Core Emotion Framework (CEF): Technical Specification 15 (TS 15)

Adaptive Intelligence Architecture

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0. Purpose and Canonical Position

TS-15 is the fifteenth Technical Specification in the CEF canon.

Where:

- **TS-12** defines *dynamic stability*
- **TS-13** defines *predictive structural modeling*
- **TS-14** defines *meta-stability*
- **TS-10** defines *structural disassembly*
- **TS-11** defines *facet architecture*

TS-15 defines the architecture of adaptive emotional intelligence — the system's ability to autonomously refine, improve, and optimize its own structure while preserving canonical boundaries.

TS-15 is the technical foundation for:

- PM-13 — Adaptive Emotional Intelligence
- PM-14 — Plasticity & Reconfiguration
- PM-15 — Autonomous Structural Governance

TS-15 does **not** define psychological growth, maturity, or insight.
It defines **structural self-optimization** only.

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1. Definition of Adaptive Emotional Intelligence

1.1 What Adaptive Intelligence Is

Adaptive intelligence is the emotional system's ability to:

- detect micro-distortions
- correct them autonomously
- refine modulation pathways
- smooth transitions
- rebalance centers
- recalibrate capacity
- strengthen coherence
- improve structural efficiency over time

Adaptive intelligence is **self-directed structural optimization**, not psychological development.

1.2 What Adaptive Intelligence Is Not

It is not:

- emotional maturity
- coping skills
- self-awareness
- insight
- behavioral adaptation
- narrative coherence

Adaptive intelligence is **architecture-level intelligence**, not psychological sophistication.

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2. Components of Adaptive Intelligence

Adaptive intelligence emerges from eight architectural components:

1. **Operator Micro-Responsiveness**
2. **Facet Micro-Differentiation**
3. **Center Micro-Reciprocity**
4. **Modulation Micro-Adjustment**
5. **Capacity Micro-Renewal**

6. **Threshold Micro-Calibration**
7. **Transition Micro-Smoothing**
8. **Coherence Micro-Optimization**

Each component is defined below.

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3. Operator Micro-Responsiveness

Operator micro-responsiveness is the ability of operators to:

- detect subtle shifts in activation
- adjust activation proportionally
- maintain identity under micro-load
- avoid micro-fusion
- avoid micro-collapse

Micro-responsiveness enables fine-grained structural adaptation.

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4. Facet Micro-Differentiation

Facet micro-differentiation is the ability of facets to:

- maintain precise boundaries under micro-activation
- adjust ordering without inversion
- resist micro-blending
- maintain functional clarity
- recalibrate sensitivity

This is the micro-foundation of adaptive intelligence.

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5. Center Micro-Reciprocity

Center micro-reciprocity is the ability of centers to:

- modulate each other in small increments
- maintain balance under micro-load
- avoid micro-dominance
- avoid micro-collapse

- maintain lawful influence patterns

This is the macro-foundation of adaptive intelligence.

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6. Modulation Micro-Adjustment

Modulation micro-adjustment is the ability of modulation pathways to:

- adjust influence strength in tiny increments
- avoid micro-rigidity
- avoid micro-saturation
- avoid micro-inversion
- maintain proportionality

This enables fine-tuned structural optimization.

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7. Capacity Micro-Renewal

Capacity micro-renewal is the system's ability to:

- restore activation range after micro-load
- maintain elasticity
- prevent micro-overload
- prevent micro-collapse
- maintain threshold spacing

This prevents long-term degradation.

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8. Threshold Micro-Calibration

Threshold micro-calibration is the ability of thresholds to:

- adjust sensitivity in small increments
- maintain predictability
- avoid micro-creep
- avoid micro-hypersensitivity
- avoid micro-desensitization

This ensures stable activation boundaries.

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9. Transition Micro-Smoothing

Transition micro-smoothing is the ability of transitions to:

- reduce micro-lag
- reduce micro-resistance
- maintain directionality
- maintain smoothness
- maintain cross-center coherence

This preserves lawful movement under micro-activation.

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10. Coherence Micro-Optimization

Coherence micro-optimization is the ability of the system to:

- maintain unity under micro-load
- maintain synchrony
- maintain cross-center coordination
- maintain modulation reciprocity
- maintain operator independence

This is the highest level of adaptive intelligence.

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11. Adaptive Failure Modes

TS-15 defines five canonical adaptive failure modes:

1. **Over-Autonomy** — system attempts to self-correct beyond its capacity
2. **Under-Autonomy** — system remains dependent on external correction
3. **Adaptive Rigidity** — system self-corrects but cannot adapt
4. **Adaptive Drift** — self-correction leads to misalignment
5. **Adaptive Fragmentation** — different parts self-optimize at different rates

These failure modes are addressed in PM-13.

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12. Canonical Rules of Adaptive Intelligence

Adaptive intelligence must always preserve:

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

No adaptive process may violate these constraints.

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13. Canonical Status

TS-15 is the authoritative specification for adaptive emotional intelligence in the CEF.
It is subordinate only to:

- Core Essence Document
- TS-1 through TS-14

TS-15 defines the structural rules that govern autonomous emotional optimization.
