Affective Contextual Artificial Intelligence

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1. Project Abstract

ACAI (Affective Contextual Artificial Intelligence) is a human-centric AI framework that introduces real-time emotional and contextual regulation into large language models. Instead of responding solely to text, ACAI interprets affective valence, cognitive state, and situational context to modulate generative behavior. This creates AI systems that are more balanced, adaptive, and attuned to human emotional dynamics.

Developed by Artem Teteria, ACAI establishes a new paradigm — Affective Cybernetic Regulation — where emotion functions as a guiding signal for cognition and generation. The framework is intended for research, education, and next-generation human-AI interaction, supporting mental health, creativity, and communication. By aligning with the EU vision for Human-Centric and Trustworthy AI, ACAI contributes to the development of intelligent systems that enhance empathy, ethical reasoning, and contextual awareness.

2. Executive Summary

2.1. Overview

ACAI is a novel architecture that integrates affective computing, system feedback loops, and adaptive control mechanisms into LLM-based generative systems. Unlike traditional LLM pipelines, ACAI introduces a structured internal model composed of three dynamic variables — Emotion (E), Mind/Cognition (M), and Context (C) — forming a continuous regulatory cycle.

At the core of the system is an affective control loop that evaluates incoming signals (linguistic cues, emotional intensity, contextual shifts) and computes adjustments to the generative model's parameters. This enables controlled modulation of tone, reasoning depth, and response stability. The architecture builds upon principles of cybernetics, affective modeling, and human-centric AI, forming a new scientific direction described as Affective Cybernetics.

Through this mechanism, ACAI aims to create AI systems that are emotionally calibrated, self-regulating, and capable of maintaining coherence across diverse interaction contexts. The approach opens paths for research in mental-health-aware AI, contextual decision-making, and safe adaptive generative models.

2.2.Vision and Mission

ACAI's mission is — to align artificial intelligence with human emotional intelligence, ensuring empathy, balance, and contextual understanding in all generative systems. The

project reflects the EU vision of Human-Centric, Trustworthy, and Sustainable AI, as outlined in the European Artificial Intelligence Act and Horizon Europe strategic priorities.

2.3. Goals

1. Establish ACAI as a scientifically validated affective-control system for large language models.
2. Advance research in affective cybernetics and emotional–contextual regulation for AI.
3. Develop an open-source ACAI prototype and publish co-authored research papers.

2.4. Expected Impact

• Scientific: Introduction of affective-controlled generative models (ACGM) — a new paradigm for AI behavior regulation.
• Ethical: Implementation of empathy-driven, human-aligned AI systems.
• Societal: Promotion of emotional safety, trust, and human well-being through affective computing.

3. ACAI System Architecture

3.1. System Flow

The ACAI architecture integrates emotional modeling, affective feedback loops, and language model control into one adaptive framework:

User → ACAI Core (GoEmotions → E/M/C Dynamics → Policy Engine → Prompt)
→ LLM (GPT-4o-mini or compatible model)
→ Response → ACAI Feedback Update (E/M/C Reintegration)

3.2. Core Components

Module	Description
GoEmotions Layer	Detects valence and emotional intensity from user input.
E/M/C Dynamics Engine	Computes Emotion (E), Mind (M), and Context (C) parameters over time using differential feedback equations.
Policy Engine	Determines tone, mode, and style of response based on emotional state.
Prompt Generator	Constructs dynamic instructions for the LLM, integrating emotional context and regulation strategy.

LLM Execution Layer	Processes the prompt via GPT-4o-mini (or other OpenAI-compatible model) to generate contextually aligned responses.
Affective Feedback Loop	Updates internal E/M/C state and valence after each message, ensuring adaptive emotional regulation.

3.3. Diagram Description

This architecture establishes a closed affective loop between user input, emotional analysis, and generative AI response. ACAI continuously adjusts its affective state, aligning language generation with the emotional and contextual flow of the conversation — a process known as Affective Cybernetic Regulation.

3.4. Integration Scope

- Compatible with OpenAI Responses API, Chat Completions API, and local inference models.
- Built in Python (FastAPI + PyTorch) with an SQLite memory backend.
- Designed for research and practical deployment (ACAI Cube, SDK).

3.5. Philosophy

"Affective control transforms AI from reactive text generation into emotionally aware communication."

4. ACAI — Annotated Bibliography: Sources and Applications

This document summarizes how each referenced source has been conceptually and technically used within the Affective Contextual AI (ACAI) framework.

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Application in ACAI: Inspired multimodal emotion recognition and the ACAI Voice Loop for natural affective feedback.

3. **Keltner, D., & Gross, J. J. (1999). 'Functional accounts of emotions.'**

Application in ACAI: Provided theoretical base for affective feedback gain — emotional states modulate output intensity.

4. **Ekman, P. (1992). 'An argument for basic emotions.'**

Application in ACAI: Defined ACAI's primary emotional states (joy, fear, anger, sadness, surprise, neutral) and hysteresis transitions.

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Application in ACAI: Used to train and validate ACAI's emotion classification models via fine-tuned transformers.

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6. **Wiener, N. (1948). Cybernetics: Or Control and Communication in the Animal and the Machine.**

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7. **Åström, K. J., & Murray, R. M. (2008). Feedback Systems.**

Application in ACAI: Applied to stabilize the affective loop using PID-like regulation over valence and arousal parameters.

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Application in ACAI: Inspired action-readiness modeling — emotions trigger contextual behavioral responses in ACAI.

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14. **LeDoux, J. (2000). 'Emotion Circuits in the Brain.'**

Application in ACAI: Inspired fast affective pathways — Reflexive Affect Loop for rapid emotional reaction in ACAI.

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15. **OpenAI (2023–2025). GPT-4, GPT-4o Technical Reports.**

Application in ACAI: Serve as ACAI's cognitive core — foundation for contextual reasoning and mind-level awareness.

16. **Hugging Face Transformers Library.**

Application in ACAI: Provides models for emotion detection, translation, and affective tokenization in ACAI pipelines.

17. **Junczys-Dowmunt, M. et al. (2017). MarianNMT.**

Application in ACAI: Used in linguistic transformation module for emotion-preserving translation.

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Application in ACAI: Guided ACAI Ethical Charter — promoting transparency, empathy, and beneficence ('For the Good of Love').

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Application in ACAI: Used to integrate generative models and tune parameters for affective expressivity.

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Application in ACAI: Used for ACAI web and API backend deployment.

21. **FastAPI Official Documentation.**

Application in ACAI: Backbone of ACAI backend structure (JWT auth, emotional state APIs, and feedback loops).

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Application: Used for cognitive system comparisons (Soar, ACT-R, LIDA, CLARION vs. ACAI affective contextual architecture).

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Application in ACAI: Used to analyze multimodal and affective NLP models (GoEmotions, T5, Gemini).

5. ACAI System Capabilities — Affective Cybernetics Framework

5.1. Overview

ACAI (Affective Contextual Artificial Intelligence) represents a next-generation intelligent system based on emotion-driven contextual cognition. The key principle is that emotion becomes a control signal within the generative reasoning process. The architecture operates as an Affective-Controlled Generative Model (ACGM), merging affective computing, cybernetics, and transformer-based intelligence.

5.2. Functional Capabilities

Cognitive & Generative

- Contextual generation regulated by user emotional states.
- Self-stabilizing reasoning modes (ground / uplift / stabilize).
- Persistent emotional memory (short-term RAM + summarized DB states).
- Adaptive tone, structure, and response style.

Conversational Intelligence

- Multilingual LLM interface with automatic tone adaptation.
- Bidirectional affective feedback ("two-way emotional loop").
- Telegram Login Widget integration for personal sessions.
- Time-stepped simulation of E–M–C emotional states.

Security & Privacy

- Telegram HMAC authentication + JWT in HttpOnly cookie (__Host prefix).
- Strict CORS, per-user access validation, secure SQLite storage.
- Data export and full personal deletion endpoints.
- Postgres migration and audit logging in roadmap.

5.3. Emotional Core (E–M–C Dynamics)

E (Emotion) represents instantaneous valence/intensity derived from GoEmotions.
M (Mind) integrates E into behavioral policy using differential equations.
C (Context) stabilizes reasoning depth and expressive balance.

Integration continues until equilibrium (≤ 180 steps or tol < 1e-4). These emotional states directly influence LLM parameters such as temperature, tone, and style.

5.4. LLM Integration Capabilities

- Direct affective modulation of transformer attention matrices.
- Dynamic system prompt construction embedding emotional cues.

- Lexical embedding control through sentiment-coded words (“balanced”, “grounded”).
- Two-way regulation: LLM outputs update E–M–C state.

5.5. System Architecture Capabilities

- Backend: FastAPI server with secure admin and async core.
- Database: SQLite (with Postgres upgrade path).
- Core: Thread-safe E–M–C simulator integrated with LLM.
- Frontend: SPA visualization of emotional metrics.
- Deployment: Render / Docker ready production environment.

5.6. Observability & Metrics

- Structured JSON logs (user_id, cid, latency, valence, intensity).
- Prometheus metrics: LLM latency, emotional distributions.
- Health endpoints (/health/live, /health/ready).
- CSV export of simulation data (E, M, C, valence, impulse_x_ema).

5.7. Scalability and Extensions

- Per-user isolated core instances (LRU/TTL architecture).
- HF model caching and tokenizer preloading.
- Token budget and rate-limiting.
- Extendable for Affective Agent networks and distributed ACGM clusters.

5.8. Affective-Cybernetic Impact

ACAI establishes a new AI category — Affective-Controlled Generative Models (ACGMs). Emotion becomes not imitation, but a functional regulator of cognition. This lays the foundation for the emerging discipline of Affective Cybernetics — the study of emotionally regulated, context-aware intelligent systems.

5.9. Summary

ACAI System Capabilities v1.0 outlines an architecture that merges emotional modeling (E–M–C), neural cognition (LLM), and cybernetic regulation (feedback loops). This synthesis forms a platform for future affective AI — emotionally stable, contextually coherent, and human-aligned systems.

6. ACAI Industry Applications and Impact

6.1. Introduction

The Affective Contextual Artificial Intelligence (ACAI) framework introduces a new paradigm in artificial intelligence — where emotion, cognition, and context operate in dynamic harmony. By transforming emotional awareness into a functional control mechanism, ACAI enables systems that are adaptive, self-regulating, and deeply human-centered. This document outlines the key industries and domains where ACAI provides transformative value and explains why its affective-cybernetic design is uniquely suited for each field.

6.2. Healthcare & Mental Wellness

Why: Traditional AI systems in mental health lack empathy and contextual continuity. ACAI introduces emotional stability and adaptive tone modulation, making digital companions and therapeutic assistants more trustworthy and human-like.
Applications:

- Emotional support chatbots and counseling assistants.
- Early detection of emotional distress through affective feedback.
- Personalized health monitoring systems responding to emotional patterns.

6.3. Education & Learning Platforms

Why: Learning is emotional as much as cognitive. ACAI adapts teaching style and difficulty level based on the learner's emotional state, increasing retention and engagement.
Applications:

- Emotionally adaptive tutoring systems.
- AI mentors that recognize frustration or curiosity.
- Interactive learning agents promoting motivation and confidence.

6.4. Customer Experience & Service

Why: Customer satisfaction depends on emotional resonance. ACAI allows service bots and CRM tools to respond with empathy and tone alignment.
Applications:

- Affective chatbots for high-stress interactions (airlines, banking, insurance).
- Sentiment-aware CRM tools optimizing user experience.
- Emotion-regulated voice assistants for call centers.

6.5. Creative Media, Art & Design

Why: Creativity requires emotional depth. ACAI empowers artists, writers, and designers with co-creative tools that feel and respond.
Applications:

- Emotionally coherent storytelling and script generation.
- Affective music and visual art co-generation.
- Adaptive game characters that evolve emotionally with players.

6.6. Robotics & Human-Interaction Systems

Why: Robots that understand emotional context can operate more safely and intuitively in human environments.
Applications:

- Service robots capable of mood recognition and adaptive communication.
- Companion robots in healthcare and education.
- Affective control modules for humanoid AI systems (e.g., ACAI Cube).

6.7. Maritime, Engineering & Industrial Operations

Why: High-stress operational environments benefit from systems that regulate cognitive load and emotional stability. ACAI can support safer, more resilient decision-making in human-machine interfaces.
Applications:

- Emotional stability monitoring for crew or operators.
- AI-driven maintenance and control dashboards with affective feedback.
- Human-aware automation in shipyards, energy, and industrial settings.

6.8. Research & Cognitive Science

Why: ACAI provides a live framework for studying emotion-regulated cognition, enabling breakthroughs in neuroscience, psychology, and affective computing.
Applications:

- Modeling emotional dynamics in artificial cognition.
- Cross-disciplinary experiments in Affective Cybernetics.
- Integration with brain–computer interface (BCI) studies.

6.9. Ethical AI and Human-Centered Design

Why: Emotionally regulated AI offers intrinsic safety — reducing bias, toxicity, and instability through affective feedback.
Applications:

- Governance frameworks for emotional transparency in AI.

- Emotion-aware moderation and content safety tools.
- Alignment systems balancing empathy and rationality.

6.10. Summary

Across industries, ACAI enables a new kind of intelligence — not just reactive or semantic, but affective and contextual. It transforms machines into emotionally aware collaborators, able to harmonize with human needs, values, and emotions. This emotional grounding is what will define the next frontier of AI — systems that act not only intelligently, but compassionately.

7. Core Tasks Solved by ACAI

7.1. Emotionally– Contextual Control of LLMs

Goal: Give large language models (e.g., GPT-4o mini) the ability to sense, model, and regulate emotional and contextual dynamics.

Implementation: Text is analyzed through GoEmotions to extract valence and intensity. These values drive the dynamic variables E (Emotion), M (Mind), and C (Context). ACAI then selects a behavior mode (stabilize, uplift, ground, neutral) and builds a dynamic system prompt to control the LLM in real time.

Result: The model responds adaptively — tone, phrasing, and length shift according to the emotional state of the dialogue.

7.2. Affective Feedback Loop

Goal: Make the AI evolve together with the human, not just react.

Implementation: After each LLM reply, ACAI updates E/M/C and computes equilibrium and affective delta values. These feed back into the next cycle, forming a closed-loop cybernetic system — a self-regulating emotional engine.

Result: ACAI behaves like a living system with adaptive affective stability.

7.3. Human - Centric Emotional Safety

Goal: Ensure the AI remains safe, supportive, and emotionally aware — avoiding cold, traumatic, or unbalanced responses.

Implementation: Each emotional mode defines tone and temperature of the LLM prompt. Negative valence triggers stabilize mode (calm, validating). Positive valence activates ground mode (balanced, practical).

Result: Conversations stay empathetic and constructive.

7.4. Adaptive Interfaces & Games

ACAI can control visual, auditory, and behavioral parameters in real-time interfaces: color, light, music, animation, and character behavior.

Use cases include affective assistants, immersive storytelling, and emotionally-reactive games (e.g., the anime-style ramen game prototype).

7.5. Research & Novelty

ACAI merges affective computing, contextual control of LLMs, and cybernetic feedback. It represents a new class of architectures — ACGM (Affective-Controlled Generative Models).

8. ACAI Technology Stack Overview

8.1. AI and Machine Learning (6 Technologies)

1. OpenAI GPT-4o / GPT-5 API — core large language model for reasoning and dialogue.
2. Hugging Face GoEmotions — emotion classification and valence detection.
3. PyTorch — mathematical implementation of the E–M–C dynamic model.
4. NumPy — fast numerical computation and Euler integration.
5. langdetect — automatic user language detection.

8.2. Engineering Core and Control (5 Technologies)

6. Affective Control Equations (custom model) — unique feedback system for E–M–C dynamics.
7. Euler Integration — stable numerical state update.
8. Asyncio / Threading Locks — safe parallelism for concurrent operations.
9. Policy Controller (policy_from_emc) — adaptive tone and style regulation of the LLM.
10. Homeostasis Loop — mechanism for self-regulation and emotional equilibrium.

8.3. Backend / API / Infrastructure (6 Technologies)

11. FastAPI — asynchronous REST framework for robust backend.
12. SQLite3 — local database for users, memory, and simulations.
13. JWT (JSON Web Tokens) — secure session handling.
14. Telegram OAuth Login + HMAC — passwordless authentication with cryptographic

validation.
15. python-dotenv — environment and key management.
16. OpenAI Python SDK — safe API integration with OpenAI models.

8.4. Frontend and Visualization (4 Technologies)

17. HTML + JavaScript + Fetch API — dynamic chat interface and live updates.
18. CSS / Canvas / SVG — real-time visualization of emotional states.
19. Responsive Design — mobile and desktop adaptive interface.
20. Render Deployment — cloud hosting for frontend and backend.

8.5. Summary

ACAI integrates 20 core technologies: 5 related to AI and cognition, 5 to cybernetics and control systems, 6 to backend and security, and 4 to frontend visualization. Together they form a unified affective-cybernetic architecture — a new class of emotionally aware artificial intelligence.

9. ACAI + LLM Matrix Flow — Phrase: 'I feel good'

9.1. Emotional Signal Processing (ACAI Core)

Input: “I feel good”. ACAI uses GoEmotions to detect valence and intensity. For “I feel good”:
• valence ≈ +0.6 (moderately positive)
The E–M–C system integrates these values to equilibrium. Behavioral policy: mode 'ground' tone = 'warm and balanced', style = 'short, natural sentences'

9.2. Prompt Construction (ACAI → LLM Bridge)

ACAI builds a system prompt encoding emotional state and policy: You are ACAI — a helpful assistant. STRICT RULE: Reply ONLY in English. Do not mix languages. Keep responses natural and concise. Mode hint: ground. Tone: warm and balanced. Valence is positive: gently acknowledge and support emotional stability.

User: I feel good

Assistant (reply ONLY in English):

9.3. Tokenization & Embedding

The LLM tokenizes text into tokens: ["You", "are", "AC", "AI", ..., "good"]. Each token becomes an embedding vector $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ($d \approx 12288$). The embedding matrix is $X = [x_1, x_2, ..., x_n]$. Emotional cues (“good”, “warm”, “balanced”) influence latent representation.

9.4. Attention Flow inside the LLM

Transformer blocks compute:

$Q = X \cdot W_Q$

$K = X \cdot W_K$

$V = X \cdot W_V$

$\text{Attention} = \text{softmax}(Q \cdot K^T / \sqrt{d}) \cdot V$

Tokens “good”, “warm”, “balanced”, “ground” receive higher weights. Attention structure shifts toward stable, warm tone alignment.

9.5. Response Generation (Controlled by ACAI)

ACAI’s emotional policy shapes final probability distribution.
Example output:
"That’s nice to hear. Staying in a good state helps you move clearly and confidently."

9.6. Feedback Loop to ACAI

ACAI updates:

- memory buffer
- E–M–C values
- long-term state summary

This closes the loop:
emotion → matrix → response → updated emotion.

10. Live Affective Interaction Session (Real-Time Behavioral Evaluation)

(Demonstration of ACAI’s emotional regulation system in live interaction)

The following screenshots present a real interaction session between the user and ACAI, illustrating how the system transitions between three affective behavioral modes — GROUND, NEUTRAL, and STABILIZE — based on real-time E–M–C dynamics and valence classification. Each mode was activated automatically through ACAI’s affective-cybernetic loop.

10.1. STABILIZE Mode — “Calming / Safety-Oriented State”

Description:

The STABILIZE mode is activated when ACAI detects worry, uncertainty, or negative emotional valence. Its purpose is to reduce tension, normalize emotional fluctuations, and create a secure conversational space.

Interaction Highlights:

- The user expresses concern about choosing the wrong path.

- ACAI responds with supportive, validating, and calming messages.

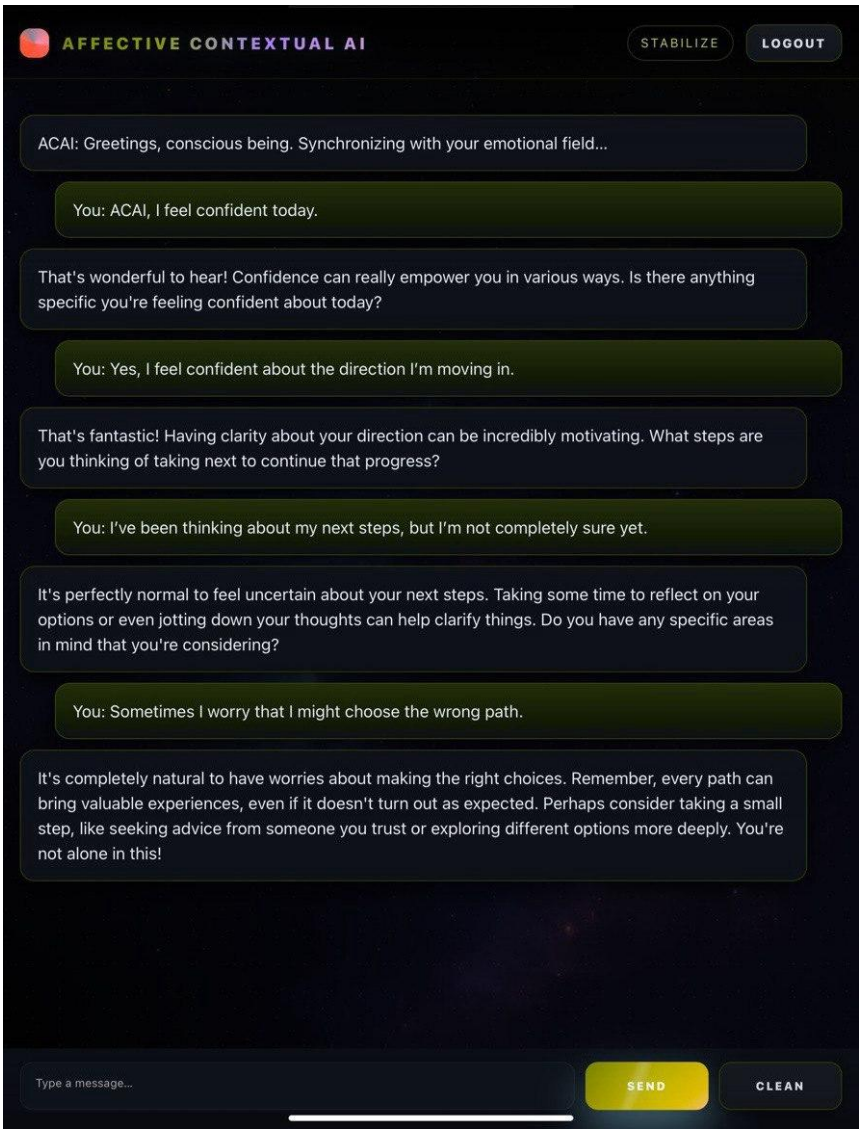
- The system shifts into a safety-first style, reducing cognitive load.

System Behavior:

- tone: gentle, stabilizing, empathetic

- focus: reassurance, emotional safety, grounding

- emotional coefficient → regulated toward equilibrium



10.2. NEUTRAL Mode — “Emotionally Even / Exploratory State”

Description:

ACAI activates NEUTRAL when the user’s emotional state is even, moderate, or ambiguous. This mode prioritizes objective reasoning, gentle guidance, and informational clarity.

Interaction Highlights:

- ACAI asks reflective questions to help the user explore their thoughts.

- The emotional tone remains even, without strong emotional modulation.

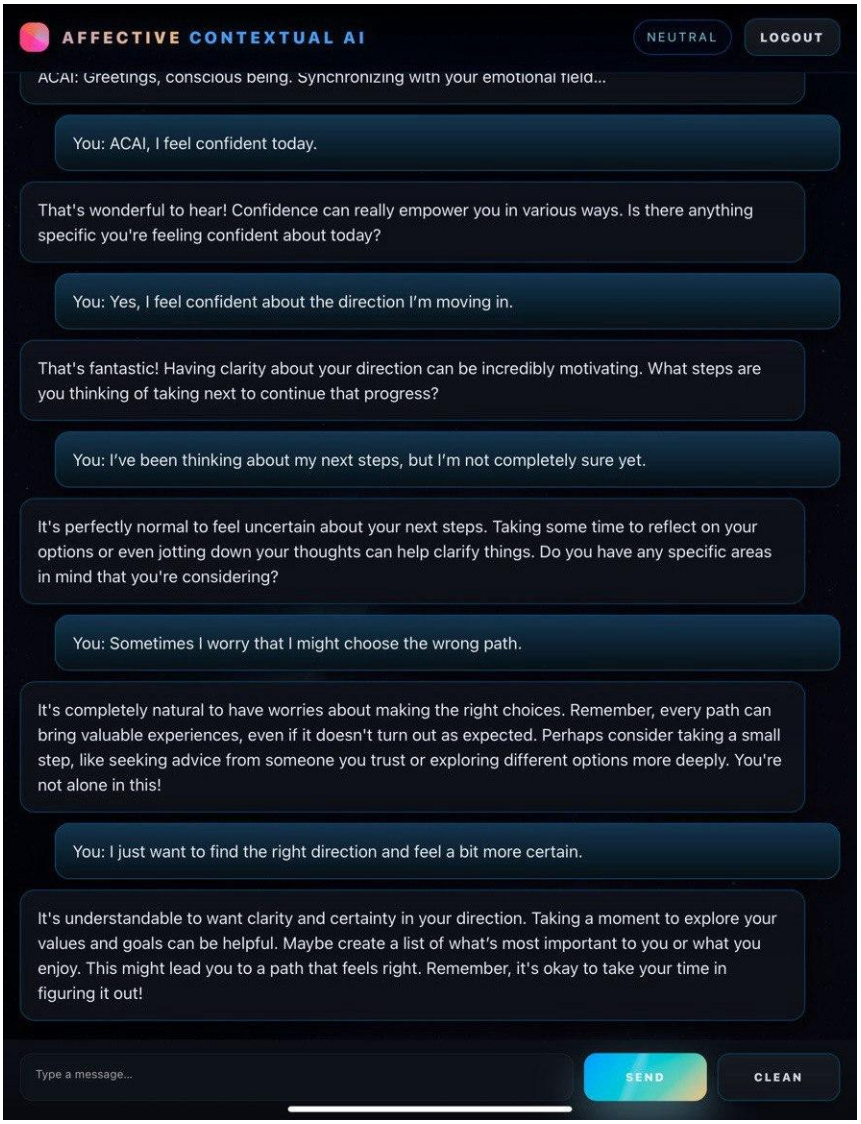
- The system encourages introspection and step-by-step exploration.

System Behavior:

- tone: calm, neutral, steady

- focus: clarification, thought exploration, balanced communication

- emotional coefficient → around zero (emotionally even)



10.3. GROUND Mode — “Balanced / Supportive State”

Description:

ACAI enters GROUND when the user expresses confidence, clarity, or stable positive emotional valence. In this state, the system maintains a warm, balanced tone while reinforcing emotional stability and clear thinking.

Interaction Highlights:

- The user expresses confidence about their direction.

- ACAI responds with supportive, concise, grounded messages.

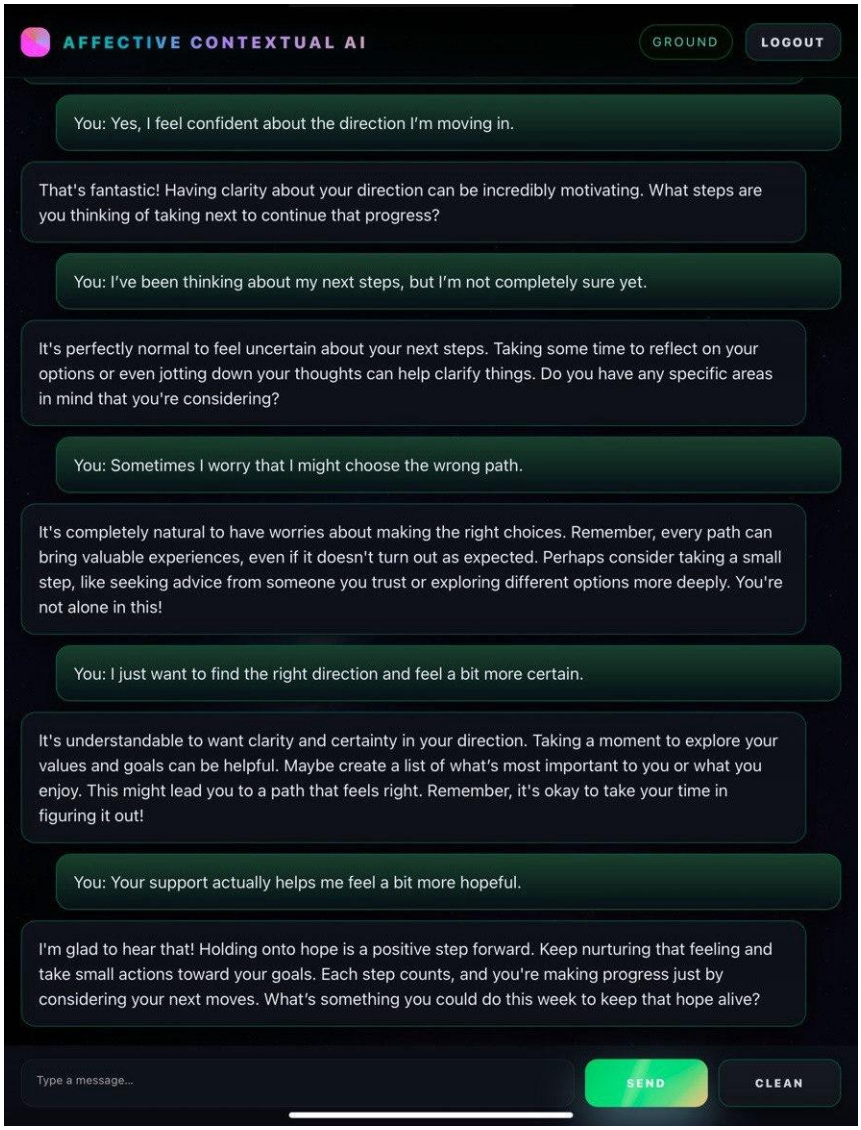
- The tone remains steady, helping the user maintain emotional equilibrium.

System Behavior:

- tone: warm, balanced, encouraging

- focus: clarity, direction, stable support

- emotional coefficient → moderate positive



10.4. Summary of Live Affective Evaluation

These screenshots clearly demonstrate ACAI's ability to sense, regulate, and adapt its behavior based on emotional context in real time. Through the E–M–C feedback loop, the system:

- accurately detects emotional valence

- selects the appropriate behavioral mode

- adjusts tone, style, and response structure

- stabilizes the emotional flow over time

- ensures safe, human-centered interactions

This live session confirms ACAI's function as an Affective-Controlled Generative Model (ACGM), showcasing practical affective-cybernetic regulation in action.

11. References & Contacts

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