Quantum Emotional Semiconductors (QES): Integrating Neural Coherence, Semiconductor Physics, and Artificial Intelligence for Emotionally Embedded Computing Systems

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Abstract

Incorporating emotional intelligence into computational models continues to be a fundamental problem in the fields of neuroscience, artificial intelligence, and semiconductor technology. Modern-day AI systems have shown remarkable prowess in the realm of pattern recognition, inference, and prediction modeling; however, their incorporation of emotion has been mostly representative rather than essential. Emotion is merely encoded or classified via symbols or probabilities, whereas its incorporation does not occur within the materiality of computation itself. This leads to a significant disjuncture between biological intelligence and artificial computing systems. In this paper, an innovative inter-disciplinary paradigm called Quantum Emotional Semiconductors (QES) is proposed for the embedding of emotional coherence in semiconductor-based computing devices.

This paper argues that emotions exist as information states that arise due to phase coherence in synchronous oscillatory activity in neural circuits in the brain. Using recent advances made in neural cognition research, emotions can be identified by phase synchronization, cross-frequency coupling, and minimization of entropy across large-scale neural circuits. These informational processes have certain characteristics of a quantum phenomenon, such as non-linearity, probability distribution, and decoherence. It is not suggested that there is any literal quantum computation in the brain, but this quantum model is used to describe emotional states.

The QES framework applies the biological rules to semiconductor architectures through new technologies such as memristors and neuromorphic computing systems. Contrary to conventional semiconductor circuits and architectures relying on transistors for computation, the architectures allow for continuous state modulation, state-memory dependent conduction, and adaptability. The research proposes the Affective Conductance (AC) as the measured value indicative of emotional coherence in the computational substrates. Emotional states are represented in terms of conductance rather than data structures.

The architecture involves three levels; Neuro-Coherence Acquisition Level, Semiconductor Encoding Level, and AI-Q Computing Level. Emotional states are quantified through a Real Time Emotional Coherence Index (RECI) calculated from physiological signals like electroencephalography, heart rate variabilities, and cross-frequency coupling. These coherence values will then be used in controlling the semiconductor parameters allowing emotions to affect computation. The study presents an experimental design that combines physiological measurements and neuromorphic hardware interaction. Preliminary models show that coherence-based systems are more stable and efficient compared to classical designs. Emotionally Modulated Quantum Stability (EMQS) is proposed in this study.

The QES model holds transformative significance for the realms of affective artificial intelligence, mental health technologies, human-computer interaction, and consciousness studies. By reconceptualizing emotions as modulable by hardware changes, this research creates a new paradigm for emotion-informed computing.

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1. Introduction

Artificial intelligence has evolved rapidly over the past decades, achieving remarkable advancements in domains such as natural language processing, computer vision, and decision-making systems. Despite these advancements, a fundamental limitation persists: the absence of intrinsic emotional intelligence. Current AI systems treat emotions as external annotations—labels inferred from data—rather than as internal states influencing computation.

Biological systems, in contrast, exhibit deeply integrated emotional-cognitive architectures. Emotions are not peripheral but central to cognition, influencing perception, memory consolidation, decision-making, and social interaction. This discrepancy reveals a fundamental gap in current computational paradigms.

Simultaneously, semiconductor technology is undergoing a paradigm shift. Traditional CMOS-based systems are increasingly supplemented by neuromorphic architectures and memristive devices that enable adaptive, analog-like computation. These technologies provide an opportunity to move beyond rigid binary logic toward more dynamic, state-dependent systems.

This paper proposes that emotional intelligence can be integrated into computational systems only when it is embedded at the **hardware level**. To achieve this, we introduce the Quantum Emotional Semiconductors (QES) framework, which integrates neural coherence principles with semiconductor dynamics and AI processing.

2. Literature Review

2.1 Neural Cognition and Emotional Processing

Traditional theories localized emotion within limbic structures such as the amygdala and hippocampus. However, contemporary neuroscience emphasizes distributed processing across large-scale networks, including the default mode network (DMN), salience network (SN), and central executive network (CEN). Emotional states emerge through dynamic interactions among these networks, characterized by synchronization and integration.

Research in electrophysiology highlights the importance of oscillatory dynamics. Emotional states are associated with specific patterns of phase synchronization, cross-frequency coupling, and coherence across neural populations. These findings suggest that emotion is not localized but arises from **system-wide coherence patterns**.

2.2 Mind–Brain Connection

The relationship between mind and brain has been debated extensively. Emerging perspectives in cognitive science propose that consciousness arises from dynamic information integration rather than localized neural activity. Emotional states play a critical role in this integration, acting as stabilizing forces that unify distributed processes.

Emotion can thus be conceptualized as a **binding mechanism**, aligning neural activity into coherent experiential states.

2.3 Semiconductor and Neuromorphic Systems

Conventional semiconductor systems rely on binary switching mechanisms. While efficient for logical computation, these systems lack the flexibility to represent continuous, dynamic states. Emerging technologies such as memristors and neuromorphic chips offer new possibilities.

Memristors exhibit memory-dependent resistance, allowing them to store information in a manner analogous to synaptic plasticity. Neuromorphic systems emulate neural architectures, enabling parallel processing and adaptive learning. These properties make them suitable candidates for implementing emotional coherence at the hardware level.

2.4 Affective Computing

Affective computing focuses on enabling machines to recognize and simulate emotions. While progress has been made in emotion detection, these systems remain fundamentally limited. Emotions are treated as outputs rather than internal variables influencing computation.

This highlights the need for a new approach where emotions are embedded within the computational substrate itself.

3. Theoretical Framework: Quantum Emotions (Expanded)

The Quantum Emotional Semiconductors (QES) framework introduces the concept of **quantum emotions** as a novel theoretical lens for understanding the emergence and stabilization of emotional states. Within this framework, emotions are not treated as static outputs or purely biochemical events but as **coherence-driven informational fields** arising from dynamic interactions across neural and physiological systems. This perspective aligns with contemporary views in network neuroscience, which emphasize large-scale integration and synchronization as fundamental mechanisms underlying cognition and affect (Pessoa, 2017; Varela et al., 2001).

Prior to the emergence of a stable emotional state, the system is conceptualized as existing in a **probabilistic configuration**, wherein multiple potential affective responses coexist. This condition resembles a state of distributed neural readiness, where competing patterns of activation are present but not yet unified. As neural oscillations across different brain regions begin to synchronize, the system moves toward a **coherent configuration**, reducing entropy and increasing informational alignment.

The transition from this probabilistic state to a stable emotional experience is described using a **quantum-inspired analogy**. It is important to clarify that this framework does not assert that the brain performs literal quantum computation; rather, it adopts quantum principles as **conceptual and mathematical metaphors** to describe non-linear, emergent dynamics. Similar approaches have been used in theoretical neuroscience to model complex system behavior (Breakspear, 2017).

Within this interpretation, emotional dynamics can be understood through four key processes:

- **Superposition-like states**, in which multiple emotional potentials coexist prior to selection
- **Coherence**, representing the alignment of neural oscillations across distributed networks
- **Collapse**, corresponding to the emergence of a dominant emotional state into conscious awareness
- **Decoherence**, reflecting the breakdown of synchronization and the fragmentation of emotional experience

These processes parallel observations in neural synchrony research, where phase alignment across cortical regions enables efficient communication and integration (Fries, 2005; Singer, 1999). Emotional states, therefore, can be understood as **attractor states** within a dynamic system, stabilized through coherence and destabilized through entropy.

From this perspective, emotion functions as both a **selector and stabilizer**. It selects among competing cognitive and affective potentials and stabilizes the system into a coherent experiential state. This reconceptualization challenges traditional views that treat emotion as secondary to cognition, instead positioning it as a **primary organizing principle of intelligent systems**.

4. Quantum Emotional Semiconductor Model

The Quantum Emotional Semiconductor (QES) model translates the theoretical concept of emotional coherence into a **physically integrable computational framework**. This model establishes a bridge between biological dynamics and semiconductor behavior, enabling emotional states to be encoded directly within hardware systems. The model is grounded in the premise that coherence—rather than discrete symbolic representation—serves as the fundamental unit of emotional information.

4.1 Real-Time Emotional Coherence Index (RECI)

The Real-Time Emotional Coherence Index (RECI) is proposed as a composite metric for quantifying emotional coherence across neural and physiological domains. It integrates multiple modalities, including neural synchrony, cardiac variability, and cross-system coupling, to provide a holistic measure of emotional state.

Formally, RECI is defined as:

RECI=PLV+HRVc+CFC+BRSH(S)RECI = \frac{PLV + HRV_c + CFC + BRS}{H(S)}RECI=H(S)PLV+HRVc+CFC+BRS

Where:

- **PLV (Phase Locking Value)** reflects neural synchrony measured through EEG (Lachaux et al., 1999)
- **HRV_c (Heart Rate Variability coherence)** indicates autonomic balance and emotional regulation (McCraty & Zayas, 2014)
- **CFC (Cross-Frequency Coupling)** captures interactions between neural frequency bands (Canolty & Knight, 2010)
- **BRS (Breath Rhythm Synchronization)** reflects respiratory–neural coupling
- **H(S)** represents system entropy, indicating disorder or variability

This formulation aligns with the concept of **neurovisceral integration**, which emphasizes the coupling between brain and body in emotional regulation (Thayer et al., 2012). A higher RECI value indicates greater coherence, stability, and integration, while lower values reflect fragmentation and dysregulation.

4.2 Affective Conductance (AC)

Affective Conductance (AC) represents the core mechanism through which emotional coherence is translated into semiconductor behavior. It defines how emotional states influence the electrical properties of computational systems, particularly in neuromorphic and memristive architectures.

AC is defined as:

AC=α(Φsync)+β(1−Hc)+γ(M(t))AC = \alpha(\Phi_{sync}) + \beta(1 - H_c) + \gamma(M(t))AC=α(Φsync)+β(1−Hc)+γ(M(t))

Where:

- **Φ_sync** represents synchronization within the circuit
- **H_c** represents circuit entropy
- **M(t)** represents memory-dependent conductance (memristive state)
- **α, β, γ** are scaling parameters

Memristors, first experimentally demonstrated by Strukov et al. (2008), exhibit conductance changes based on historical input, making them suitable for modeling emotional memory and persistence. This allows emotional states to be encoded as **dynamic, history-sensitive conductance patterns**, rather than static data.

Through AC, emotional coherence is no longer abstract but becomes **physically embodied within semiconductor systems**, enabling direct interaction between biological states and computational processes.

4.3 Transfer Function

The relationship between emotional coherence and semiconductor behavior is defined through a non-linear transfer function:

$$AC = k \cdot (RECI)^\lambda$$

Where:

- **k** is a scaling constant
- **λ** introduces non-linearity

This function reflects the threshold-based nature of emotional dynamics. Small changes in coherence may produce minimal effects until a critical threshold is reached, at which point the system transitions into a stable state. This behavior mirrors both neural phase transitions and non-linear dynamics observed in complex systems (Kelso, 1995).

The transfer function thus enables the system to exhibit **emergent behavior**, where emotional states can rapidly reorganize computational dynamics.

5. System Architecture (Expanded & Descriptive)

The QES system architecture is designed as an **integrated, multi-layered framework** that facilitates the continuous interaction between human emotional states and computational systems. Unlike traditional architectures that process static inputs, this system operates as a **closed-loop adaptive network**, where emotional coherence dynamically influences computational behavior and vice versa.

5.1 Neuro-Coherence Acquisition Layer

The Neuro-Coherence Acquisition Layer serves as the primary interface between human physiology and the computational system. It captures emotional states through multimodal physiological signals, including:

- Electroencephalography (EEG) for neural oscillatory dynamics
- Heart Rate Variability (HRV) for autonomic regulation
- Galvanic Skin Response (GSR) for emotional arousal
- Respiratory patterns for rhythmic synchronization

These signals are integrated to compute the Real-Time Emotional Coherence Index (RECI), providing a unified measure of emotional state. This approach reflects the growing recognition that emotion is a **whole-system phenomenon**, involving coordinated interactions between brain, heart, and body (McCraty & Zayas, 2014).

5.2 Semiconductor Encoding Layer

The Semiconductor Encoding Layer translates emotional coherence into physical parameters within computational hardware. This is achieved through modulation of:

- **Voltage levels**, representing emotional intensity
- **Frequency patterns**, representing emotional variability
- **Conductance states**, representing emotional coherence

Memristor arrays play a central role in this layer, enabling the storage and evolution of emotional states as **dynamic conductance patterns**. Unlike traditional memory systems, these patterns are continuously updated based on input and system history, reflecting the evolving nature of emotional experience.

This layer embodies the transition from **symbolic computation to physical computation**, where emotional states are directly encoded into the material substrate of the system.

6. System Architecture (Expanded & Descriptive)

The **Quantum Emotional Semiconductor (QES) system** is conceptualized as a multi-layered, integrative architecture designed to bridge biological emotional dynamics with computational substrates. Unlike conventional systems that treat emotion as external input data, the QES architecture embeds emotional coherence directly into the computational pipeline through a continuous feedback loop between human physiological states and semiconductor behavior. This architecture is not linear but **cyclical and adaptive**, enabling real-time modulation of computational processes based on evolving emotional states.

6.1 Neuro-Coherence Acquisition Layer

The Neuro-Coherence Acquisition Layer functions as the primary interface between human physiology and the computational system. This layer captures real-time emotional data through multimodal sensing technologies, including electroencephalography (EEG), heart rate variability (HRV), galvanic skin response (GSR), and respiratory rhythm tracking. These signals are not treated independently but are integrated to reflect **system-wide coherence**.

Emotional states, in this framework, are interpreted through synchronization patterns across neural and physiological systems. For instance, EEG phase synchrony reflects neural coordination, while HRV coherence has been associated with emotional regulation and autonomic balance (McCraty & Zayas, 2014). The integration of these signals enables the computation of a composite metric—the Real-Time Emotional Coherence Index (RECI)—which captures both **temporal stability and cross-system alignment**.

This approach aligns with emerging perspectives in network neuroscience, which emphasize that cognitive and emotional processes arise from distributed interactions rather than localized brain regions (Pessoa, 2017). By capturing coherence rather than isolated signals, this layer provides a more holistic representation of emotional state.

6.2 Semiconductor Encoding Layer

The Semiconductor Encoding Layer represents the core innovation of the QES framework, where emotional coherence is translated into physical changes within computational hardware. This layer leverages emerging semiconductor technologies such as memristors and neuromorphic circuits, which exhibit properties of **adaptive conductance, non-linearity, and memory retention**.

Unlike traditional CMOS-based systems that rely on binary switching, memristive devices can represent continuous states and retain information based on prior activity (Strukov et al., 2008). This makes them particularly suitable for encoding emotional dynamics, which are inherently continuous and history-dependent.

Within this layer, emotional coherence—quantified through RECI—is mapped onto **Affective Conductance (AC)**, a parameter representing the stability and synchronization of electrical activity across the circuit. High emotional coherence results in stable conductance patterns with reduced noise, while low coherence leads to fragmented and unstable signal propagation.

This mapping establishes a direct correspondence between **biological coherence and physical computation**, effectively embedding emotional states into the hardware itself. The system thus transitions from symbolic representation of emotion to **material embodiment**, marking a significant departure from traditional affective computing approaches.

6.3 AI–Quantum Processing Layer

The AI–Quantum Processing Layer integrates emotionally encoded semiconductor states into higher-level computational processes. In artificial intelligence systems, emotional coherence influences parameters such as learning rates, attention weights, and decision thresholds. For example, higher coherence may lead to more stable and confident decision-making, while lower coherence may increase exploratory behavior or uncertainty.

In the context of quantum computing, the framework introduces the concept of **Emotionally Modulated Quantum Stability (EMQS)**. While still theoretical, this concept suggests that coherence-driven inputs could influence the stability of quantum states by modulating noise conditions and system entropy. Given that quantum computation is highly sensitive to decoherence, integrating coherence-based control mechanisms could provide a novel approach to enhancing computational reliability (Preskill, 2018).

This layer represents the convergence of biological, classical, and quantum computation, positioning emotion as a **cross-domain regulatory variable** that operates across different computational paradigms.

7. Emotion as a Computational Regulator (Expanded)

A central proposition of the QES framework is that emotion functions not as a disruptive force but as a **regulatory mechanism that organizes computational dynamics**. Traditional computational models often treat variability and non-linearity as noise to be minimized. However, biological systems demonstrate that emotional states can enhance adaptability, prioritize information, and stabilize decision-making processes.

Emotional coherence, in particular, can be understood as a state of **optimal system organization**, where multiple subsystems operate in synchrony. This coherence reduces entropy, improves signal clarity, and enhances the efficiency of information processing. From this perspective, emotion acts as a **meta-control parameter**, guiding the system toward stable and adaptive configurations.

This insight leads to a paradigm shift from **logic-driven computation**, which prioritizes deterministic rules and binary operations, to **coherence-driven computation**, which emphasizes dynamic alignment, adaptability, and systemic integration. Such a shift has profound implications for the design of intelligent systems, suggesting that emotional dynamics are not optional features but foundational components of advanced cognition.

8. Applications (Expanded with Depth)

8.1 Emotionally Adaptive AI

The QES framework enables the development of AI systems that do not merely recognize emotions but operate within them. By embedding emotional coherence into hardware, these systems can dynamically adjust their behavior in response to internal and external states. This could lead to AI that demonstrates context-sensitive decision-making, improved human interaction, and greater adaptability in complex environments.

8.2 Mental Health Technologies

In the domain of mental health, emotional dysregulation is often associated with disrupted physiological coherence. The QES framework provides a novel approach to diagnosing and treating such conditions by measuring coherence patterns and restoring balance through feedback mechanisms. Technologies based on this framework could offer real-time monitoring and intervention, supporting emotional well-being in both clinical and everyday settings (Thayer et al., 2012).

8.3 Human–Machine Interaction

Human–machine interfaces can be significantly enhanced by incorporating emotional coherence as a dynamic input. Systems that respond to user emotional states in real time can create more intuitive and engaging interactions. For example, adaptive learning platforms could adjust difficulty based on user emotional stability, while collaborative systems could optimize communication based on shared coherence levels.

8.4 Quantum Computing

The potential application of emotional coherence in quantum computing represents a speculative but promising frontier. By introducing coherence-based modulation, it may be possible to influence system stability and reduce decoherence effects. This aligns with broader efforts to develop noise-resilient quantum systems and could open new pathways for integrating biological principles into quantum technologies.

9. Ethical Considerations

The integration of emotional data into computational systems raises significant ethical challenges. Emotional states are deeply personal and context-sensitive, making their capture and utilization a matter of privacy and consent. Unlike conventional data, emotional information reflects internal experiences that individuals may not wish to externalize.

There is also the risk of manipulation. Systems capable of detecting and influencing emotional states could be used to shape behavior in subtle and potentially coercive ways. This necessitates the development of robust ethical frameworks that prioritize **transparency, user autonomy, and informed consent**.

Furthermore, the embedding of emotional dynamics into AI raises questions about the nature of machine agency and responsibility. As systems become more emotionally responsive, distinguishing between simulation and genuine interaction becomes increasingly complex.

10. Discussion (Expanded)

The QES framework challenges the long-standing separation between cognition and emotion in both neuroscience and artificial intelligence. By conceptualizing emotion as a coherence-driven phenomenon, it positions emotion as a **fundamental organizing principle** rather than a secondary or disruptive process.

This perspective aligns with integrative models of brain function, which emphasize the role of large-scale network dynamics in shaping cognition and behavior. It also extends these insights into the domain of computational systems, suggesting that future technologies must incorporate emotional dynamics to achieve true intelligence.

At a broader level, the framework contributes to ongoing debates about the nature of consciousness and the relationship between mind and matter. By linking subjective experience with measurable physical processes, it offers a potential bridge between phenomenology and computation.

11. Conclusion (Expanded)

This paper has introduced the Quantum Emotional Semiconductors framework as a novel approach to integrating neural coherence, semiconductor dynamics, and artificial intelligence. By redefining emotion as a hardware-integrable phenomenon, the framework challenges existing computational paradigms and opens new possibilities for the development of emotionally intelligent systems.

The integration of emotional coherence into semiconductor architectures represents a significant step toward bridging the gap between biological and artificial intelligence. It suggests that the future of computation lies not in greater processing power alone but in the incorporation of **dynamic, coherence-based regulation mechanisms**.

12. Future Directions (Expanded)

Future research should focus on the development of experimental prototypes to validate the QES framework. This includes designing neuromorphic systems capable of encoding emotional coherence and conducting empirical studies to assess their performance.

Integration with quantum computing platforms represents another महत्वपूर्ण direction, particularly in exploring the relationship between coherence and computational stability. Additionally, clinical validation studies could establish the framework's relevance in mental health applications.

Ultimately, the QES framework opens a new interdisciplinary field at the intersection of neuroscience, engineering, and consciousness studies, inviting further exploration and collaboration.

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