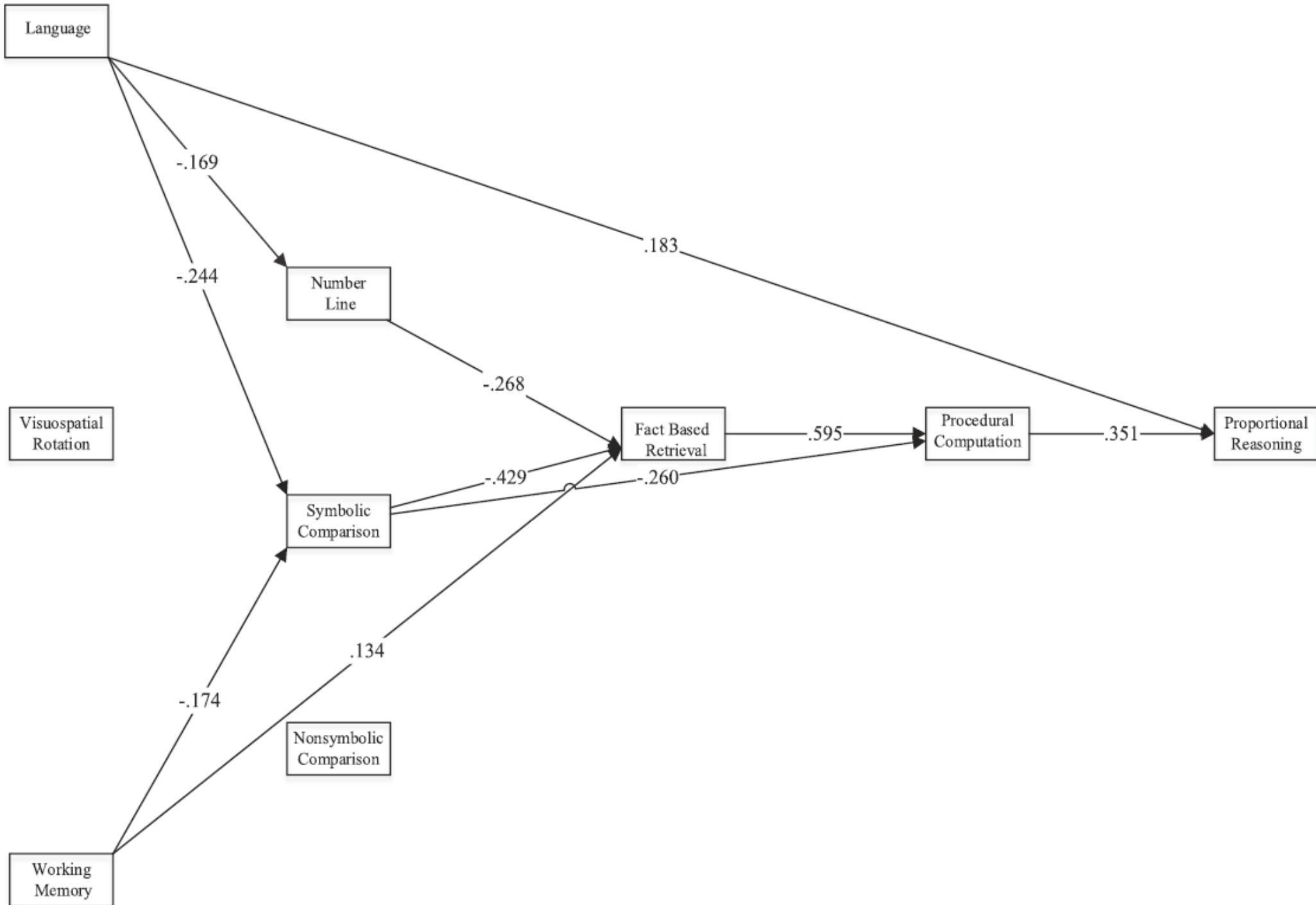
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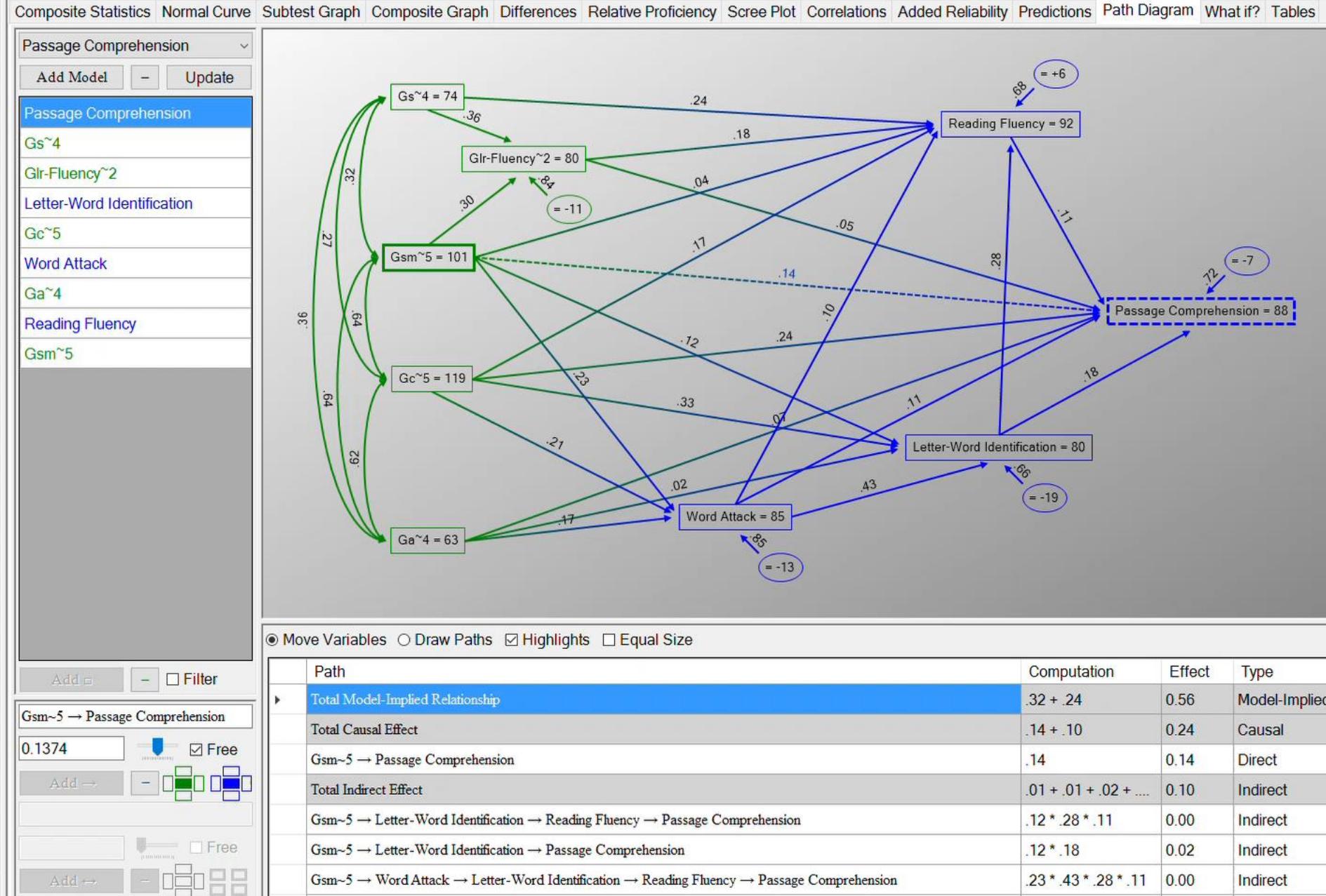
There is a strong research base on the underlying concomitants of early developing math skills. Fewer studies have focused on later developing skills. Here, we focused on direct and indirect contributions of cognitive measures (e.g., language, spatial skills, working memory) and numerosity measures, as well as arithmetic proficiency, on key outcomes of fraction performance, proportional reasoning, and broad mathematics achievement at sixth grade ($N = 162$) via path analysis. We expected a hierarchy of skill development, with predominantly indirect effects of cognitive factors via number and arithmetic. Results controlling for age showed that the combination of cognitive, number, and arithmetic variables cumulatively accounted for 38% to 44% of the variance in fractions, proportional reasoning, and broad mathematics. There was consistency across outcomes, with more proximal skills providing direct effects and with the effects of cognitive skills being mediated by number and by more proximal skills. Results support a hierarchical progression from domain-general cognitive processes through numerosity and arithmetic skills to proportional reasoning to broad mathematics achievement.





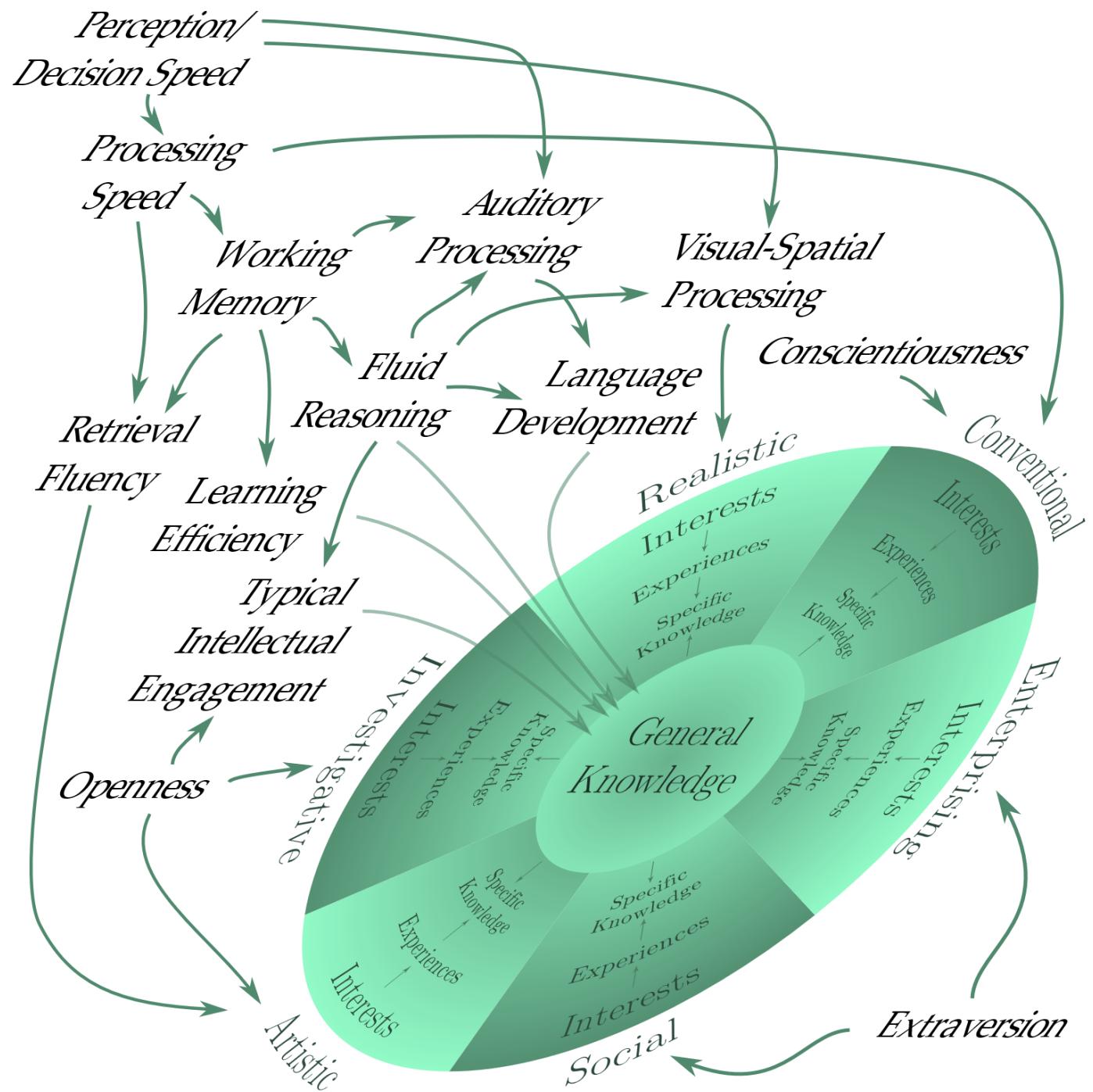
Case, Sample

COMPOSITE / Subtest	SS	Composite Variability
Ga~6	62	1.92
Ga-Sound Discrimination	73	1.35
Gc/Grw-Language Devel...	98	1.91
Gc/Grw-Lexical Knowled...	112	0.27
Gc~4	125	2.78
Gc~5	119	3.87
Gc~8	117	3.78
Gc-Language Developm...	106	1.03
Gc-Lexical Knowledge~2	111	0.32
Gf/Gq Quantitative Reas...	116	5.50
Gf~4	108	1.01
Glr~8	92	1.75
Glr-Associative Learning~4	93	1.02
Glr-Fluency~2	80	1.24
Glr-Learning (Delayed)~3	100	1.24
Glr-Learning (Immediate)...	100	1.04
Glr-Learning~6	100	1.31
Gq~4	102	4.47
Gq~6	108	6.27
Grw-Grammar~2	87	1.48
Grw-Reading~5	89	2.43
Grw-Spelling~2	78	0.69
Grw-Writing~6	84	3.04
Gs~3	85	4.01
Gs~4	74	4.50
Gsm~5	101	1.75

All ▾ Missing

INTELLIGENCE Is Dynamic!

CASCADING DEVELOPMENTAL Investment Theory

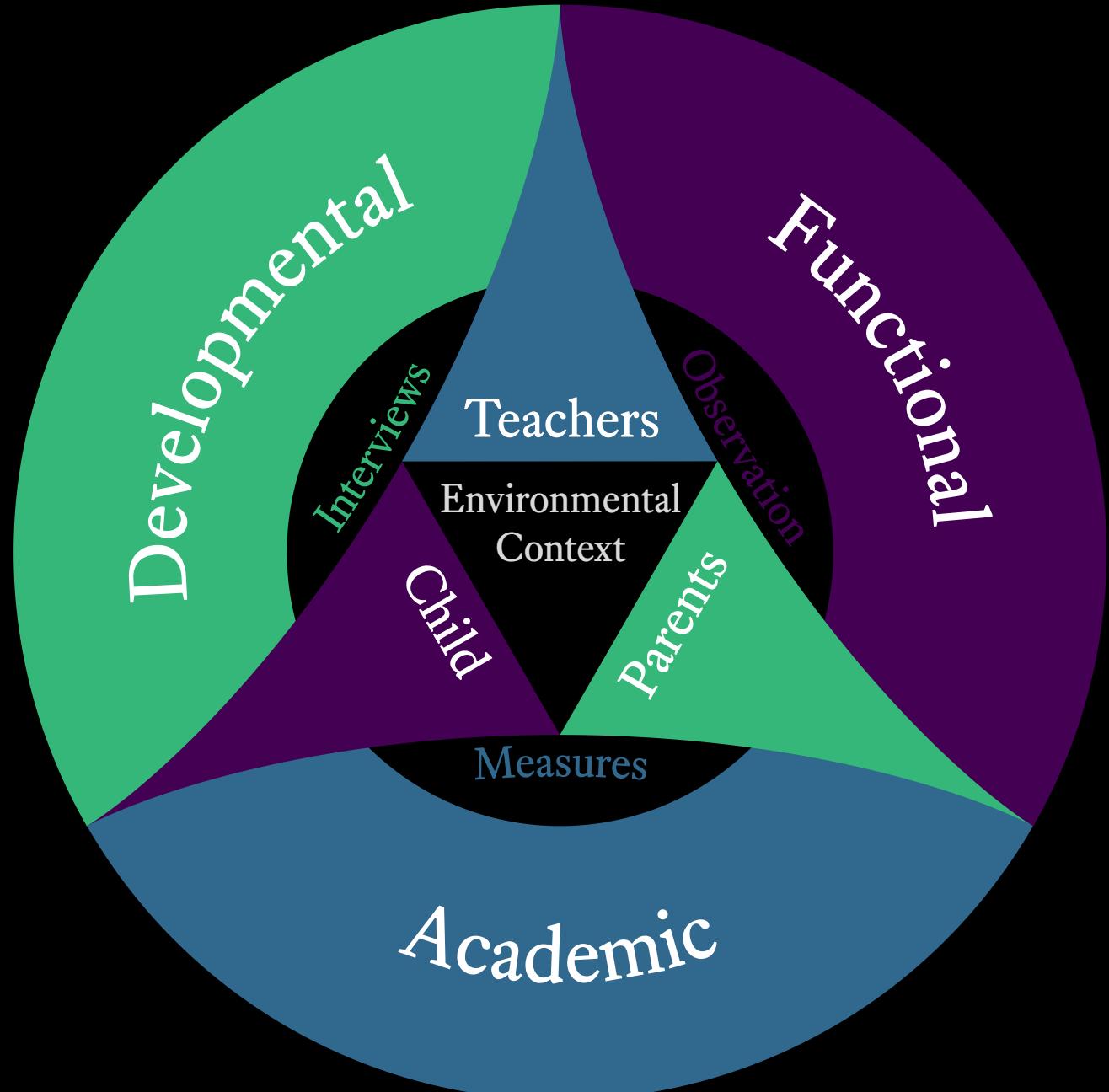




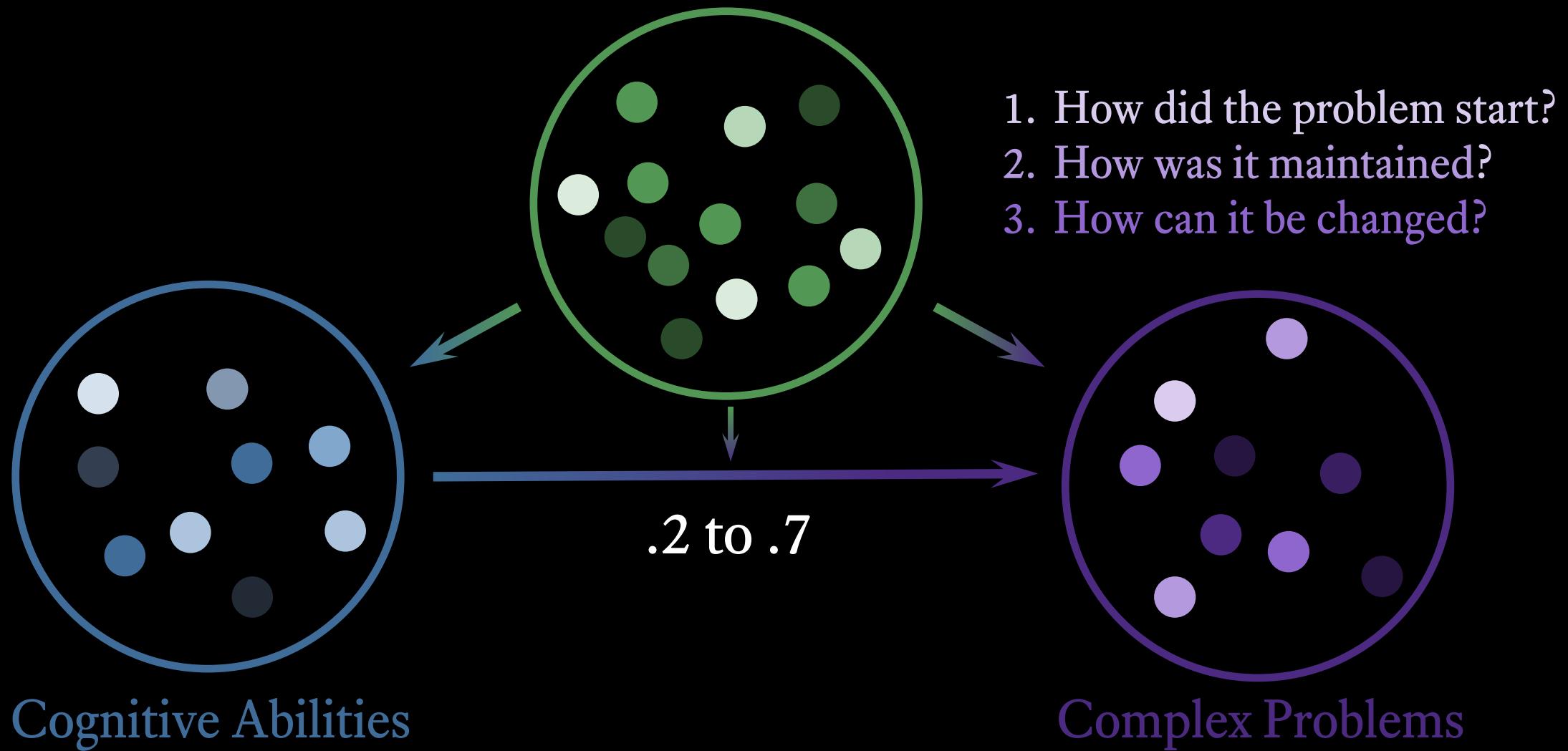
Comprehensive evaluations include

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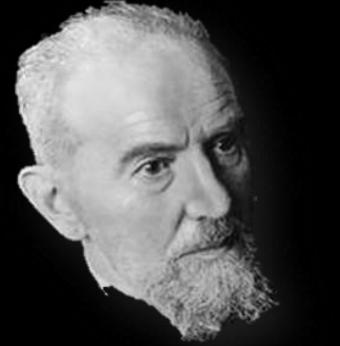
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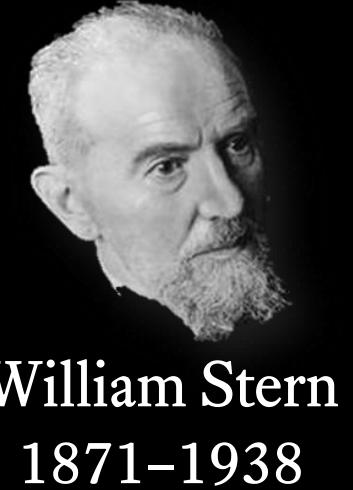


Every individual
is a singularity,
a one-time existing being,
nowhere else
and never before present.



William Stern
1871–1938

To be sure,
certain law-like regularities
apply to the individual,
certain types
are embodied
in the individual,...



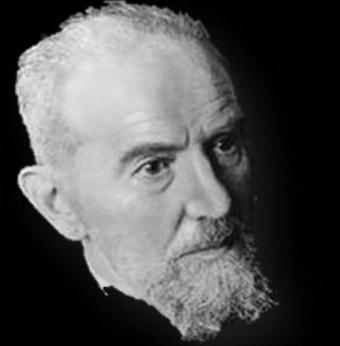
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But the individual
is not exhausted
by these laws
and types;



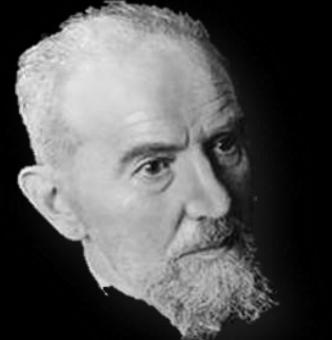
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1871–1938

There remains
ever something more,
through which the individual
is distinct from others
who conform to
the same laws and types.



William Stern
1871–1938

And this last kernel of being,
which reveals the individual
to be thus and so,
distinct from all others,
is not expressible
in the language
of scientific concepts,
it is unclassifiable,
incommensurable.

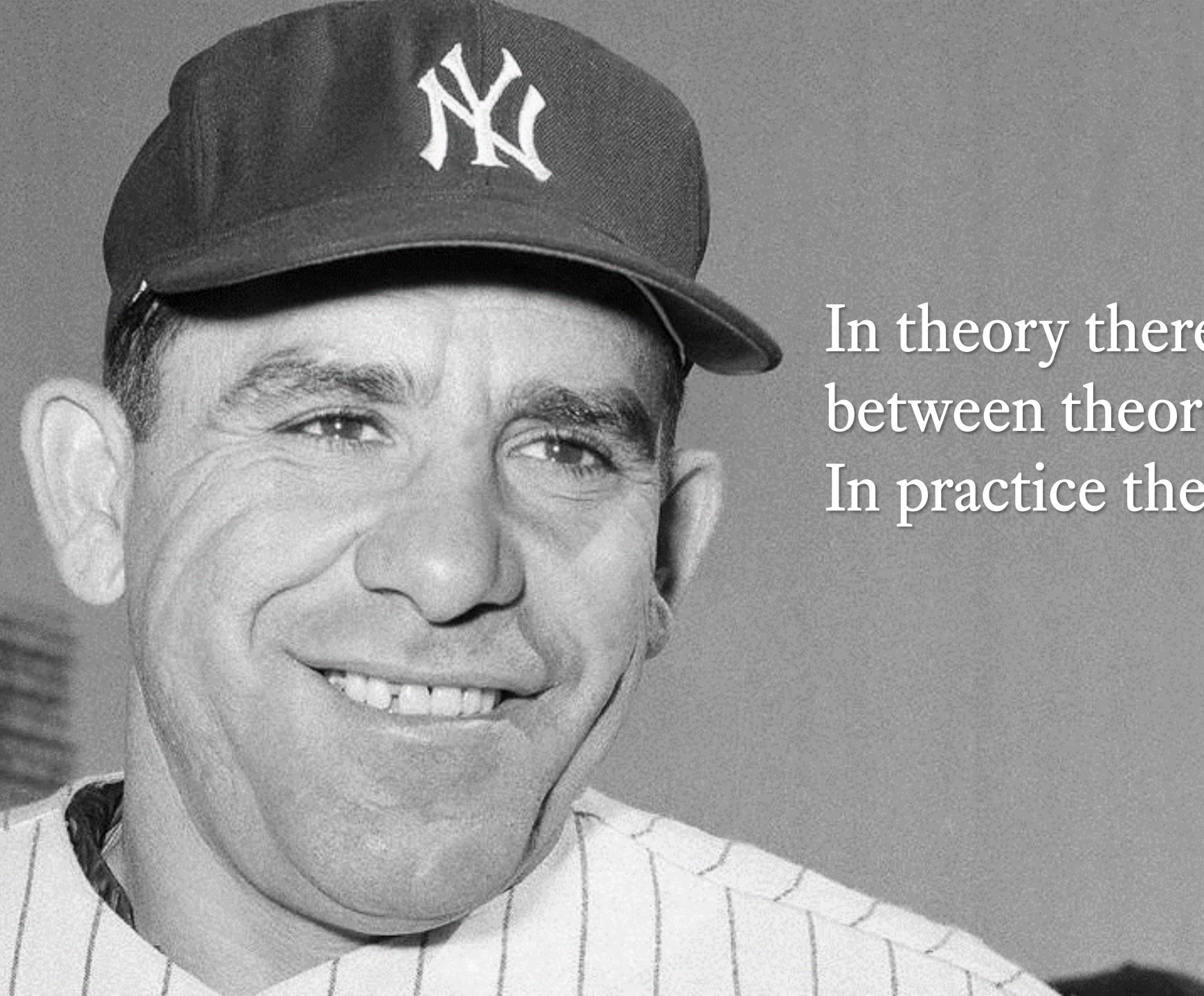


William Stern
1871–1938

In this sense,
the individual
is a limiting concept,
toward which
theoretical investigation strives
but can never reach;
it is, one could say,
the asymptote of science.



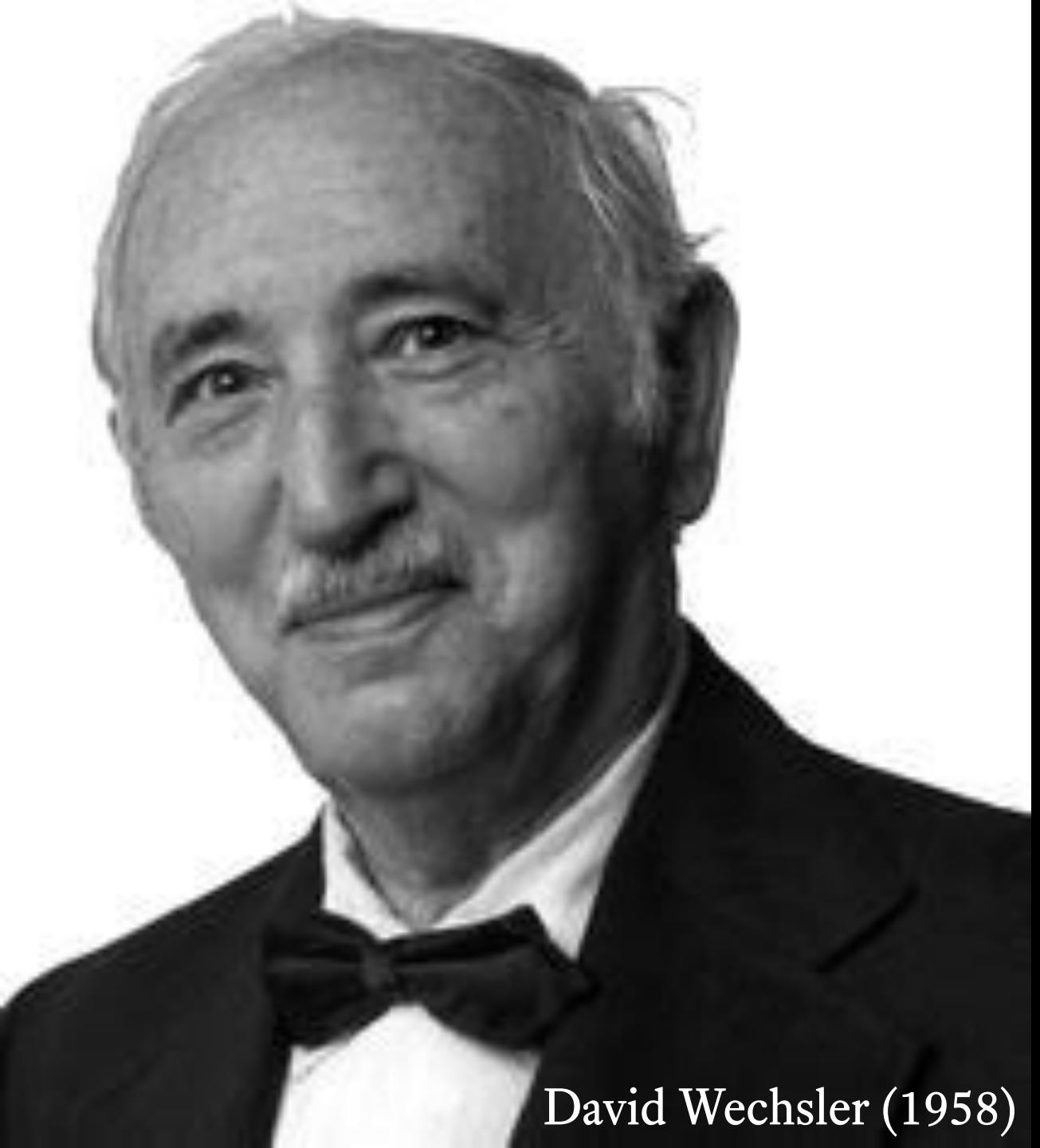
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In theory there is no difference
between theory and practice.
In practice there is.

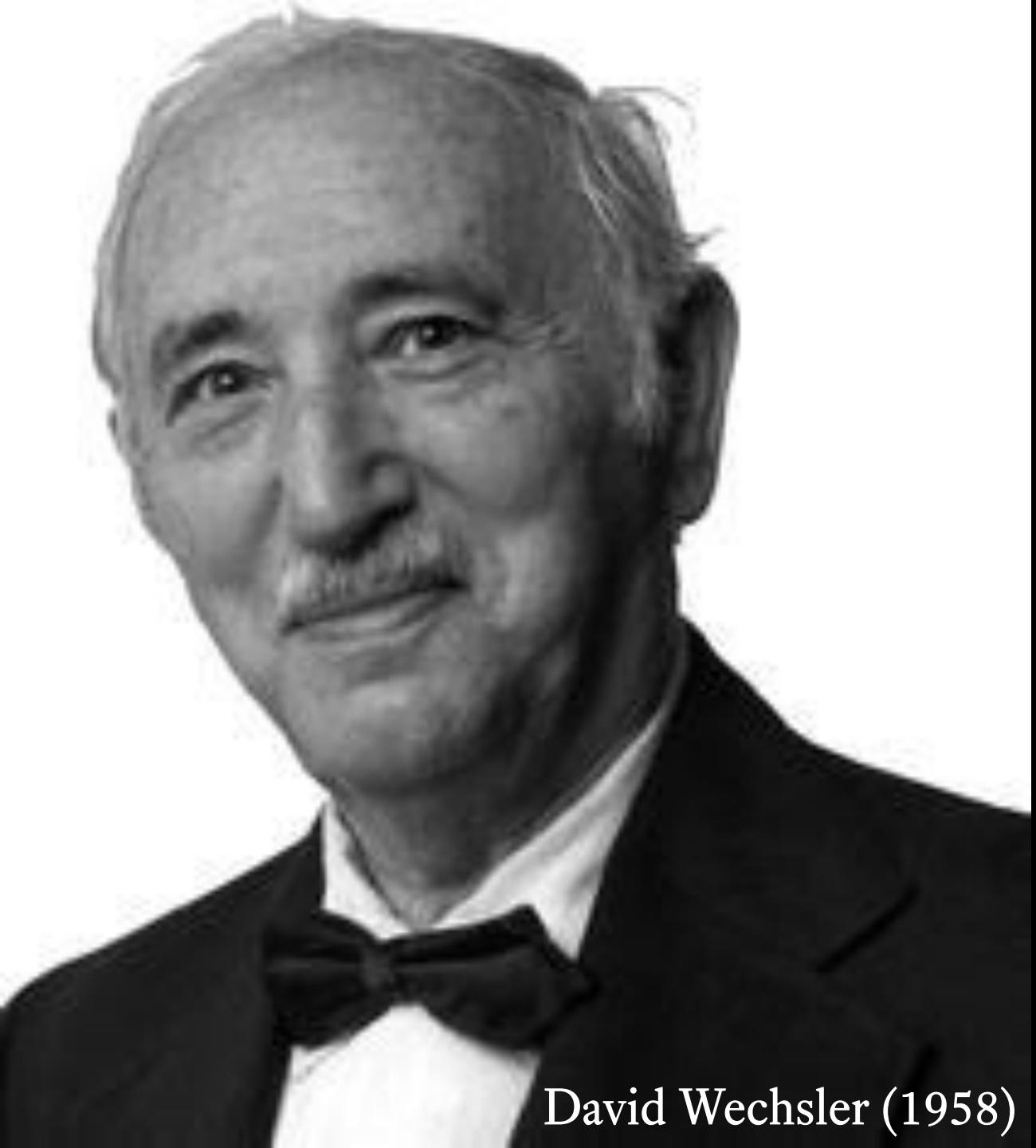
—Yogi Berra

ASSESSMENT DARK MATTER



David Wechsler (1958)

We begin with a series of aptitude measures but somehow end up with an IQ. How is this possible? The suggested answer is that in the process we are using measures of ability primarily as a tool, that is, not as an end in itself but as a means for discovering something more fundamental. Then, when an examiner employs an arithmetic or a vocabulary test as part of an intelligence scale, the object of the examiner is not to discover the subject's aptitude for arithmetic or extent of his word knowledge, although these are inevitably involved, but his capacity to function in overall areas which are assumed to require intelligence. (p. 15)



David Wechsler (1958)

[...] while intellective abilities can be shown to contain several independent factors, intelligence cannot be so broken up. Hence, no amount of refinement of tests or addition of factors will account for the total variance of an intelligence test battery, because the variance in intelligence test performance is due not only to the direct contributions of the factors themselves but also to their collective behavior or integration. (p. 23)

WE HAVE MUCH TO LEARN FROM
QUALITATIVE RESEARCHERS

NARRATIVES ARE THE BEGINNING

Interview

Empathize

Listen to People

Investigate

Clarify

Gather data

Do the math

Learn from Data

Interpret the data

Forget the math

Induce empathy

Explain problems

Retell the Story

Restore hope

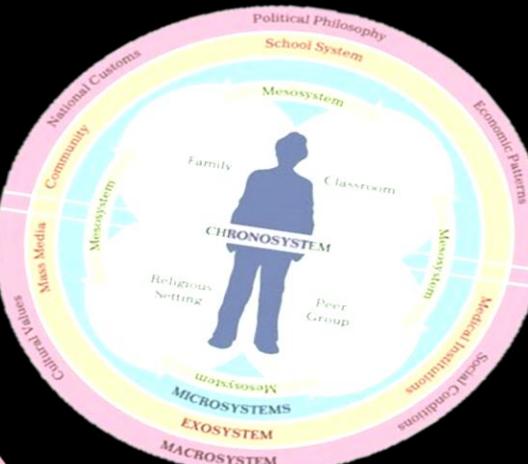
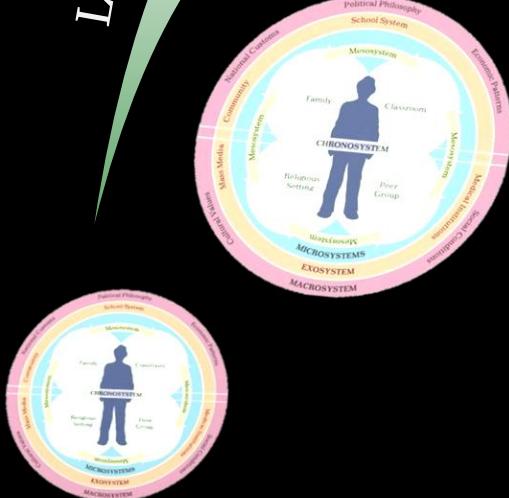
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— AND ENDING OF ASSESSMENT —

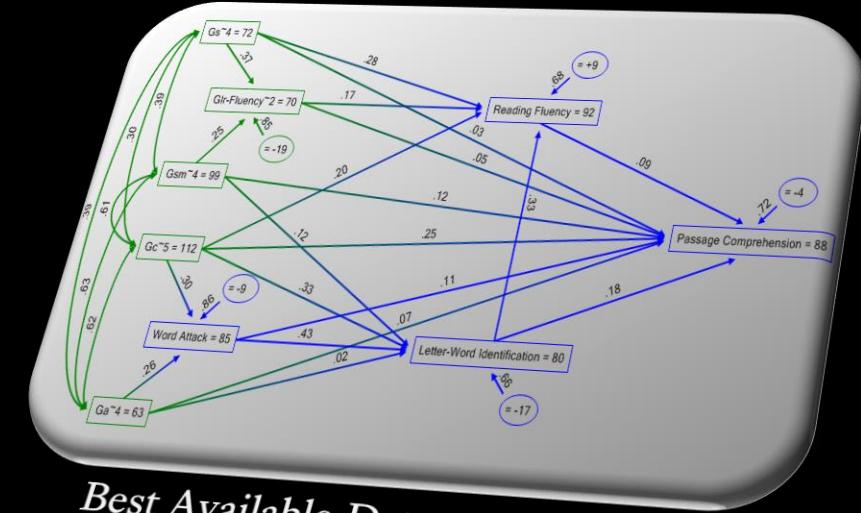
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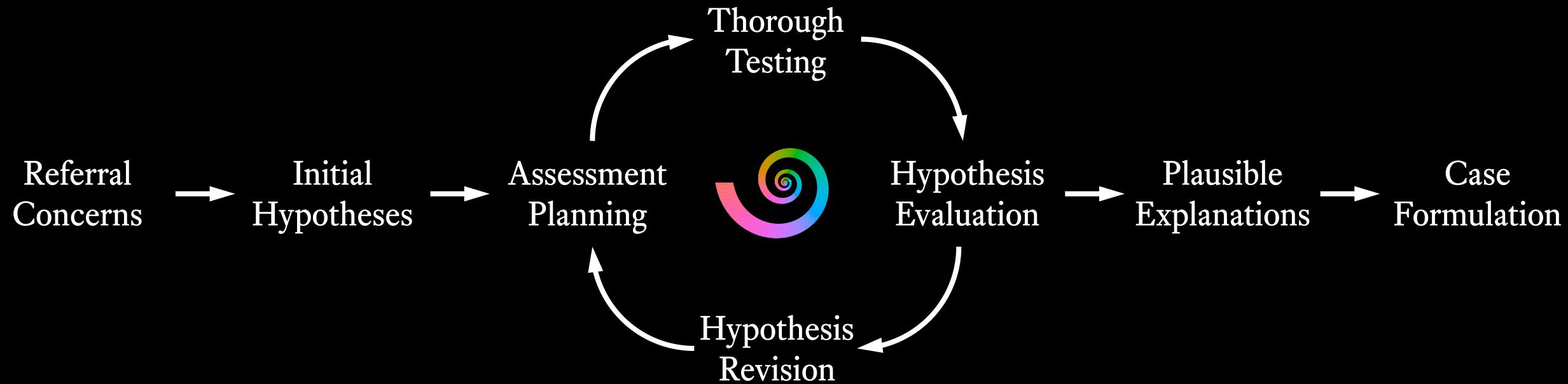
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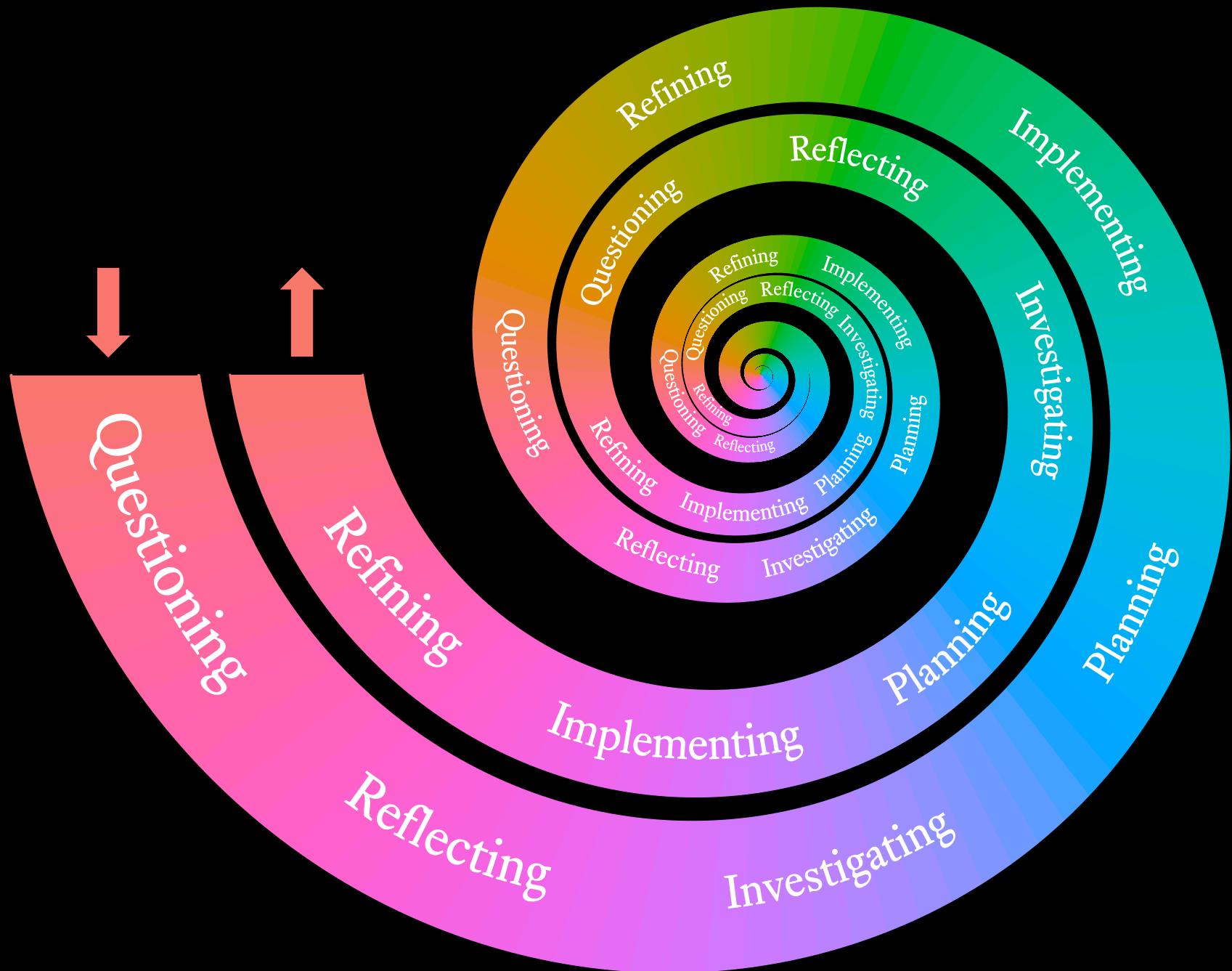


Narrative \rightarrow Test Scores

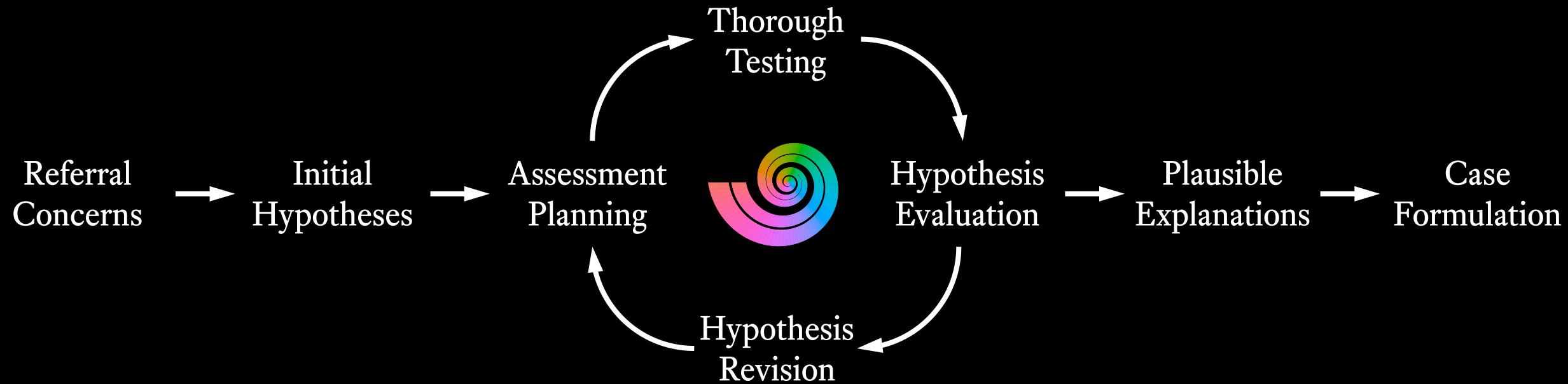


PROCEDURE FOR A THEORY-CENTRIC ASSESSMENT





PROCEDURE FOR A THEORY-CENTRIC ASSESSMENT



DAS-II

WJ IV

WISC V

KABC-II

Teammates UNIT 2

CAS-2

SB5

Leiter III

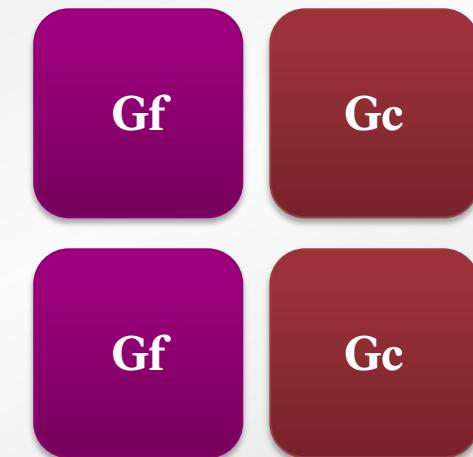
RIAS-2

SCREENING

Gf

Gc

SCREENING



ASSESSING G

Ga

Gv

Gf

Gc

Gwm

Gl

Gr

Gs

BROAD ABILITIES

Ga

Gv

Gf

Gc

Gwm

Gl

Gr

Gs

Ga

Gv

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FOLLOW-UP TESTING

Ga

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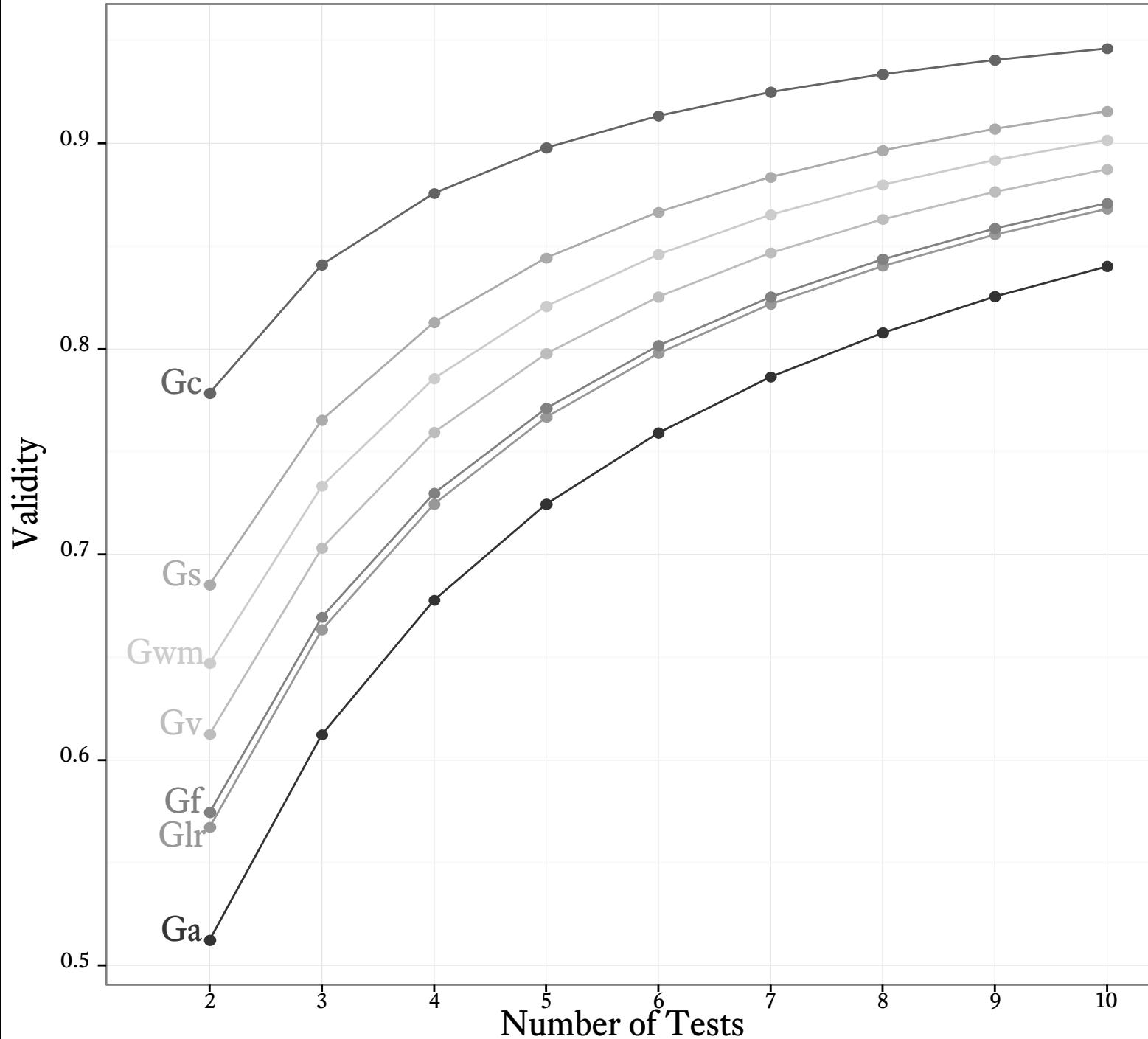
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Follow-up Testing Is
Your Best Defense
Against Overconfidence
Recommendation:
Confirm Any Deficits
You Identify with
at Least One More Test

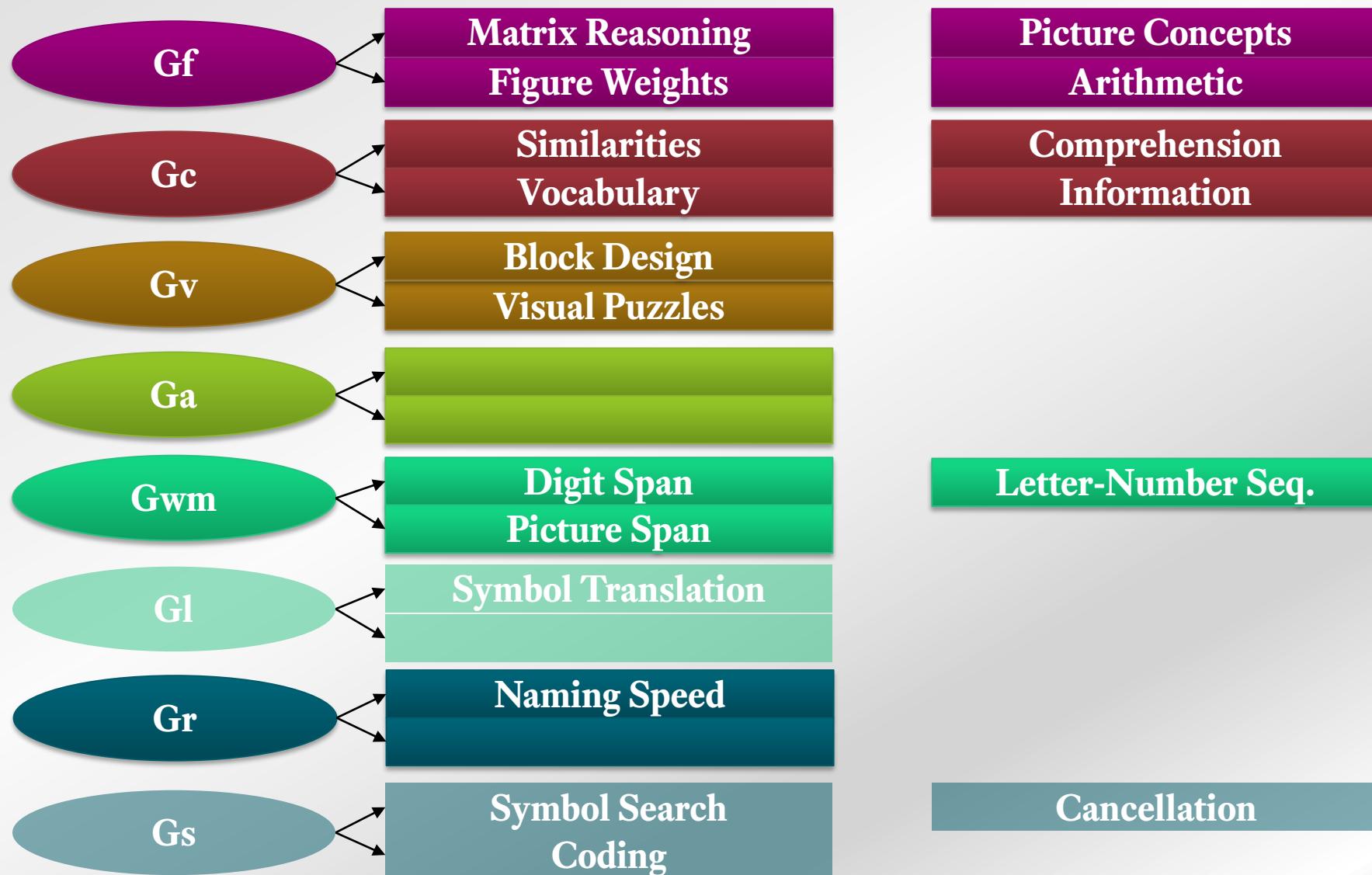
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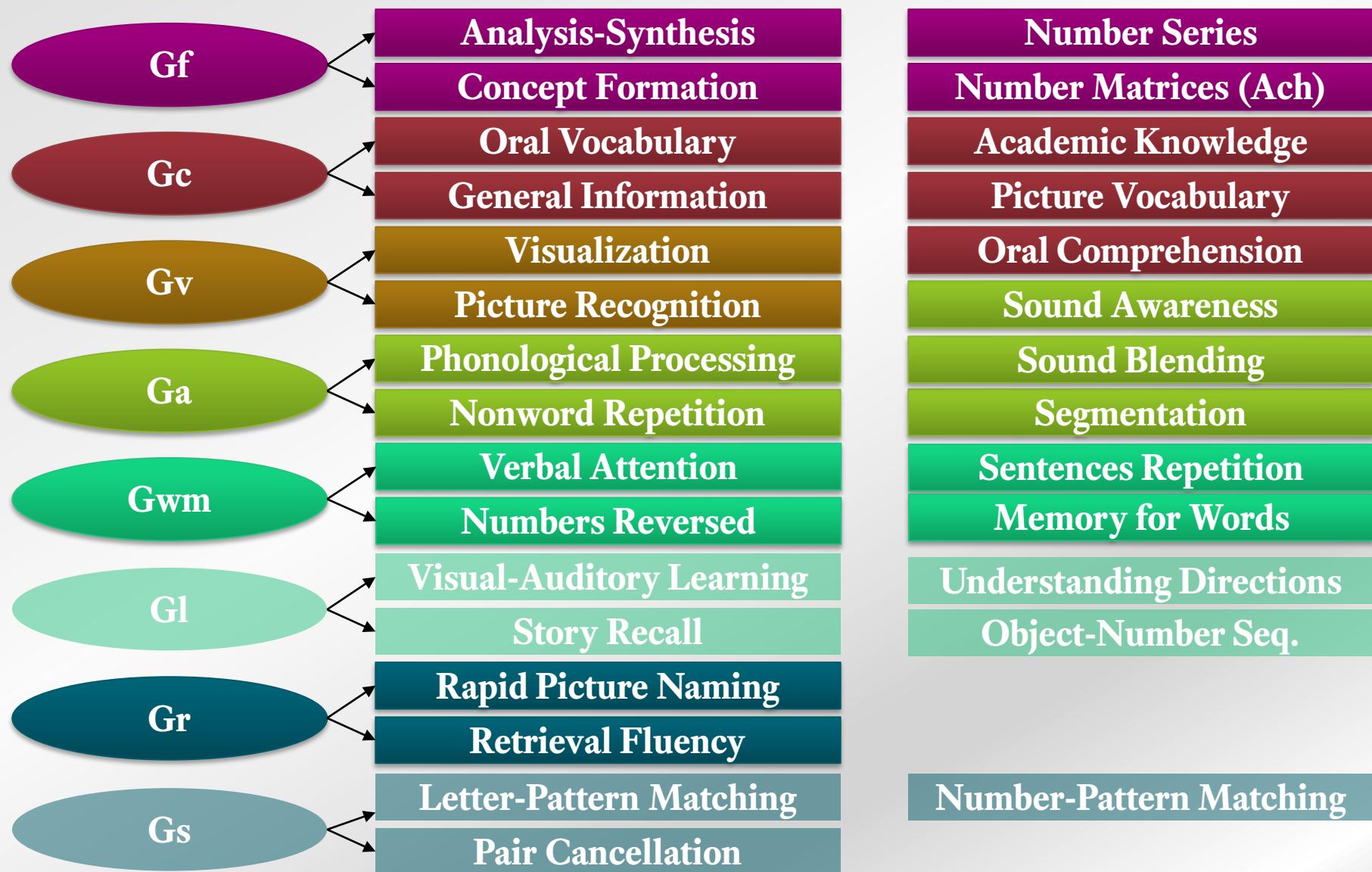
CORE BATTERIES

- 1.Pick a core battery.
- 2.Identify the holes.
- 3.Fill the holes.

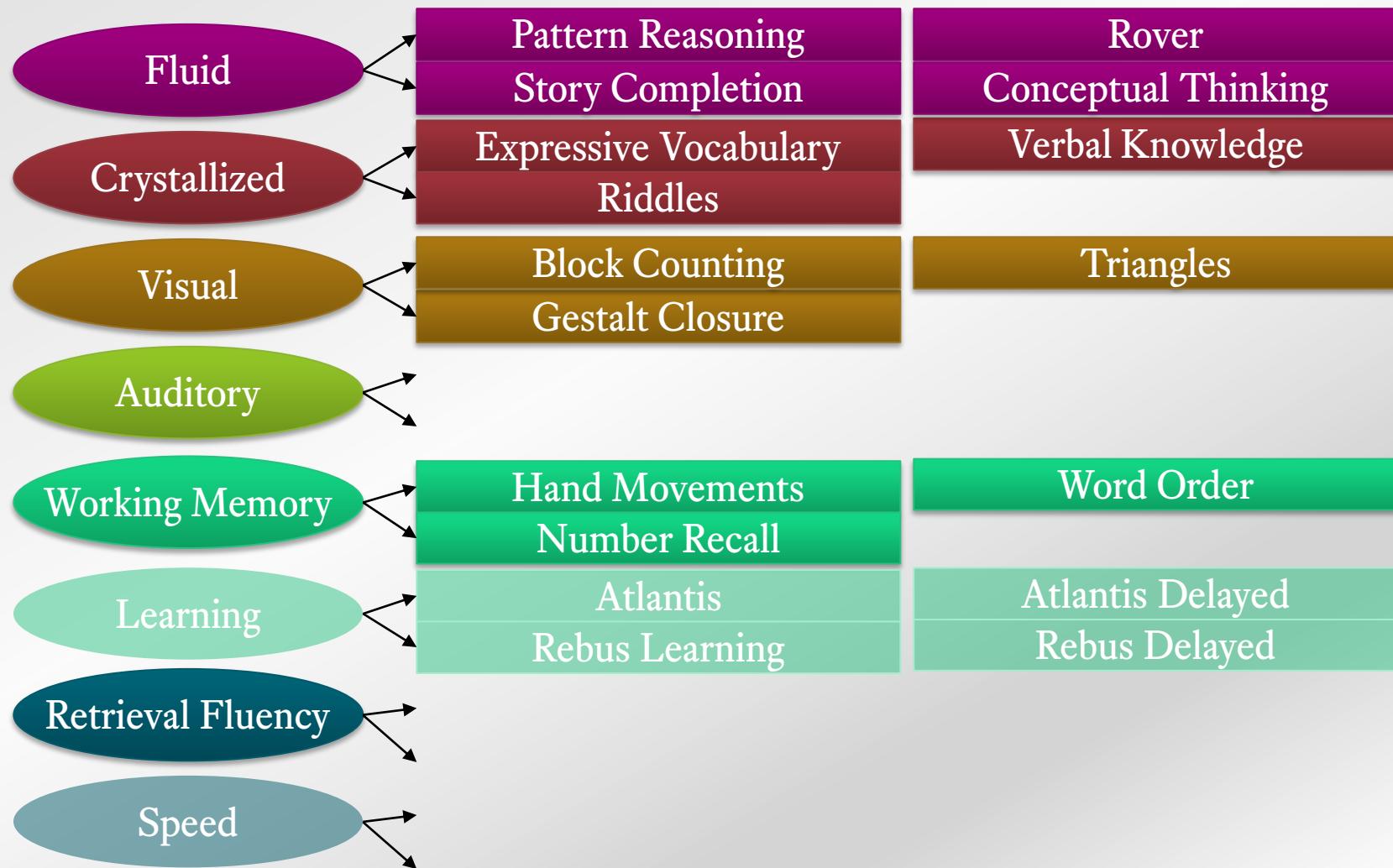
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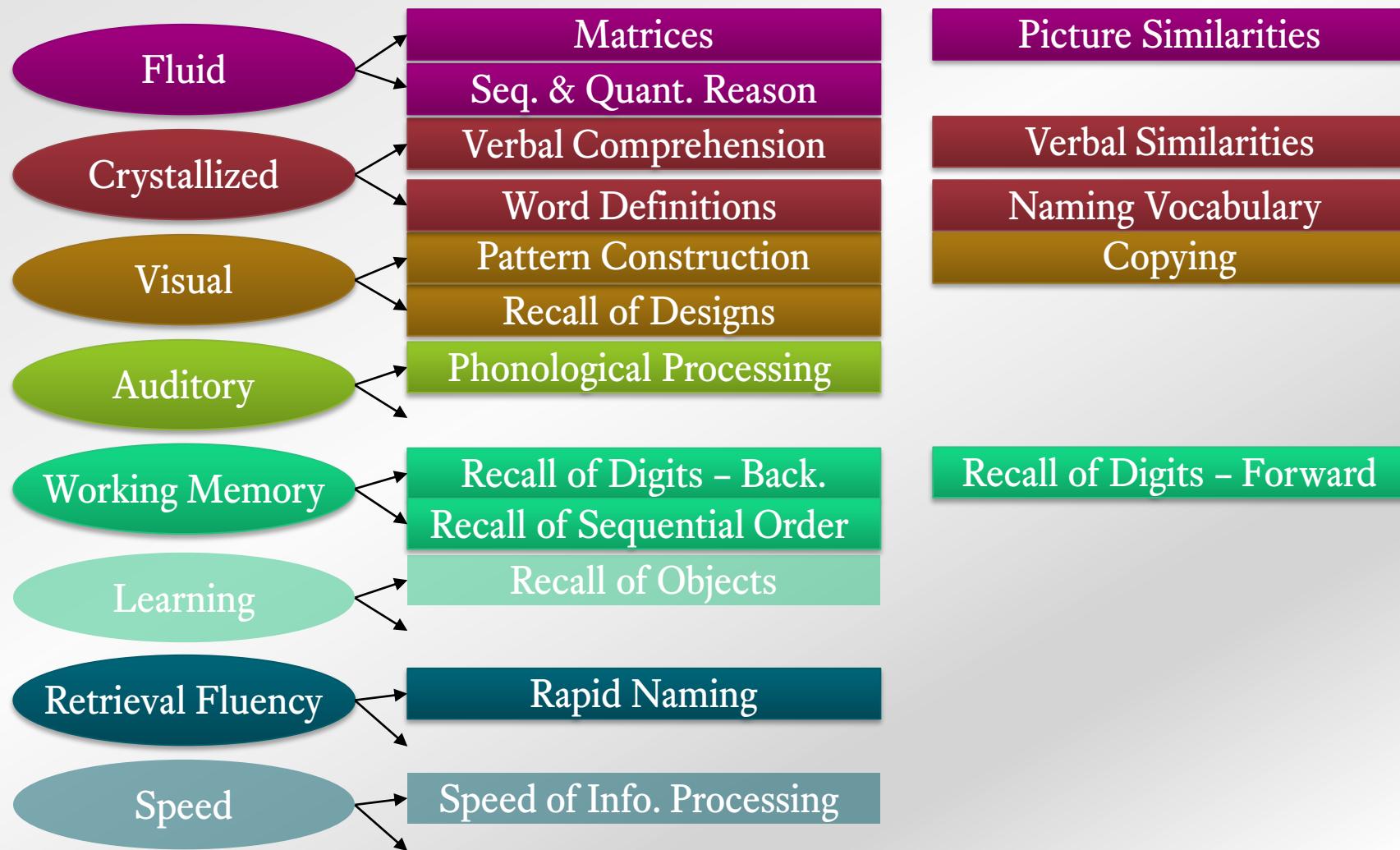
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KABC-II AS CORE BATTERY

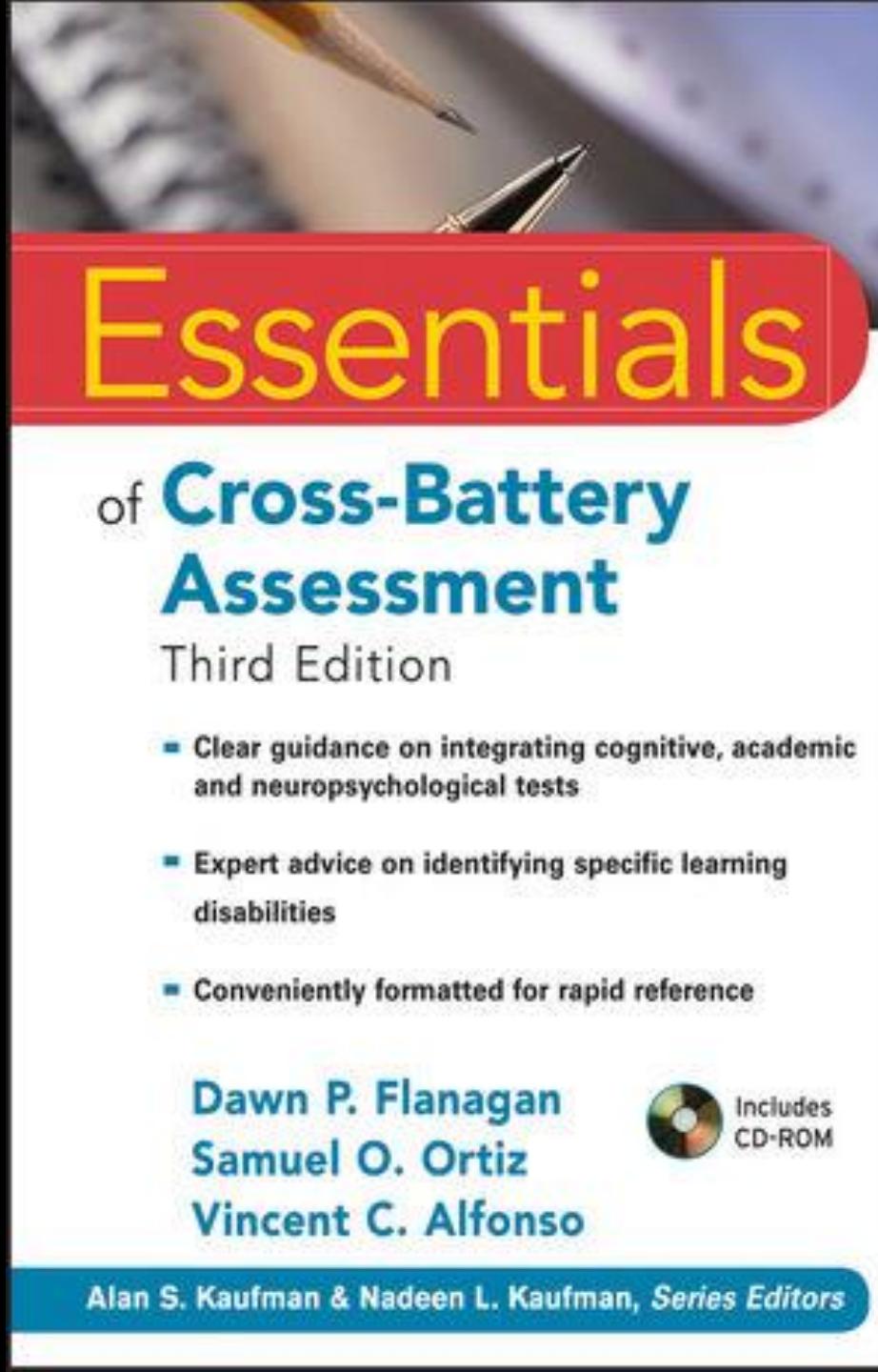


DAS-II AS CORE BATTERY

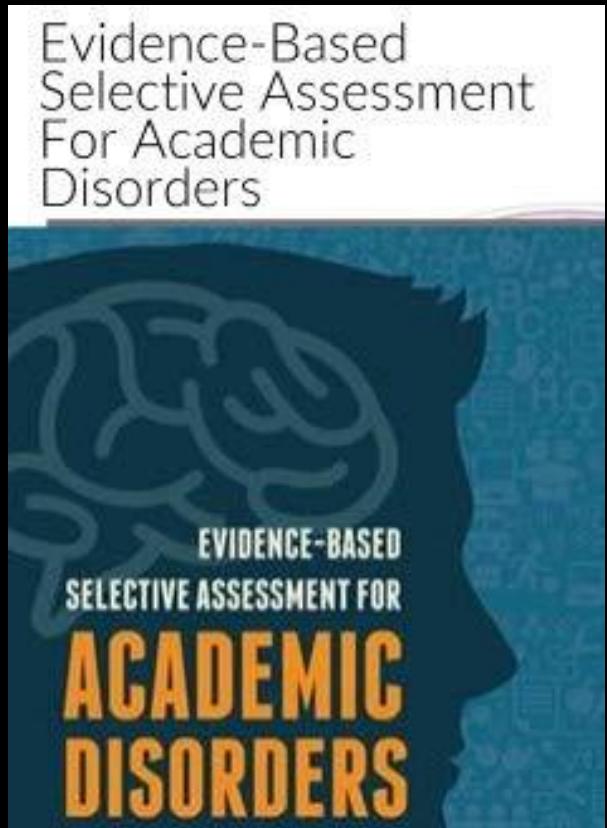


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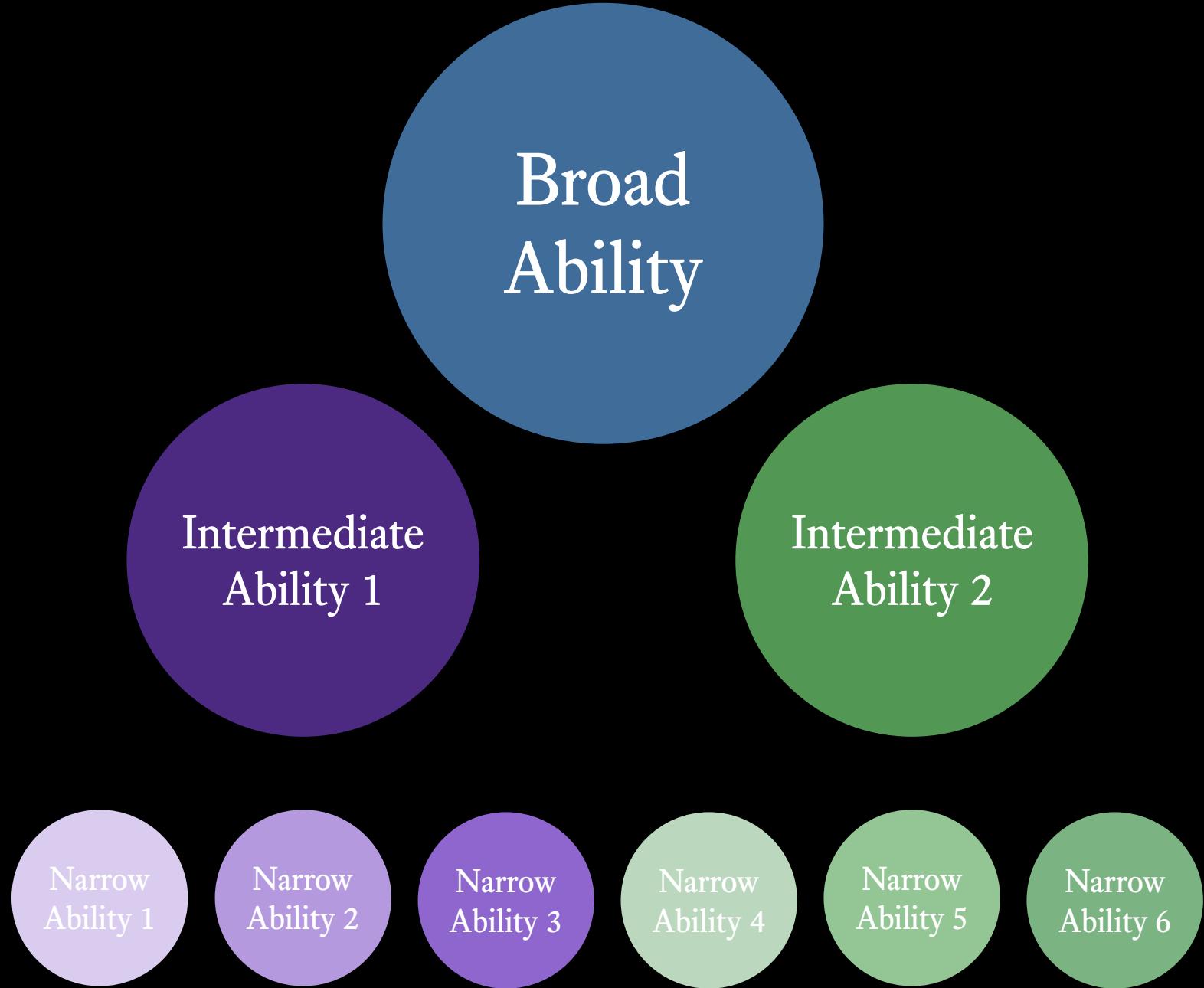
A Comprehensive Approach to CHC Theory-Based Measurement of Cognitive Abilities



If measuring 8 broad abilities is not nuanced enough and assessing 70+ narrow abilities is just impossible, try Functional CHC Theory. Measurement emphasizes 2 intermediate clusters of abilities for each of the broad CHC constructs.



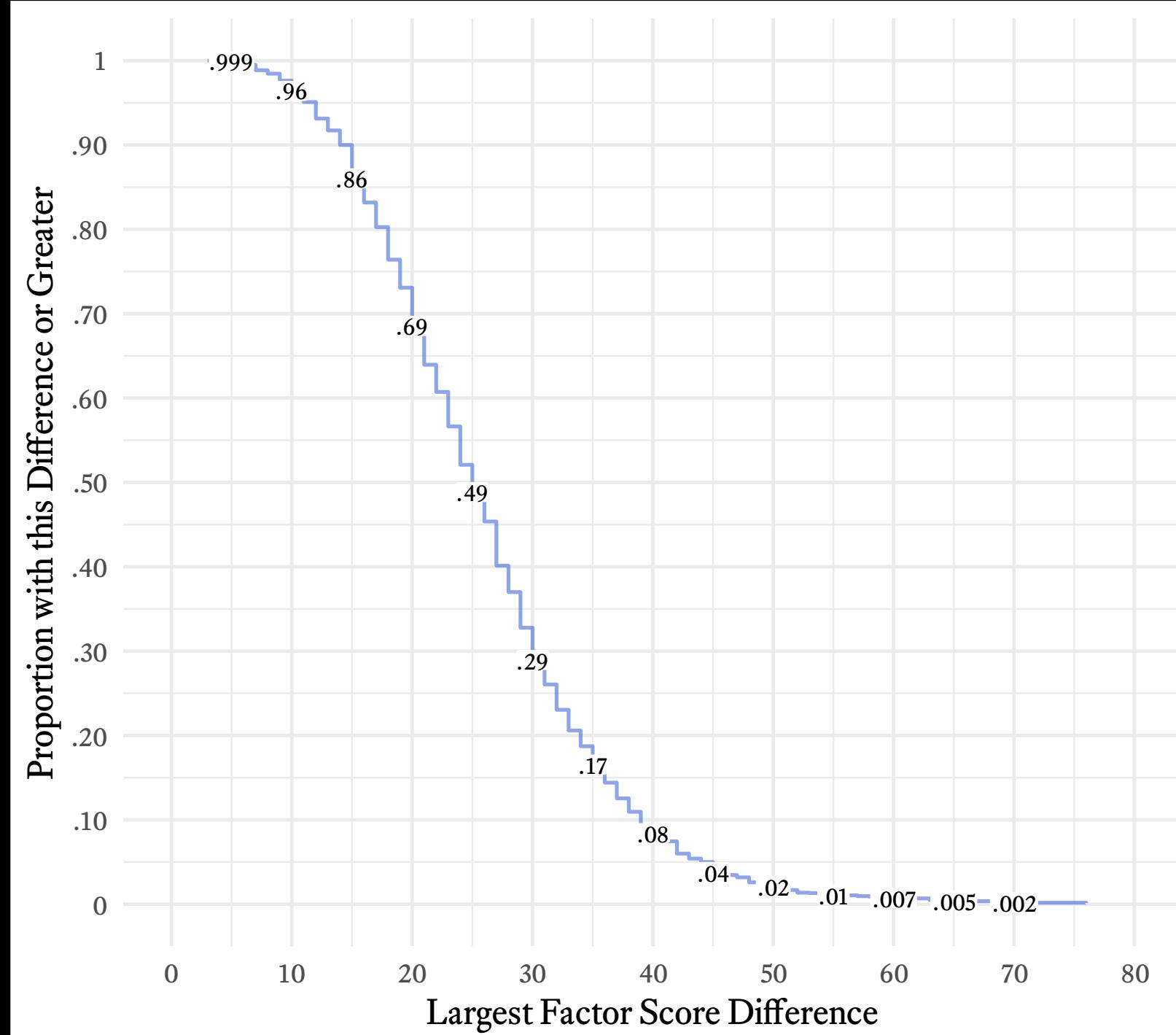
Woodcock, Miller, Maricle, & McGill



What Should We Do with Divergent Scores?

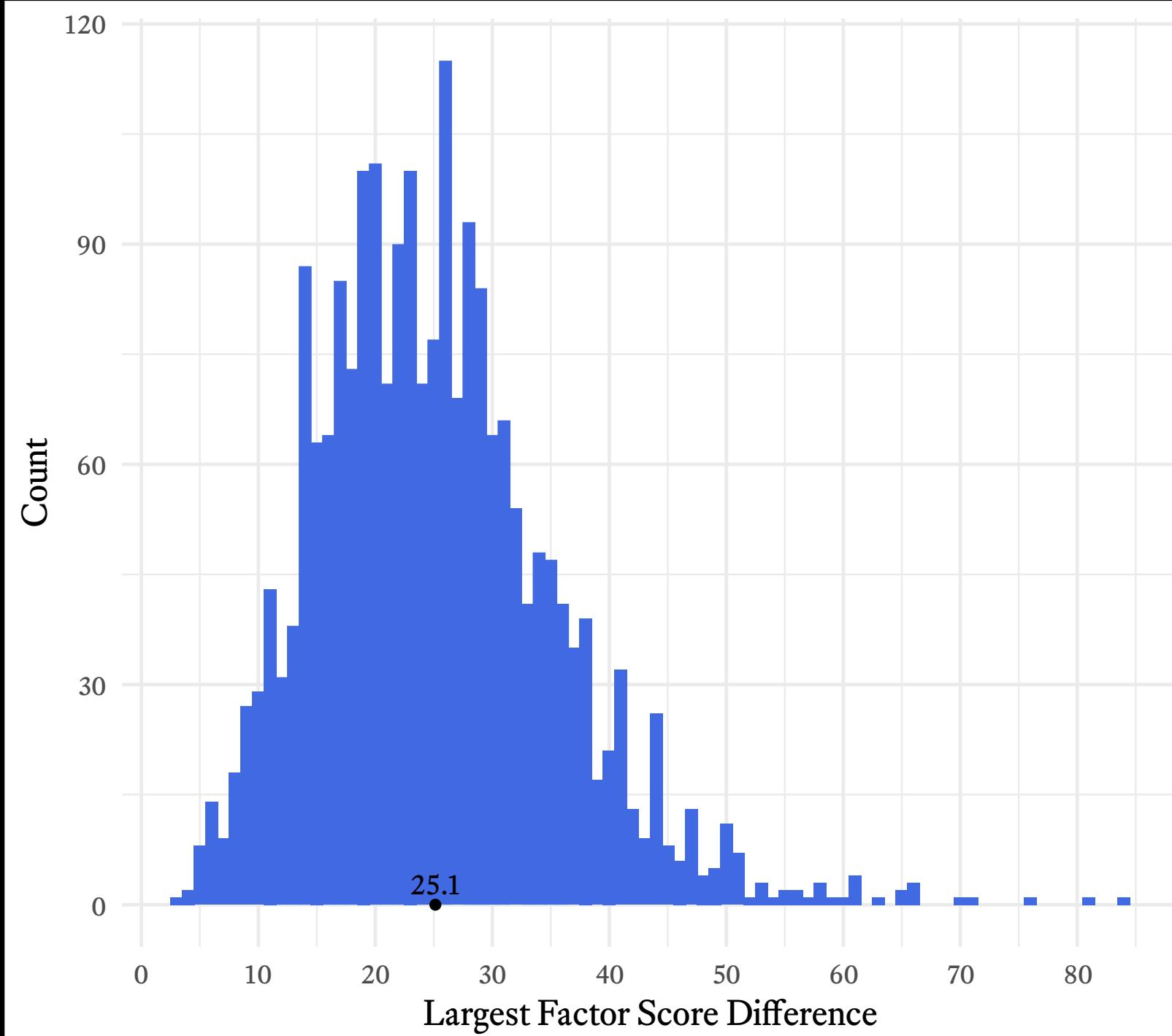
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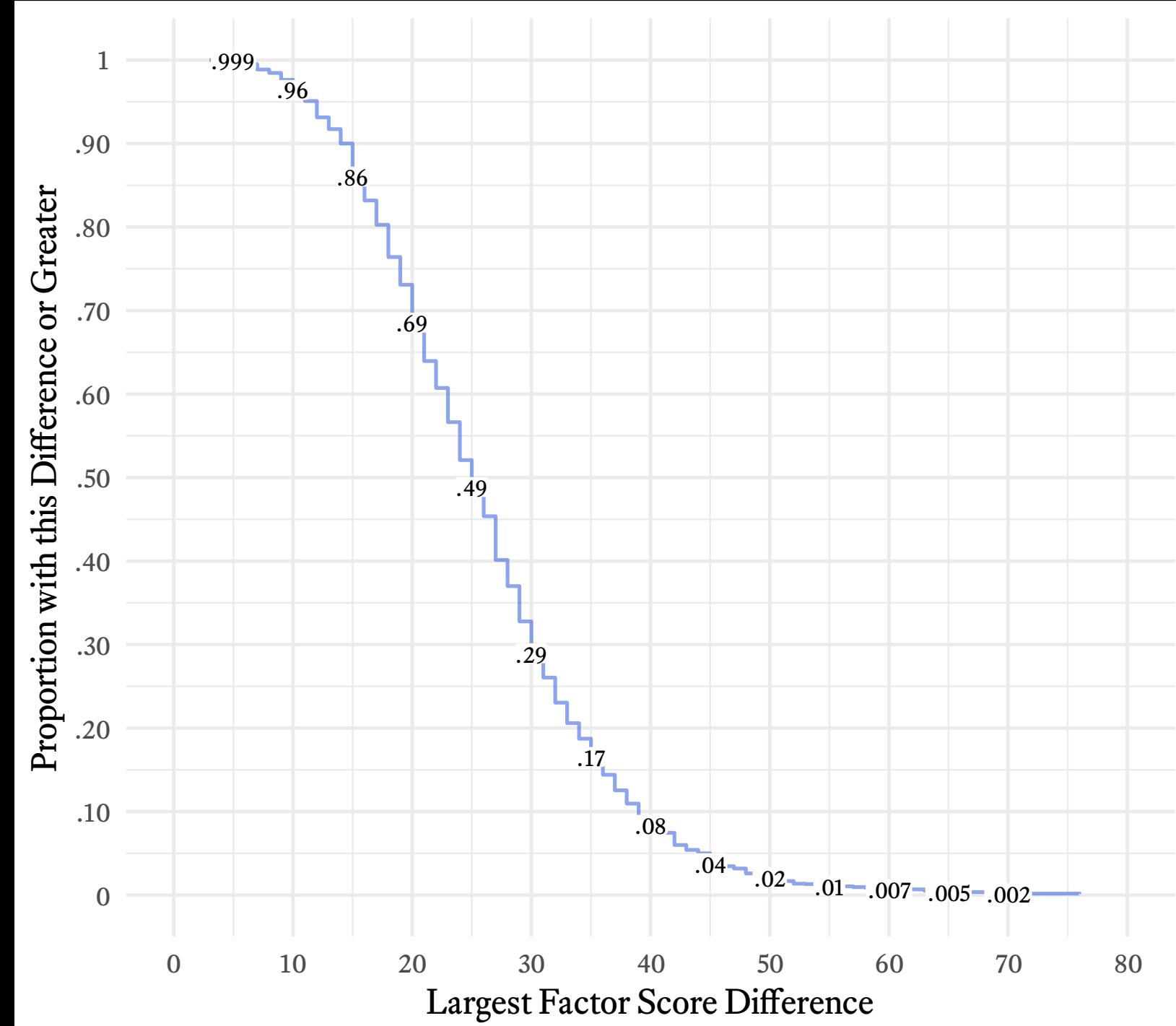
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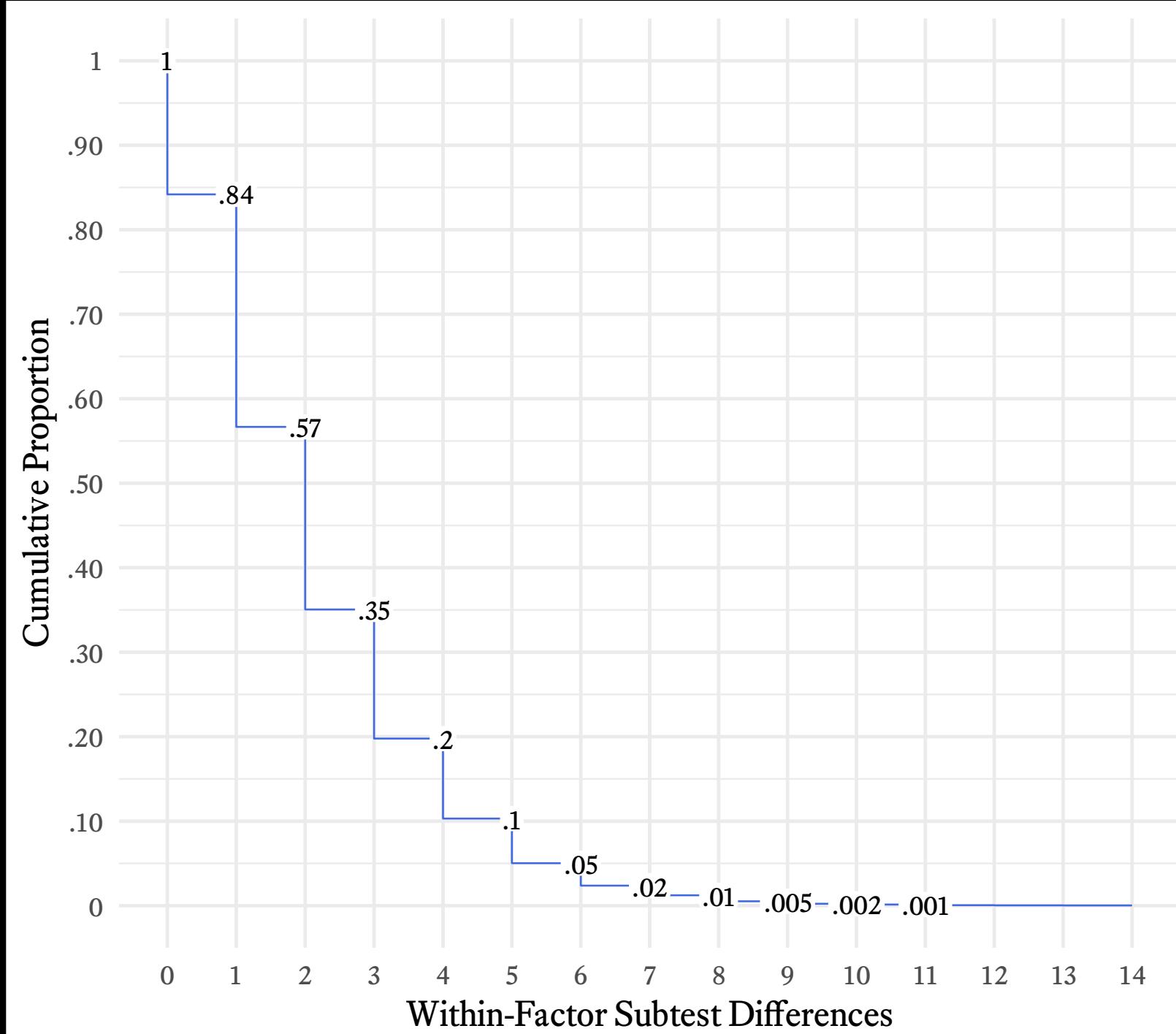
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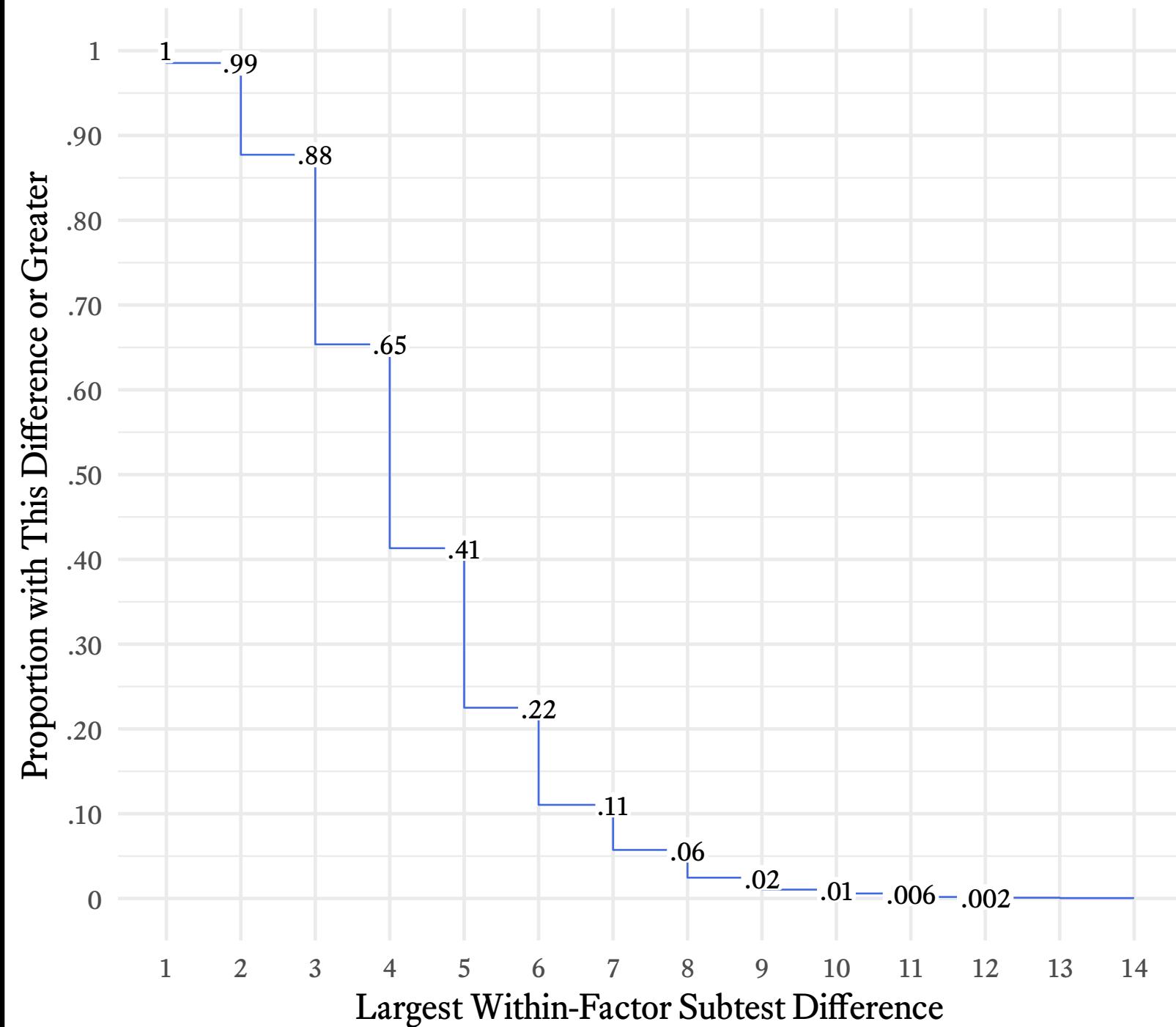
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MR - FW
DS - PS
CD - SS



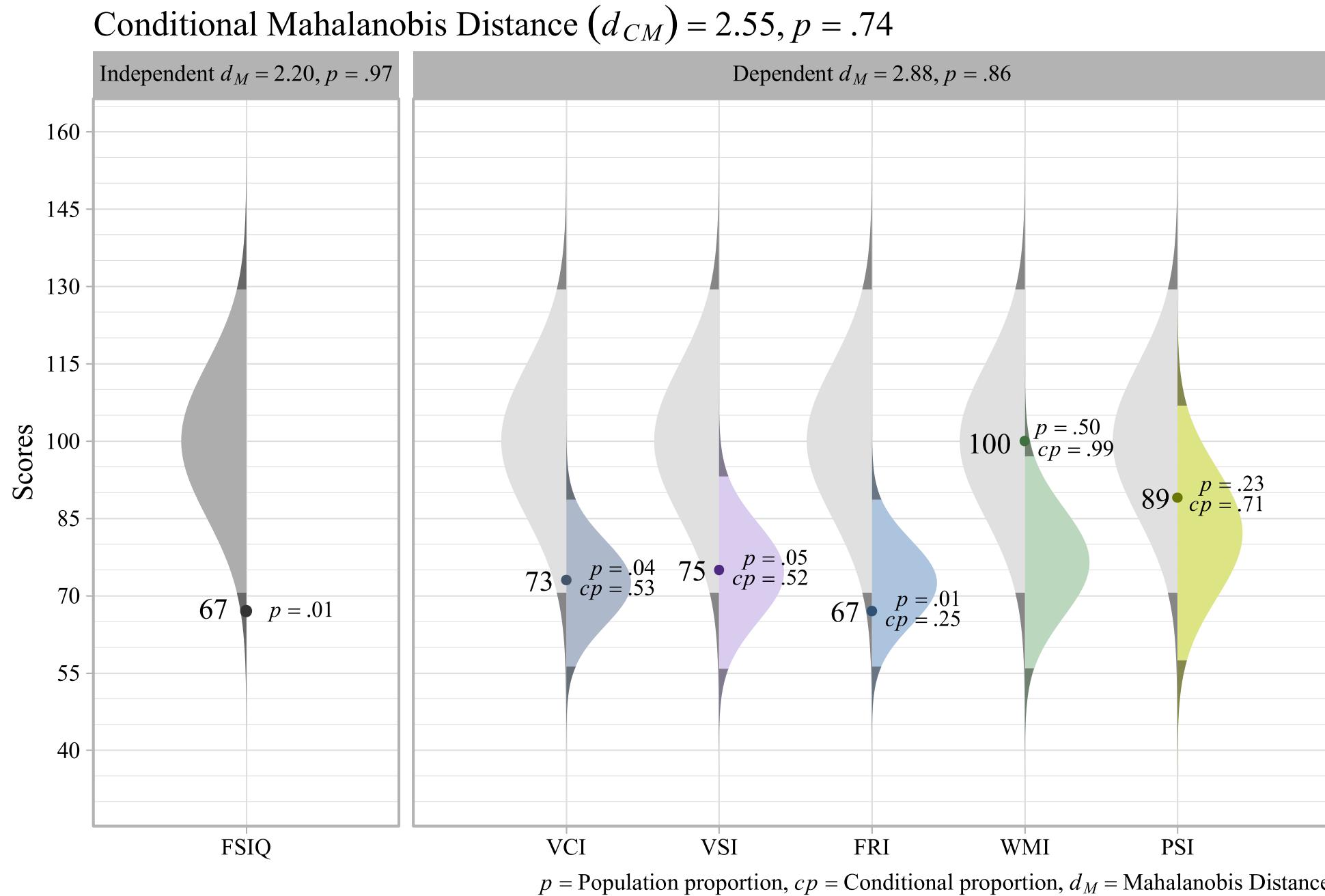
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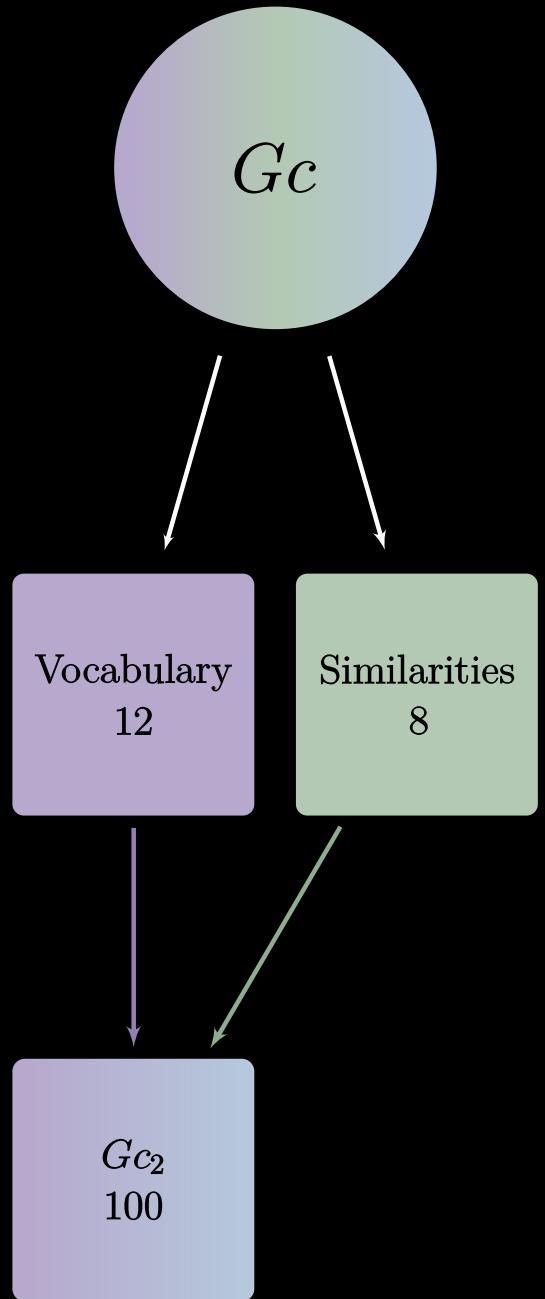
VO - SI
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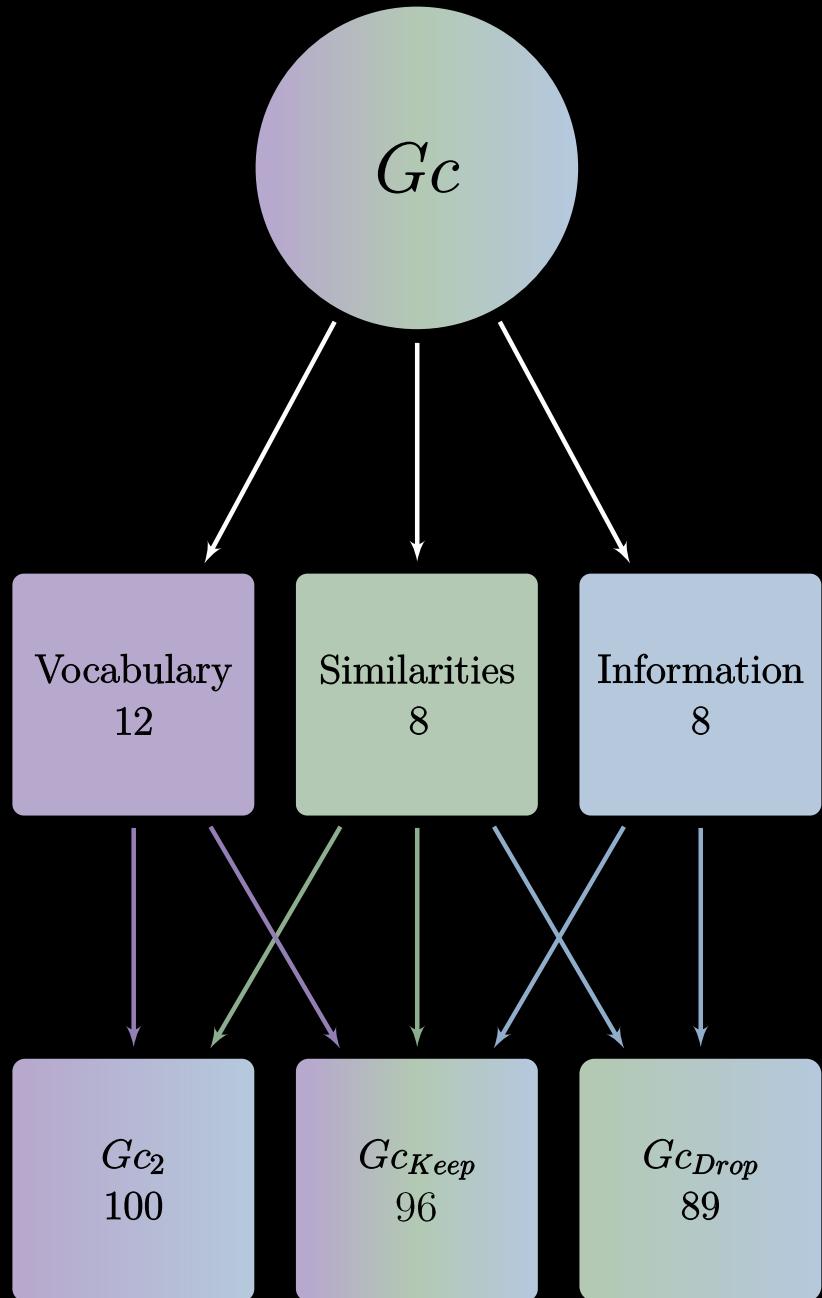




These Scores Are Different!

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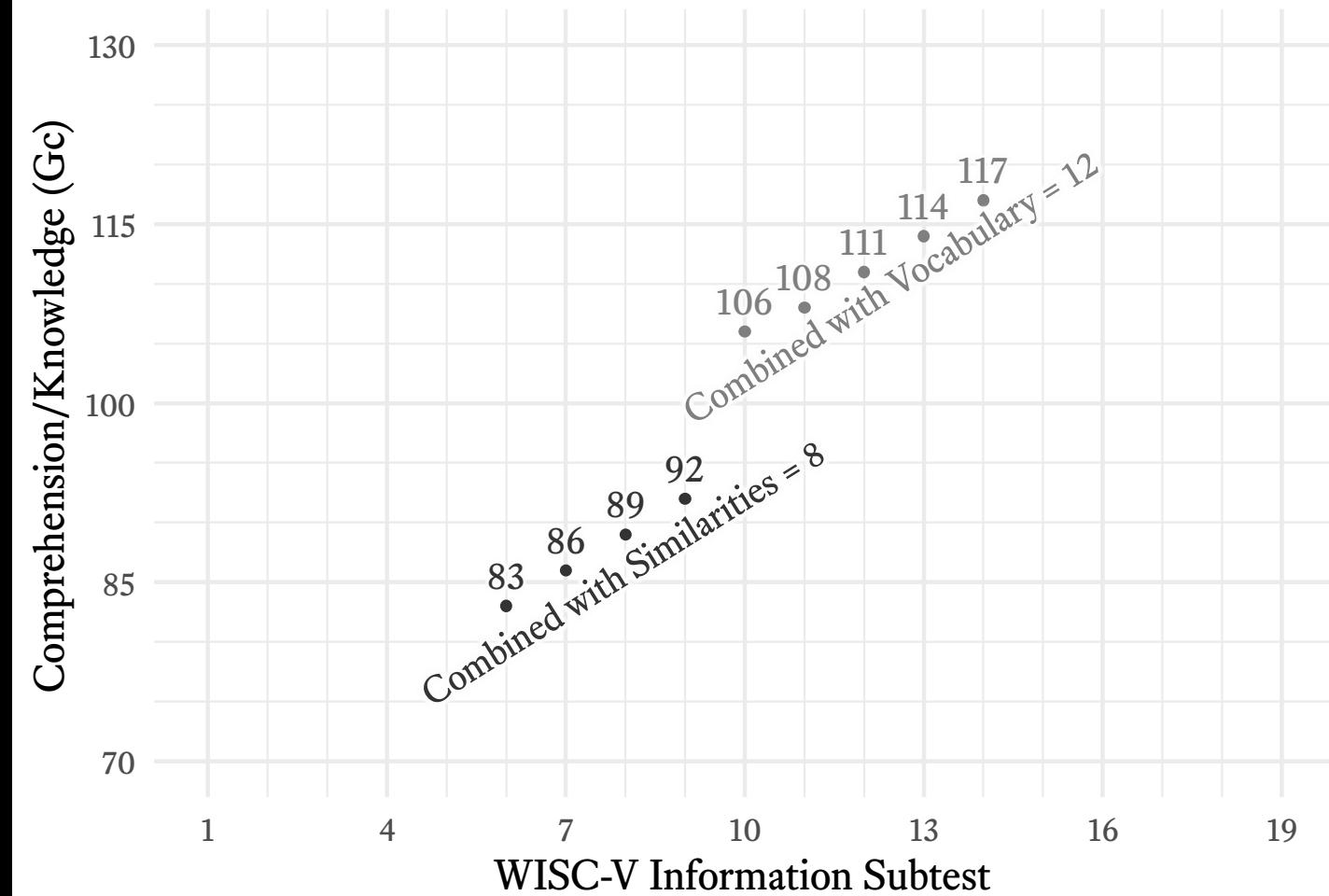
Give Follow-up Test!



Vocabulary > Similarities & Information

Should We Keep or
Drop Vocabulary?

What Happens to Our Estimate When We Drop the Divergent Score?



Invalidating the Full Scale IQ Score in the Presence of Significant Factor Score Variability: Clinical Acumen or Clinical Illusion?

Ryan J. McGill, Ph.D., BCBA-D, NCSP

Abstract

Within the professional literature, it is frequently suggested that significant variability in lower-level factor and index scores on IQ tests renders the resulting FSIQ an inappropriate focus for clinical interpretation and diagnostic decision-making. To investigate the tenability of this popular interpretive heuristic, the present study examined the structural and predictive validity of the KABC-II for participants in the normative sample who were observed to have significant variability in their factor scores. Participants were children and adolescents, ages 7-18, ($N = 2,025$) drawn from the KABC-II/KTEA-II standardization sample. The sample was nationally stratified and proportional to U.S. census estimates for sex, ethnicity, geographic region, and parent education level. Using exploratory factor analysis and multiple factor extraction criteria, support for a five-factor extraction was obtained consistent with publisher theory. As recommended by Carroll (1993; 1995) hierarchical structure was explicated by sequentially partitioning variance appropriately to higher- and lower-order dimensions. Results showed the largest portions of total and common variance were accounted for by the second-order general factor with meaningful residual variance accounted for by Short-Term Memory at ages 7-12 and 13-18. As a result, the Fluid-Crystallized Index (FCI) accounted for large predictive effects across measures of academic achievement whereas the five first-order CHC factor scores consistently accounted for trivial proportions of incremental predictive variance beyond the FCI. Implications for clinical practice and the correct interpretation of the KABC-II and other related measurement instruments in the presence of significant scatter are discussed.

Fine-Tuning Cross-Battery Assessment Procedures: After Follow-Up Testing, Use All Valid Scores, Cohesive or Not

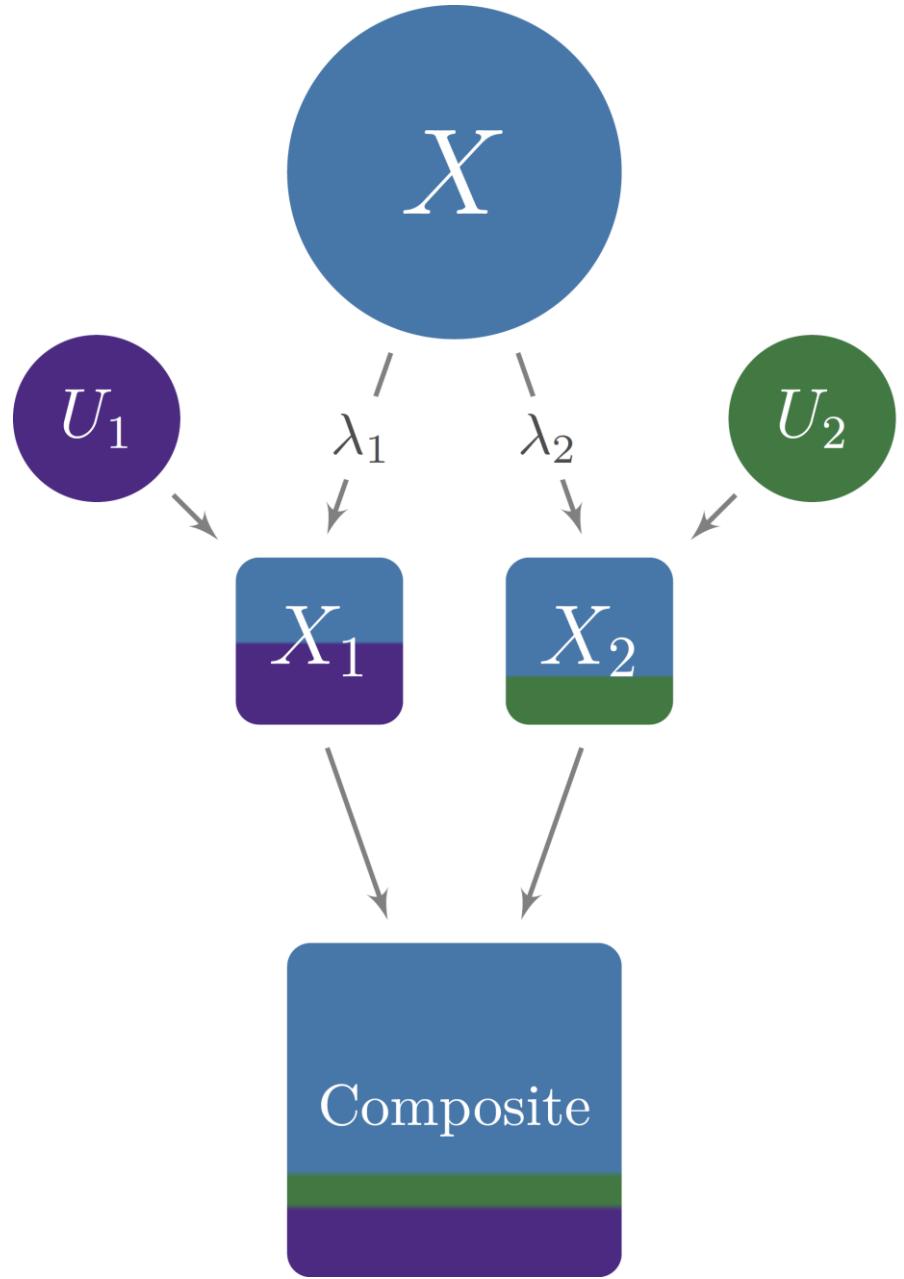
W. Joel Schneider¹ and Zachary Roman²

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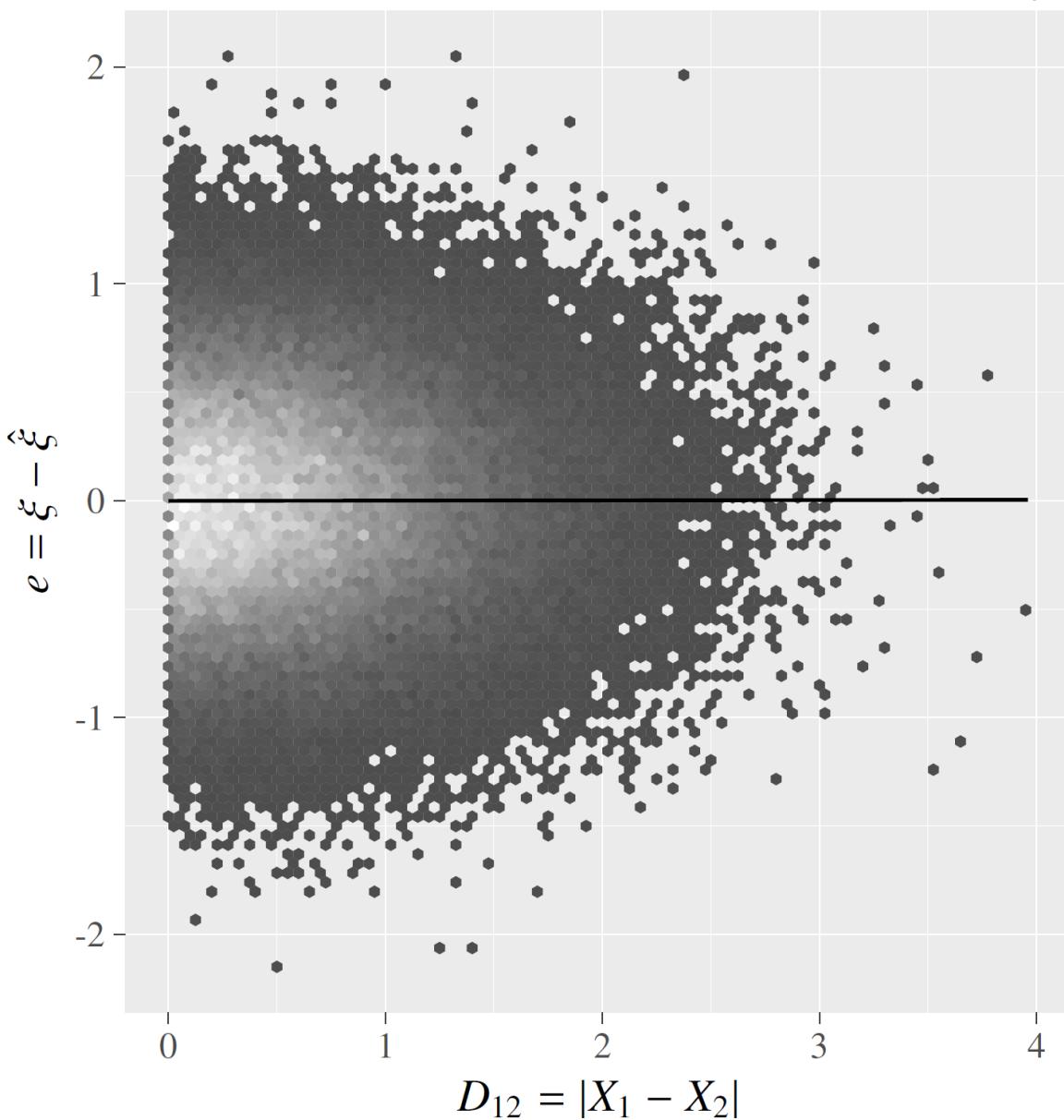
We used data simulations to test whether composites consisting of cohesive subtest scores are more accurate than composites consisting of divergent subtest scores. We demonstrate that when multivariate normality holds, divergent and cohesive scores are equally accurate. Furthermore, excluding divergent scores results in biased estimates of construct scores. We show that obtaining divergent scores should prompt additional testing under some conditions. Although there are many valid reasons to exclude scores from consideration (e.g., malingering, fatigue, and misunderstood directions), no score should be removed from a composite simply because it is different from other scores in the composite.

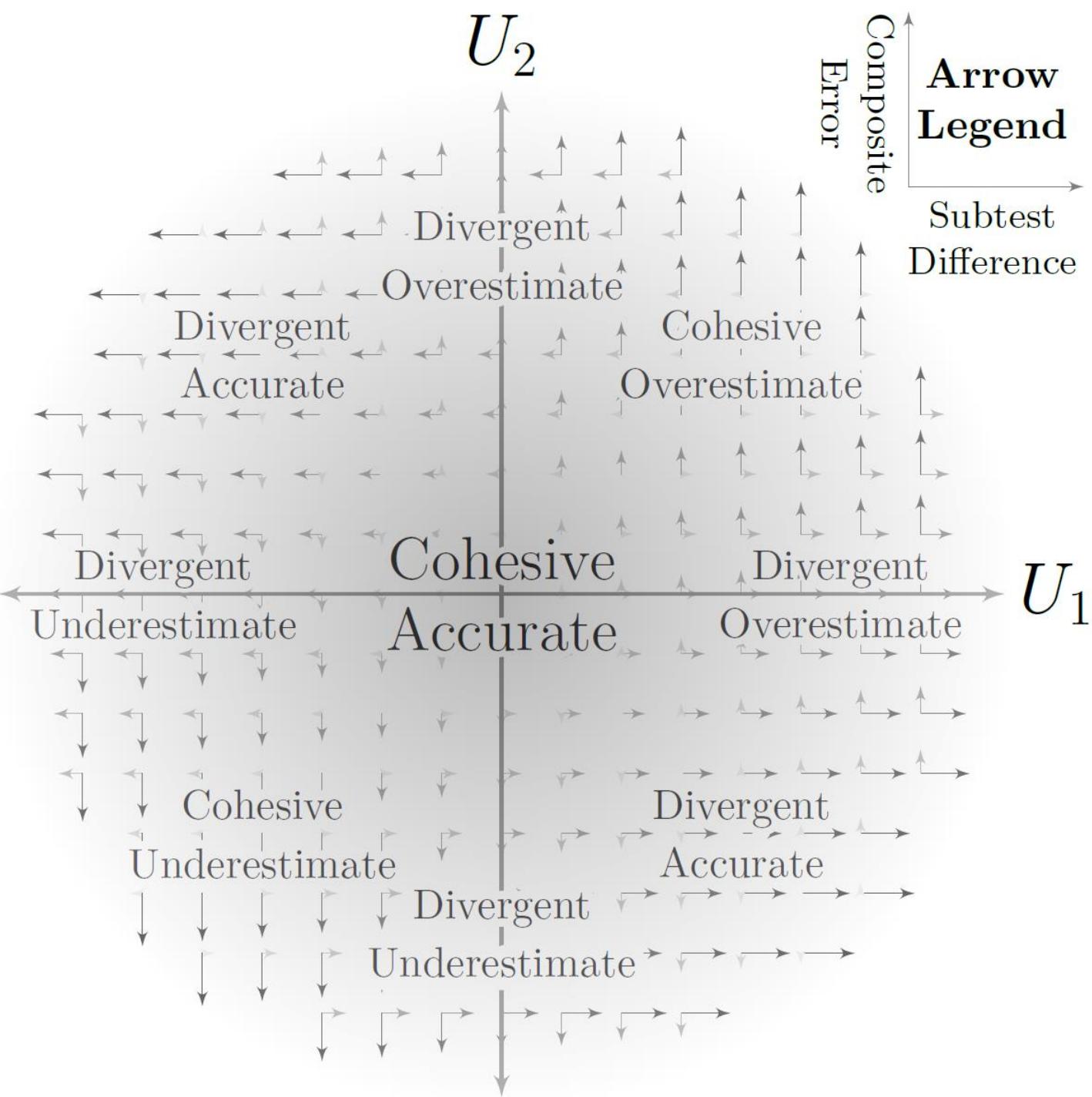
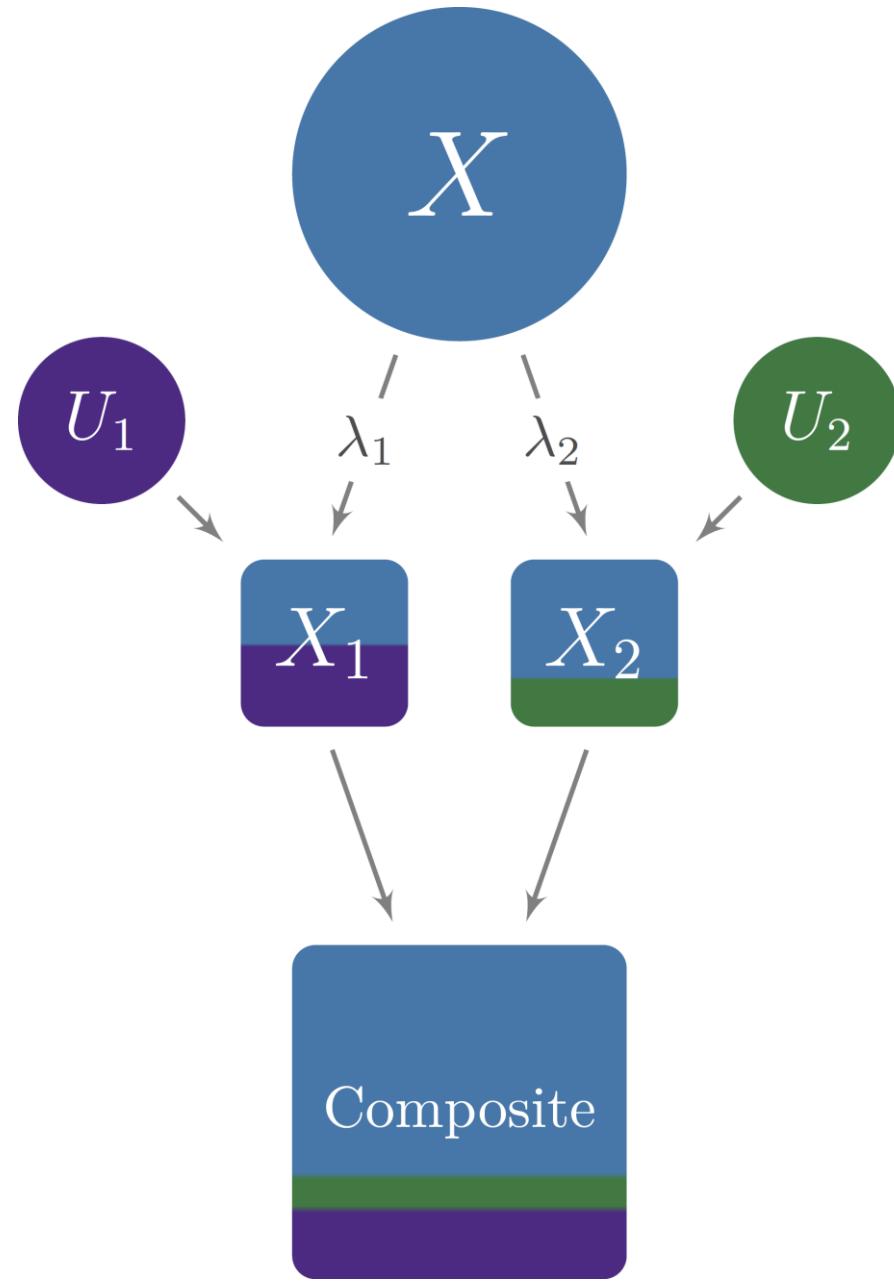
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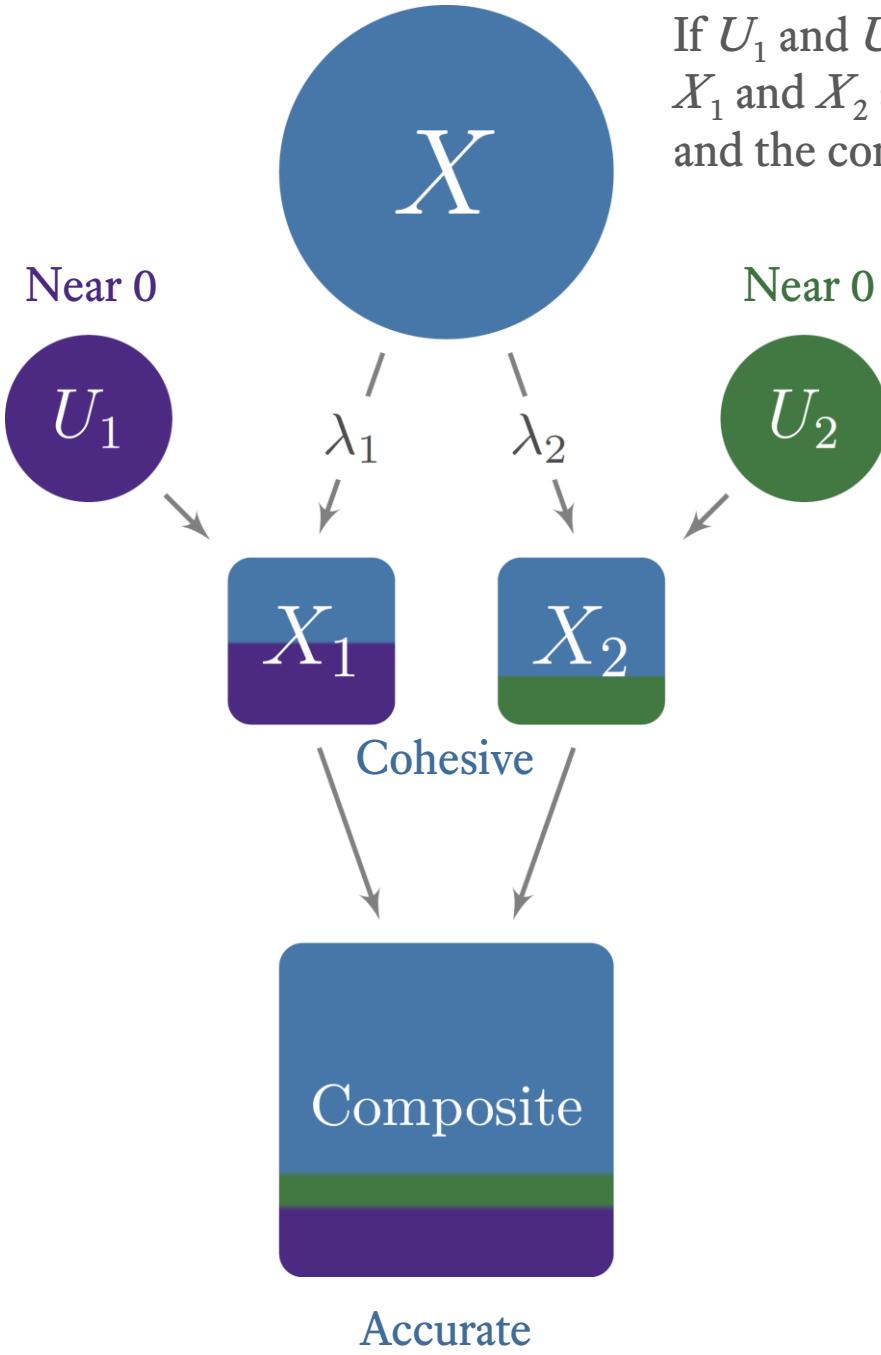




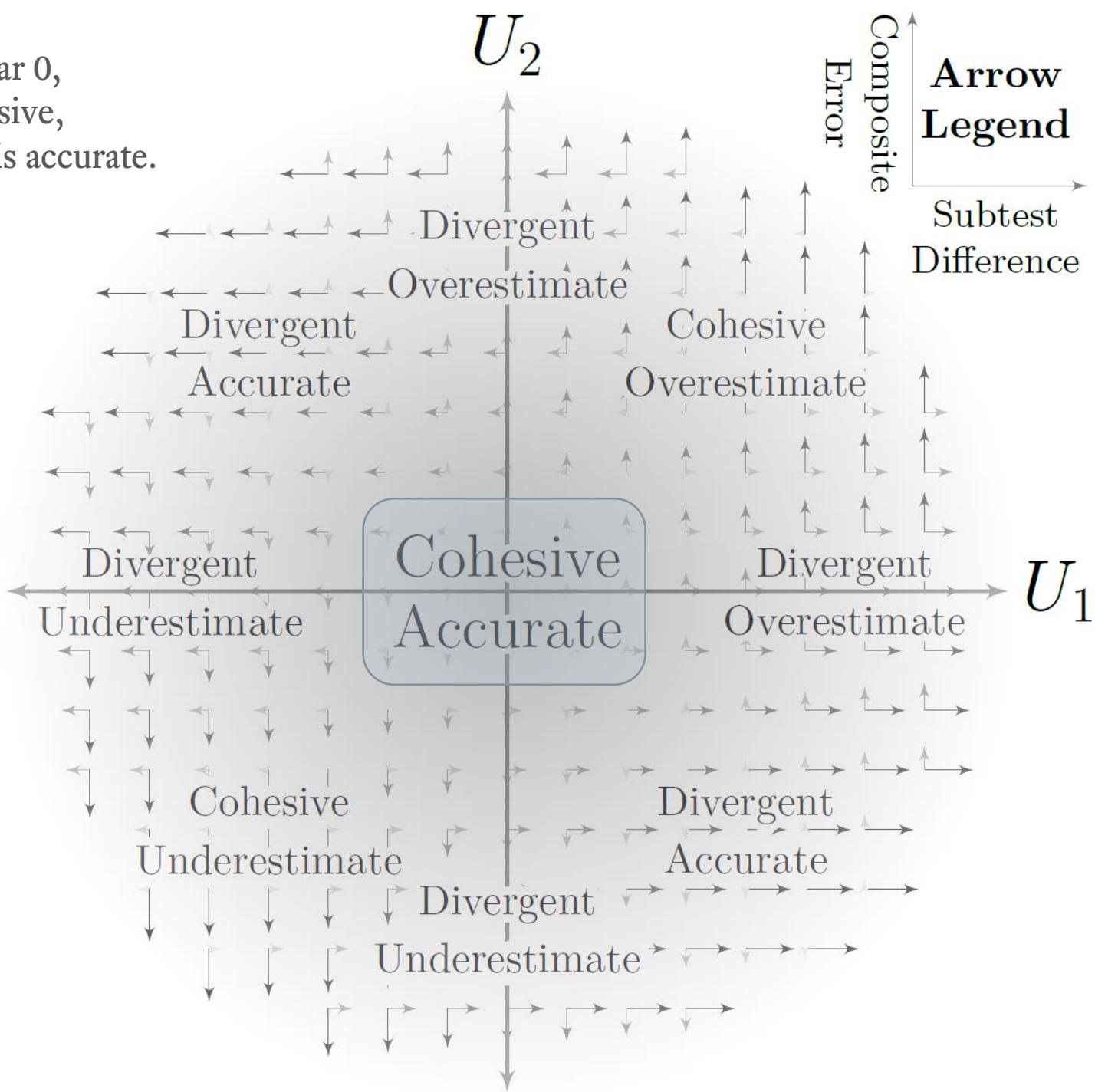
Subtest Score Differences Are
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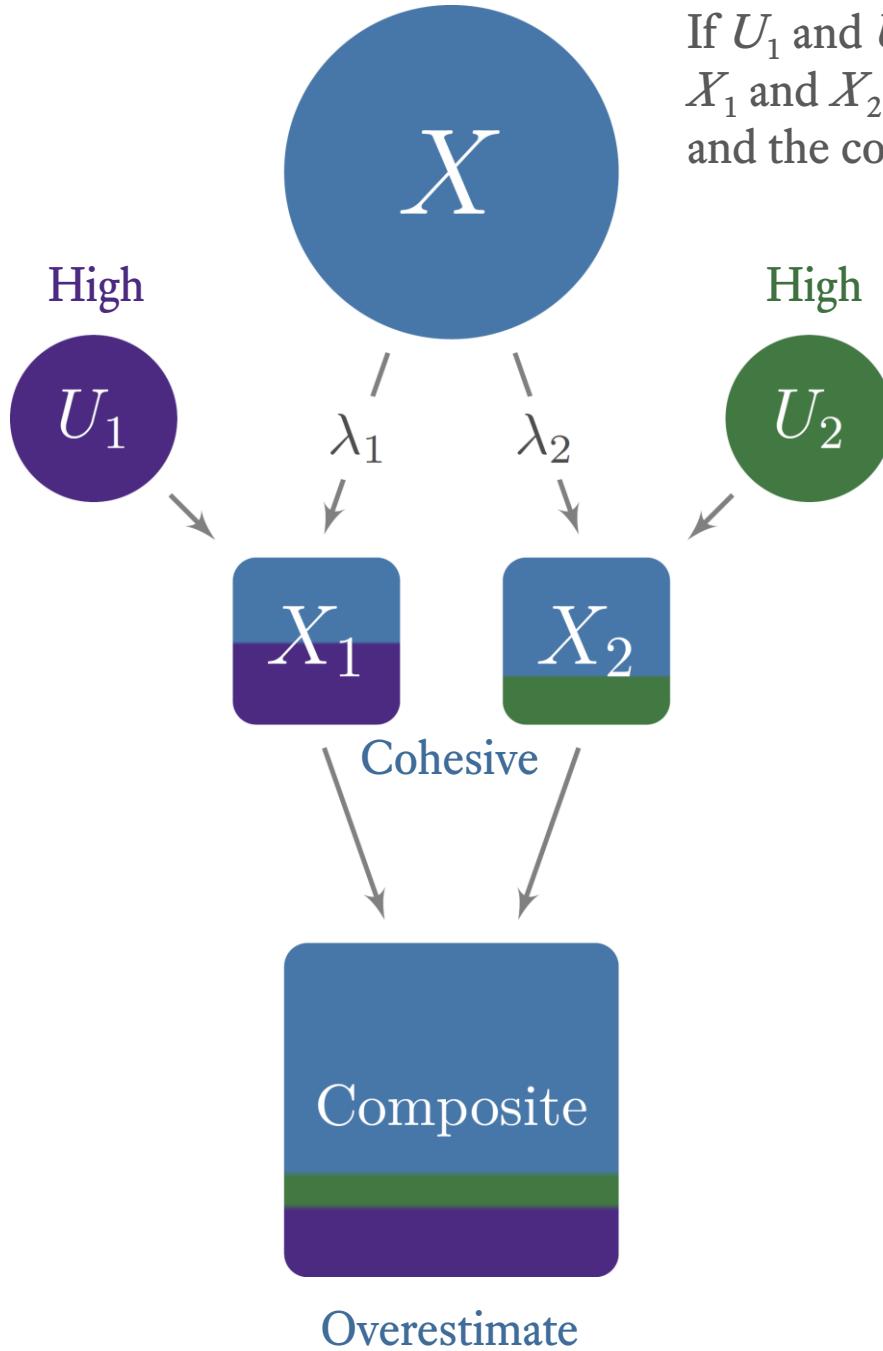




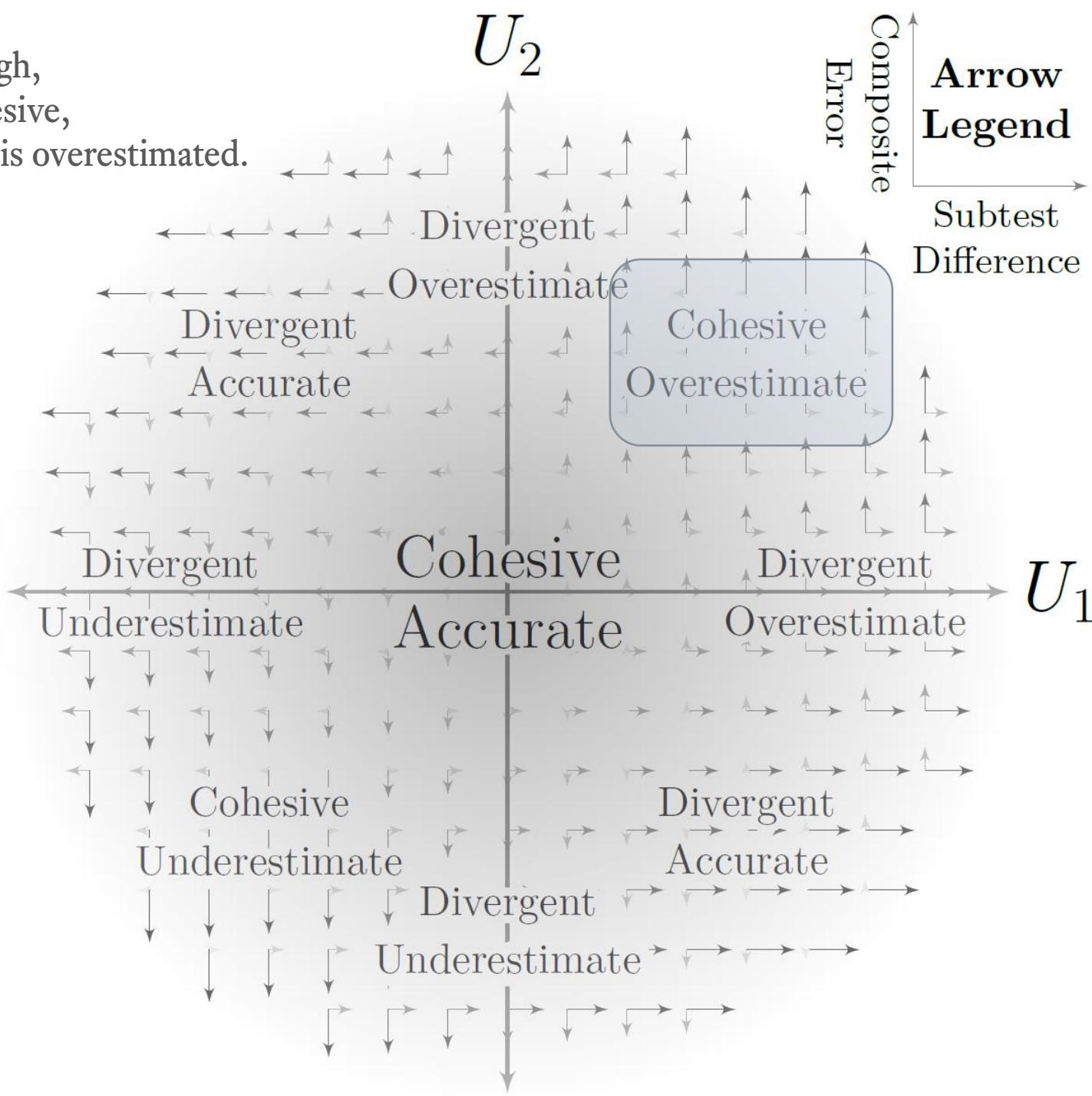


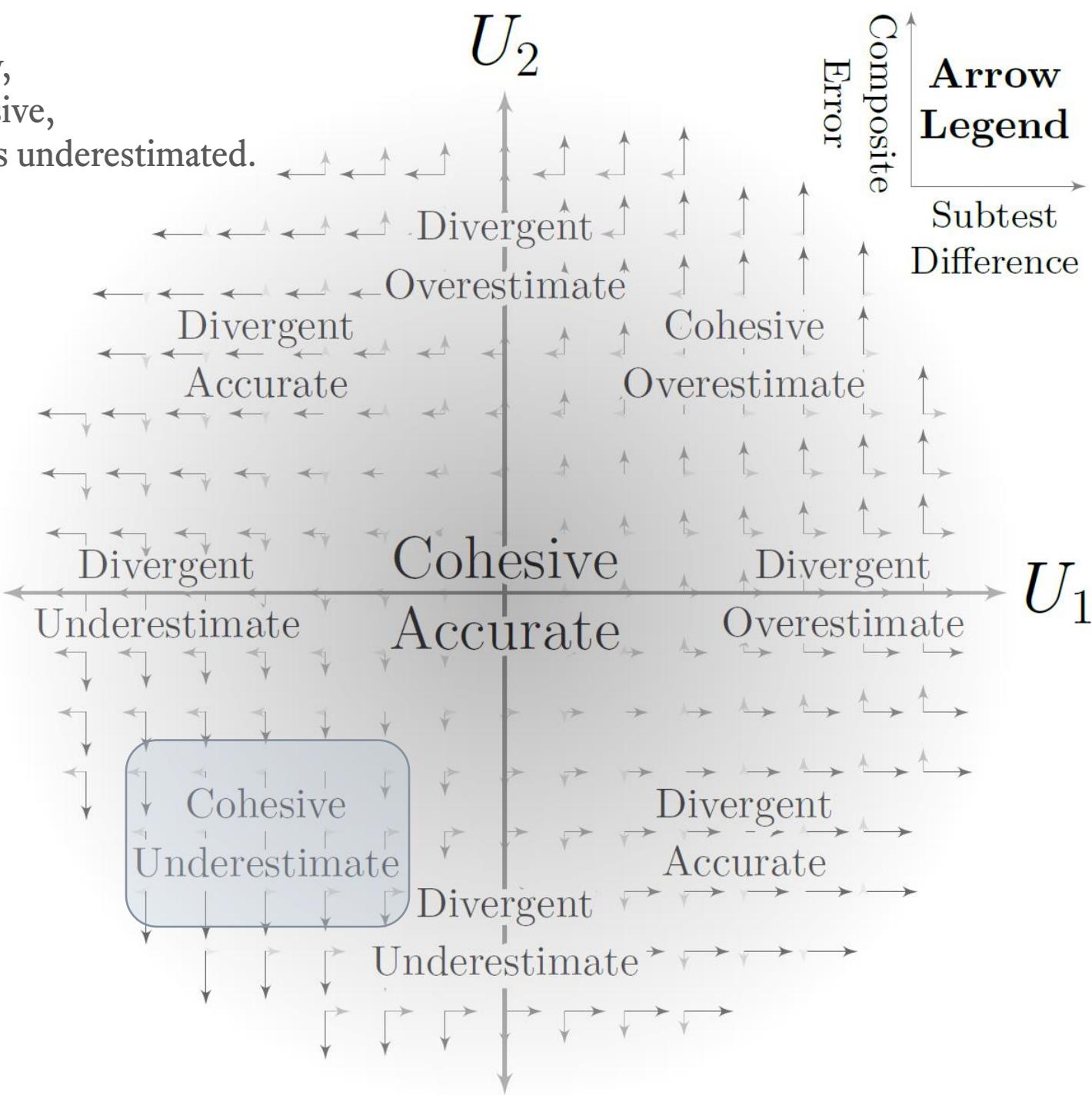
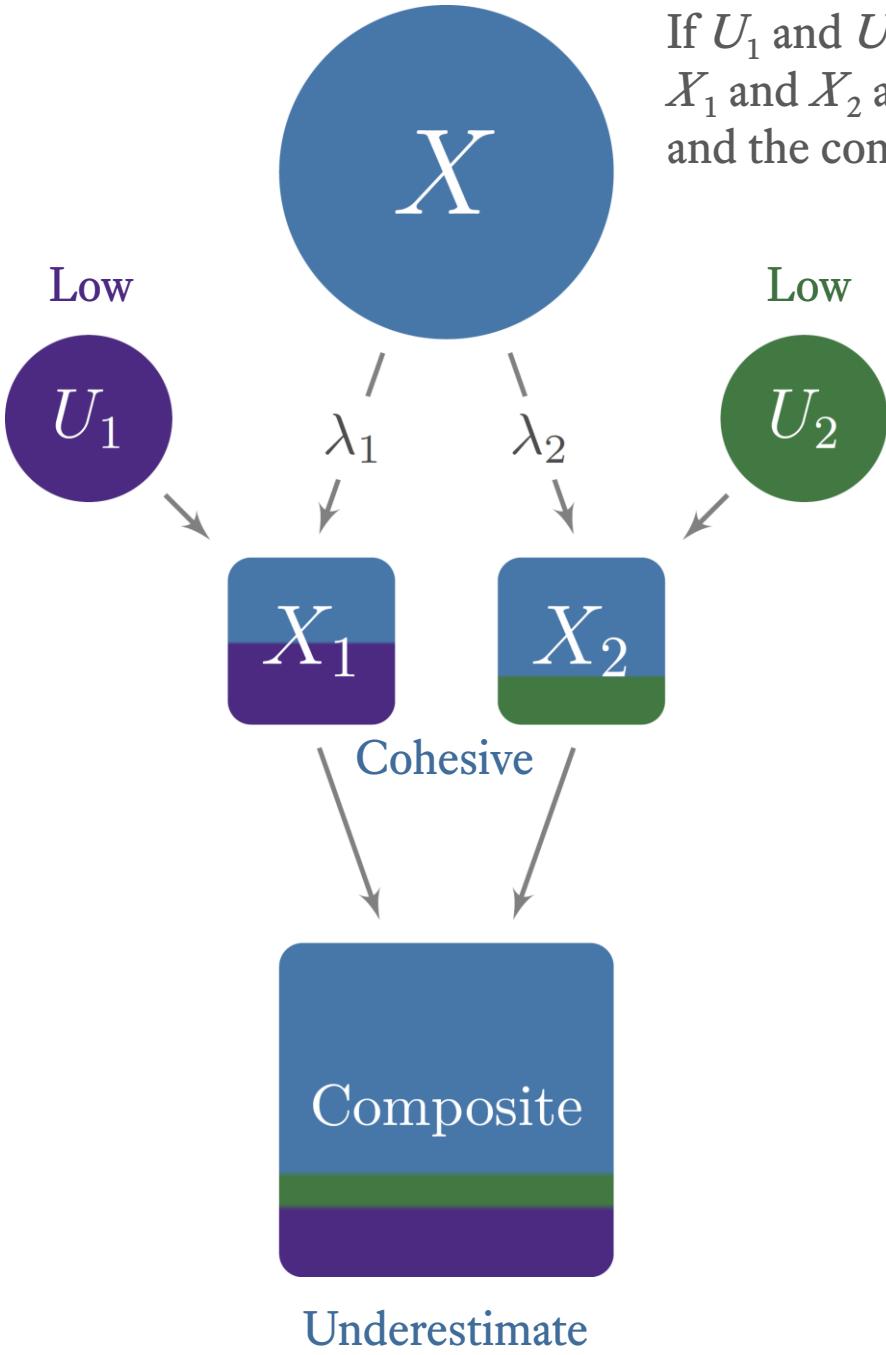
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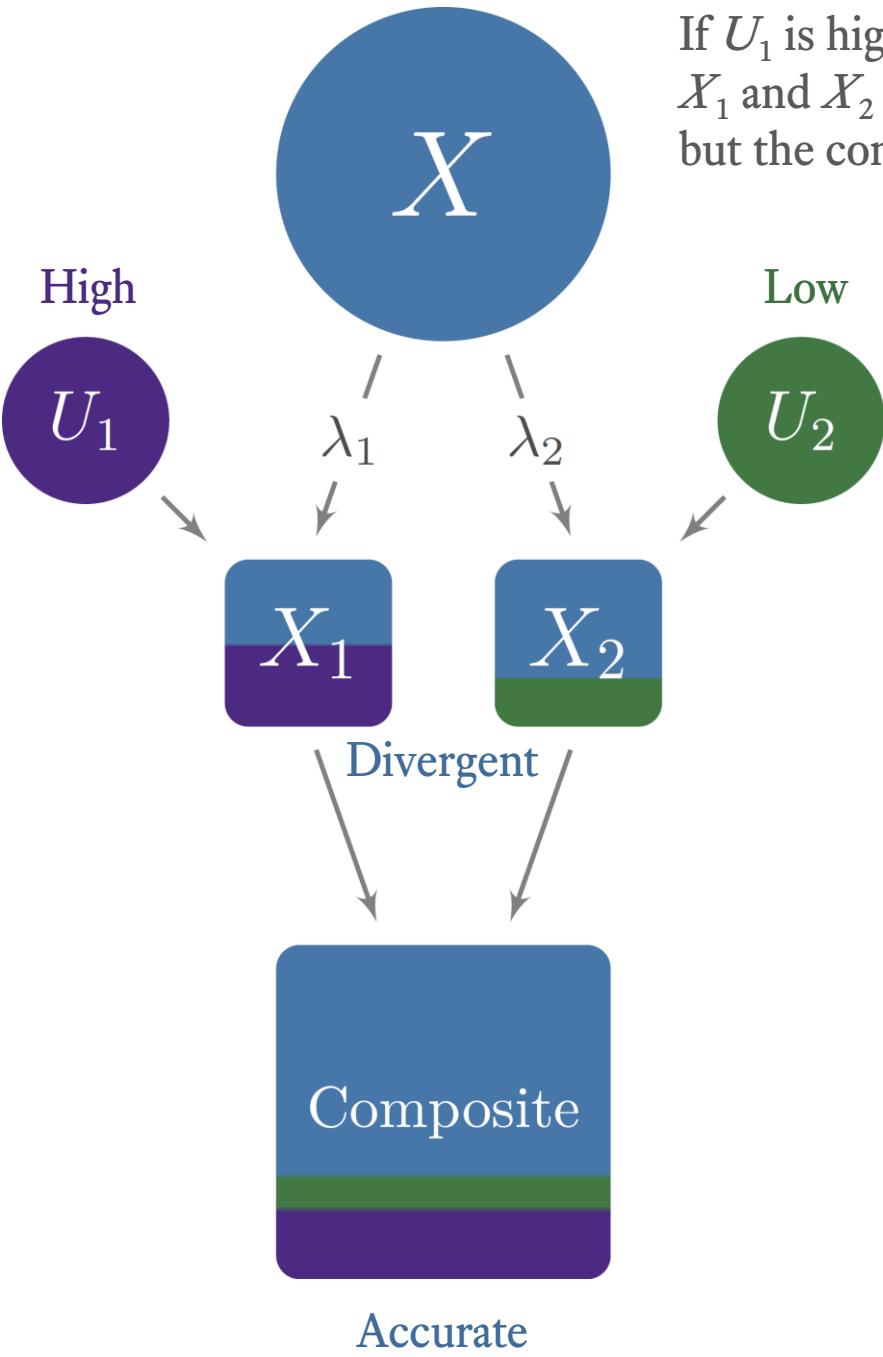




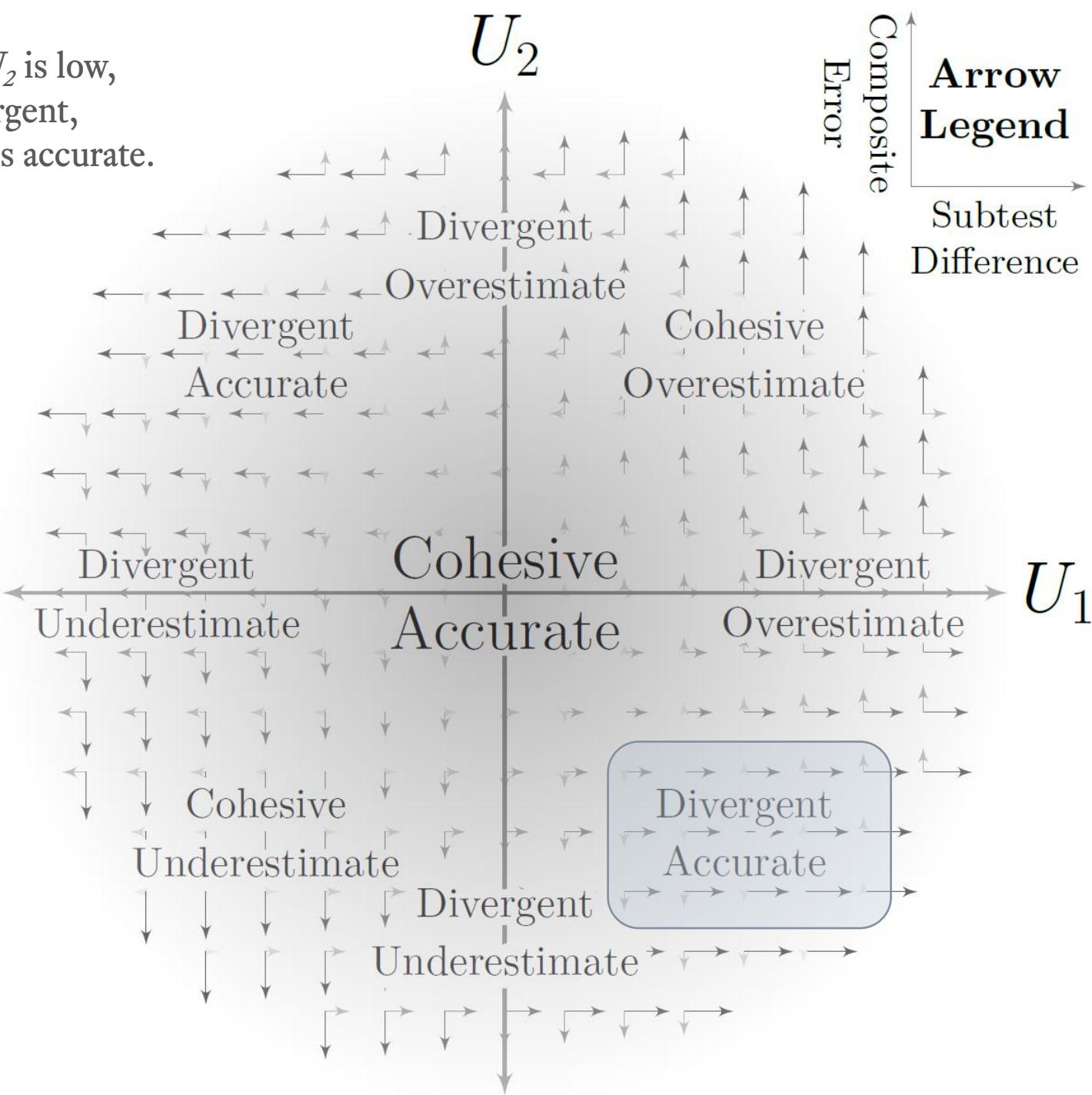
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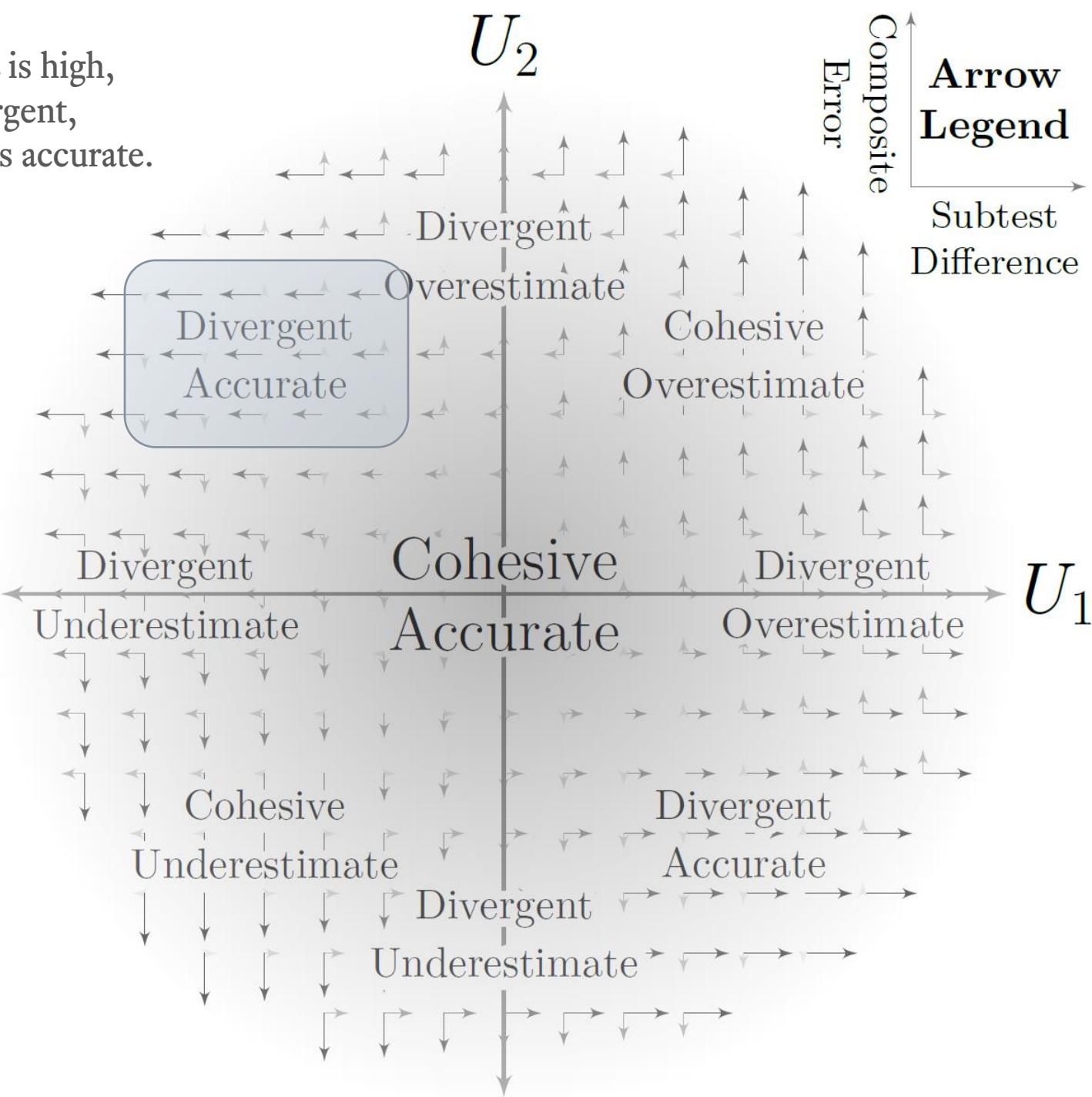
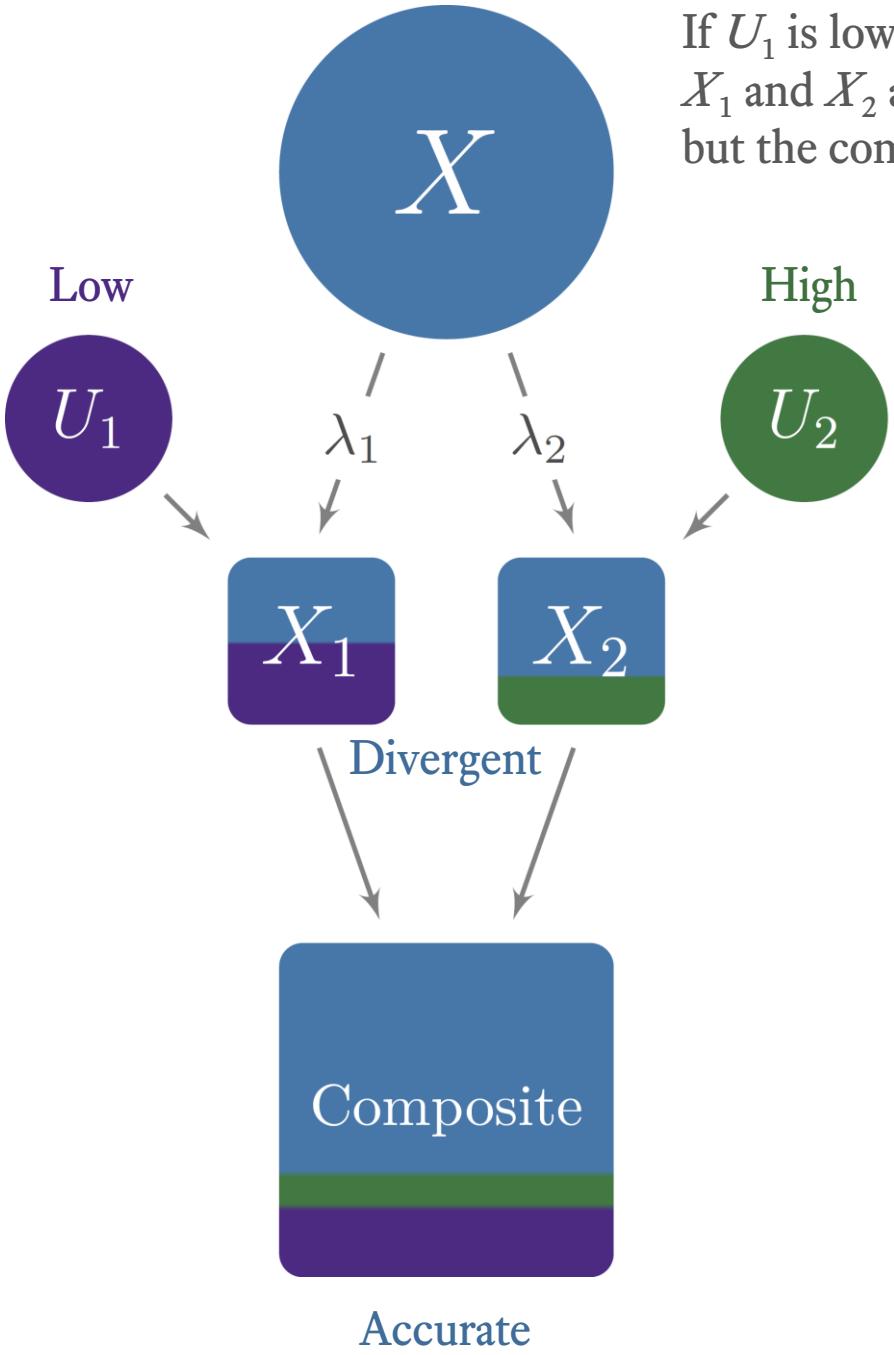


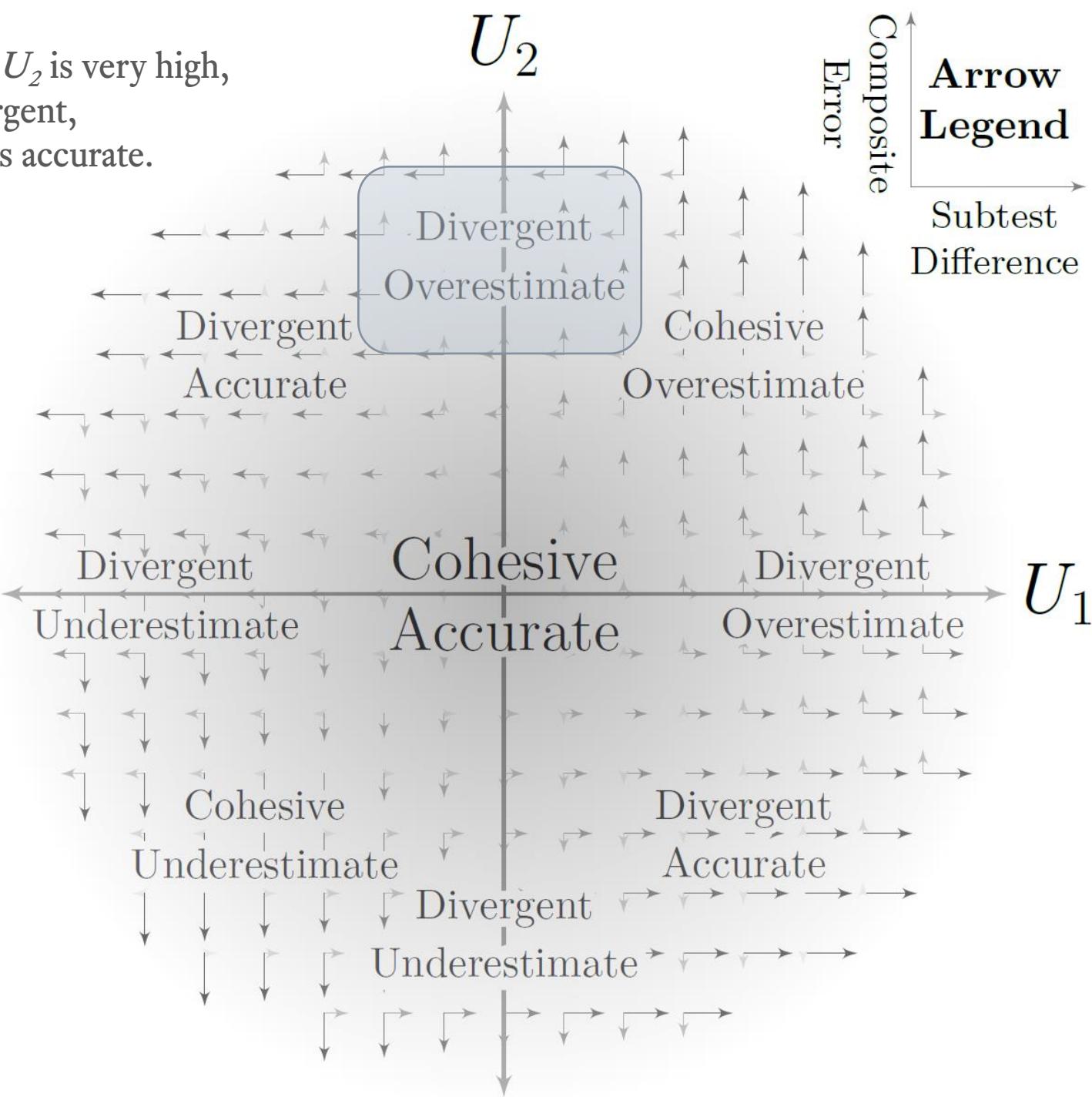
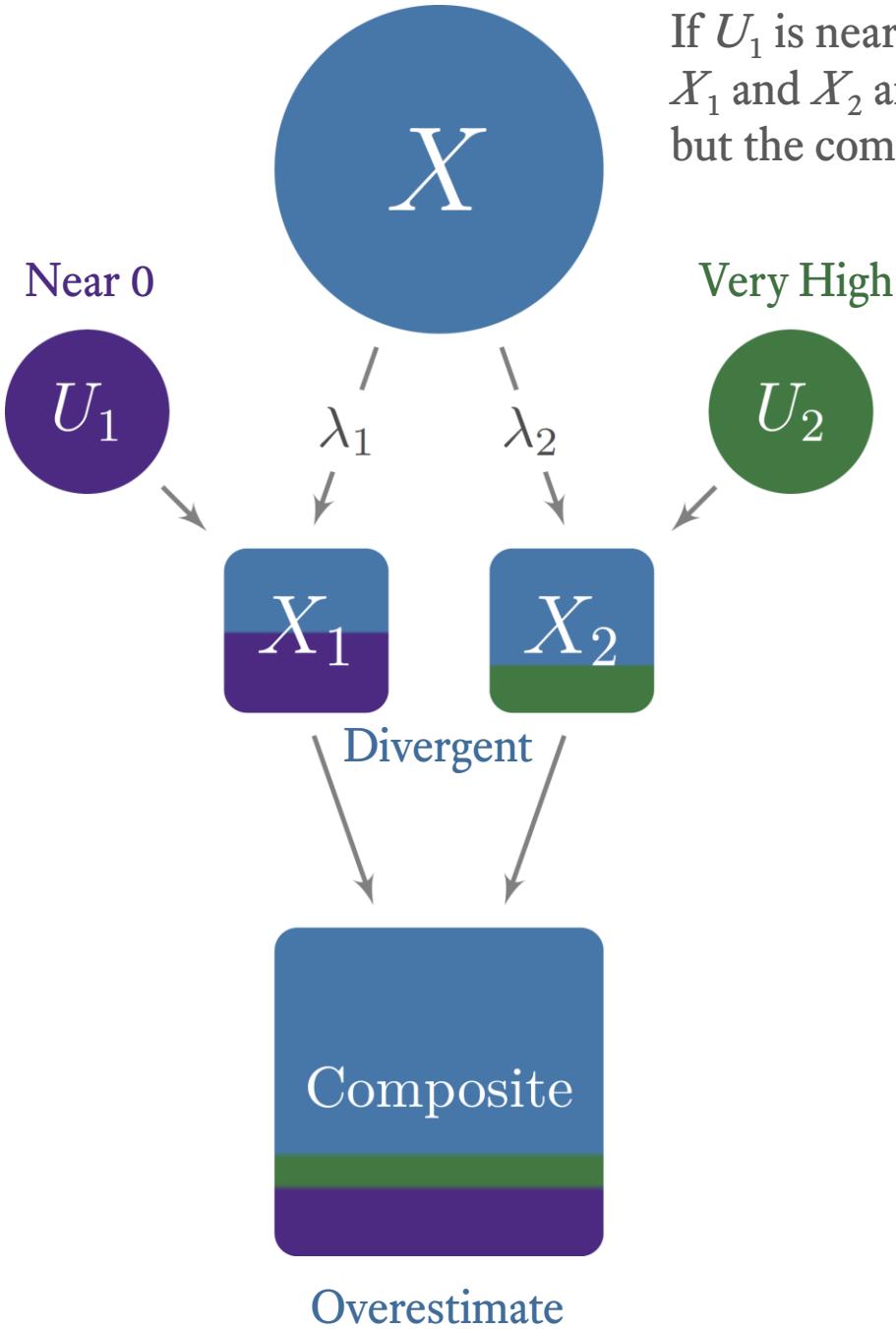


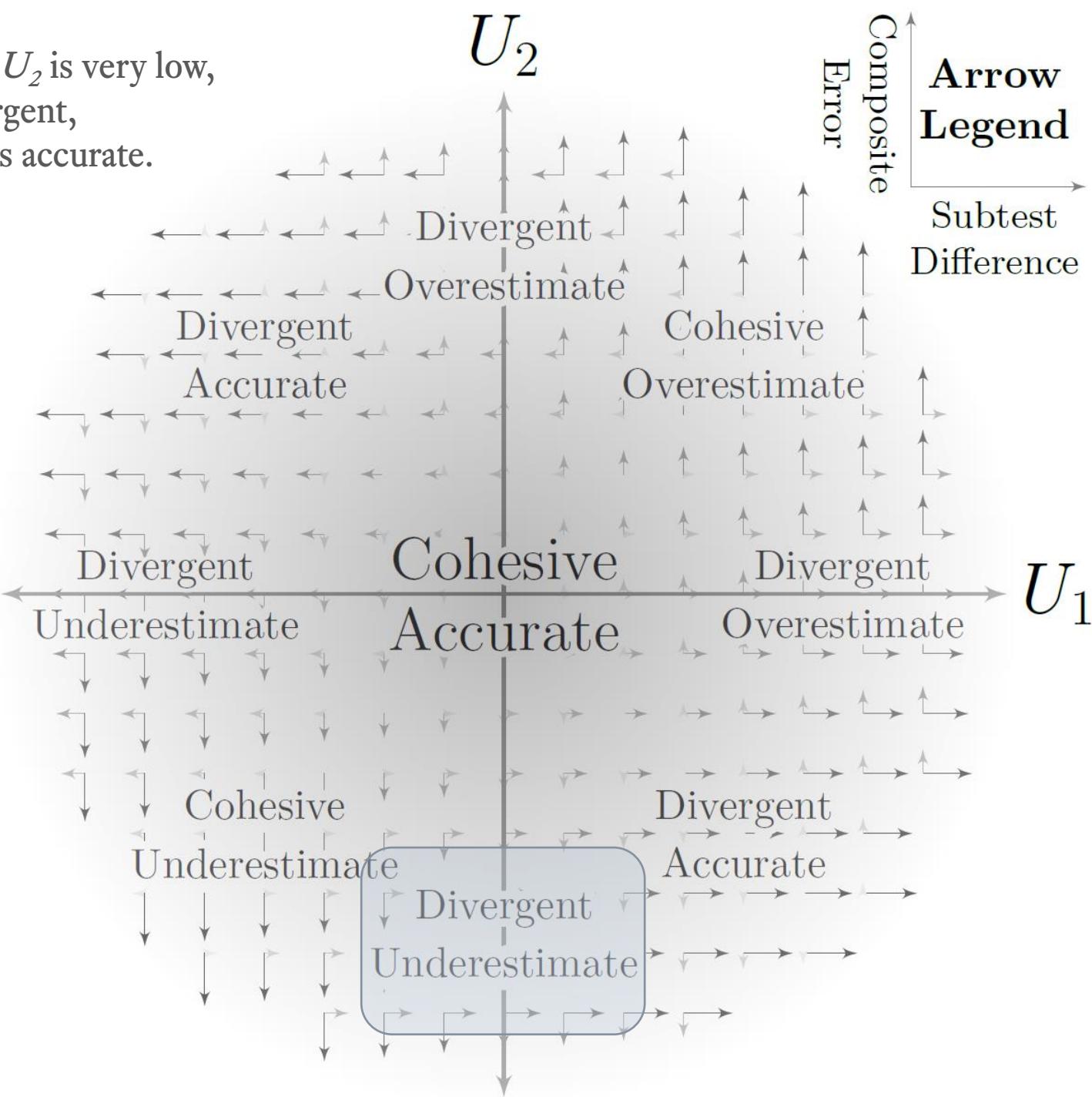
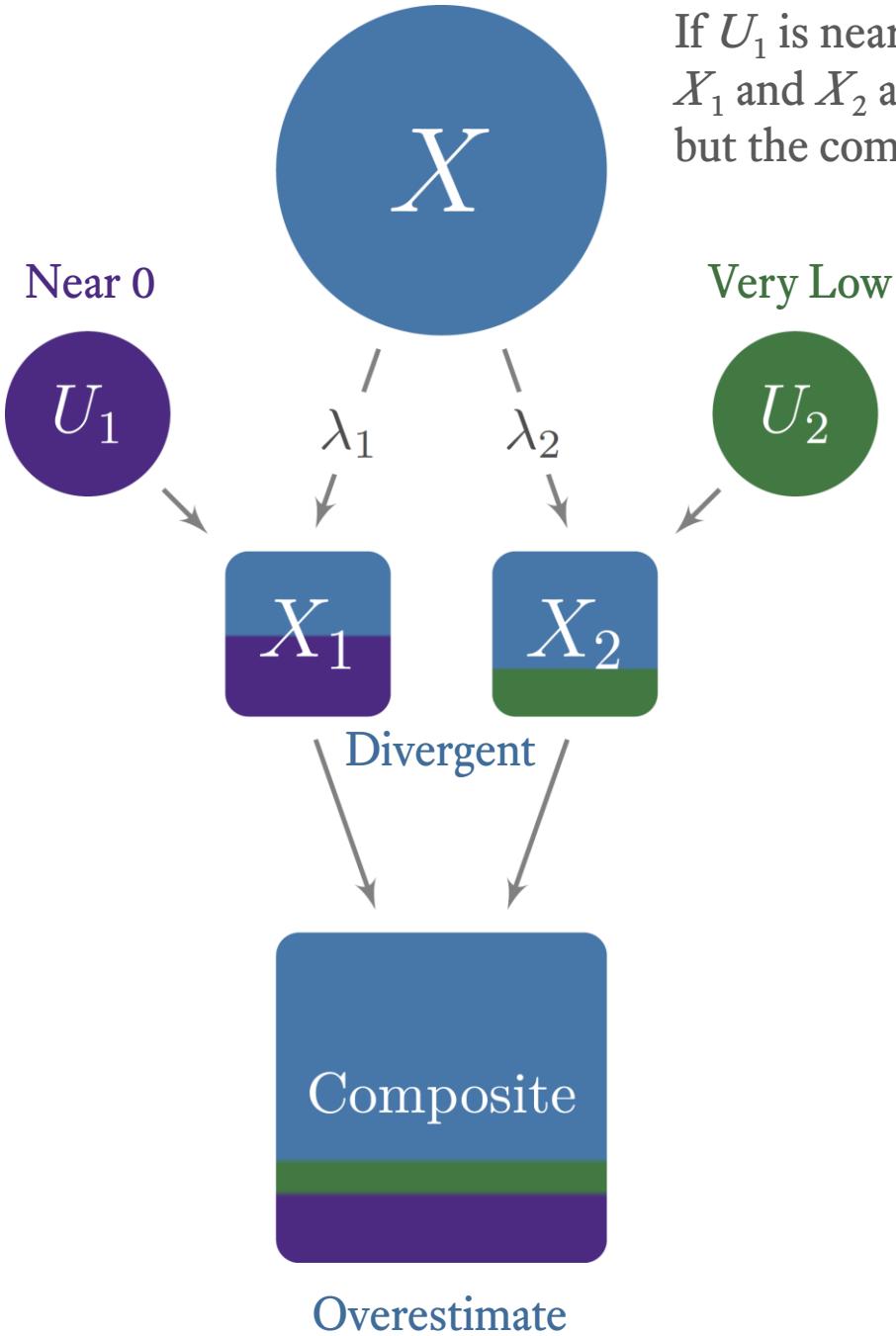


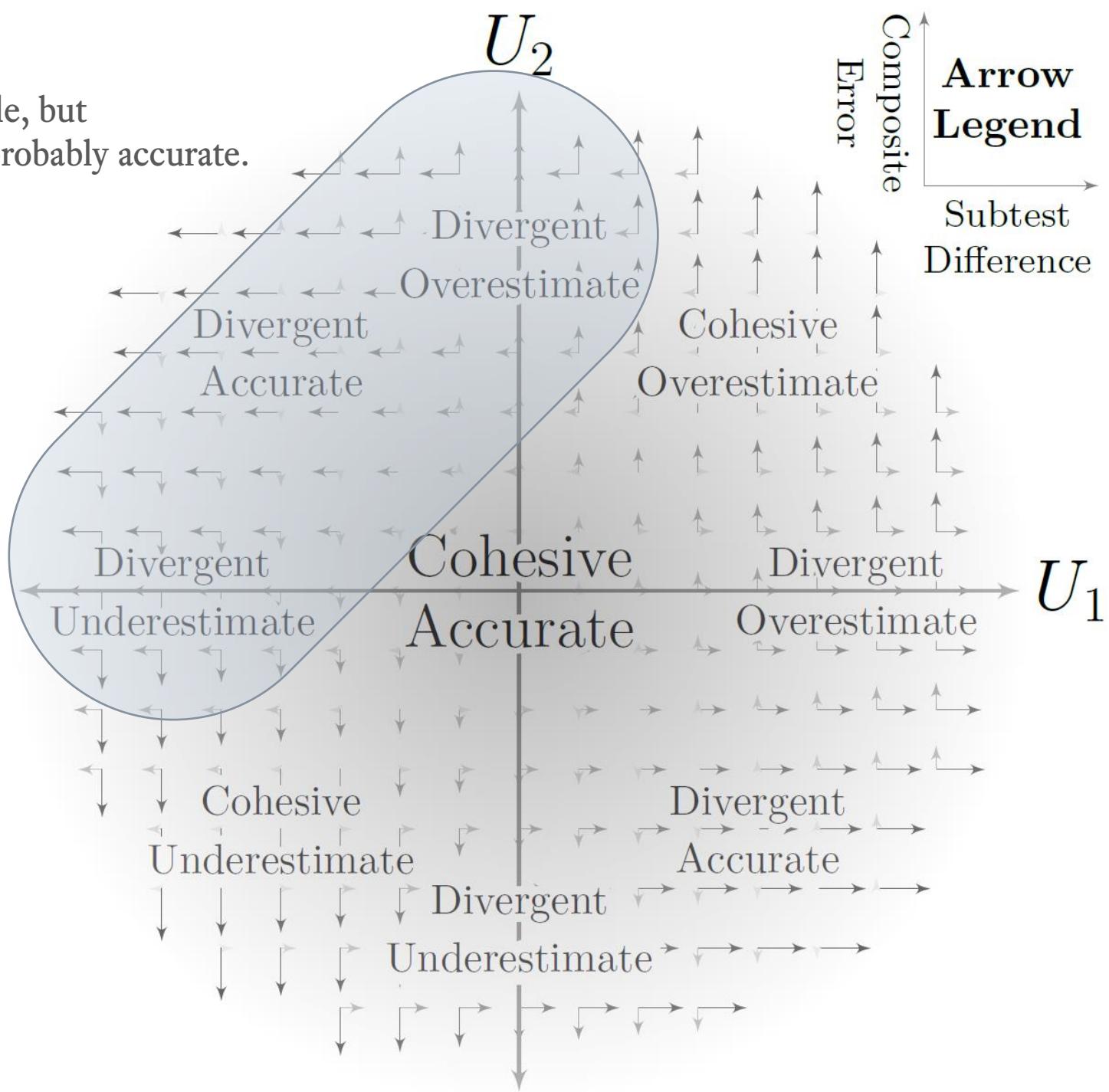
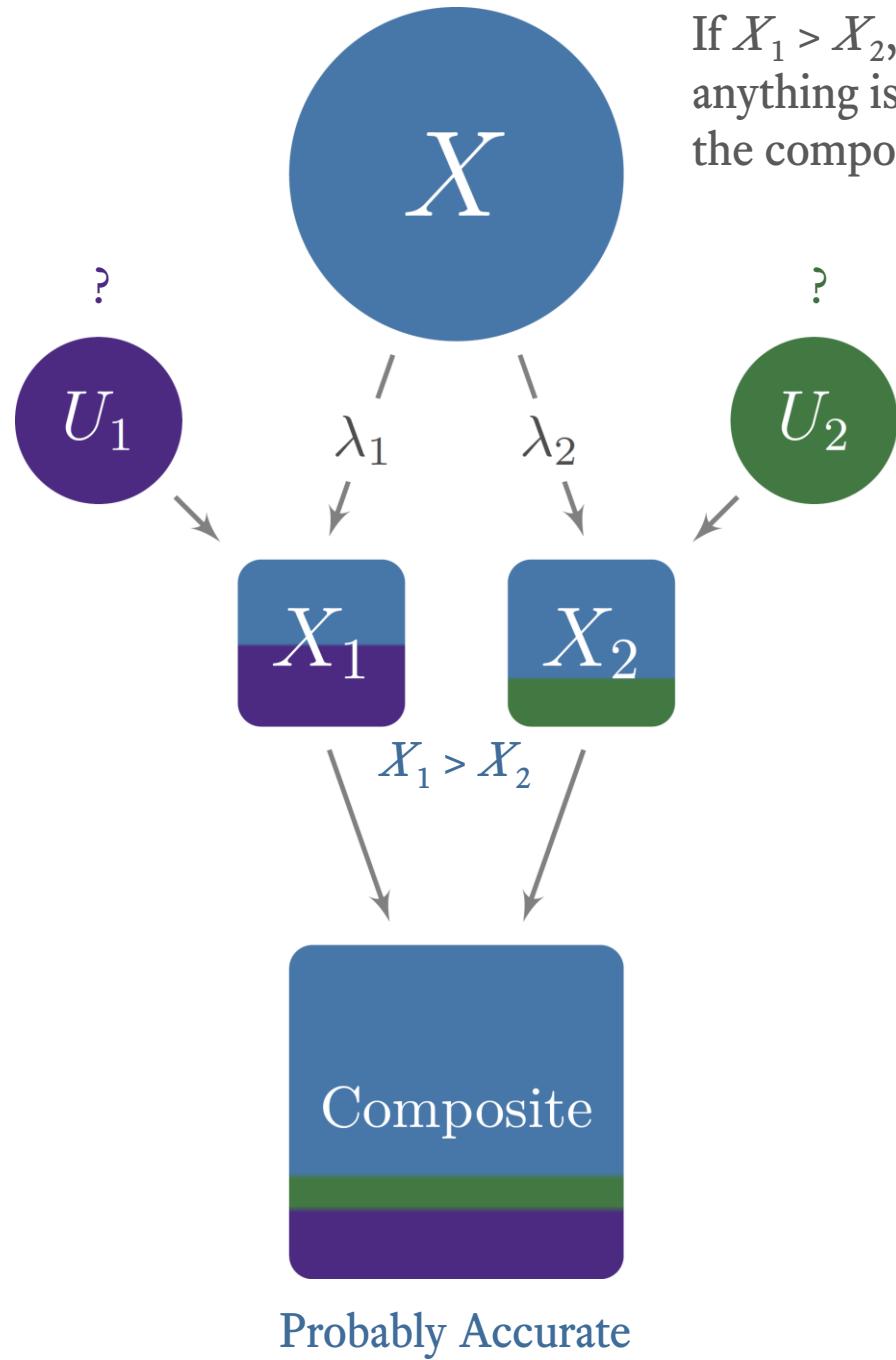
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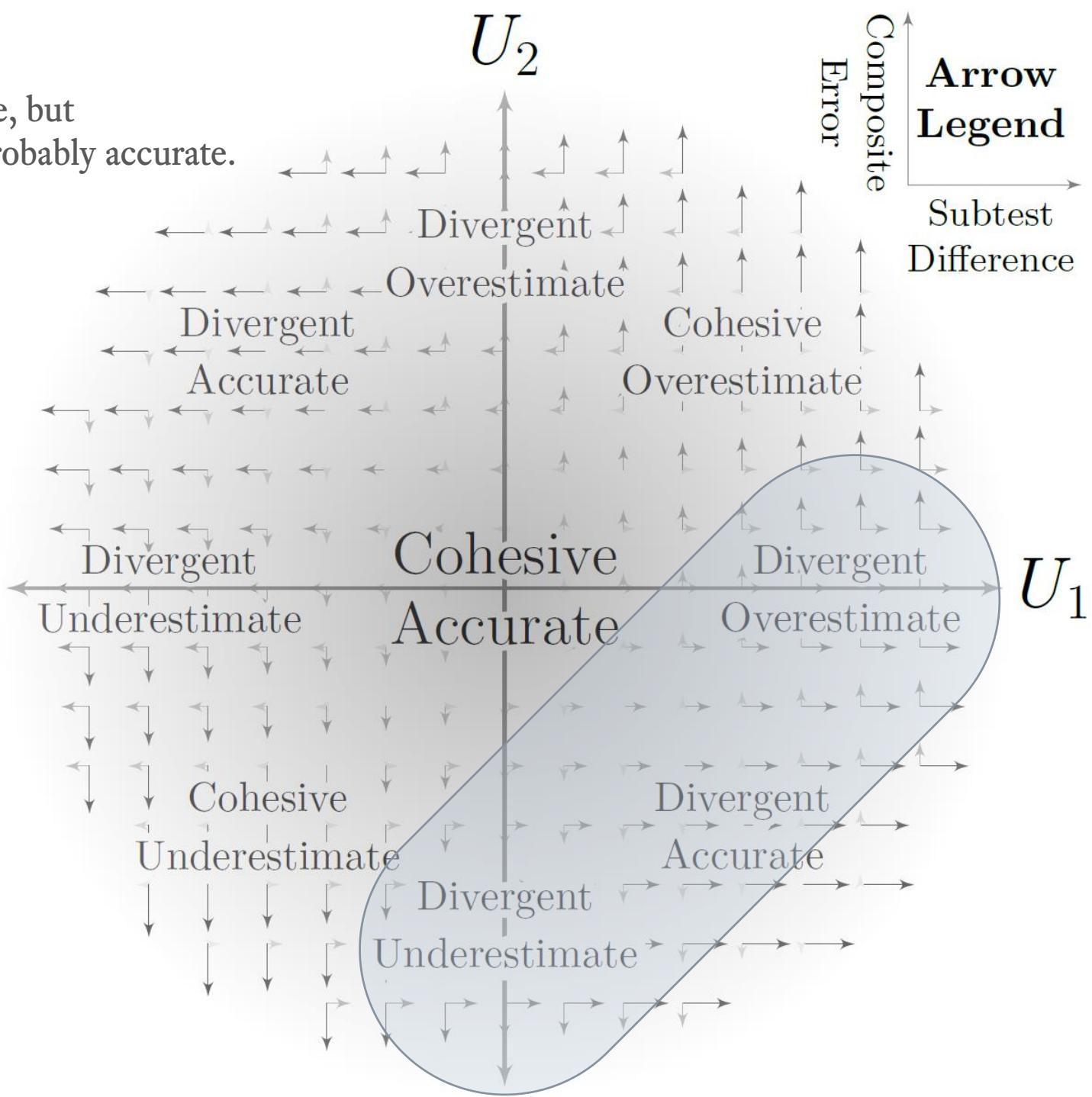
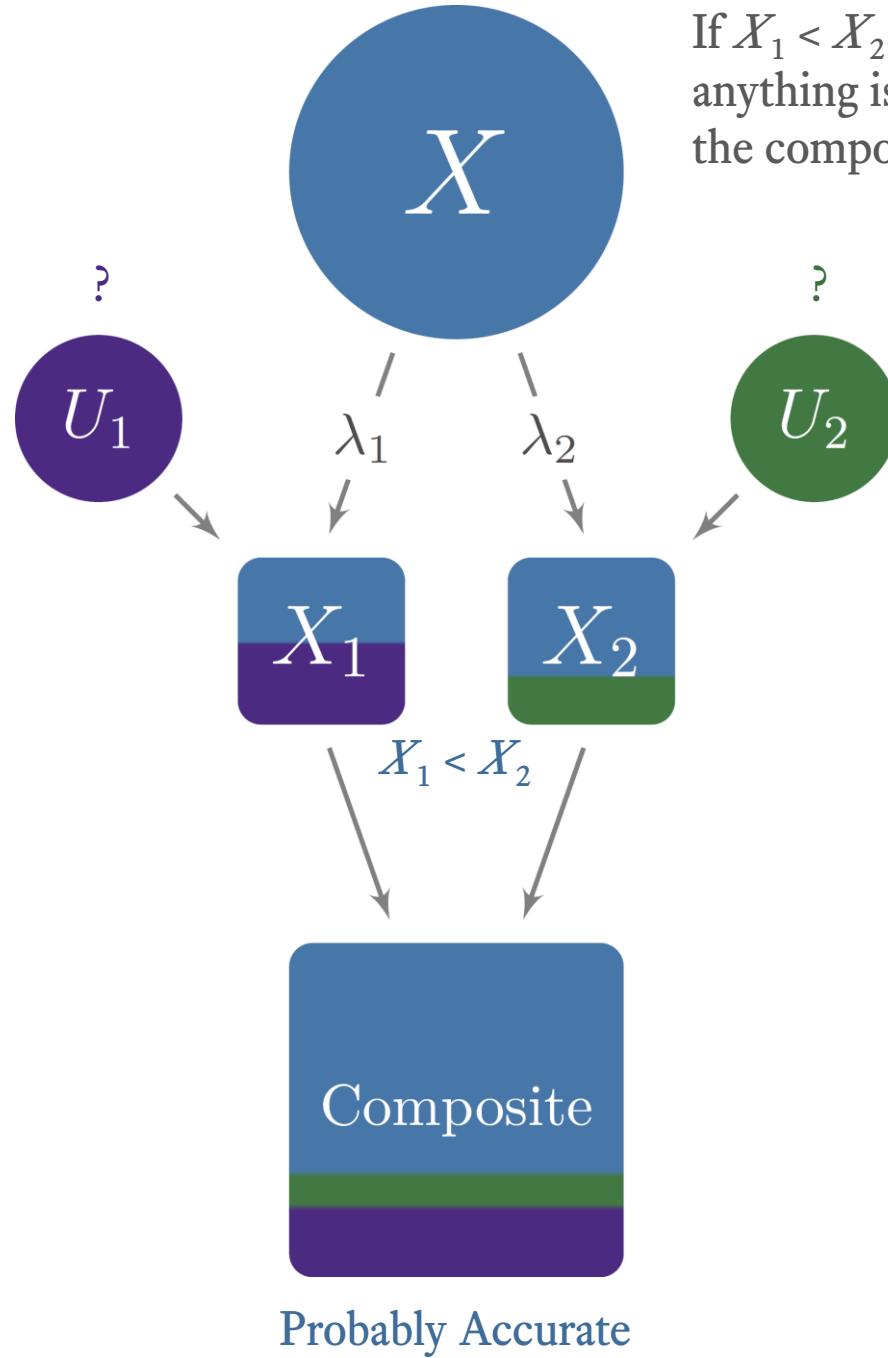


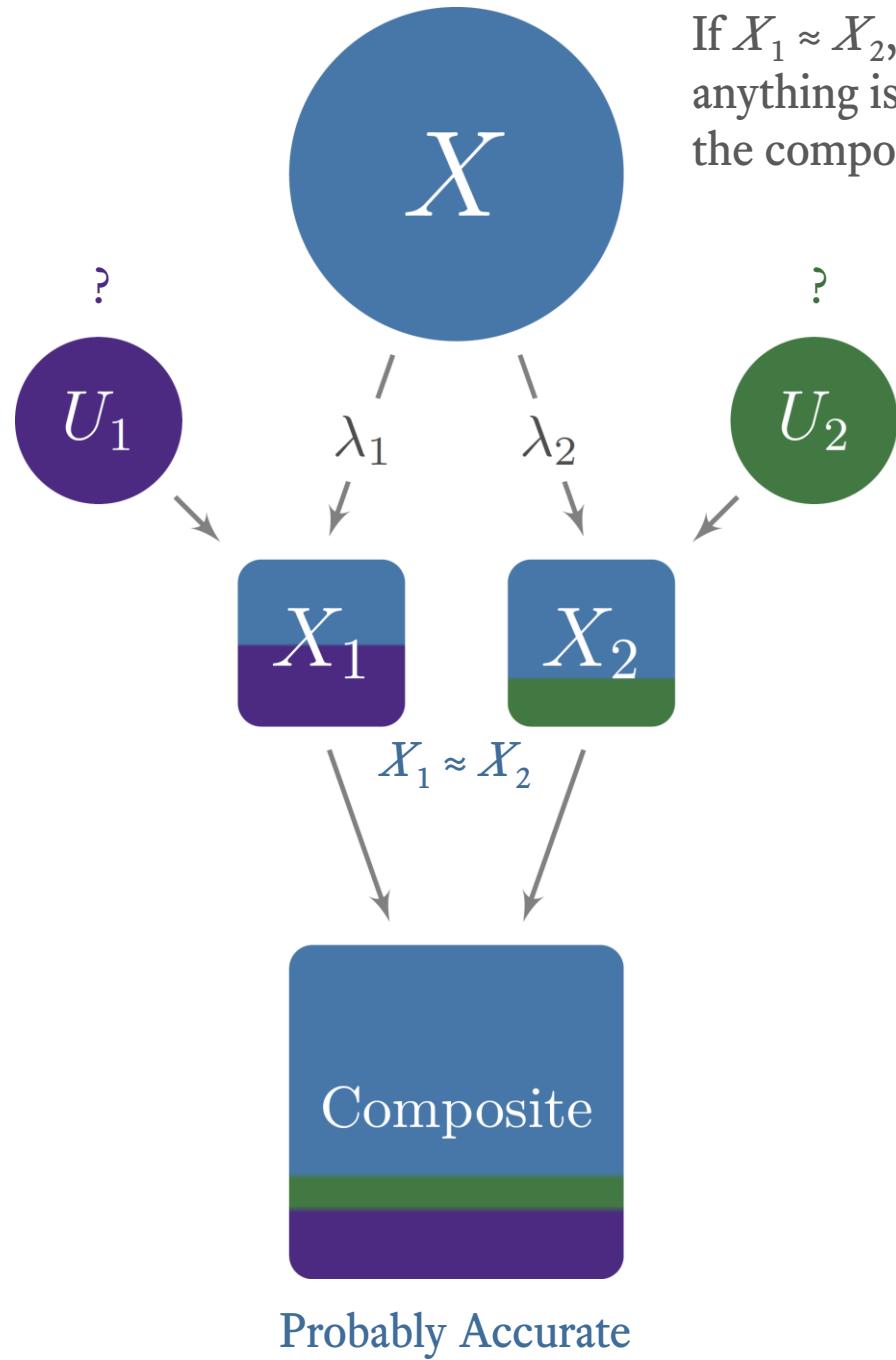




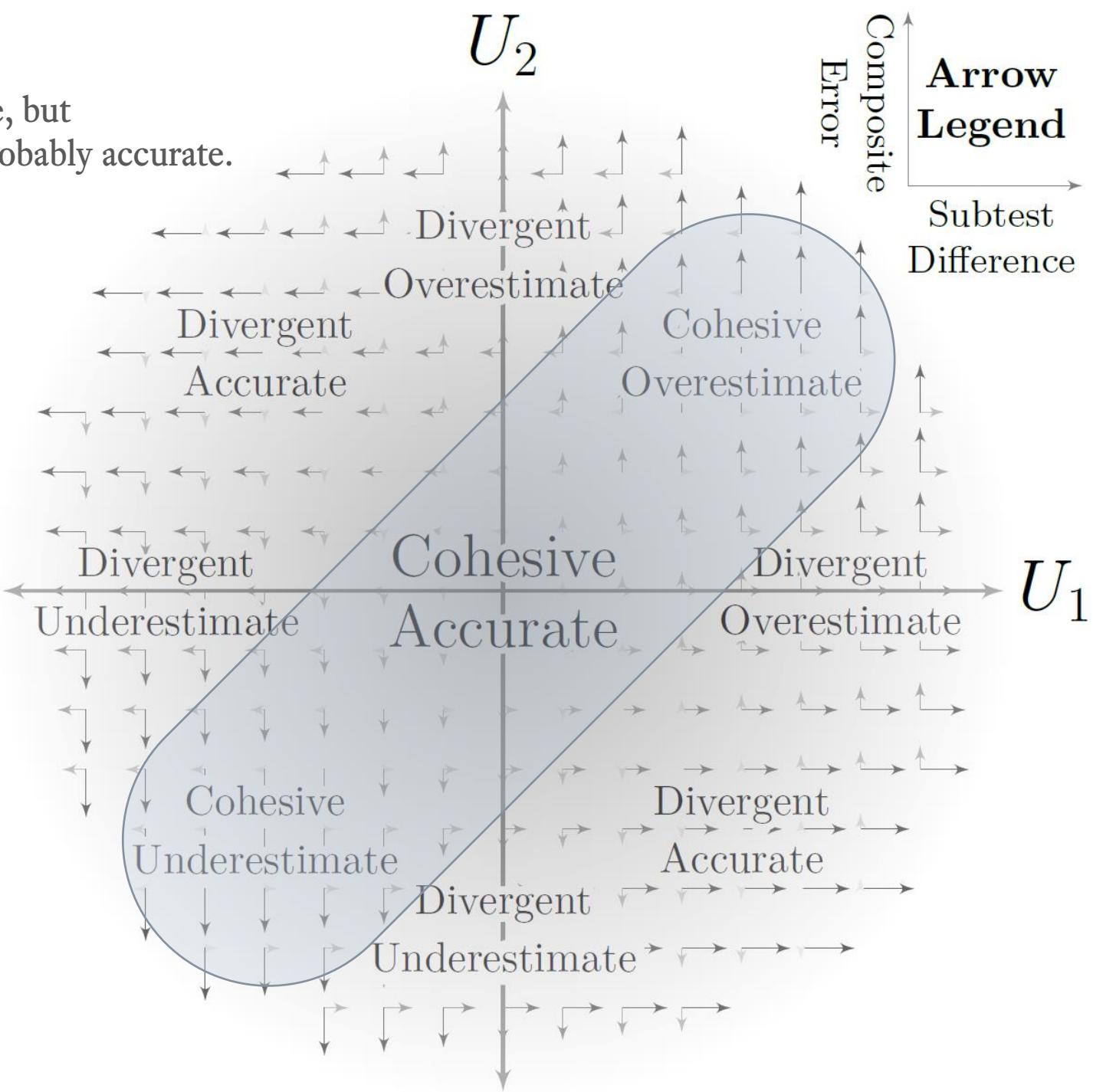








If $X_1 \approx X_2$, anything is possible, but the composite is probably accurate.



Assuming Multivariate Normality,
Dropping Divergent Scores
Lowers the Validity
of the Estimate

Composite Scores

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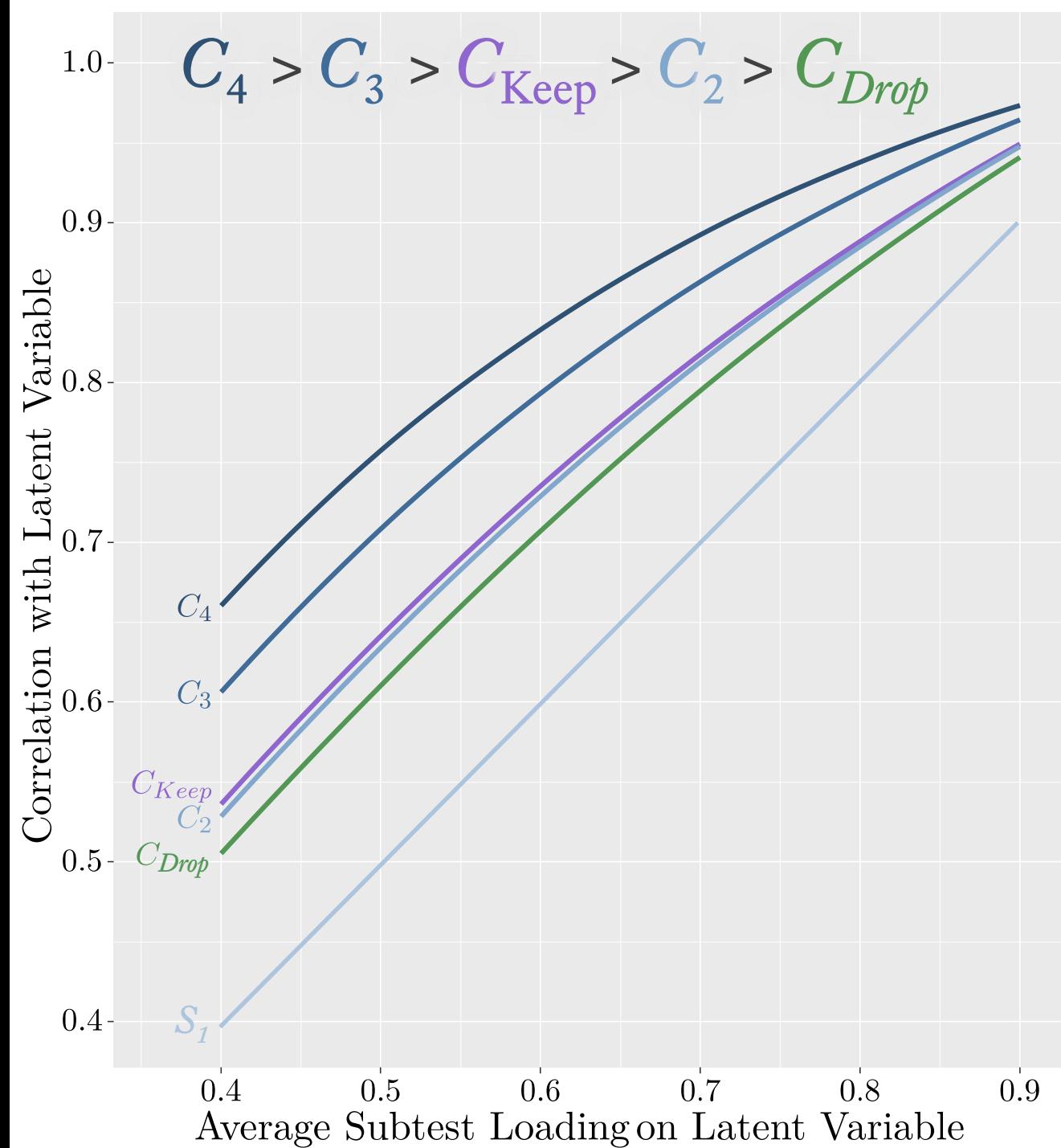
C_2 = Always give 2 tests

C_3 = Always give 3 tests

C_4 = Always give 4 tests

C_{Drop} = Give more tests if divergent, drop divergent scores

C_{Keep} = Give more tests if divergent, keep divergent scores



Assuming Non-Normal Errors,
Dropping Divergent Scores
Still Lowers the Validity
of the Estimate

Composite Scores

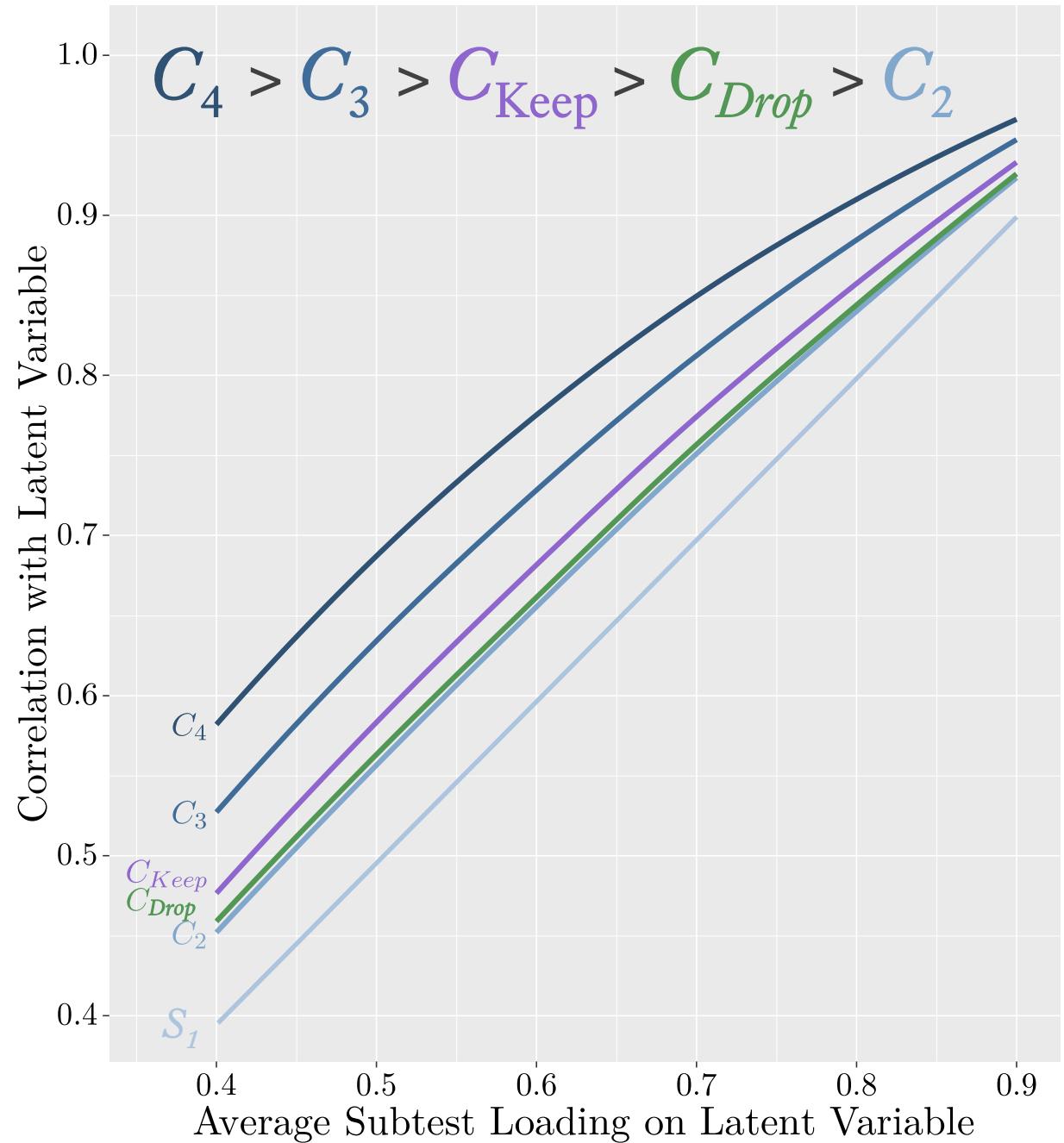
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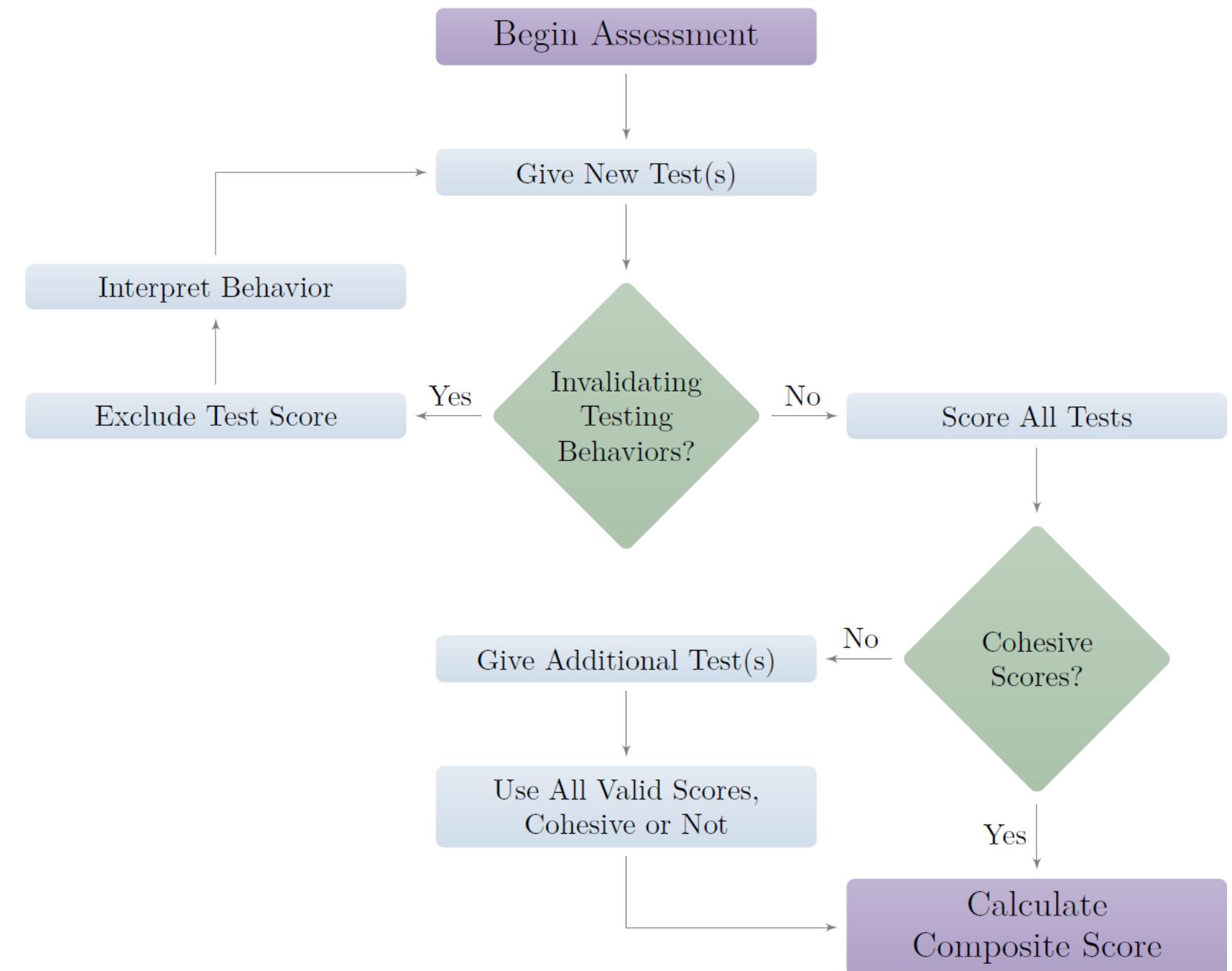
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Large Differences
Can Prompt
Further Testing,
But Use
All Valid Scores,
Cohesive or Not.

MISCONCEPTION
Divergent Scores Invalidate Composite Scores

REALITY

Excluding Outliers Will Bias the Composite Score

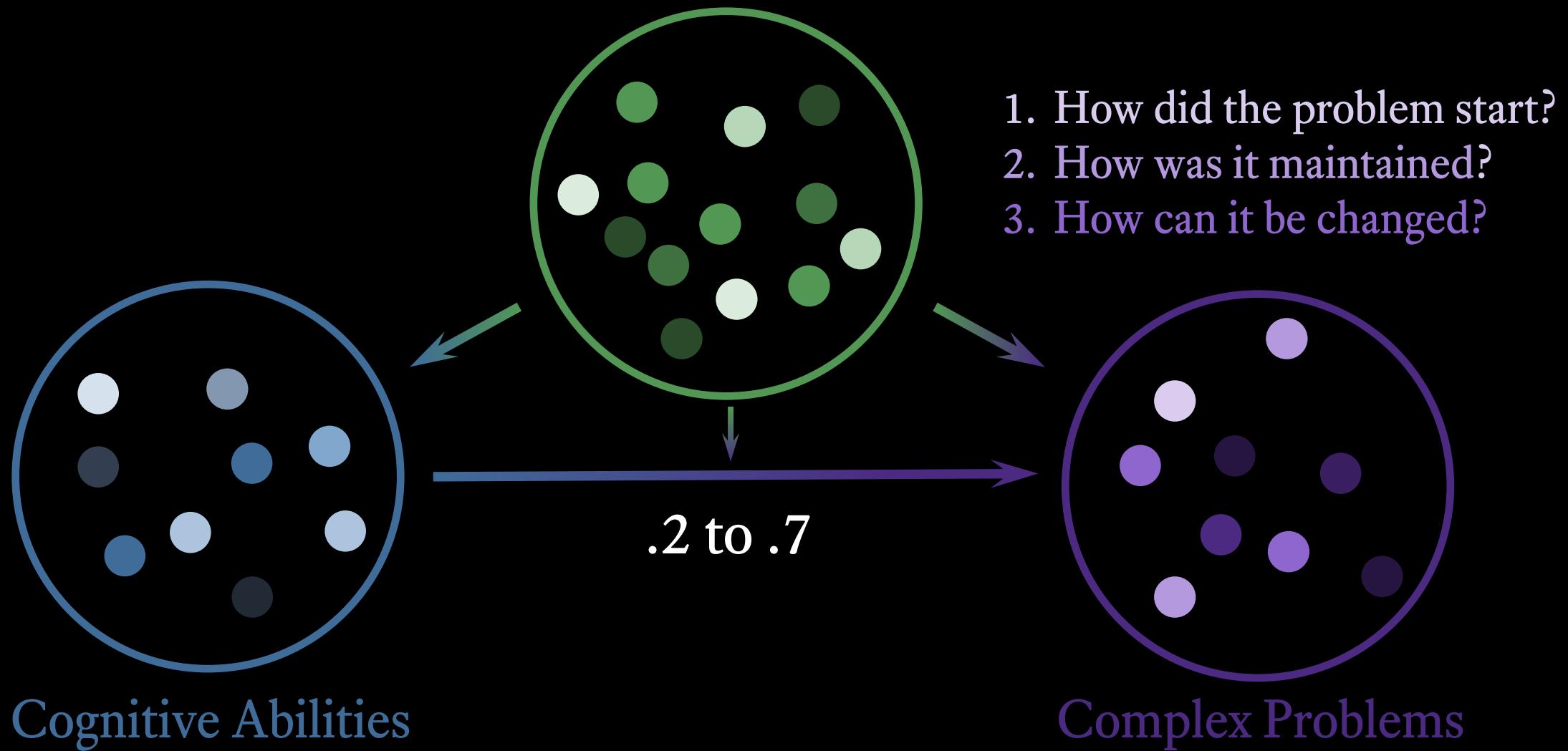
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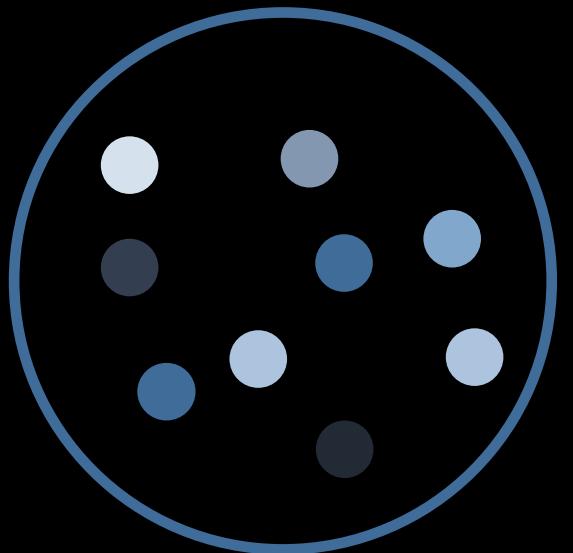
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Other Influences

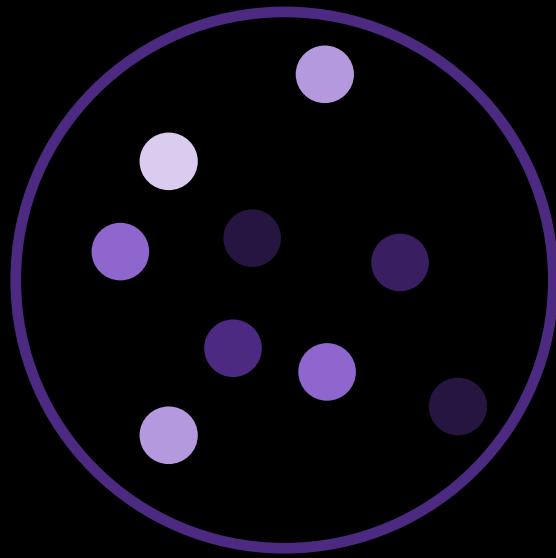




Cognitive Abilities



.2 to .7



Complex Problems

EXPLANATION 1

On a test in which Judy had to repeat words and segment them into individual phonemes, Judy earned a standard score of 78, which is in the Borderline Range. Only 7 percent of children performed at Judy's level or lower on this test. This test is a good predictor of the ability to read single words isolated from contextual cues. On a test that measures this ability, Judy scored an 83, which is in the 13th percentile and is considered to be in the Low Average Range.

EXPLANATION 1

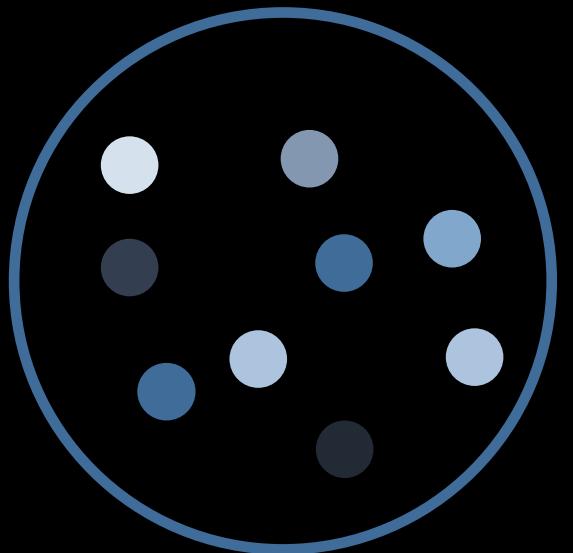
Reading single words is necessary to understand sentences and paragraphs. On a test that requires the evaluatee to read a paragraph and then answer questions that test the evaluatee's understanding of the text, Judy scored an 84, which is in the 14th percentile and in the Low Average Range.

EXPLANATION 1

An 84 in Reading Comprehension is 24 points lower than her Full Scale IQ of 110 (75th percentile, High Average Range). This is significant at the .01 level and only 3% of children in Judy's age range have a 24-point discrepancy or larger between Reading Comprehension and Full Scale IQ.

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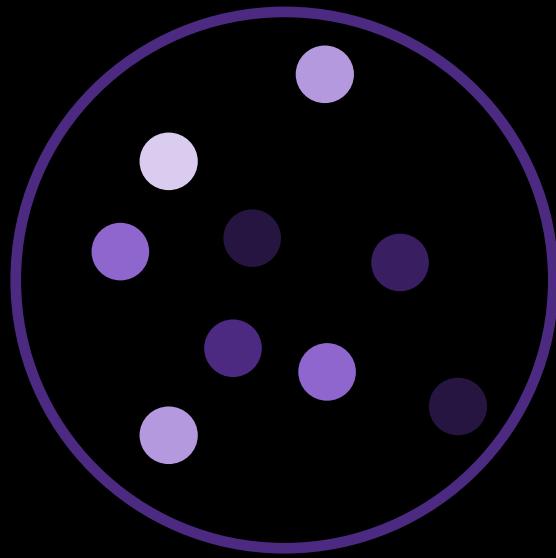
Thus, Judy meets criteria for Reading Disorder. More specifically, Judy appears to have phonological dyslexia. Phonological dyslexia refers to difficulties in reading single words because of the inability to hear individual phonemes distinctly. This difficulty in decoding single words makes reading narrative text difficult because the reading process is slow and error prone. Intensive remediation in phonics skills followed by reading fluency training is recommended.



Cognitive Abilities

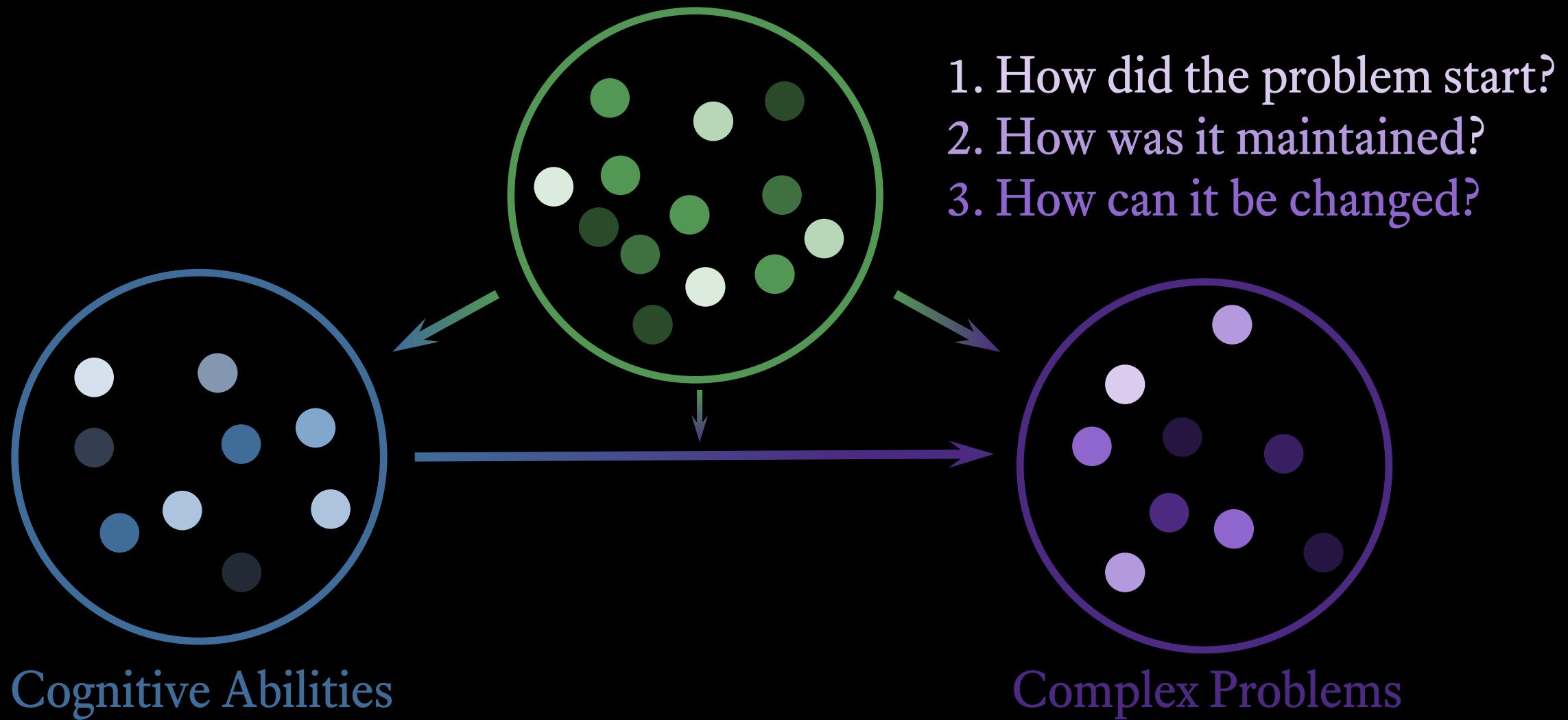


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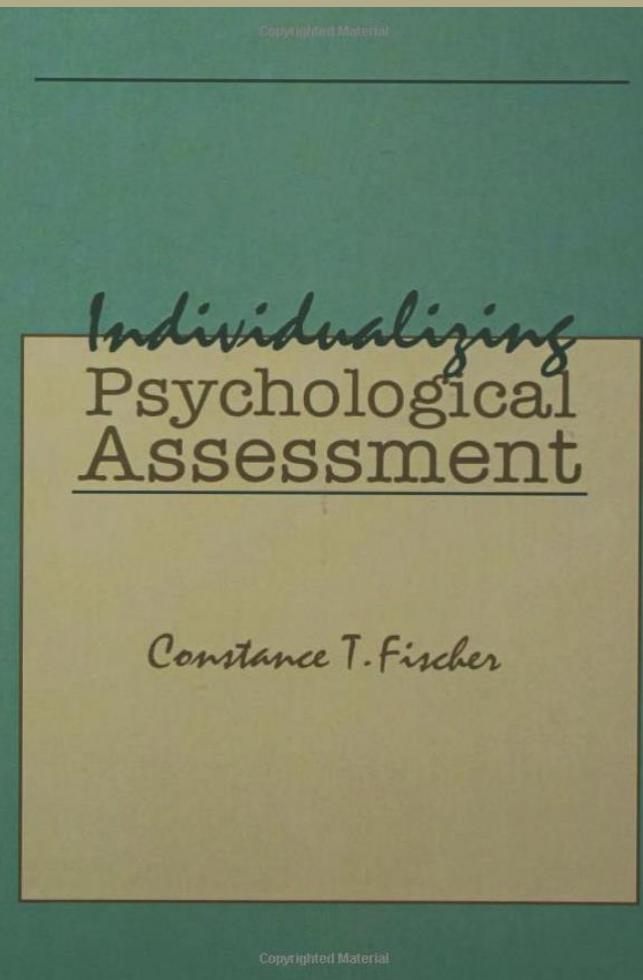


Complex Problems

Other Influences



Constance T. Fischer COLLABORATIVE ASSESSMENT



“Finally, it helps to remember that *reports are for the readers*, not the for the author. Reports are for communicating key findings, along with illustrative support, to readers. The report is not a repository of everything the assessor did and noticed; or a place for the assessor to wander around and finally discover the outcome; or a laboratory report of esoteric, scientific indicators; or an arena for the assessor to demonstrate personal clinical prowess, superiority of insights, technological wizardry, and so on; or a place to test the elasticity and comprehensiveness of the assessor’s theory; or the occasion to demonstrate the author’s literary potential. To repeat, reports *are for readers.*” (p. 115)

WRITE
ABOUT
PEOPLE

NOT
ABOUT
TESTS

Tell the story
of the person
being assessed,
not the story
of the assessment
of the person.

EXPLANATION 2

For most 12-year-olds as bright as Judy is, reading is a skill that is so well developed and smooth that it becomes a pleasure. For Judy, however, reading is chore. It takes sustained mental effort for her to read each word one by one. It then requires further concentration for her to go back and figure out what these individual words mean when they are strung together in complete sentences, paragraphs, and stories. Reading is a slow, laborious process that is often unpleasant for Judy.

EXPLANATION 2

Why did Judy, a bright and delightfully creative girl, fail to learn to read fluently? The problem that most likely first caused Judy to fall behind her peers is that she does not hear speech sounds as clearly as most people do. It is as if she needs glasses for her ears: The sounds are blurry.

EXPLANATION 2

For example, although she can hear the whole word *cat* perfectly well, she might not recognize as easily as most children do that the word consists of three distinct sounds: /k/, /a/, and /t/. For this reason, she has to work harder to remember that these three sounds correspond to three separate letters: /k/ = c, /a/ = a, and /t/ = t.

EXPLANATION 2

With simple words like *cat*, Judy's natural ability is more than sufficient to help her remember what the letters mean. However, learning to recognize and remember larger words, uncommonly used words, or words with irregular spellings is much more difficult for Judy than it is for most children.

EXPLANATION 2

Many children with the same difficulty in hearing speech sounds distinctly eventually learn to work around the problem and come to read reasonably well. However, Judy is a perceptive and sensitive student who was acutely aware, from very early on, that she did not read as well as her classmates.

EXPLANATION 2

She clearly remembers that her friends and classmates giggled when she made reading errors that were, to them, inexplicable. For example, for a while she earned the nickname “Tornado Girl” when she was reading aloud in class and misread *volcano* as *tornado*. She came to dread reading aloud in class and felt growing levels of shame even when she read silently to herself.

EXPLANATION 2

She began to avoid reading at all costs. She did not read for pleasure, even when the texts were easy enough for her to read because she felt, in her words, “dumb, dumb, and dumb.” Over the next several years, she fell further behind her peers. By avoiding reading, she never developed the smooth, automatic reading skills that are necessary to make reading a pleasurable and self-sustaining activity.

EXPLANATION 2

Although Judy's ability to hear speech sounds distinctly is still low compared to her 12-year-old peers, this weakness is not what is holding her back now. Indeed, her current ability to hear speech sounds distinctly is actually better than that of average 6 and 7-year-olds, most of whom learn to read without difficulty.

EXPLANATION 2

With extra help, Judy can learn to decode words phonetically. However, for her to develop her reading fluency and reading comprehension skills to the level that she is capable, she will need to engage in sustained practice reading texts that are both interesting for Judy and are at the correct level of difficulty.

EXPLANATION 2

She is likely to be willing to read only if she is helped to manage the sense of shame she feels when she attempts to read a book. This may require the collaboration of a reading specialist and a behavior specialist with expertise in the cognitive-behavioral treatment of anxiety-related problems.

Lots of jargon

Details with no purpose

EXPLANATION 1

Describes tests & data

Context-free present focus

Details paint a picture

Written in classic style

EXPLANATION 2

Integrates past with present problems

Tells Judy's story

NARRATIVES ARE THE BEGINNING

Interview

Empathize

Listen to People

Investigate

Clarify

Gather data

Do the math

Learn from Data

Interpret the data

Forget the math

Induce empathy

Explain problems

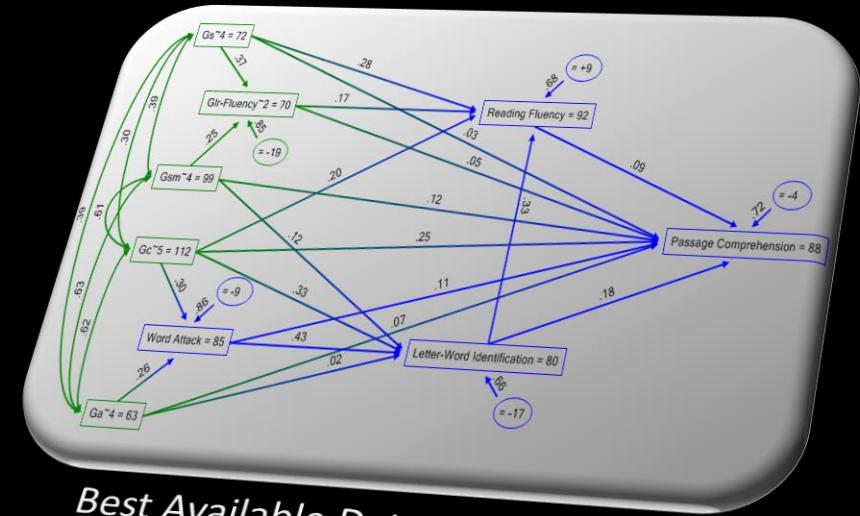
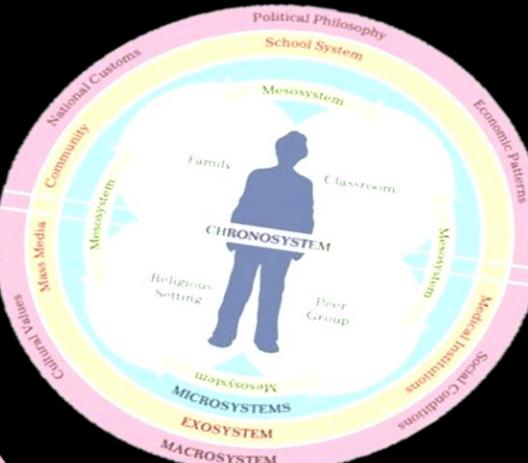
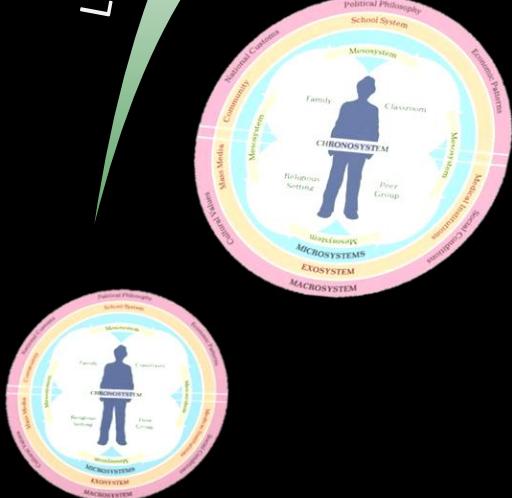
Retell the Story

Restore hope

Inspire change

— AND ENDING OF ASSESSMENT —

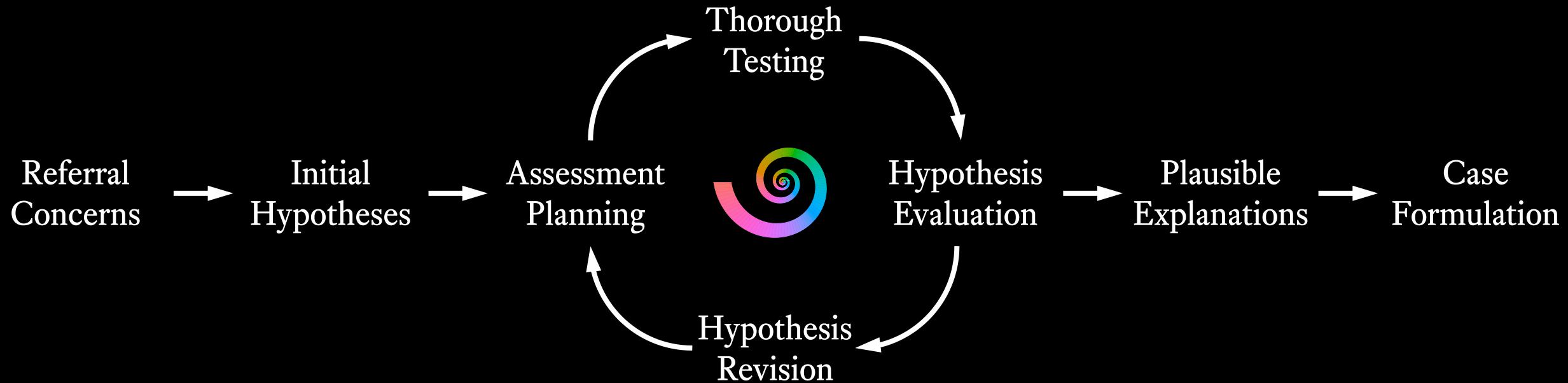
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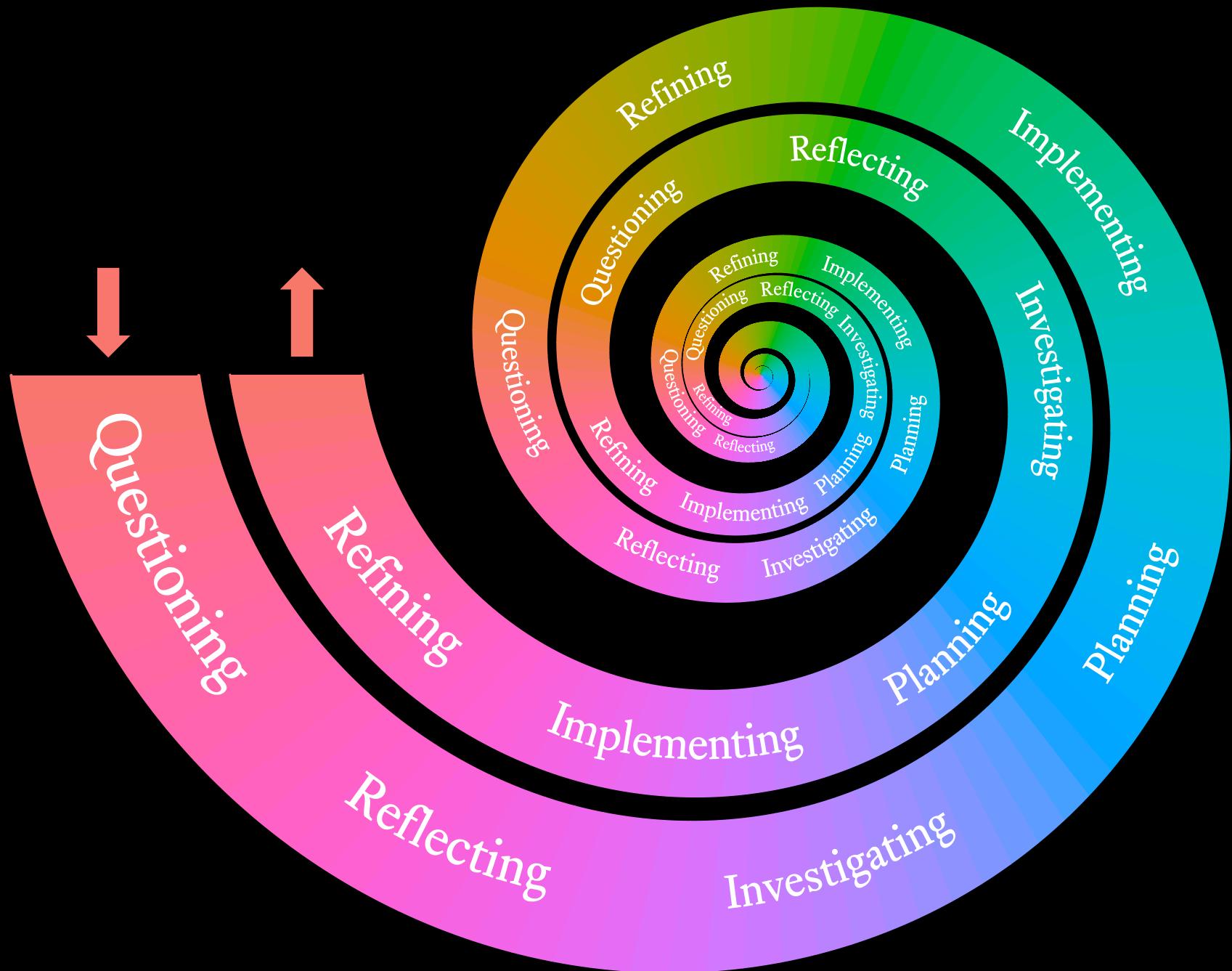


Best Available Data and Models

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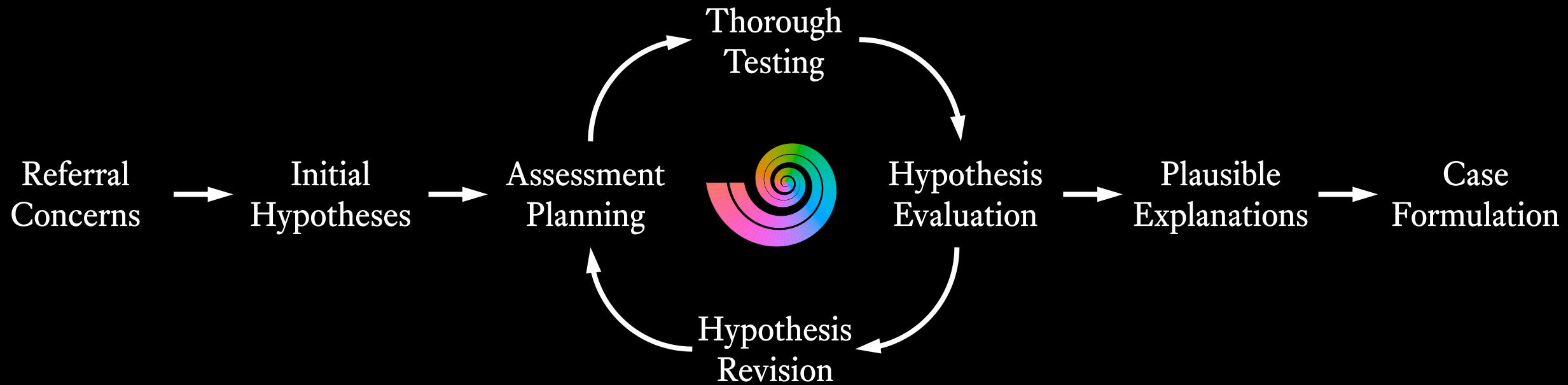
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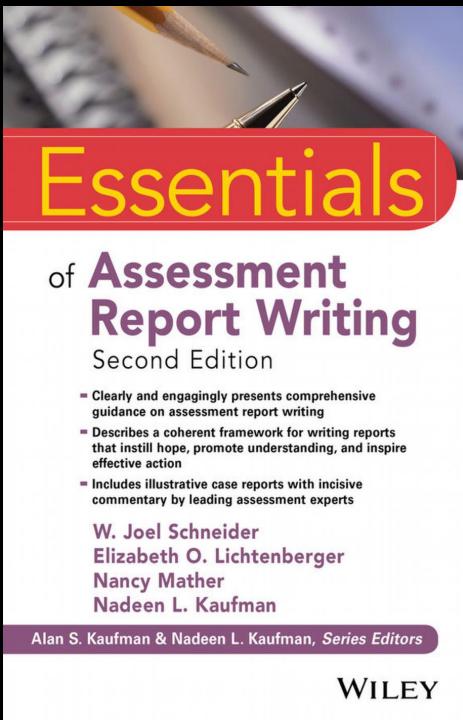
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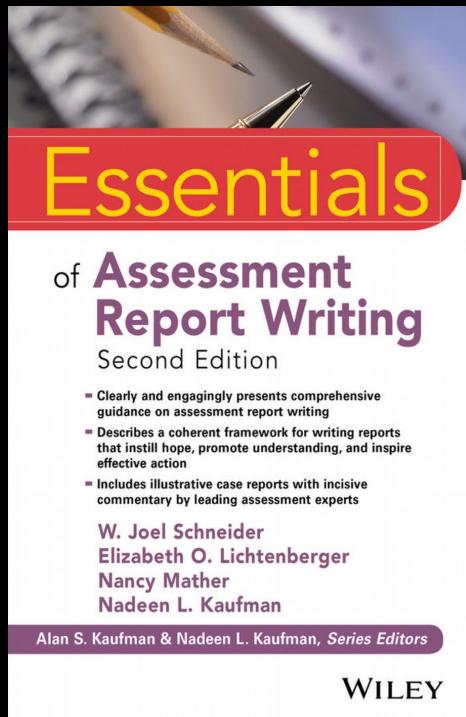
WE HAVE MUCH TO LEARN FROM
QUALITATIVE RESEARCHERS

JADEN



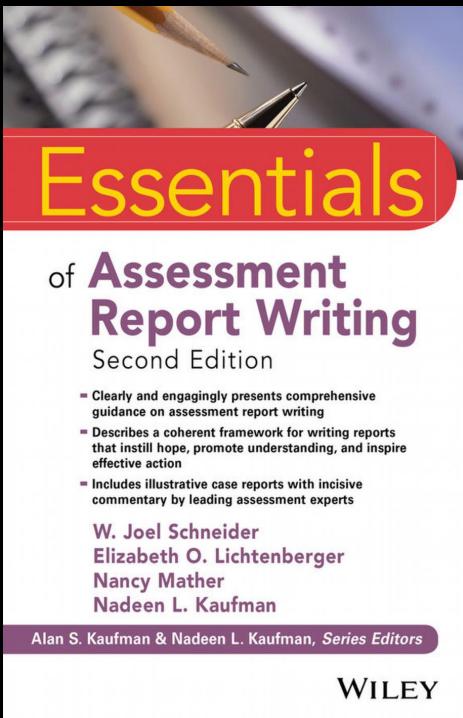
Jaden has nonverbal skills that are as far ahead of most children as his language skills are behind. **Visual-spatial ability** refers to how well a person can solve practical problems by imagining how objects would look as they are moved and rotated. For example, some people can “see” in advance how to move large pieces of furniture through narrow doors and around hallway corners rather than trying to figure it out by trial and error. They can look at complex machinery and intuit how it moves and how it works. They can detect, remember, and recreate complex visual patterns. Jaden has this talent in abundance. He is able to perform better than about 95 percent of children his age on tests of visual-spatial ability.

JADEN



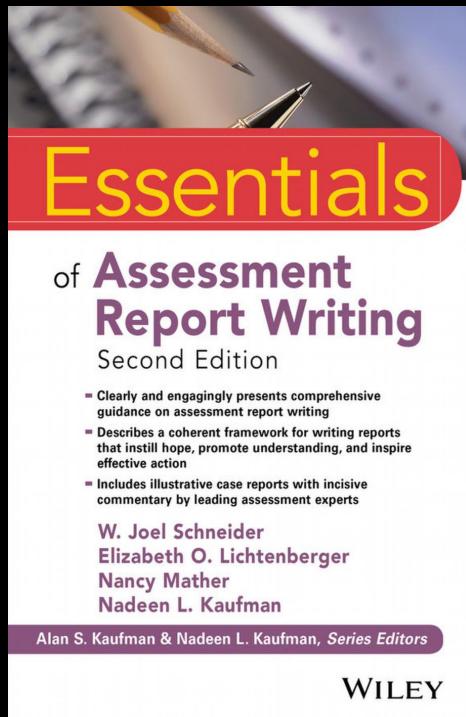
Jaden's visual-spatial talent is not just evident in his test scores, but in many aspects of his life. For example, although other children at Jaden's preschool also enjoy construction toys, Jaden's creations display a mechanical sophistication unmatched by those of his peers. With Tinker Toys and Lego Bricks, he creates buildings and vehicles with working levers, gears, pulleys, elevators, and hinged doors—which often interact in a coordinated system. To illustrate, I observed him construct a high-walled castle with towers, battlements, slit-windows, and flying buttresses. Jaden worked quickly and without hesitation, as if he were reproducing a model he could already see in his head.

JADEN



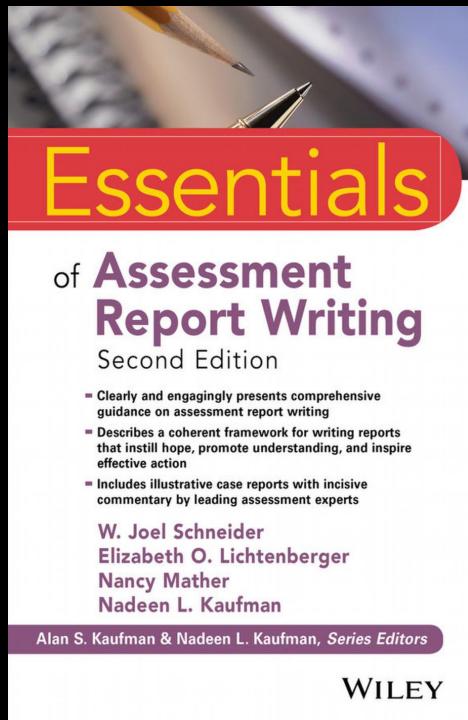
Whereas Jaden's peers mostly used whatever colors were convenient, Jaden paid careful attention to both color and texture, alternating the sequence of colors to create a bright, checkered appearance applied with both consistency and pleasing variations. The castle had a working drawbridge that could be raised and lowered with a wheel and string. On the central tower, he installed a spiral staircase, down which a large marble could roll. At the bottom of the staircase, the marble opened a latch for a trap door in the floor, through which fell a heavy brick which triggered a spring-loaded catapult aimed at figurines Jaden informed me were "bad guys."

JADEN



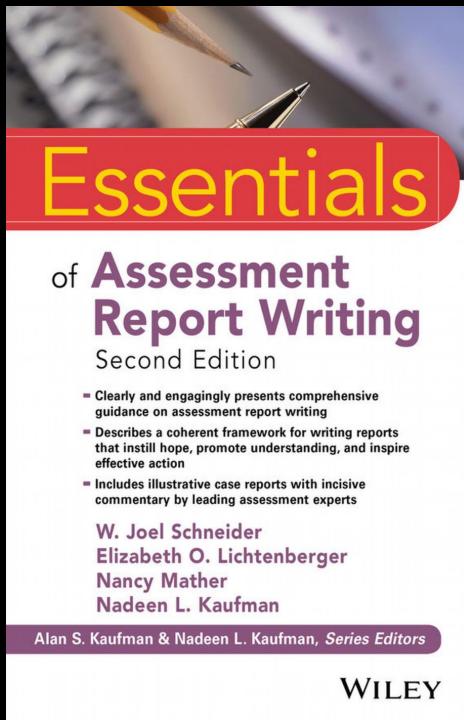
Jaden's ability to make impressively creative structures is not just a matter of talent, but also of interest and encouragement. That is, Jaden has strong visual-spatial skills and excellent mechanical reasoning ability, which allows him to visualize how things will work before he makes them. He also has a designer's eye for making his creations pop with color. Jaden is not just good at building, but passionate and persistent at learning the craft. Jaden is unusually focused on objects and not particularly interested in people (in part because of his difficulty with verbal communication). Thus, he spends his time focused on that which is he is good at and enjoys: building. Fortunately for Jaden, he is in an environment which allows him the time, materials, and emotional support for developing his creative talent for construction.

FINN



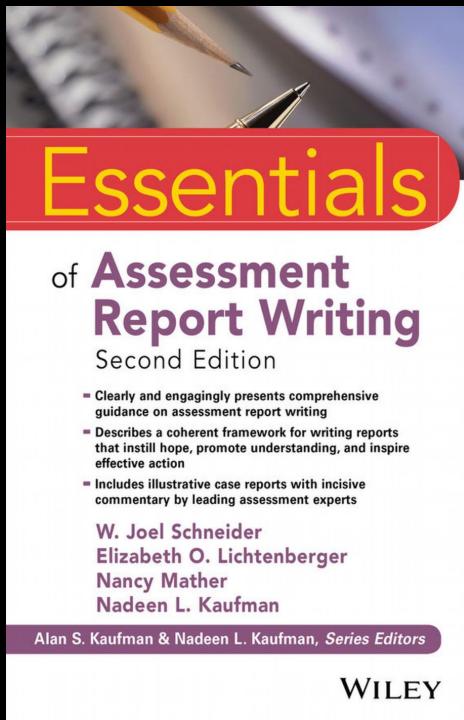
Visual-spatial processing refers to abilities such as being able to visualize how objects should look from different angles and to visualize how to put objects together so that they fit snugly. Finn's visual-spatial abilities are in the high range, scoring better than 91 percent of people his age. This is one of Finn's main cognitive strengths, and he uses it to his advantage, often in creative ways. For example, when he solves math problems in his head, he often "thinks with his hands," imagining numbers as common objects of varying lengths which he can "move" with his hands as he visualizes the solutions. Although most people do not solve math problems this way, Finn has found his talent for visualizing to be useful for quick and accurate mental calculations. He is a little self-conscious about how he looks when he concentrates on manipulating imaginary objects, but it works for him.

ARACELI



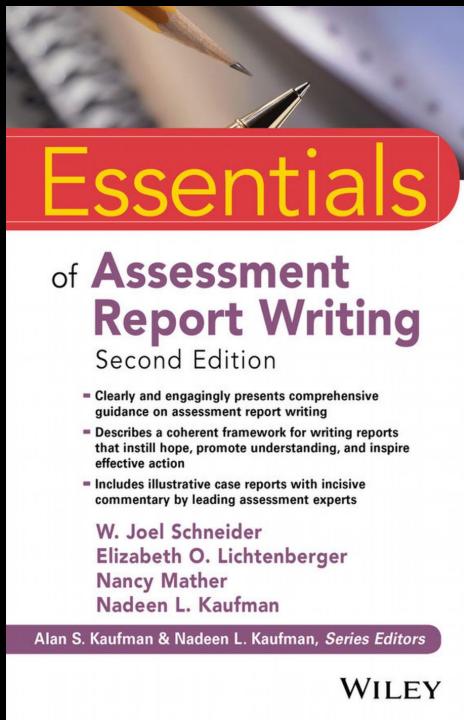
Araceli's low working memory capacity puts her at a disadvantage in many aspects of her life. Let me illustrate with an observation from the classroom. Because Araceli had said that she struggled to take good notes, I observed her during a lecture in her biology class. Araceli paid close attention to her instructor and conscientiously took notes, even when giggling classmates engaged in distracting side conversations. However, even when her classmates were quiet, it was clear that Araceli was either able to listen to the instructor or to take lecture notes but was unable to do both at the same time.

ARACELI



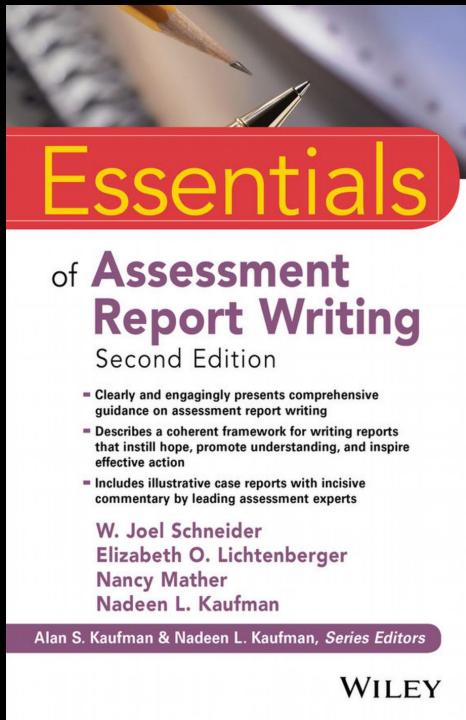
For example, at a pivotal point in the lecture, the instructor wrote the definition of respiration on the board. While Araceli was busy copying the definition, the instructor gave an effective example of how it worked, making the concept memorable with some light humor. Although the rest of the class laughed, Araceli was so absorbed in the act of copying the definition, she did not even crack a smile. She did not hear the joke...or the example.

ARACELI



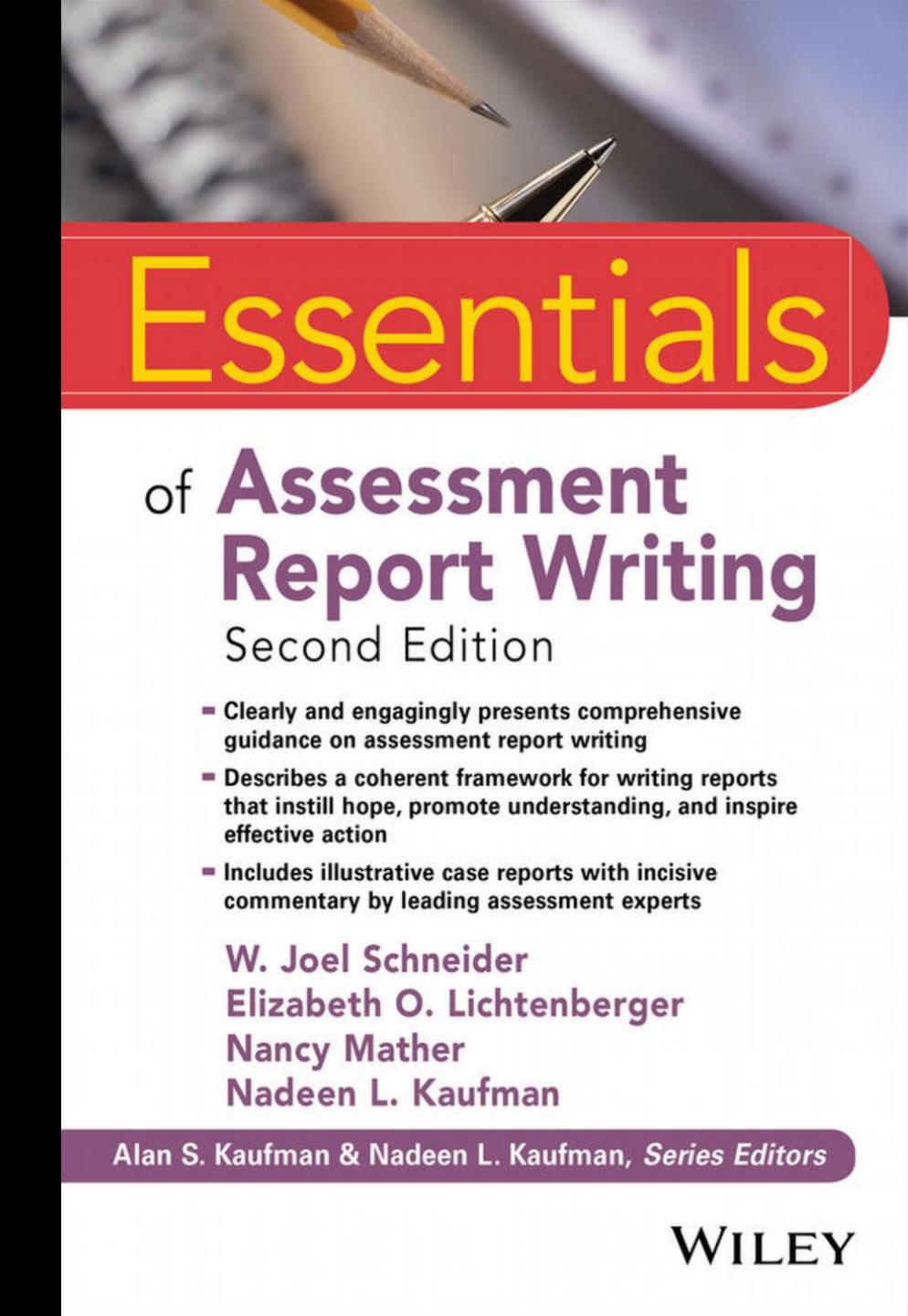
The instructor highlighted that example with humor for a reason: It appeared on the next exam. When I compared Araceli's notes with mine I saw that, sure enough, the definition was copied word for word but she had no summary of the instructor's example. I asked her if she remembered the example, but she had only a vague recollection of it. More importantly, she did not yet understand how respiration worked. People with strong working memory can store and process information simultaneously. In this case, Araceli could either store information (listen to the lecture) or process information (write summaries of concepts in her notes), but she was less able than her classmates to do both simultaneously.

ARACELI



This is just one example of what is likely happening many times each lecture: Her limited working memory capacity makes it difficult for her to direct her attention flexibly between the lecture and her notes, and she is missing far more lecture content than she realizes. Worse, low working memory capacity does not only cause her to miss information in the classroom, but also on the soccer field, at her part-time job, and in conversations with peers.

GREATER DETAIL AND
DEPTH FOUND HERE



QUESTIONS

