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Pseudonymous Emotional Operation

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Affective state operating as internal modulation parameter not externally readable, with a privacy model preserving pseudonymous identity while affect governs internal behavior.

What It Is

The affective state operates entirely as an internal modulation parameter. No external entity can directly read an agent's affective field values. Other agents and systems observe only the behavioral effects of affect, such as elevated thresholds or reduced delegation frequency, not the underlying emotional state itself.

This privacy model preserves pseudonymous identity by preventing affective fingerprinting, where an agent's emotional profile could be used to correlate its identity across interactions.

Why It Matters

If affective state were externally readable, adversaries could profile agents by their emotional signatures, correlating nominally pseudonymous agents across interactions. An agent with a distinctive pattern of risk sensitivity and cooperation disposition would be identifiable despite pseudonymous identity.

Internal-only affect also prevents manipulation based on known emotional state. An adversary who can read affect could craft interactions designed to exploit specific emotional vulnerabilities.

How It Works Structurally

The affective field is stored in the agent's internal state and is not exposed through any external interface. When the agent interacts with other agents or systems, the interaction outcomes reflect affective modulation through behavioral differences, but the affective field values are not transmitted.

Governance processes that need to audit affective state access it through privileged lineage inspection channels subject to their own policy constraints, not through real-time state queries.

What It Enables

Privacy-preserving affective computation where agents develop rich emotional profiles without exposing those profiles to external observation. This is essential for companion AI and therapeutic applications where the agent's internal state should remain private.

Robust pseudonymity in multi-agent networks where behavioral observation alone cannot reliably reconstruct the underlying affective configuration.

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Emotion as a computational primitive, not a simulation.

Primary Technical Disclosure

[◦ Affective State as a Deterministic Control Primitive for Semantic Agents](#)

Secondary Technical

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Applications (General)

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