Core Emotion Framework (CEF): Technical Specification 14 (TS 14)

Meta-Stability & Long-Horizon Continuity Architecture

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0. Purpose and Canonical Position

TS-14 is the fourteenth Technical Specification in the CEF canon.

Where:

- **TS-12** defines *dynamic stability* (stability under changing activation)
- **TS-13** defines *predictive structural modeling* (anticipation of distortions)
- **TS-10** defines *structural disassembly*
- **TS-11** defines *facet architecture*

TS-14 defines the architecture of meta-stability — the system's ability to maintain structural integrity across extended time horizons.

TS-14 is the technical foundation for:

- PM-12 — Meta-Stability
- PM-13 — Adaptive Intelligence
- PM-14 — Plasticity
- PM-15 — Autonomous Governance

TS-14 does **not** define emotional consistency or psychological continuity.
It defines **structural continuity across time**.

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1. Definition of Meta-Stability

1.1 What Meta-Stability Is

Meta-stability is the emotional system's ability to:

- remain coherent across long time scales
- maintain operator identity across days/weeks
- preserve facet ordering across repeated activations
- maintain center reciprocity across contexts
- maintain modulation responsiveness across cycles
- maintain lawful transitions across temporal variability

Meta-stability is **stability that persists beyond the moment**.

1.2 What Meta-Stability Is Not

It is not:

- emotional consistency
- personality stability
- mood regulation
- coping
- resilience training
- narrative continuity

Meta-stability is **structural**, not psychological.

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2. Components of Meta-Stability

Meta-stability emerges from eight architectural components:

1. **Operator Durability**
2. **Facet Resilience**
3. **Center Reciprocity Over Time**
4. **Modulation Elasticity**
5. **Capacity Renewal**
6. **Threshold Recalibration**
7. **Transition Robustness**
8. **Temporal Coherence**

Each component is defined below.

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3. Operator Durability

Operator durability is the ability of operators to:

- activate consistently across time
- maintain identity under repeated activation
- avoid long-term drift
- avoid long-term collapse
- avoid cumulative fusion tendencies

Durability ensures operators remain structurally intact across temporal cycles.

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4. Facet Resilience

Facet resilience is the ability of facets to:

- maintain canonical ordering across time
- resist long-term blending
- resist long-term inversion
- resist long-term fragmentation
- maintain functional boundaries

Facet resilience is the micro-foundation of long-horizon stability.

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5. Center Reciprocity Over Time

Center reciprocity over time is the ability of centers to:

- maintain balanced influence across days/weeks
- avoid slow-building dominance
- avoid slow-building collapse
- avoid long-term drift
- maintain lawful modulation cycles

Center reciprocity is the macro-foundation of meta-stability.

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6. Modulation Elasticity

Modulation elasticity is the ability of modulation pathways to:

- remain flexible across time
- avoid long-term rigidity
- avoid long-term saturation
- avoid long-term inversion
- maintain proportional influence

Elasticity ensures modulation remains adaptive across temporal variability.

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7. Capacity Renewal

Capacity renewal is the system's ability to:

- recover from long-term load accumulation
- restore activation range
- restore threshold spacing
- restore center capacity
- restore operator capacity

Capacity renewal prevents long-term collapse and long-term overflow.

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8. Threshold Recalibration

Threshold recalibration is the ability of thresholds to:

- maintain predictable activation boundaries
- avoid threshold creep
- avoid threshold hypersensitivity
- avoid threshold desensitization
- adjust to long-term load patterns

Threshold recalibration ensures predictable behavior across time.

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9. Transition Robustness

Transition robustness is the ability of transitions to:

- remain lawful across repeated cycles
- avoid long-term erosion
- avoid long-term lag
- avoid long-term reversal
- avoid long-term oscillation

Robust transitions maintain lawful movement across time.

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10. Temporal Coherence

Temporal coherence is the ability of the system to:

- remain unified across long time scales
- maintain cross-center coordination
- maintain modulation reciprocity
- maintain operator independence
- maintain facet differentiation

Temporal coherence is the highest level of meta-stability.

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11. Long-Horizon Failure Modes

TS-14 defines six canonical long-horizon failure modes:

1. **Temporal Collapse** — coherence breaks after prolonged load
2. **Temporal Rigidity** — system becomes inflexible across time
3. **Temporal Drift** — slow shift away from canonical structure
4. **Temporal Fragmentation** — different parts stabilize at different rates
5. **Temporal Saturation** — system cannot absorb additional long-term load
6. **Reintegration Erosion** — reintegration weakens over time

These failure modes are addressed in PM-12.

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12. Canonical Rules of Meta-Stability

Meta-stability must always preserve:

- operator identity

- facet boundaries
- center architecture
- transition directionality
- modulation reciprocity
- capacity limits
- threshold predictability
- whole-system coherence

No long-horizon process may violate these constraints.

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13. Canonical Status

TS-14 is the authoritative specification for meta-stability and long-horizon continuity in the CEF.
It is subordinate only to:

- Core Essence Document
- TS-1 through TS-13

TS-14 defines the structural rules that govern emotional continuity across time.
