

**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.

**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.

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moderates