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.