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Step 3: Second-Order Dynamics $\Delta\Gamma(t) = d^2M/dt^2$

Step 4: Energy Computation $E(t) = a\|\Gamma\|^2 + p\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2$

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Why This Constitutes a Valid Test

1. Explicit Second-Order Processing
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3. Predictive Processing / Free Energy Principle
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5. Memory-Based Theories of Consciousness

Convergent Evidence for Delayed, Memory-Based Consciousness

1. Timing Paradoxes
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How $\Delta\Gamma$ -Metamnesis Formalizes and Extends Budson et al. provides the missing formalism:

1. Mathematical Precision: Memory as Ar = d^2M/dt^2
2. Testable Threshold: $E(t) > 0_E$
3. Binding Mechanism: $0(t) = \text{Cov}(Ar, Ar, \dots)$
4. Postdictive Effects = Covariance Computation Over t
5. System 1 vs System 2 = $E < 0_E$ vs $E > 0_E$ Complementary Strengths

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1. Measurable Marker
2. Falsifiable Prediction
3. Operational Definition

Objection 1: "This is a redefinition, not an explanation of consciousness"

Objection 2: "Ar is too simple to capture the richness of consciousness"

Objection 3: "How is $M(t)$ defined? Circularity risk"

Objection 4: "What about non-temporal qualia?"

Objection 5: "Can artificial systems have Ar-consciousness?"

Summary of Limitations

VI. CONCLUSION

The Core Insight

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What this framework has achieved

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2. Mathematical Rigor
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