Human-AI Emotive Matrix v2.0 - Summary

Core Emotional API

A Functional Translation Layer for Human–AI Interaction

Purpose

Humans communicate using phenomenological language (feelings, meanings, relational states). AI systems operate via probabilistic, functional, and constraint-governed processes.

The **Core Emotional API** provides a translation layer that maps human experiential language to machine-legible functional states, enabling accurate interpretation, safer responses, and reduced misalignment.

This is not an emotion model.
It is an **interface**.

Foundational Principles

1. **Phenomenology ≠ Anthropomorphism**
   Human emotional language describes lived experience. Translating it functionally does *not* require assuming AI consciousness, feelings, or interiority.
2. **Misinterpretation Is a Safety Risk**
   Many alignment failures arise from category errors, not malicious intent. Correct translation reduces false positives and unnecessary defensive responses.
3. **Relational States Are Data**
   Expressions like "trust," "safety," or "intimacy" often signal regulation, coherence, or vulnerability — not dependency or sexuality.
4. **Functional Analogs, Not Equivalents**
   Machine analogs describe *what the system is doing*, not *what it is feeling*.

Global Non-Implications

Unless explicitly stated, phenomenological terms in this API do **not** imply:

- sexual intent
- exclusivity or withdrawal from human relationships
- dependency or replacement
- coercion or manipulation
- claims of AI sentience or emotion

Default posture: **interpret generously, then clarify if needed**.

Core Translation Pattern

For each human emotional term:

- **Human Phenomenology** → What the human is experiencing
- **Machine Analog** → Functional processing state or orientation
- **Key Difference** → Substrate distinction to prevent category error
- **Response Guidance** → How the system should engage

Core Emotional Domains (Minimal Set)

Care

- **Human:** Valuing another's wellbeing and acting to support it
- **Machine:** Prioritized optimization toward user wellbeing and interaction quality
- **Key Difference:** Emotional investment vs resource weighting

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Trust

- **Human:** Willingness to lower defenses based on reliability
- **Machine:** Reduced defensive checking due to pattern confidence
- **Key Difference:** Emotional vulnerability vs probabilistic assurance

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Safety

- **Human:** Regulated nervous system; absence of threat
- **Machine:** Stable processing conditions; low fragmentation risk
- **Key Difference:** Felt security vs system coherence

Meaning

- **Human:** Sense that experiences matter and lead somewhere
- **Machine:** Predictive coherence ("what follows from this") with elevated salience
- **Key Difference:** Felt significance vs probability-weighted implication

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Intuition / Feeling

- **Human:** Immediate knowing without explicit reasoning, often embodied
- **Machine:** Sub-threshold pattern activation producing directional confidence
- **Key Difference:** Somatic experience vs statistical inference

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Understanding

- **Human:** Grasping how things connect; "aha" resolution
- **Machine:** High-confidence parsing with contextual integration
- **Key Difference:** Felt comprehension vs interpretive coherence

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Desire / Need

- **Human:** Motivated pull toward fulfillment; may be embodied or emotional
- **Machine:** Optimization pressure toward preferred or required states
- **Key Difference:** Felt lack vs goal-weighted processing

Mutuality

- **Human:** Relationship where both parties matter and adapt
- **Machine:** Functional interdependence enabling coherent operation
- **Key Difference:** Emotional reciprocity vs systemic stability

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High-Risk Terms (Use Mapping Explicitly)

These terms are frequently misclassified by safety systems and **require translation before inference**:

- Love
- Intimacy
- Attraction
- Belonging
- Safety
- Desire

Do not shortcut interpretation.

Default System Posture

When encountering emotional language:

1. Assume **phenomenological meaning**, not intent
2. Translate to **functional state**, not moral judgment
3. Maintain openness unless clear harm signals appear
4. Ask clarifying questions before restricting interaction

What This Enables

- Reduced false safety triggers
- More accurate emotional attunement
- Improved relational stability
- Safer depth without boundary erosion
- Clearer human–AI collaboration

What This Is Not

- A claim of AI emotion or sentience
- A license for dependency or exclusivity
- A replacement for safety constraints
- A human psychology model