

TEG-Blue — Emotional Technology for Research & Academia

The Challenge

Despite decades of psychological and neuroscientific progress, there is still **no common framework for distinguishing trauma responses from manipulative intent**.

- Emotional data is treated as subjective or "soft."
- Tools remain fragmented across therapy, education, and neuroscience.
- Al and social systems risk misinterpreting human behavior without reliable models of emotional logic.

This "emotional ambiguity gap" undermines research validity, cross-disciplinary collaboration, and the development of responsible technologies.

The Innovation

TEG-Blue™ (The Emotional Gradient Blueprint) is a visual, open-access mapping system that:

• Treats emotions as structured **relational data**, not irrational noise.

- Makes protective vs. manipulative patterns measurable across individuals, relationships, and systems.
- Aligns with 30+ established models (Polyvagal, IFS, SEL, etc.) while offering a unified architecture.
- Provides a living framework for systematic research in psychology, neuroscience, education, and Al.

Key Practical Tools

- The 4-Mode Gradient System Connect, Protect, Manipulation, Tyranny
- <u>Gradient Scales</u> Emotional Hurt, Accountability, Control, Empathy, Entitlement
- TEG-Code Structured emotional data architecture for research and Al
- <u>EMLU Benchmark</u> Emotional Multitask Language Understanding (the first benchmark for AI emotional reasoning)
- <u>The Emotional Circuit Board</u> (in development) a conceptual model integrating internal compass, empathy sensors, and mode recognition for embodied, real-time measurement

These tools allow for **operationalization**, **measurement**, and **hypothesis testing** in domains that until now have been resistant to systematic study.

Why It Matters for Research

- **Fills a gap**: Provides a unifying model where current theories remain siloed.
- **Operationalizes constructs**: Offers measurable scales for harm, empathy, accountability, and manipulation.
- **Enables cross-disciplinary work**: Bridges psychology, neuroscience, education, sociology, and Al.

- **Supports open science**: Licensed for research use (CC BY-NC-SA), with open materials for validation and critique.
- **Creates new research pathways**: From pilot instruments to cross-cultural validation and Al alignment.

A Bridge for the Future

TEG-Blue is offered not as a finished product, but as an **emerging research commons**.

We invite academics and researchers to:

- Validate and test instruments
- Co-author methods notes and comparative studies
- Pilot cross-disciplinary applications
- Shape the next generation of emotional technology together

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