

- Neither EF deficit or delay aversion is sufficient to account for ADHD

The Cognitive Energetic Model of ADHD (Sergeant, 2005)

- Single deficit models of ADHD are not sufficient
- Efficiency of information processing is determined by:
 - Computational resources (processing and storage- WM)
 - State regulation (arousal, activation and effort)
 - Management of resources (EF)
- Poor state regulation gives rise to slower and variable reaction times in EF tasks

Problems with CEM

- Not well specified
- Complicated
- Testing it will depend on identifying satisfactory measures of arousal, activation and effort

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