

**Network stage  
(Integrative fusion)**

Affective neuroscience  
(Pessoa;  
constructionist). Neural  
integration and  
bidirectional coupling.

Somatic marker  
(Damasio/Bechara). Emotion as  
signal. Real-world decision  
failures when affect is  
unavailable.

DLN stage  
moderates

**Linear stage  
(Suppressive compartmentalization)**

Emotion regulation  
(Gross). Suppression vs  
reappraisal: strategy  
costs and benefits.

Dual-process / bias  
(Kahneman/Tversky; affect  
heuristic). Emotion as  
noise/bias via  
context-inappropriate signals.

**Dot stage  
(Reactive separation)**

Reactive affect /  
impulsivity.  
Stimulus-driven  
responding and post-hoc  
rationalization.

Implicit-explicit gaps (IAT vs  
self-report). Influence without  
awareness.

Key claim: contradictions persist because studies aggregate across architectures.  
DLN stage predicts when emotion functions primarily as noise vs signal.