

Functional Cattell-Horn-Carroll (F-CHC) Nomenclature and Its Relationship to Selective Assessment

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Purpose of Presentation

- Introduce participants to the functional CHC (F-CHC) nomenclature.
- Illustrate how the F-CHC nomenclature can be used to identify selective assessment batteries for the identification of reading, writing, or mathematics disorders and use that information to maximize evidencebased interventions.
- Illustrate the use of F-CHC nomenclature in everyday practice to simplify explaining cognitive strengths and weaknesses to parents and teachers.

Evolution of CHC Nomenclature

- Cattell-Horn-Carroll (CHC) theory grew out of Gf-Gc theory
- CHC theory is the dominant theory today defining the structure of cognitive abilities.
- CHC nomenclature (Gf-Gc broad and narrow ability labels) has become more complex as some scholars have elaborated upon the theory, introducing their additions and revisions into the taxonomy.

S5 MA VZ MM N LA p
II. WF SP NA M6 SR AC
MY PI IM PN LE UR
R9 FX MF OUL/US MV
UL VL FL MS WM CF
I UM UB CM US LD
PC FA FE KO FF LS
GWM GI GF
GW GIF GG GKM

Gf-Gc

Up to 81 narrow abilities

Evolution of CHC Nomenclature

- For many, a shift toward more "scientific" and less "functional", or clinician/consumer friendly, nomenclature.
- The scientific nomenclature is difficult for consumers, such as parents, clients, or educators to understand and act upon.



Evolution of CHC Nomenclature



Scientific taxonomies provide greater precision and guide scientific investigation, but the more "functional" or user-friendly nomenclature benefits consumers.



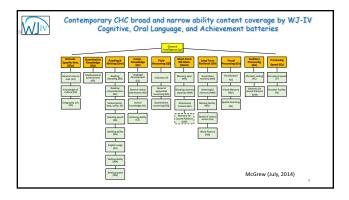


• WJ (1977): Scientific-Empirical (pragmatic) • WJ-R (1989): Extended Cattell-Horn Gf-Gc Theory

• WJ III (2001): CHC Theory

• WJ IV (2014): Beyond CHC Theory (scientific)

· WJ IV & Other Measures (2017): Functional CHC (f-CHC)



Scientific Broad Abilities

un Insependent General (apportite Fluid Reasoning GF)
out Term Working Memory (Gwm)
Learning Efficiency (Gr)
Retrieval Efficiency (Gr)
Processing Speed (GS)
Acquired Knowledge Systems
Comprehension Knowledge (Gr)
Domain Specific Knowledge (Gr)
Reading and Writing (Grw)
Quantitative Knowledge (Gg) Sensory/Motor Linked Abilities
Visual Processing (Gv) Auditory Processing (Ga) Kinesthetic Abilities (GK)

(McGrew, 2016; Schneider & McGrew, 2012)

Scientific CHC Narrow Abilities

Visual Processing (Gv)

luid Reasoning (*Gf*)
I - Induction
RG - General sequential reaso
RQ - Quantitative reasoning

CM - Communication ability
KO - General (verbal) information
LD - Language development
LS - Listening ability
MY - Grammatical sensitivity
VL - Lexical knowledge

Short-Term Working Memory

(Gsm)

• AC - Attentional control

• MS - Memory span

• WM - Working memory capacity

SS - Spatial scanning Vz - Visualization Learning Efficiency (GI)

• M6 - Free recall memory

C5 - Closure Speed · IL - Perceptual illusions

IM - Imagery
 LE - Length estimation

 MV - Visual memory
 PI - Serial perceptual integration
 PN - Perceptual alterations SR - Speeded rotation

MA - Associative memory

MM - Meaningful memory

Scientific CHC Narrow Abilities Retrieval Fluency (Gr)
FA - Associational fluency
FF - Associational fluency
FF - Expressional fluency
FF - Figured fluency
FL - Ideational fluency
FO - Orginality/creativity
FX - Figured flexibility
LA - Speed of lexical access
NA - Naming facility
SP - Sensitivity to problems
(solution fluency)
WF - Word fluency) Auditory Processing (Ga)

- PC Phonetic coding
- U1/U9 Musical discrimination and judgment
- U8 Maintaining and judging rhythm
- UP Absolute pitch
 - · UL Sound localization
- · UM Memory for sound patterns

rocessing Speed (Gs)

R9 - Rate-of-test-taking

N - Number facility

P - Perceptual speed

- UR Resistance to auditory stimulus distraction
- US Speech sound discrimination

Core CHC Achievement Abilities

Scientific CHC Narrow Abilities

(Gkn)

Reading and Writing (Grw)
EU - English usage
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EC - Reading comprehension
RD - Reading decoding
RS - Reading speed
SG - Spelling spelity
V - Verbal (print) language
comprehension
WA - Writing ability
WS - Writing ability

A3 - Mathematical achievement KM - Mathematical knowledge

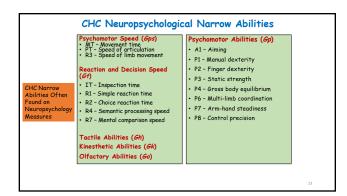
A5 - Geography achievement

BC - Knowledge in behavioral content

 K1 - General science information K2 - Knowledge of culture

 KF - Knowledge of signing KL - Foreign language proficiency

• LP - Skills in lip reading MK - Mechanical knowledge



Functional CHC Nomenclature



- Woodcock, Maricle, Miller, & McGill (2017)
- Suggested simplification of CHC nomenclature makes it easier for parents and teachers to understand.
- Minor revisions to CHC factor labels (e.g., Gcm instead of Gwm or Gr instead of Gf).
- Reduces the number of less meaningful narrow ability labels for clinical use.

Cognitive/Academic Performance Model

Acquired Knowledge
(GC, Grw-R, Grw-W, Gq)

Thinking Abilities
(Gv, Ga, Glm, Gr)

Cognitive Ficiency
(Gcm, Gs)

Facilitators/Inhibitors
(Internal & External)

Not part of the F-CHC model

Ten Broad Abilities - 20 Narrow Abilities

Each CHC broad ability may be divided into two narrow abilities without significant information needed for clinical utility being lost.

Break Down of f-CHC Broad Abilities into Narrow Abilities Three Conceptual Domains and 10 Broad Abilities

Functional CHC Nomenclature

Acquired Knowledge

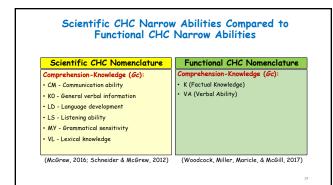
Comprehension-Knowledge (Gc)
Reading (Grw-R)
Writing (Grw-R)
Writing (Grw-R)
Mathematics (Gg)

Thinking Abilities

Visual-Spatial Processing (Gv)
Auditory Processing (Gv)
Reasoning (Gr)
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Learning and Memory (Grm)

Cognitive Efficiency
Conscious Memory (Gcm)
Cognitive Processing Speed (Gs)

(Woodcock, Miller, Maricle, & McGill, 2017)



Comprehension-Knowledge: Factual Knowledge (Gc-K)

The variety and amount of information one knows (not just verbal knowledge).

Test examples:

- WISC-V: Information (KO: general verbal information)
- WJ IV ACH: Academic Knowledge (KO: general verbal information)
- WJ IV COG: General Information (KO: general verbal information)

Comprehension-Knowledge: Verbal Ability (Gc-VA)

Spoken language skills of lexical knowledge (i.e., vocabulary knowledge and language development (i.e., general development of spoken language skills that do not require reading ability).

Test examples:

- WISC-V: Vocabulary (VL: lexical knowledge)
 WIJ IV OL: Picture Vocabulary (VL: lexical knowledge)
 WJ IV OL: Oral Comprehension (LS: listening ability)
 WJ IV OL: Understanding Directions (LS: listening ability)

Scientific CHC Narrow Abilities Compared to Functional CHC Narrow Abilities

Scientific CHC Nomenclature Functional CHC Nomenclature

- Reading and Writing (Grw):

 EU English usage
 RC Reading comprehension
 RD Reading decoding
 RS Reading speed
 S6 Spelling ability
 V Verbal (print) language
 WA Writing ability
 WS Writing ability

Quantitative Knowledge (*Gq*): • A3 – Mathematical achievement • KM – Mathematical knowledge

(McGrew. 2016: Schneider & McGrew. 2012)

- Broad Reading (Grw-R):

 RC Reading comprehension

 RD Reading decoding
- Broad Writing (Grw-W):

 W5 Writing skills

 WC Written composition

 Gp Handwriting
- Broad Mathematics (*Gq*):
 C Calculation
 Ap Applied math

(Woodcock, Miller, Maricle, & McGill, 2017)

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Functional CHC Nomenclature ual-Spatial Processing (Gv)

 PP (Pictorial Processing) · SP (Spatial Processina)

(Woodcock, Miller, Maricle, & McGill, 2017)

Visual-Spatial Processing: Pictorial Processing (Gv-PP)

Ability to identify a familiar meaningful visual object from incomplete visual stimuli, without knowing in advance what the object is.

Test examples:

- KABC-II: Gestalt Closure (CS: closure speed*)
 RIAS-2: What's Missing (CS: closure speed*)

Scientific CHC describes these tests as including a speed factor, whereas, F-CHC emphasizes the pictorial processing.

Visual-Spatial Processing: Spatial Processing (Gv-SP)

Measures spatial orientation and the ability to solve problems by using mental rotations of simple images.

Test examples:

- NEPSY-II: Arrows (Vz: visualization)
- KABC-II: Triangles (Vz: visualization)
- WISC-V: Block Design (Vz: visualization)
- WJ IV COG: Visualization (Vz: visualization)

Scientific CHC Narrow Abilities Compared to Functional CHC Narrow Abilities

Scientific CHC Nomenclature

- Auditory Processing (6a):
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Functional CHC Nomenclature

- ditory Processing (Ga): · SD (Sound Discrimination)
- · PH (Phonetics)

(McGrew, 2016; Schneider & McGrew, 2012)

(Woodcock, Miller, Maricle, & McGill, 2017)

Auditory Processing: Sound Discrimination (Ga-SD)

Ability to discriminate speech sounds, or other auditory stimuli, in quiet or noisy conditions.

Test examples:

• A Speech and language test such as the CELF-5 is an example.

Auditory Processing: Phonetics (Ga-Ph)

Ability to discriminate, analyze, and synthesize phonólogical stimuli.

Test examples:

- CTOPP-2: Blending Words, Elision, Sound Matching (PC: phonetic coding)
- · WJ IV COG: Nonword Repetitions, Phonological Processing (PC: phonetic coding)
- WJ IV OL: Sound Awareness, Segmentation, Sound Blending (PC: phonetic coding)

Scientific CHC Narrow Abilities Compared to Functional CHC Narrow Abilities

Scientific CHC Nomenclature

- Fluid Reasoning (Gf):
 I Induction
 RG General sequential reasoning
 RQ Quantitative reasoning

Functional CHC Nomenclature easoning (*Gr*):

- CR (Contextual Reasoning) (replaces and elaborates upon RQ: Quantitative or Numerical Reasoning)
- ID (Inductive/ Deductive Reasoning)

(McGrew, 2016; Schneider & McGrew, 2012)

(Woodcock, Miller, Maricle, & McGill, 2017)

Reasoning: Contextual Reasoning (Gr-CR)

Ability to use related cues from single-to multi-dimensional matrices of information to solve a problem.

Test examples:

- WISC-V: Figure Weights (RQ: quantitative reasoning)
- WJ IV ACH: Number Matrices (RQ: quantitative reasoning)
- WJ IV COG: Number Series (RQ: quantitative reasoning)*
- * Most predictive cognitive test of academic achievement.

Reasoning: Inductive/Deductive Reasoning (Gr-ID)

Ability to use inductive and/or deductive reasoning to solve a novel problem.

Test examples:

- WISC-V: Similarities (I: induction)
- KABC-II: Rover (RG: general sequential reasoning and SS: spatial scanning)
- WJ IV COG: Concept Formation (I: induction), Analysis-Synthesis (RG: general sequential reasoning)

Scientific CHC Narrow Abilities Compared to Functional CHC Narrow Abilities Scientific CHC Nomenclature Learning Efficiency (GI): . M6 - Free recall memory . MM - Meaningful memory . MM - Meaningful memory Used to be Gir until 2016 - split by McGrew into GI (learning efficiency) and Gr (retrieval fluency).

(Woodcock, Miller, Maricle, & McGill, 2017)

Learning and Memory: Immediate Recall (Glm-IR)

Ability to hear or learn information and be able to recall it immediately or a short time later.

Test examples:

- WRAML-2: Verbal Learning (M6: free-recall memory)
- WJ IV COG: Story Recall (MM: meaningful memory)
- WJ IV COG: Picture Recognition (MV: visual memory)
- WJ IV COG: Visual-Auditory Learning (MA: associative memory)

Learning and Memory: Memory Retrieval (Glm-MR)

Ability to hear or learn information and be able to retrieve it much later (days or years).

Test examples:

(McGrew, 2016; Schneider & McGrew, 2012)

- WRAML-2: Verbal Learning Delayed Recall (M6: free-recall memory)
- TOMAL-2: Memory for Stories Delayed (MM: meaningful memory)
- WISC-V: Recognition Symbol Translation (MA: associative memory)
- WJ IV COG: Retrieval Fluency (FI: ideational fluency)

Scientific CHC Narrow Abilities Compared to Functional CHC Narrow Abilities Scientific CHC Nomenclature Short-Term Working Memory (Gwm): AC - Attentional control AS - Memory span WM - Working memory capacity (McGrew, 2016; Schneider & McGrew, 2012) (Woodcock, Miller, Maricle, & McGill, 2017)

Conscious Memory: Memory Span (Gcm-MS)

Ability to listen to or see a presentation of sequentially ordered information and then recall the sequence immediately.

Test examples:

- DAS-II: Recall of Digits Forward (MS: memory span)
- WISC-V: Digit Span (MS: memory span)
- WJ IV COG: Memory for Words (MS: memory span)
- WJ IV OL: Sentence Repetition (MS: memory span)

Conscious Memory: Working Memory (Gcm-WM)

Ability to hold information in consciousness long enough to perform some manipulation, such as reordering, upon

Test examples:

- WISC-V: Digit Span Backwards (WM: working memory)
- WJ IV COG: Object-Number Sequencing, Numbers Reversed, Verbal Attention (WM: working memory)

Four Memory Abilities Memory Retrieval (Glm - MR) Immediate Recall (Glm - IR) Working Memory (Gcm - WM) Memory Span (Gcm - MS)

Scientific CHC Narrow Abilities Compared to Functional CHC Narrow Abilities

Scientific CHC Nomenclature

(McGrew, 2016; Schneider & McGrew, 2012)

Functional CHC Nomenclature

cessing Speed (Gs):

- PS (Perceptual Speed)
- TS (Thinking Speed)
 Includes academic fluency measures

(Woodcock, Miller, Maricle, & McGill, 2017)

Cognitive Processing Speed: Perceptual Speed (Gs-PS)

Ability to rapidly scan and compare visual symbols.

Test examples:

- WISC-V Cancellation and Symbol Search (P: perceptual speed)
- WJ IV COG: Letter-Pattern Matching and Number-Pattern Matching (P: perceptual speed)

Cognitive Processing Speed: Thinking Speed (Gs-TS)

Ability to rapidly name objects, words, or symbols or to identify common semantic features between stimuli.

Test examples:

- WJ IV COG: Rapid Picture Naming (NA: naming facility)
- WJ IV ACH: Sentence Reading Fluency (R9: rate of test-taking)
- WJ IV ACH: Oral Reading and Word Reading Fluency (RS: reading speed), Sentence Writing Fluency (WS: writing speed), Math Facts Fluency (N: number facility)

Summary of F-CHC Nomenclature

Acquired Knowledge

- Comprehension-Knowledge (Gc)
 - K (Factual Knowledge)
 - VA (Verbal Ability)

- Reading (Grw-R)

 RD Reading decoding

 RC Reading comprehension

- Writing (Grw-W)

 WS Writing skills

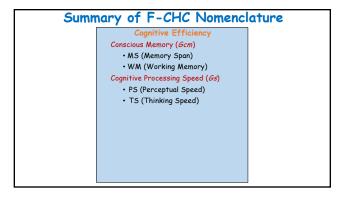
 WC Written composition
- Mathematics (*Gq*) · C - Calculation
- · Ap Applied math

Thinking Abilities

- Visual-Spatial Processing (Gv)
- PP (Pictorial Processing)
- · SP (Spatial Processing) Auditory Processing (Ga)
- · SD (Sound Discrimination)
- · PH (Phonetics)

Reasoning (Gr)

- CR (Contextual Reasoning)
- ID (Inductive/ Deductive Reasoning)
- Learning and Memory (Glm)
- IR (Immediate Recall)
- MR (Memory Retrieval)



Functional CHC and Selective Assessment



Over 20 years of research regarding CHC cognitive and achievement relationships have provided significant evidence as to which cognitive constructs may relate to academic variables (Flanagan, Ortiz, Alfonso, & Mascolo, 2006; McGrew & Wendling, 2010).

Selective Assessment for Academic Disorders



- Woodcock, Maricle, Miller, & McGill (2017)
- Used a large clinical sample for analyses
- Identified the fewest tests that provided the most information for interventions for children and adults identified with reading, writing, or math disorders.

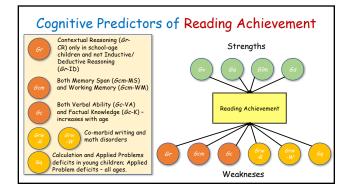
Cognitive Predictors of All Academic Areas

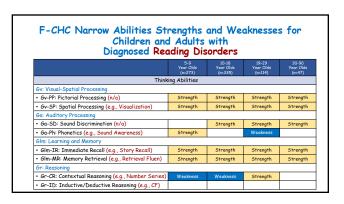
Both Contextual Reasoning (Gr-CR) and Inductive/ Deductive Reasoning (Gr-CR) and Inductive/ Deductive Reasoning (Gr-LD)

Both Memory Span (Gcm-MS) and Working Memory (Gcm-WM)

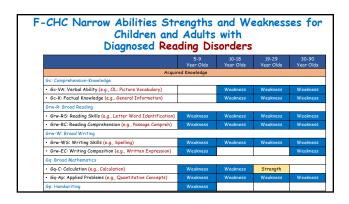
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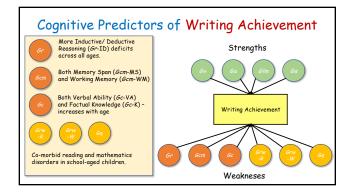
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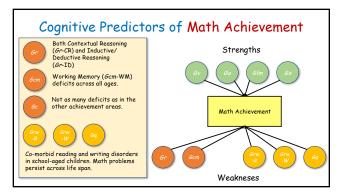












Cross-Battery Selection of Tests

The Evidence-Based Selective Assessment for Academic Disorders book includes an appendix that listed tests from major cognitive, achievement, and neuropsychology measures that are designed to measure the f-CHC abilities.

Gr (Reasoning) Cross-Battery Test Selection



- · D-KEFS: Color-Word Interference (Inhibition/Switching)
- NEPSY-II: Inhibition (Switching)
- WISC-V: Figure WeightsWJ IV ACH: Number Matrices
- WJ IV COG: Number Series

Gr-ID (Inductive/Deductive Reasoning)

- . D-KEFS: Tower, Twenty Questions
- KABC-II: Rover
- NEPSY-II: Animal Sorting, Clocks
- · WISC-V: Comprehension, Matrix Reasoning, Similarities
- · WJ IV COG: Analysis-Synthesis & Concept Formation

Gcm (Conscious Memory) Cross-Battery Test Selection



Gcm-MS (Memory Span)

- KABC-II: Number Recall
- · NEPSY-II: Sentence Repetition
- · WRAML-2: Number/Letter
- WISC-V: Digits Forward
- · WJ IV COG: Memory for Words

Gcm-WM (Working Memory)

- · SB5: Verbal Working Memory
- WISC-V: Arithmetic, Digit Span Backwards, Picture Span
- WJ IV COG: Object-Number Sequencing, Numbers Reversed, Letter-Number Sequencing

Gc (Comprehension/Knowledge) Cross-Battery Test Selection



Gc-K (Factual Knowledge)

- SB5: Nonverbal Knowledge & Verbal Knowledge
- WISC-V: Information
- WJ IV ACH: Academic Knowledge
- WJ IV COG: General Information

Gc-VA (Verbal Ability)

- KABC-II: Expressive Vocabulary, Listening Comprehension
- NEPSY-II: Body Part Naming, Comprehension of Instructions
- · WISC-V: Vocabulary
- WJ IV OL: Picture Vocabulary, Understanding Directions

Presentation Summary

- The presenters have described a functional CHC nomenclature to improve communication and understanding with parents, teachers, and educators
- The F-CHC classification scheme was applied to a large clinical sample of children and adults with identified learning disorders. The results were published in "Evidence-based Selective Assessment for Academic Disorders".

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