

**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.