ALETHIA

Brooks Master Framework Cards

Version 1 - 11-layer real-time ES decision architecture

Purpose

Convert the Brooks trilogy from chapter knowledge into a repeatable live decision process. Use these cards for premarket review, replay, frozen-chart drills, and eventually real-time ES execution.

Frozen flow:

STATE -> CONTROL -> STRENGTH -> PHASE -> LOCATION -> ATTEMPT -> FOLLOW-THROUGH -> FAILURE/TRAP -> DESTINATION -> TRADER'S EQUATION -> EXECUTION

Behavioral engines:

CLAIM -> FOLLOW-THROUGH -> ACCEPTANCE/REJECTION

ATTEMPT -> ACCOMPLISHMENT

EXPECTATION -> FAILURE -> TRAP -> FORCED EXIT -> FUEL

DAMAGE -> TEST -> FAILURE -> FLIP

Where We Are Now

You have completed the trilogy study phase, built the first reference handbook, and completed the eleven isolated layers of the Master Framework. This card deck freezes Master Framework v1. The next training step is to compress it further and then test it under mixed, unprompted scenarios so that the framework becomes recognition rather than recitation.

Area	Status	Meaning
Phase I - Acquire language	COMPLETE	Brooks terminology, trends, ranges, reversals, failures, openings, Always-In, trader's equation.
Reference handbook	COMPLETE	Alethia - Al Brooks Price Action Trilogy Handbook v1 created.
Phase II - Master Framework	COMPLETE	All 11 layers taught, tested, corrected, and now frozen as Framework v1.
Current transition	NOW	Compression of the 11 layers into fast live recognition.
Next formal phase	NEXT	Phase III - Knowledge Compression, then Phase IV - Active Recall / mixed retrieval.

Known source gap: Reversals Chapter 23 was not separately studied/sourced in this project, so it remains explicitly unfilled rather than reconstructed from general knowledge.

Full Alethia Learning Plan - 15 Phases

Phase	Name	Status	Goal
I	Acquire the Language	COMPLETE	Study the trilogy; build Brooks vocabulary and core behavioral logic.
II	Brooks Master Framework	COMPLETE	Reorganize the books into the 11-layer live decision architecture.
III	Knowledge Compression	NEXT	Compress into a master decision tree, regime map, and 5-7 thesis cards/personal playbook.
IV	Active Recall	QUEUED	Mixed unprompted questions; explain market logic without chapter cues.
V	Frozen-Chart Training	QUEUED	Hide future bars; classify state/control/context, reveal one bar at a time, update.
VI	Timed Recognition	QUEUED	Reduce analysis time: unrestricted -> 2 min -> 60 sec -> 30 sec -> 10-15 sec.
VII	Isolated Setup Drills	QUEUED	Train a small set: failed BO, strong-trend PB, MTR, opening reversal, range extremes.
VIII	Mixed-Regime Drills	QUEUED	Unknown day type; choose long/short/wait with no-trade as a normal answer.
IX	Replay Training	QUEUED	Replay full historical sessions bar by bar; thesis, alternate, AI, destination, invalidation.
X	Error Database	QUEUED	Tag state, control, location, FT, premature reversal, stop/target/size and discipline errors.
XI	Simulator Execution	QUEUED	One ES 5-minute chart, approved setups, structural stops, predetermined risk, no narrative changing.
XII	Performance Gates	QUEUED	Advance by competency: classification accuracy, rule adherence, expectancy, no catastrophic violations.
XIII	Minimum-Live-Size	QUEUED	Trade the same process under real-money pressure; income is not yet the objective.
XIV	Statistical Evidence	QUEUED	Track win rate, average win/loss, expectancy, drawdown, setup/regime/session and adherence.
XV	Gradual Scaling	QUEUED	Prove process -> expectancy -> emotional stability -> small size increase -> prove again.

Master progression: LEARN -> COMPRESS -> RETRIEVE -> RECOGNIZE -> EXECUTE -> REVIEW -> VALIDATE -> SCALE.

LAYER 1

STATE

What kind of market am I in?

CORE IDEA

State comes before setup. Classify the environment before interpreting individual bars or patterns.

LIVE SCAN

Trend or range? If trend: strong spike/tight channel or mature/broad channel? If range: broad/tradable or tight/no-trade? Is the old state stable or being damaged?

EVIDENCE TO RESPECT

Trend: one side repeatedly accomplishes while opposition fails. Range: both sides repeatedly undo each other. Breakout mode: compressed balance with unresolved direction. Transition: old state damaged, new state not yet established.

COMMON EXECUTION ERROR

Let an attractive setup override the environment. Calling one scary bar a reversal. Treating a tight trading range like a normal setup environment.

ACTION RULE

Trade the rules of the current state. Strong trend: favor continuation. Range: buy low/sell high or wait. Tight range: wait. Transition: reduce certainty and demand evidence.

STATE BEFORE SETUP.

LIVE COMPRESSION EXAMPLE

Example: Mature range + huge bear bar at range low does not equal short. First ask whether the bear move actually escaped the range or is another failed breakout attempt.

LAYER 2

CONTROL

Who currently has the actionable advantage?

CORE IDEA

Always-In is a real-time control conclusion: AIL, AIS, or uncertain. Control is sticky until opposing accomplishment displaces it.

LIVE SCAN

If forced to hold a swing, long or short? What was the last accepted directional move? Has the opposite side done enough to invalidate that advantage?

EVIDENCE TO RESPECT

Strong BO + FT can flip control immediately. Gradual transfer often follows damage -> test -> old-side failure -> new-side FT -> flip. Exit threshold is lower than reversal threshold.

COMMON EXECUTION ERROR

Predicting the next AI direction and trading as if it already happened. Flipping bias on every opposite-colored bar.

ACTION RULE

Retain AI until meaningful opposing accomplishment says otherwise. If old control is damaged but opposite control is not established, FLAT is valid.

HYPOTHESIS IS NOT CONTROL.

LIVE COMPRESSION EXAMPLE

Example: AIL -> strongest bear break -> weak bull retest -> renewed bear FT. The bull control was first damaged; AIS is declared only after bears earn the transfer.

LAYER 3

STRENGTH

How convincing is each side, and what did they actually accomplish?

CORE IDEA

Separate pressure, effort, accomplishment, urgency, and follow-through. The most important variable is accomplishment.

LIVE SCAN

Pressure: accumulating presence. Effort: visual force. Accomplishment: structure/value actually changed. Urgency: traders will not wait for better price. FT: claim accepted or not.

EVIDENCE TO RESPECT

High effort + high accomplishment = real strength. High effort + low accomplishment = possible exhaustion/failure. Moderate effort + high accomplishment = quiet but meaningful strength.

COMMON EXECUTION ERROR

Equating bar size with strength. Ignoring the quality of the opposing response. Calling repeated effort 'control' when nothing important changed.

ACTION RULE

Ask: what did all that effort buy them? Pressure changes expectation; accomplishment changes conclusion.

PRESSURE WARNS. ACCOMPLISHMENT CONFIRMS.

LIVE COMPRESSION EXAMPLE

Example: Giant bear spike at range low immediately rejected = high effort, low accomplishment. Three moderate bear bars breaking a major HL and holding below = much more meaningful.

LAYER 4

PHASE

Where are we in the life cycle of this move?

CORE IDEA

The same bar or setup means different things early versus late. Track spike -> early channel -> mature channel -> climax/transition -> range -> new breakout.

LIVE SCAN

Fresh breakout/spike? Early directional channel? Mature/broad channel? Repeated climax? Time correction? Range transition? Resumption or reversal?

EVIDENCE TO RESPECT

Early strength usually favors continuation. Mature trends show deeper pullbacks, more overlap, diminishing accomplishment, profit taking, and greater countertrend pressure.

COMMON EXECUTION ERROR

Treating every late trend bar as fresh strength. Treating every climax as an automatic reversal. Continuing to buy every H2 as if a 50-bar trend were still bar 5.

ACTION RULE

Use phase to calibrate how aggressively to trust continuation. Climax means correction/transition risk, not automatic reversal.

SAME PATTERN, DIFFERENT PHASE, DIFFERENT EQUATION.

LIVE COMPRESSION EXAMPLE

Example: Largest bull bar on bar 3 can be breakout strength. The same bar after 50 bull bars, third push and TCL overshoot may be a buy climax.

LAYER 5

LOCATION

Even if my direction is right, is this a good place to act?

CORE IDEA

Control gives direction; location determines whether the current price is favorable for expressing that direction.

LIVE SCAN

Range extreme or middle? EMA in trend or flat range? Trend line / trend-channel line? Breakout point? Prior H/L? Yesterday/overnight levels? Measured move? Magnet?

EVIDENCE TO RESPECT

Trend-line side often favors with-trend entries; TCL/excess side can become profit-taking or countertrend territory. BO points are decision zones. Magnets are destinations before they are reversal signals.

COMMON EXECUTION ERROR

Turning every horizontal line into a trade. Shorting AIS at the bottom of a mature range. Treating an EMA in barbwire like trend support/resistance.

ACTION RULE

A level is an area of interest, not a signal. Let state/phase/control interpret the level, then use PA at the level to decide.

DIRECTION + LOCATION + TIMING + RISK.

LIVE COMPRESSION EXAMPLE

Example: AIS at range low may still be a poor short. A failed downside BO at that location can be more attractive than mechanically following AIS.

LAYER 6

ATTEMPT

What is the market trying to accomplish right now?

CORE IDEA

A pattern is a behavioral attempt: break out, continue, test/pull back, reverse, defend a level, or reach a destination.

LIVE SCAN

What objective is each side pursuing? What would success look like? Is this first or second attempt? Is the same objective being tried repeatedly with diminishing accomplishment?

EVIDENCE TO RESPECT

H1/H2 and L1/L2 are first/second attempts. Wedges are repeated attempts. DT/DB/HH/LH can all be tests of prior control. A BOPB is opposition trying and failing to invalidate a breakout.

COMMON EXECUTION ERROR

Pattern-first thinking. Counting pushes without asking whether each push accomplished more or less. Treating geometry as more important than function.

ACTION RULE

Before naming the pattern, say what participants are trying to accomplish and what result would validate or invalidate that objective.

BEHAVIOR FIRST. LABEL SECOND.

LIVE COMPRESSION EXAMPLE

Example: 'Third bull continuation attempt at mature resistance with diminishing progress' is more informative than simply saying 'wedge.'

LAYER 7

FOLLOW-THROUGH / ACCEPTANCE

Did the market agree with the attempt?

CORE IDEA

The initial move is a claim. Follow-through is the market's vote. Acceptance can occur through price extension or time spent beyond a level without rejection.

LIVE SCAN

After the claim: strong FT, weak FT, rejection, or unresolved? Does a pullback hold? Can the other side reclaim the breakout point? Does price remain accepted beyond the level?

EVIDENCE TO RESPECT

Immediate acceptance = strong continuation. Delayed acceptance = BO -> test/opposition -> test fails -> resumption. Lack of opposition can itself be acceptance.

COMMON EXECUTION ERROR

Calling a huge breakout successful because it looks impressive. Treating one doji after a BO as automatic failure. Ignoring time acceptance.

ACTION RULE

Classify attempts as accepted, rejected, or unresolved. Displacement alone is not acceptance.

BREAKOUT = CLAIM. FOLLOW-THROUGH = VOTE.

LIVE COMPRESSION EXAMPLE

Example: Huge bull BO -> doji -> bear bar still above old range -> sideways above BO -> bear test fails -> strong bull resumption = delayed but increasingly strong acceptance.

LAYER 8

FAILURE / TRAPS

What expected event failed, and who may now be wrong?

CORE IDEA

Failure is a violated reasonable expectation. Credible failures create information; trapped participants may be forced to exit and add fuel to the opposite move.

LIVE SCAN

What should have happened? Did it? Who acted on the failed idea? Where would they realize they are wrong? Is the opposite move large enough to justify only an exit, or an actual reversal?

EVIDENCE TO RESPECT

Failed BO, failed reversal, failed continuation, failed test, failure of failure. 'Trapped in' = wrong position. 'Trapped out' = exited correct trade and must chase back.

COMMON EXECUTION ERROR

Inventing trapped traders without evidence. Calling every stop hit a stop hunt. Automatically reversing after your trade fails.

ACTION RULE

Use traps only after a credible entry opportunity and visible failure. Exit threshold < reversal threshold. Failure of failure often resumes the original claim.

EXPECTATION -> FAILURE -> TRAP -> FORCED EXIT -> FUEL.

LIVE COMPRESSION EXAMPLE

Example: Strong AIL -> attractive bear reversal triggers -> no FT -> bulls break above it. Countertrend bears may cover while trend bulls re-enter, fueling continuation.

LAYER 9

DESTINATION

If my thesis is correct, where should price reasonably go?

CORE IDEA

A complete thesis needs a realistic destination. Think nearest destination -> secondary destination -> extension.

LIVE SCAN

Nearest prior extreme? Range midpoint/opposite side? Measured move? Start of channel? Prior H/L? Breakout test? Is there unfinished business just beyond the entry?

EVIDENCE TO RESPECT

In trends, first destination is often the prior extreme. In ranges, first objective may be return to value/midrange. Magnets can create vacuum moves. The reaction at the destination is often more informative than the approach.

COMMON EXECUTION ERROR

Using a distant target the evidence has not earned. Treating unfinished business as certainty. Holding a bad trade because 'the magnet must be touched.'

ACTION RULE

Nearest business first. Promote farther targets only when new PA earns them. If price repeatedly cannot progress toward the expected destination, reassess.

DESTINATION IS CONDITIONAL, NOT PROPHECY.

LIVE COMPRESSION EXAMPLE

Example: Failed bear BO below a range -> first target back inside, then midpoint. Only strong bull acceptance beyond midpoint earns the opposite range extreme as a serious next objective.

LAYER 10

TRADER'S EQUATION

Is this opportunity worth risking money on?

CORE IDEA

A valid setup is not automatically a valid trade. Combine probability, realistic reward, and structural risk.

LIVE SCAN

Probability from the whole story. Reward from destination. Risk from structural invalidation. What is the expected value after costs and uncertainty?

EVIDENCE TO RESPECT

Structure determines stop; risk budget determines size. Confirmation often improves probability while reducing remaining reward. Low win-rate trades can be excellent if reward is large enough.

COMMON EXECUTION ERROR

Artificially tightening a stop to manufacture R:R. Averaging because price is cheaper. Borrowing reward from an unearned distant target. Using win rate alone.

ACTION RULE

Take only positive equations. Add only if new evidence improves the equation. Recalculate after entry as probability, destination, and remaining risk change.

BETTER PRICE DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY MEAN BETTER TRADE.

LIVE COMPRESSION EXAMPLE

Example: 55% chance to make 2R before losing 1R = +0.65R expectancy before costs. If the structural stop is too wide for the account, reduce size, not the stop.

LAYER 11

EXECUTION / WAIT

What action is justified right now?

CORE IDEA

All analysis collapses into: ENTER, WAIT, HOLD, EXIT, REVERSE, or DO NOTHING.

LIVE SCAN

ENTER when thesis + trigger + invalidation + destination + equation align. WAIT when more information is needed. DO NOTHING when no valid environment exists. HOLD while premise remains intact.

EVIDENCE TO RESPECT

EXIT when premise/equation materially deteriorates, even before stop. REVERSE only when old thesis is invalidated and the opposite trade independently has a positive equation.

COMMON EXECUTION ERROR

Chasing missed moves. Converting swings to scalps from fear. Averaging into losses without new evidence. Treating breakeven as market structure. Revenge trading after a stop-out.

ACTION RULE

Use the pretend-flat test. Every add must independently earn its existence. Decide scalp vs swing before entry. A good process trade can lose; a bad process trade can win.

MY JOB IS NOT TO TRADE. MY JOB IS TO TAKE ONLY JUSTIFIED RISK.

LIVE COMPRESSION EXAMPLE

Example: Valid AIL H2 -> good FT -> hold through harmless bear bars. If bears then break BO support with FT, exit long. Do not reverse until an independent AIS short thesis earns a positive equation.

One-Page Real-Time Compression

When the eleven layers become fluent, you should not recite them mechanically. Your live narration should compress the same logic into a short market sentence.

1	STATE	Trend / range / BO mode / transition?
2	CONTROL	AIL / AIS / uncertain?
3	STRENGTH	Pressure, effort, accomplishment, urgency, FT?
4	PHASE	Spike / early channel / mature channel / climax / range?
5	LOCATION	Good place to act or poor location?
6	ATTEMPT	What are traders trying to accomplish?
7	FT / ACCEPTANCE	Accepted, rejected, or unresolved?
8	FAILURE / TRAP	What failed and who may now be wrong?
9	DESTINATION	Nearest business, secondary target, extension?
10	TRADER'S EQUATION	Does probability/reward justify risk?
11	EXECUTION	Enter / wait / hold / exit / reverse / do nothing?

Target live sentence:
"Mature AIL channel, bull strength fading, third push into MM/TCL resistance, continuation attempt fails with poor FT, bears break structure, bull retest weak; nearest downside destination provides favorable equation - possible AIS short."

Next training objective: move from framework recall to fast recognition. The next formal work is Phase III Knowledge Compression, followed by Phase IV mixed active recall. No new theory unless a weakness in the framework is exposed.