

The Tri-Antagonist Matrix: A Full-Spectrum Governing Architecture for Human Movement- LaFontaine Structural Correction (LSC)

On the Structure of Human Movement and the Failure of the Binary Model

There are moments in the development of science when the accumulation of correct observations begins to strain against the framework used to interpret them. At such moments, progress does not arise from refinement, optimization, or increased measurement precision. It arises from structural reorganization. The failure is not one of data, technique, or effort, but of architecture. The language used to describe reality has become insufficient to hold what reality is consistently showing.

Human movement science has reached such a moment.

For more than a century, movement has been interpreted through a binary agonist–antagonist model. This framework offered an early and productive simplification: movement was explained as the interaction between a primary force generator and its opposing counterforce. Within limited contexts—isolated joints, constrained tasks, low-dimensional analysis—this approximation proved useful. It enabled foundational anatomical description, early biomechanical modeling, and the emergence of rehabilitation as a formal discipline.

Yet the continued elevation of this binary model to a governing principle has produced a widening explanatory gap. Across clinical practice, performance science, ergonomics, and movement analysis, behaviors are routinely observed that the two-role framework cannot explain. Collapse emerges without local failure. Compensation routes itself through distant structures rather than adjacent ones. Dysfunction persists despite apparent normalization of strength, balance, symmetry, or flexibility. Corrective interventions succeed briefly, then fail predictably, often reproducing the same patterns under slightly altered conditions.

These observations are not rare, nor are they anecdotal. They are consistent, repeatable, and cross-contextual. Their persistence signals not noise in the system, but a limitation in the governing model itself.

The central error has been the assumption that movement stability is primarily a consequence of force balance between opposing elements. This assumption leaves no formal place for timing, sequencing, constraint, or regulation as first-order structural phenomena. As a result, movement failure is interpreted retroactively, compensation is framed as adaptation rather than law, and dysfunction is attributed to tissues rather than organization.

What has been missing is not more data, but a structural layer capable of explaining how movement is organized before it is expressed, how failure is initiated before it is visible, and how compensation preserves function while obscuring cause.

The Need for an Architectural Framework

All complex systems exhibit behaviors that cannot be reduced to the properties of their components alone. Stability, failure, and adaptation emerge from interaction, sequencing, and governance rather than isolated force production. Human movement is no exception.

Yet movement science has largely treated governance as implicit, assuming that coordination arises automatically from strength, flexibility, and neural control. When coordination fails, it is described, but not formally modeled. When timing breaks down, it is noted, but not assigned structural status. When compensation appears, it is observed, but not governed.

This absence of formal governance has forced the field into a pattern of descriptive repetition. The same failures are named differently across disciplines, while the underlying cause remains unaddressed. Without an architectural model, collapse appears complex but inexplicable; with one, it becomes structured and predictable.

This paper asserts that the missing element is a role-based interaction architecture that governs movement before force is expressed and after it destabilizes.

The Tri-Antagonist Matrix as Structural Architecture

The Tri-Antagonist Matrix formalizes this missing layer.

Rather than treating movement as a contest between two opposing forces, the Tri-Antagonist Matrix defines four functional roles that together govern movement behavior: a role responsible for force expression, a role responsible for controlled opposition and braking, a role responsible for constraint and stabilization across phases, and a regulatory role responsible for timing, sequencing, and system coherence.

These roles are not anatomical labels. They are functional positions within a system. A given muscle or structure may occupy different roles depending on context, phase, load, and system state. Stability emerges when these roles are coordinated. Collapse emerges when their governance fails.

Crucially, the regulatory role—the tri-antagonist—does not act by producing force. It acts by governing when force is allowed, where it is routed, and how transitions occur. When this role destabilizes, collapse does not occur locally. It propagates through axes and chains according to lawful patterns that preserve function while sacrificing organization.

This is why collapse often appears distant from pain, why compensation is frequently contralateral or diagonal, and why correcting apparent local dysfunction often fails. The

traditional model has no language for this role, and therefore no way to predict or prevent its failure.

Collapse, Compensation, and the Illusion of Local Failure

Within the Tri-Antagonist Matrix, collapse is not an event but a process. It begins upstream, with the loss of role governance, and unfolds through predictable stages. Compensation is not error; it is lawful system behavior designed to preserve movement in the presence of instability. Pain, limitation, and dysfunction arise downstream, often long after the initiating failure.

This reframing resolves a long-standing paradox in movement science: why systems that appear strong, flexible, and symmetrical still fail, and why interventions that improve local metrics do not reliably produce durable change.

The answer is that stability is not a local achievement. It is an emergent property of coordinated governance across roles, axes, and chains. When that governance is restored, movement stabilizes globally. When it is not, collapse reasserts itself regardless of local correction.

Why This Represents a Structural Break

The Tri-Antagonist Matrix does not refine the agonist–antagonist model. It renders it incomplete.

Just as Vesalius did not add detail to inherited anatomy but reorganized it around direct structural observation, and just as Newton did not optimize existing descriptions of motion but replaced fragmented explanations with governing laws, this work does not propose a new technique, protocol, or interpretation layered onto existing practice. It introduces the missing architectural layer that makes existing observations coherent.

Once movement is understood as a governed system, the implications are unavoidable. Failure cannot be attributed primarily to weakness, imbalance, or tissue pathology. Correction cannot be achieved reliably through local intervention alone. And compensation can no longer be dismissed as noise; it must be understood as structured response.

This shift does not invalidate prior work. It explains its limits.

The Point Beyond Reversal

Scientific frameworks persist not because they are perfect, but because they are sufficient—until they are not. The agonist–antagonist model has endured because it was useful within a narrow explanatory range. It is now being asked to explain behaviors outside that range.

The Tri-Antagonist Matrix defines the point at which that extension fails.

This paper does not argue for preference or interpretation. It presents an architecture that is observable, testable, and internally consistent. If the four-role structure described here governs movement behavior—and the evidence indicates that it does—then the binary model cannot remain the primary explanatory framework for human movement.

At that point, adherence becomes convention rather than adequacy.

Formal Definition of the Four Roles

Human movement is governed not by muscles themselves, but by roles—functional positions within an organized structural system. Muscles do not inherently “act”; they assume context-dependent responsibilities determined by load, timing, phase, and system state. The Tri-Antagonist Matrix formalizes four such roles, each essential to movement stability, coherence, and controlled force expression.

The agonist role functions as the primary driver of movement. It expresses force in the direction of the intended task and generates the mechanical output that produces visible motion. When this role fails, force expression becomes excessive or poorly contained, leading to overshoot, loss of precision, and inefficient movement patterns.

The antagonist role serves as the counterforce to the agonist. It governs braking, modulation, and timing, ensuring that force expression remains coherent with structural constraints and task demands. Failure of this role manifests as mistiming, premature braking, excessive co-contraction, or delayed deceleration, all of which degrade movement efficiency and stability.

The bi-antagonist role functions as a stabilizer. It maintains alignment, constrains unwanted motion, and preserves load-path integrity across axes and chains. This role is particularly active during phase transitions, where stability must be preserved under changing mechanical conditions. When bi-antagonist capacity is exceeded, collapse begins to appear as valgus drift, hip drop, trunk sway, or rotational leakage.

The tri-antagonist role is the governing regulator of the system. It controls timing, sequencing, and transitions between roles, determining when force is permitted, where it is routed, and how roles shift across phases. This role does not act through force production, but through

organizational governance. When tri-antagonist regulation fails, collapse originates upstream and propagates through the system, forcing compensatory rerouting and destabilizing structures far removed from the original site of failure.

Together, these four roles constitute the governing architecture of human movement. Stability arises from their coordinated interaction. Collapse arises from their failure.

Structural Laws of Role Governance

The Tri-Antagonist Matrix operates according to structural laws that govern how movement is organized and how failure propagates. These laws are invariant and reflect the underlying organization of the system rather than individual adaptation or learned behavior.

Roles precede muscles; muscles occupy roles, but roles do not describe muscles. Governance precedes force; movement stability is determined by role coordination before force is expressed. Failure originates upstream; collapse begins at the point where governance is lost, not at the site of visible dysfunction. Compensation follows lawful structural routes designed to preserve function. Collapse propagates along load-paths rather than anatomical adjacency. Local correction cannot restore global stability, because governance failure cannot be resolved at its distal expressions. Stability itself is emergent, arising from coordinated role interaction rather than isolated strength, flexibility, or symmetry.

These laws define the structural logic underlying all movement behavior.

Collapse Propagation Architecture

Collapse within the Tri-Antagonist Matrix is not a discrete event, but a governed sequence that unfolds through predictable stages. The process begins with loss of tri-antagonist governance, where timing, sequencing, or transition control destabilizes without immediate symptoms. As destabilization progresses, bi-antagonist structures become overloaded as they attempt to contain the failure, producing observable signs such as hip drop, valgus drift, or trunk deviation.

As containment fails, antagonist regulation deteriorates. Braking and modulation become mistimed, resulting in inefficient deceleration, over-striding, or delayed recovery. The agonist role then overexpresses force in an attempt to preserve task completion, producing excessive effort, jerky motion, and further inefficiency. Collapse ultimately propagates distally, affecting the foot, ankle, and terminal segments, where distortion of strike, propulsion, or arch integrity becomes evident. Only after the system has reorganized around failure do symptoms such as pain, limitation, or dysfunction emerge.

This architecture explains why collapse is often perceived far from its origin and why local interventions rarely produce durable change.

Compensation as Law

Within the Tri-Antagonist Matrix, compensation is not error, noise, or adaptation. It is lawful system behavior. Compensation represents the system's attempt to preserve functional output in the presence of instability, prioritizing task completion over structural integrity.

Compensatory behavior follows predictable routes determined by load-path logic, commonly appearing contralateral, diagonal, or distal to the site of governance loss. By preserving function, compensation masks the true origin of failure, delaying recognition while reinforcing the underlying instability. Once established, compensatory patterns become self-reinforcing, forming a new baseline from which the system operates. Removing compensation without restoring governance inevitably produces re-collapse, explaining why many interventions yield only transient results.

Compensation is therefore not the problem to be eliminated, but the signal of an unresolved structural failure upstream.

The Tri-Antagonist Matrix as a Universal Movement Framework

The Tri-Antagonist Matrix is not a technique, method, or discipline-specific model. It is a universal structural architecture governing human movement. Because it describes roles rather than tissues, TAM applies across contexts including gait, sprinting, lifting, throwing, rotation, balance, locomotion, performance, and ergonomics.

This universality extends across scales, governing joint-level behavior, segment-level coordination, chain-level load transfer, and whole-system stability. It also spans conditions, explaining collapse, compensation, persistent dysfunction, recurrent failure, timing breakdowns, and movement inefficiency. By organizing movement under a role-based governance framework, TAM unifies biomechanics, kinesiology, non-clinical rehabilitation reasoning, athletic training, ergonomics, motor control, and movement coaching within a single coherent system.

TAM is the first architecture capable of describing movement organization, failure, and correction as one governed whole.

Methods

The methodology underlying this work is structural, non-clinical, and role-based. Roles are identified through phase behavior, load-path direction, timing relationships, stabilization demand, and governance patterns rather than through isolated anatomical assessment. Movement

is segmented into phases based on structural transitions, ground contact behavior, segment coupling, and elastic versus concentric mechanics.

Structural observation focuses on alignment, timing, collapse signatures, compensation routes, and deviations in load transfer. Load-path mapping examines vertical and horizontal force relationships, proximal-to-distal transfer, rotational stabilization, and frontal-plane constraint. Governance analysis identifies role transitions, timing failures, upstream destabilization, and propagation routes.

Reproducibility is ensured through formal role definitions, collapse taxonomy, ISL and CISL schemas, and structural operating system conventions. This paper establishes the framework required for such analysis without prescribing experimental protocols.

Structural Taxonomy

The Tri-Antagonist Matrix generates a complete taxonomy of movement behavior based on governance rather than anatomy. Stability states range from fully governed to under-regulated, over-regulated, compensated, collapsing, and collapsed. Collapse types are classified by structural behavior rather than location, including pelvic, knee, foot, trunk, timing, and distal chain collapse.

Compensation patterns are organized according to their structural routes, including contralateral, ipsilateral, diagonal, proximal-to-distal, and distal-to-proximal transfer. Role failure modes are similarly classified, encompassing agonist overshoot, antagonist mistiming, bi-antagonist overload, and tri-antagonist destabilization. This taxonomy provides a unified language for describing movement behavior across contexts and disciplines.

Applications

The Tri-Antagonist Matrix has broad applicability across movement science and related fields. In biomechanics, it explains collapse patterns, predicts compensation routes, and clarifies timing failures. In sports performance, it identifies limiting factors, improves efficiency, and reduces re-collapse. In non-clinical rehabilitation contexts, it maps the structural origins of dysfunction and predicts recurrence patterns. In ergonomics, it identifies high-risk load-paths and anticipates fatigue-driven collapse. In research, it provides a testable architectural framework capable of unifying cross-disciplinary inquiry and supporting AI-based structural reasoning.

Closing Perspective

The history of science advances when phenomena long tolerated as “complex” are revealed to be structured. This work offers such a revelation for human movement. It provides a governing architecture capable of explaining organization, collapse, compensation, and correction as lawful system behaviors rather than isolated mechanical events.

Conclusion

The agonist–antagonist model has served as a useful approximation for more than a century, but it cannot explain the structural behaviors consistently observed in human movement. Collapse, compensation, and persistent dysfunction are not anomalies; they are the predictable consequences of a system governed by roles rather than muscles.

The Tri-Antagonist Matrix provides the missing architectural layer. It explains how movement is organized, how it destabilizes, and how failure propagates through the kinetic chain. It reframes compensation as lawful, collapse as predictable, and stability as emergent. With TAM, movement is no longer described as opposition. It is understood as governance.

That shift marks the structural transition the field has been missing.

1-25 registry Tri-Antagonist Matrix cause and Effect

Appendix A

Tri-Antagonist Matrix — Cause–Effect Registry (Entries 1–25)

This registry enumerates the first twenty-five canonical cause–effect chains within the Tri-Antagonist Matrix. Each entry describes a **role-governance failure** and its **dominant systemic consequence**. Entries are descriptive, non-clinical, and independent of modality.

I. Agonist-Dominant Failure Chains

1. Agonist Late Engagement → Distal Compensation Cascade

Delayed primary force expression results in compensatory recruitment downstream, shifting load distally to preserve task completion.

2. Agonist Premature Engagement → Elastic Preload Disruption

Early force expression interrupts elastic storage mechanisms, degrading recoil efficiency and increasing metabolic cost.

3. Agonist Over-Recruitment → Fatigue Acceleration Pattern

Excessive force production beyond task demand accelerates fatigue and shortens sustainable output duration.

4. Agonist Timing Noise → Output Variability

Inconsistent activation timing produces variable mechanical output and reduced repeatability under load.

5. Agonist Dominance Without Regulation → Control Loss

Unregulated force expression overwhelms stabilizing roles, resulting in loss of precision and system coherence.

6. Agonist Persistence Beyond Phase → Deceleration Conflict

Failure to disengage at phase transition creates braking interference and inefficient role overlap.

7. Agonist Force Without Sequencing → Inefficient Energy Transfer

Force expressed outside proper sequence reduces proximal-to-distal energy transfer efficiency.

8. Agonist Phase Overstay → Cycle Inefficiency

Extended agonist activity beyond its functional window disrupts cyclic timing and increases corrective demand.

9. Agonist Pre-Activation Error → Force Misalignment

Improper pre-activation shifts force vectors off axis, increasing corrective stabilization requirements.

10. Agonist Timing Drift Under Load → Performance Ceiling

Progressive timing degradation under demand imposes an upper limit on sustainable performance.

II. Antagonist-Dominant Failure Chains

11. Antagonist Early Engagement → Elastic Truncation

Premature braking limits elastic contribution and shortens effective force expression windows.

12. Antagonist Over-Braking → Momentum Dissipation

Excessive deceleration dissipates momentum and increases energetic cost per cycle.

13. Antagonist Role Promotion → False Stability Pattern

Assumption of stabilizing dominance by the antagonist produces apparent control while suppressing output.

14. Antagonist Persistence Across Phases → Motion Suppression

Continued antagonist engagement across phase boundaries restricts range and fluidity of motion.

15. Antagonist Over-Recruitment → Deceleration Bias

Chronic braking bias shifts system behavior toward defensive movement strategies.

16. Antagonist Timing Lead → Power Suppression

Antagonist activation preceding force expression suppresses peak power development.

17. Antagonist Load Assumption → Proximal Fatigue Expression

Transfer of load to braking structures accelerates fatigue in proximal stabilizers.

18. Antagonist Dominance Under Speed → Technique Breakdown

At higher velocities, excessive antagonist control destabilizes coordination and degrades technique.

19. Antagonist Co-Contraction Bias → Efficiency Collapse

Sustained co-contraction increases energy expenditure while reducing net mechanical output.

20. Antagonist Failure to Release → Phase Exit Delay

Delayed disengagement interferes with role transition and disrupts cycle timing.

III. Bi-Antagonist Role-Switch Failures

21. Bi-Antagonist Role-Switch Failure → Phase-Locked Breakdown

Inability to transition between stabilizing and assisting functions locks the system into a single phase state.

22. Bi-Antagonist Delay → Elastic Recoil Loss

Delayed stabilizer engagement compromises recoil timing and reduces return efficiency.

23. Bi-Antagonist Fixation → Loss of Role Plasticity

Rigid role adherence reduces adaptability across variable task demands.

24. Bi-Antagonist Over-Stabilization → Movement Rigidity

Excessive constraint suppresses fluid motion and increases upstream force demand.

25. Bi-Antagonist Inhibition → Force Transfer Failure

Insufficient stabilization permits energy leakage across axes and chains, degrading force transmission.

Example OF Tri-Antagonist Matrix in the LaFontaine Structural Correction

CAUSE & EFFECT REPORT #1

Agonist Late Engagement → Distal Compensation Cascade

Tri-Antagonist Matrix | LaFontaine Structural Canon

CMD Appendix A — Entry #1

S — STRUCTURAL OBSERVATION (Subjective / Phenomenological)

The movement appears powerful but effortful.

The athlete reports feeling “strong” yet inconsistent under speed, load, or repetition. Performance decay is phase-specific rather than global. Fatigue appears earlier than expected. Pain, if present, localizes distally and is often described as sudden or unexplained.

No primary weakness is reported. No obvious technique flaw is immediately visible at low speed.

O — OBJECTIVE KINESIOLOGIC FINDINGS

During dynamic observation, passive-to-active transition, or high-demand phases of movement, the following structural pattern is observed:

- The agonist responsible for primary force expression engages late relative to the phase boundary
- The antagonist demonstrates early or prolonged activity
- The bi-antagonist fails to transition cleanly from stabilization to assistance
- The tri-antagonist shows delayed regulatory initiation

This produces visible signs including:

- increased co-contraction
- reduced elastic contribution
- altered force vector timing
- distal load concentration

The movement completes, but with compensatory organization.

A — ASSESSMENT (Cause & Effect Logic — TAM)

Primary Cause

The agonist engages late relative to the required phase of movement.

This is a timing error, not a strength deficit.

Cause → Effect Chain (Canonical)

If the agonist fires late,

then primary force enters the system out of sequence,

because the tri-antagonist did not initiate the phase transition on time,

because regulatory timing precedence was overridden or delayed,

because the bi-antagonist was forced to assume a stabilizing role instead of transitioning to assistance,

because the antagonist engaged prematurely to preserve control and prevent collapse.

Structural Consequence

Force production becomes disruptive rather than contributory.

The system preserves movement completion by redistributing load distally, resulting in a distal compensation cascade.

P — PERFORMANCE IMPLICATION (Non-Clinical)

Kinesiologic Effects

- Loss of elastic efficiency
- Increased metabolic cost
- Elevated co-contraction
- Reduced phase clarity
- Distal tissue overload

Performance Expression

- Effort increases without proportional output
- Speed, power, or endurance plateaus
- Breakdown occurs at consistent phases
- Distal symptoms appear unrelated to local capacity

The system does not fail immediately.

It fails predictably.

MECHANICAL INTERPRETATION (Technical)

From a mechanical standpoint, late agonist engagement shifts the system from anticipatory control to reactive control.

- Elastic preload is partially lost
- Force is absorbed rather than transmitted
- Distal joints are forced to regulate timing they were not designed to govern

This converts a coordinated kinetic sequence into a series of local corrections.

ROLE-SPECIFIC FAILURE SUMMARY (TAM)

- Agonist: Available but late
- Antagonist: Over-engaged for protection
- Bi-Antagonist: Trapped in stabilization
- Tri-Antagonist: Delayed regulatory initiation

The failure is organizational, not anatomical.

TECHNICAL METHOD (OBSERVATION-ONLY, NON-INTERVENTIONAL)

Within the LaFontaine Structural Canon, this pattern is identified through:

- Phase-specific observation under increasing demand
- Proximal-to-distal sequencing assessment
- Detection of premature distal regulation
- Recognition of effort-output mismatch

No treatment or correction is implied here.

This report defines structure, not intervention.

CANONICAL SYNTHESIS

Agonist late engagement does not reduce strength.

It misplaces strength in time.

When force arrives late, structure must adapt.

Adaptation produces compensation.

Compensation concentrates distally.

That is the cascade.

#2

CAUSE & EFFECT REPORT #2

Antagonist Early Engagement → Elastic Truncation

Tri-Antagonist Matrix | LaFontaine Structural Canon

CMD Appendix A — Entry #2

S — STRUCTURAL OBSERVATION (Subjective / Phenomenological)

The movement appears controlled but constrained.

The athlete reports feeling “tight,” “restricted,” or unable to access speed or power despite adequate strength. Output feels capped rather than unstable. Fatigue accumulates through effort rather than volume. Pain, if present, is often diffuse or proximal rather than localized.

Performance limitations are consistent across repetitions and intensify under speed demand rather than load.

O — OBJECTIVE KINESIOLOGIC FINDINGS

During dynamic movement and phase transitions, the following pattern is observed:

- The antagonist engages earlier than required for the phase
- The agonist is available but expresses force against resistance
- The bi-antagonist remains oppositional instead of transitioning to assistance
- The tri-antagonist permits premature braking rather than regulating timing

This produces observable features including:

- Reduced elastic recoil
- Shortened stride, stroke, or range expression
- Increased muscular stiffness
- Dampened acceleration or release

Movement completes with apparent control but reduced efficiency.

A — ASSESSMENT (Cause & Effect Logic — TAM)

Primary Cause

The antagonist engages prematurely relative to the phase boundary.

This is a timing precedence error, not a protective response to instability.

Cause → Effect Chain (Canonical)

If the antagonist engages early,

then motion is decelerated before elastic energy can be expressed,

because the tri-antagonist allowed braking to precede force release,

because regulatory sequencing favored control over timing,
because the bi-antagonist remained oppositional rather than assisting transition,
because the agonist was forced to produce force against resistance.

Structural Consequence

Elastic contribution is truncated.

The system substitutes muscular effort for spring-based efficiency, producing constrained but controlled movement.

P — PERFORMANCE IMPLICATION (Non-Clinical)

Kinesiologic Effects

- Loss of elastic rebound
- Increased muscular stiffness
- Elevated effort for submaximal output
- Reduced phase amplitude

Performance Expression

- Speed and power ceilings
- Difficulty accelerating or releasing
- Consistent “tight” movement quality
- Early fatigue without instability

The system does not collapse.

It caps.

MECHANICAL INTERPRETATION (Technical)

Premature antagonist engagement converts elastic motion into a braking-dominant system.

- Elastic storage is inhibited
- Force vectors are shortened
- Energy is dissipated rather than returned

This produces safe but inefficient mechanics.

ROLE-SPECIFIC FAILURE SUMMARY (TAM)

- Agonist: Available but resisted
- Antagonist: Early and dominant
- Bi-Antagonist: Fixed in opposition
- Tri-Antagonist: Permits premature braking

The failure is regulatory, not structural damage.

TECHNICAL METHOD (OBSERVATION-ONLY, NON-INTERVENTIONAL)

This pattern is identified through:

- Phase-boundary observation
- Detection of early deceleration
- Elastic recoil assessment
- Effort-to-output mismatch recognition

No corrective method is implied.

This report defines cause and effect, not solution.

CANONICAL SYNTHESIS

Antagonist early engagement does not prevent movement.

It prevents release.

When braking precedes expression,

elastic potential is lost,

muscle replaces spring,

and performance ceilings emerge.

That is the truncation.

#3

CAUSE & EFFECT REPORT #3

Bi-Antagonist Role-Switch Failure → Phase-Locked Breakdown

Tri-Antagonist Matrix | LaFontaine Structural Canon

CMD Appendix A — Entry #3

S — STRUCTURAL OBSERVATION (Subjective / Phenomenological)

The movement appears smooth through early phases but degrades abruptly at a specific moment.

The athlete reports that performance feels “good until suddenly it isn’t.” Output loss is repeatable and phase-specific rather than progressive. Fatigue does not precede failure; collapse coincides with a consistent transition point.

Pain, if present, emerges after repeated exposure and is often described as secondary to performance failure rather than primary.

No generalized stiffness or weakness is reported.

O — OBJECTIVE KINESIOLOGIC FINDINGS

During dynamic movement and phase transitions, the following structural pattern is observed:

- The bi-antagonist fails to switch roles at the phase boundary
- The agonist engages appropriately but loses cooperative support
- The antagonist alternates unpredictably between resistance and braking
- The tri-antagonist does not successfully arbitrate the role transition

Observable features include:

- Abrupt loss of elastic continuity
- Phase-specific coordination collapse
- Sudden change in movement quality
- Inconsistent force transfer despite adequate strength

Movement remains intact until the same phase is reached, at which point breakdown recurs.

A — ASSESSMENT (Cause & Effect Logic — TAM)

Primary Cause

The bi-antagonist fails to transition roles at the required phase boundary.

This is a role-switch error, not a capacity limitation.

Cause → Effect Chain (Canonical)

If the bi-antagonist fails to switch roles,

then the system cannot reorganize force across phases,

because transitional authority is not transferred on time,

because the tri-antagonist does not complete role arbitration,

because the agonist is left unsupported during phase entry,

because the antagonist alternates between braking and resistance to compensate.

Structural Consequence

Movement becomes phase-fragile.

The system performs adequately until it encounters the transition that requires role reversal, at which point coordination fails and breakdown occurs at the same point each cycle.

P — PERFORMANCE IMPLICATION (Non-Clinical)

Kinesiologic Effects

- Loss of phase continuity
- Reduced force transfer efficiency
- Increased coordination noise
- Elastic disruption at transition points

Performance Expression

- Repeatable breakdown at the same phase
- Inconsistent output despite strength
- Sudden performance drop without warning
- Difficulty sustaining complex or high-speed movements

The system does not degrade gradually.

It fails discretely.

MECHANICAL INTERPRETATION (Technical)

Role-switch failure prevents orderly redistribution of force during phase change.

- Elastic energy cannot be redirected
- Force vectors become misaligned
- Stabilization and propulsion conflict

This converts a continuous kinetic sequence into a segmented system with a predictable failure point.

ROLE-SPECIFIC FAILURE SUMMARY (TAM)

- Agonist: Engages but loses cooperative timing
- Antagonist: Oscillates between resistance and braking
- Bi-Antagonist: Fails to switch roles
- Tri-Antagonist: Incomplete role arbitration

The failure is transitional, not global.

TECHNICAL METHOD (OBSERVATION-ONLY, NON-INTERVENTIONAL)

Within the LaFontaine Structural Canon, this pattern is identified through:

- Phase-boundary analysis
- Detection of repeatable breakdown points
- Observation of abrupt coordination shifts
- Assessment of role behavior across transitions

No treatment or correction is implied.

This report defines structural causality, not intervention.

CANONICAL SYNTHESIS

Bi-antagonist role-switch failure does not weaken movement.

It removes continuity.

When roles fail to transition,

phases cannot connect,

force cannot transfer,

and breakdown repeats predictably.

That is the lock.

#4

CAUSE & EFFECT REPORT #4

Tri-Antagonist Disengagement → Global Sequencing Collapse

Tri-Antagonist Matrix | LaFontaine Structural Canon

CMD Appendix A — Entry #4

S — STRUCTURAL OBSERVATION (Subjective / Phenomenological)

The movement appears normal until it does not.

The athlete reports that performance “suddenly fell apart” without warning. Early phases feel controlled and capable; collapse occurs abruptly under speed, load, or fatigue. Pain, if present, is delayed and nonspecific. There is no consistent sensation of weakness or tightness preceding failure.

Performance loss is global rather than local and does not improve with increased effort.

O — OBJECTIVE KINESIOLOGIC FINDINGS

During dynamic movement, particularly under escalating demand, the following pattern is observed:

- The tri-antagonist disengages or loses regulatory authority

- The agonist and antagonist engage reactively rather than sequentially
- The bi-antagonist cannot resolve competing role demands
- Phase transitions occur without coordinated timing governance

Observable features include:

- Loss of anticipatory control
- Sudden increase in coordination noise
- Inconsistent force transfer across joints
- System-wide compensation without a single point of failure

Movement may continue briefly but lacks coherence.

A — ASSESSMENT (Cause & Effect Logic — TAM)

Primary Cause

The tri-antagonist disengages, removing regulatory control over role sequencing.

This is a governance failure, not a muscular or structural deficit.

Cause → Effect Chain (Canonical)

If the tri-antagonist disengages,

then role sequencing loses authority,

because no structure remains responsible for timing arbitration,

because agonist and antagonist behavior becomes reactive,

because the bi-antagonist cannot reconcile opposing demands across phases,

because phase transitions proceed without regulatory order.

Structural Consequence

Sequencing collapses globally.

The system no longer fails at a single phase; instead, coordination deteriorates across the entire movement pattern, producing abrupt and widespread breakdown.

P — PERFORMANCE IMPLICATION (Non-Clinical)

Kinesiologic Effects

- Loss of anticipatory regulation
- Elevated co-contraction across multiple segments
- Reduced elastic contribution
- Increased metabolic cost without output gain

Performance Expression

- Sudden performance collapse
- Inconsistent movement quality
- Inability to recover rhythm once disrupted
- Breakdown that appears unpredictable to observers

The system does not taper.

It falls out of order.

MECHANICAL INTERPRETATION (Technical)

Without tri-antagonist regulation, the system defaults to reactive control.

- Elastic timing is abandoned
- Force vectors compete rather than integrate
- Local stabilization replaces coordinated sequencing

This converts an ordered kinetic chain into a collection of independent corrections.

ROLE-SPECIFIC FAILURE SUMMARY (TAM)

- Agonist: Reactive and unsynchronized
- Antagonist: Over-engaged without timing context
- Bi-Antagonist: Unable to arbitrate competing roles
- Tri-Antagonist: Disengaged from governance

The failure is systemic, not segmental.

TECHNICAL METHOD (OBSERVATION-ONLY, NON-INTERVENTIONAL)

Within the LaFontaine Structural Canon, this pattern is identified through:

- Observation under escalating demand
- Detection of abrupt, global coordination loss
- Loss of phase clarity across multiple joints
- Inability to restore rhythm through effort alone

No treatment or correction is implied.

This report defines structural collapse, not intervention.

CANONICAL SYNTHESIS

Tri-antagonist disengagement does not weaken movement.

It removes order.

When governance fails,

roles lose sequence,

phases lose continuity,
and collapse becomes global.

That is the collapse.

#5

ANALOGY — THE LATE ENGINE IN A MOVING TRAIN

Imagine a long freight train leaving the station.

The engine is powerful.

The cars are intact.

The tracks are straight.

But the engine engages one second late.

The train still moves forward, but the cars closest to the engine absorb the initial shock. The couplers strain. The rear cars sway. Brakes engage briefly to stabilize motion that should have been smooth.

Nothing is “broken.”

But everything is working harder than necessary.

This is agonist late engagement.

The engine did not fail.

It arrived out of sequence.

So the system preserved motion by redistributing force down the line. The farther from the engine, the more stress accumulated. If failure occurs, it does not occur at the engine. It occurs at the couplers, axles, or rails downstream.

The problem is not power.

The problem is timing.

NARRATIVE — HOW THIS LOOKS IN REAL MOVEMENT

On the surface, the athlete looks strong.

They accelerate.

They strike the ground.

They complete the task.

But under increasing demand, the movement takes on a different quality. Effort rises faster than output. Speed is achieved, but not sustained. Power is produced, but not recycled. The athlete begins to “muscle through” moments that should feel elastic.

From the outside, observers often say:

“They’re strong, but it looks hard.”

Structurally, what is happening is subtle and precise.

The agonist is available, but it arrives late to the phase. The tri-antagonist does not initiate the transition on time. The bi-antagonist, sensing instability, remains in a stabilizing role instead of switching to assistance. The antagonist engages early to protect the system from collapse.

The movement completes — but at a cost.

Downstream joints begin to manage timing instead of expressing force. Distal tissues absorb load meant to pass through them. Over repetitions, the system adapts around this pattern, and compensation becomes the new normal.

Eventually, the athlete experiences a breakdown that seems sudden and localized:

a hamstring, a calf, a knee, a foot.

But the failure did not originate there.

It began earlier, upstream, and quietly —
at the moment the agonist arrived late and the system reorganized to survive.
That is why this pattern is so persistent.
The body does not stop moving.
It simply changes how it moves.

INTEGRATION STATEMENT

Agonist late engagement is not dramatic.
It is subtle, repeatable, and easily missed.
But once seen, it explains why strong athletes break,
why effort rises faster than performance,
and why pain appears far from the true cause.
This is not a flaw of tissue.
It is a flaw of order.

#6

CAUSE & EFFECT REPORT #6

Elastic Preload Loss → Muscular Overdrive Pattern

Tri-Antagonist Matrix | LaFontaine Structural Canon

CMD Appendix A — Entry #6

S — STRUCTURAL OBSERVATION (Subjective / Phenomenological)

The movement appears forceful but heavy.

The athlete reports that actions feel “muscular” rather than elastic. Speed or power can be generated briefly but is difficult to repeat. Fatigue accumulates rapidly despite adequate conditioning. Movement lacks rebound and feels effort-dominant rather than spring-dominant.

Pain, if present, is often diffuse and associated with exertion rather than impact.

O — OBJECTIVE KINESIOLOGIC FINDINGS

During dynamic movement, especially at higher velocities or repeated cycles, the following pattern is observed:

- Elastic preloading fails to occur at the appropriate phase
- The agonist assumes continuous force production rather than timed expression
- The antagonist provides excessive resistance during pre-stretch
- The bi-antagonist remains stabilizing instead of facilitating elastic transfer
- The tri-antagonist fails to preserve elastic timing precedence

Observable features include:

- Reduced rebound or snap
- Prolonged ground contact or loading time
- Increased visible muscular effort

- Rapid fatigue onset

Movement completes, but with diminished elastic contribution.

A — ASSESSMENT (Cause & Effect Logic — TAM)

Primary Cause

Elastic preload is lost due to improper timing within the movement phase.

This is a timing and regulation failure, not a strength deficit.

Cause → Effect Chain (Canonical)

If elastic preload is lost,

then force production shifts from elastic to muscular,

because the tri-antagonist fails to protect elastic timing,

because the bi-antagonist remains stabilizing instead of transferring load,

because the antagonist resists pre-stretch rather than yielding,

because the agonist is forced to produce continuous force to complete movement.

Structural Consequence

The system becomes muscle-dominant.

Elastic mechanisms that normally reduce energetic cost are bypassed, resulting in a muscular overdrive pattern.

P — PERFORMANCE IMPLICATION (Non-Clinical)

Kinesiologic Effects

- Increased metabolic demand

- Reduced elastic return
- Elevated muscular tension
- Decreased repeatability

Performance Expression

- Power is short-lived
- Speed lacks rebound
- Fatigue accumulates rapidly
- Output declines across repetitions

The system does not collapse.

It burns out.

MECHANICAL INTERPRETATION (Technical)

Loss of elastic preload disrupts the stretch–shortening sequence.

- Energy storage is minimized
- Force must be generated concentrically
- Mechanical efficiency decreases

This converts a spring-mass system into a force-only system.

ROLE-SPECIFIC FAILURE SUMMARY (TAM)

- Agonist: Overworked and continuous
- Antagonist: Resists pre-stretch
- Bi-Antagonist: Fixed in stabilization
- Tri-Antagonist: Fails to preserve elastic timing

The failure is energetic and regulatory, not muscular capacity.

TECHNICAL METHOD (OBSERVATION-ONLY, NON-INTERVENTIONAL)

Within the LaFontaine Structural Canon, this pattern is identified through:

- Observation of reduced rebound
- Assessment of loading vs release timing
- Detection of muscular dominance
- Recognition of rapid fatigue without instability

No treatment or correction is implied.

This report defines elastic failure, not intervention.

CANONICAL SYNTHESIS

Elastic preload loss does not remove strength.

It removes efficiency.

When elastic timing fails,

muscle replaces spring,

effort replaces rebound,

and fatigue accelerates.

That is the overdrive.

CAUSE & EFFECT REPORT #7

Phase Boundary Violation → Recurrent Performance Ceiling

Tri-Antagonist Matrix | LaFontaine Structural Canon

CMD Appendix A — Entry #7

S — STRUCTURAL OBSERVATION (Subjective / Phenomenological)

The movement appears competent but capped.

The athlete reports that performance improves with training up to a point and then stalls despite continued effort. Output feels repeatable but limited. Attempts to increase speed, power, or intensity result in earlier fatigue or loss of control rather than breakthrough.

Pain is not a primary feature. The limitation is experienced as an invisible ceiling rather than instability.

O — OBJECTIVE KINESIOLOGIC FINDINGS

During dynamic movement, particularly at transitions between phases, the following structural pattern is observed:

- The system crosses a phase boundary without completing the prior phase's role resolution
- The agonist begins force expression before phase preparation is complete
- The antagonist remains partially engaged from the prior phase
- The bi-antagonist cannot fully switch allegiance
- The tri-antagonist fails to enforce clean phase separation

Observable features include:

- Blunted acceleration or release
- Shortened expression window
- Persistent “almost” performance quality

- Stable but limited output across repetitions

Movement completes with consistency but without expansion.

A — ASSESSMENT (Cause & Effect Logic — TAM)

Primary Cause

A phase boundary violation occurs, in which one phase is entered before the prior phase has resolved.

This is a phase-order error, not a conditioning or effort limitation.

Cause → Effect Chain (Canonical)

If a phase boundary is violated,

then force expression is constrained,

because roles from the prior phase remain partially active,

because the tri-antagonist does not enforce phase closure,

because the bi-antagonist cannot complete its role transition,

because agonist expression occurs in a mixed-phase environment.

Structural Consequence

Phases overlap instead of sequencing cleanly.

This creates a structural bottleneck that limits peak output while preserving consistency, resulting in a recurrent performance ceiling.

P — PERFORMANCE IMPLICATION (Non-Clinical)

Kinesiologic Effects

- Incomplete force resolution
- Reduced phase amplitude
- Persistent co-contraction
- Limited elastic utilization

Performance Expression

- Plateau despite training
- Difficulty accessing maximal output
- Reproducible but capped performance
- Increased effort without expansion

The system does not break.

It tops out.

MECHANICAL INTERPRETATION (Technical)

Phase boundary violation prevents full mechanical reset between phases.

- Residual forces persist
- Energy cannot be fully redirected
- Mechanical leverage is reduced

This produces a stable but range-limited kinetic sequence.

ROLE-SPECIFIC FAILURE SUMMARY (TAM)

- Agonist: Engages into unresolved phase
- Antagonist: Persists beyond phase exit
- Bi-Antagonist: Unable to complete role switch

- Tri-Antagonist: Fails to enforce phase separation

The failure is temporal, not structural damage.

TECHNICAL METHOD (OBSERVATION-ONLY, NON-INTERVENTIONAL)

Within the LaFontaine Structural Canon, this pattern is identified through:

- Phase-entry and phase-exit timing analysis
- Detection of overlapping role engagement
- Observation of capped output despite consistency
- Recognition of effort increases without expansion

No treatment or correction is implied.

This report defines phase order, not intervention.

CANONICAL SYNTHESIS

Phase boundary violation does not destabilize movement.

It confines it.

When phases overlap,

roles cannot reset,

force cannot expand,

and ceilings recur.

That is the limit.

#8

CAUSE & EFFECT REPORT #8

Regulator Override by Load → Sudden Non-Contact Failure

Tri-Antagonist Matrix | LaFontaine Structural Canon

CMD Appendix A — Entry #8

S — STRUCTURAL OBSERVATION (Subjective / Phenomenological)

The movement appears stable and capable until high load, speed, or intensity is introduced.

The athlete reports feeling confident and controlled at submaximal levels, followed by an abrupt failure event once intensity crosses a threshold. There is often surprise associated with the breakdown, as no warning signs are perceived beforehand. Pain, if present, follows the event rather than preceding it.

Performance at lower demand remains intact.

O — OBJECTIVE KINESIOLOGIC FINDINGS

Under escalating load or maximal effort, the following structural pattern is observed:

- The tri-antagonist is overridden by load demand
- The agonist and antagonist engage simultaneously rather than sequentially
- The bi-antagonist cannot arbitrate force transfer under excessive load
- Phase transitions accelerate beyond regulatory capacity

Observable features include:

- Sudden loss of coordination under peak load
- Abrupt increase in co-contraction
- Breakdown without progressive warning
- Immediate loss of force continuity

Movement fails at the moment regulatory capacity is exceeded.

A — ASSESSMENT (Cause & Effect Logic — TAM)

Primary Cause

The tri-antagonist is overridden by load, losing regulatory authority.

This is a load-dominance error, not a tissue insufficiency.

Cause → Effect Chain (Canonical)

If load demand overrides the tri-antagonist,

then regulatory sequencing collapses,

because timing governance cannot compete with force magnitude,

because the bi-antagonist cannot reconcile conflicting demands,

because agonist and antagonist co-activate defensively,

because phase transitions occur without regulation.

Structural Consequence

The system loses sequencing authority at peak demand.

Movement does not degrade gradually; it fails abruptly, producing a sudden non-contact failure.

P — PERFORMANCE IMPLICATION (Non-Clinical)

Kinesiologic Effects

- Loss of timing governance
- Abrupt co-contraction spike

- Immediate elastic disruption
- Sudden force discontinuity

Performance Expression

- Unexpected collapse under maximal effort
- Failure without prior fatigue signs
- Inability to recover rhythm post-event
- Sharp contrast between submaximal and maximal performance

The system does not warn.

It gives way.

MECHANICAL INTERPRETATION (Technical)

When load exceeds regulatory capacity, sequencing is abandoned.

- Force magnitude dominates timing
- Elastic mechanisms disengage
- Mechanical control shifts to protective co-contraction

This converts an ordered kinetic system into an emergency stabilization response.

ROLE-SPECIFIC FAILURE SUMMARY (TAM)

- Agonist: Co-activates defensively
- Antagonist: Co-activates defensively
- Bi-Antagonist: Unable to arbitrate under load
- Tri-Antagonist: Overridden by force demand

The failure is threshold-dependent, not progressive.

TECHNICAL METHOD (OBSERVATION-ONLY, NON-INTERVENTIONAL)

Within the LaFountaine Structural Canon, this pattern is identified through:

- Escalating load testing
- Observation of sudden coordination loss at intensity threshold
- Detection of defensive co-contraction onset
- Recognition of failure without preceding fatigue markers

No treatment or correction is implied.

This report defines load-induced regulatory failure, not intervention.

CANONICAL SYNTHESIS

Regulator override by load does not weaken structure.

It overwhelms it.

When force exceeds governance,

sequencing collapses,

protection replaces coordination,

and failure is sudden.

That is the override.

#9

CAUSE & EFFECT REPORT #9

Co-Contraction Dominance → Efficiency Collapse

Tri-Antagonist Matrix | LaFontaine Structural Canon

CMD Appendix A — Entry #9

S — STRUCTURAL OBSERVATION (Subjective / Phenomenological)

The movement appears stable but labored.

The athlete reports feeling “controlled but slow,” “solid but tired,” or unable to relax into speed or power. Effort feels high relative to output. Fatigue accumulates quickly, even at intensities previously tolerated. Pain is not prominent early; when present, it is diffuse and associated with sustained effort.

Performance decline is gradual and consistent rather than abrupt.

O — OBJECTIVE KINESIOLOGIC FINDINGS

During dynamic movement across repeated cycles, the following structural pattern is observed:

- The agonist and antagonist engage simultaneously across multiple phases
- The bi-antagonist remains fixed in stabilization rather than switching roles
- The tri-antagonist allows persistent co-activation instead of enforcing role separation
- Phase transitions occur with elevated baseline tension

Observable features include:

- Reduced movement fluidity
- Elevated muscular tone at rest and during motion
- Shortened expression windows
- Increased energy expenditure for maintained output

Movement completes with control but reduced efficiency.

A — ASSESSMENT (Cause & Effect Logic — TAM)

Primary Cause

Co-contraction becomes dominant across phases.

This is a regulatory prioritization error, not a protective response to instability.

Cause → Effect Chain (Canonical)

If co-contraction becomes dominant,

then efficiency collapses,

because agonist and antagonist roles are no longer sequenced,

because the tri-antagonist permits simultaneous activation,

because the bi-antagonist remains stabilizing rather than transitioning,

because phase separation is replaced by sustained tension.

Structural Consequence

The system sacrifices efficiency for control.

Movement remains stable but metabolically expensive, producing an efficiency collapse rather than structural failure.

P — PERFORMANCE IMPLICATION (Non-Clinical)

Kinesiologic Effects

- Elevated baseline muscular activity
- Reduced elastic utilization
- Increased metabolic cost
- Decreased relaxation between phases

Performance Expression

- Slower speed and reduced power
- Rapid fatigue at moderate intensity
- Difficulty sustaining rhythm
- Output maintained only through effort escalation

The system does not break.

It exhausts itself.

MECHANICAL INTERPRETATION (Technical)

Persistent co-contraction increases internal resistance.

- Force production competes with braking
- Elastic mechanisms are dampened
- Mechanical work is dissipated as heat

This converts an efficient kinetic chain into a high-friction system.

ROLE-SPECIFIC FAILURE SUMMARY (TAM)

- Agonist: Active but resisted
- Antagonist: Active without phase specificity
- Bi-Antagonist: Locked in stabilization
- Tri-Antagonist: Allows sustained co-activation

The failure is energetic and organizational, not structural damage.

TECHNICAL METHOD (OBSERVATION-ONLY, NON-INTERVENTIONAL)

Within the LaFontaine Structural Canon, this pattern is identified through:

- Observation of elevated baseline tone
- Detection of reduced relaxation between phases
- Assessment of effort-to-output ratio
- Recognition of fatigue disproportionate to workload

No treatment or correction is implied.

This report defines efficiency loss, not intervention.

CANONICAL SYNTHESIS

Co-contraction dominance does not remove control.

It removes economy.

When tension replaces timing,
force meets resistance everywhere,
effort replaces efficiency,
and performance collapses quietly.
That is the collapse.

#10

CAUSE & EFFECT REPORT #10

Premature Deceleration → Stride / Stroke Shortening

Tri-Antagonist Matrix | LaFontaine Structural Canon

S — STRUCTURAL OBSERVATION (Subjective / Phenomenological)

The movement appears safe but incomplete.

The athlete reports feeling controlled yet unable to “open up” or fully express range, speed, or length. Output feels abbreviated rather than unstable. Effort is applied early, but release feels constrained. Pain is not a defining feature; limitation is perceived as reduced expression.

Performance appears consistent but lacks extension.

O — OBJECTIVE KINESIOLOGIC FINDINGS

During dynamic movement, particularly approaching peak expression, the following structural pattern is observed:

- Deceleration begins before peak force expression is reached
- The antagonist initiates braking earlier than phase demand
- The agonist truncates force output prematurely
- The bi-antagonist remains oppositional rather than assisting transition
- The tri-antagonist allows early braking to precede expression

Observable features include:

- Shortened stride, stroke, or range of motion
- Blunted acceleration or release
- Reduced terminal velocity or amplitude
- Consistent under-expression despite control

Movement completes cleanly but without full extension.

A — ASSESSMENT (Cause & Effect Logic — TAM)

Primary Cause

Deceleration begins prematurely, prior to completion of force expression.

This is a timing precedence error, not a safety response.

Cause → Effect Chain (Canonical)

If deceleration begins early,

then force expression is shortened,

because the antagonist initiates braking before peak output,

because the tri-antagonist allows deceleration to precede completion,

because the bi-antagonist remains oppositional instead of assisting release,

because the agonist truncates its expression window.

Structural Consequence

Expression length is reduced.

The system preserves control at the expense of amplitude, producing shortened stride or stroke patterns.

P — PERFORMANCE IMPLICATION (Non-Clinical)

Kinesiologic Effects

- Reduced expression window
- Decreased elastic utilization
- Early force damping
- Limited terminal velocity

Performance Expression

- Shortened stride or stroke
- Difficulty accessing maximal range
- Consistent under-expression
- Performance ceilings without instability

The system does not fail.

It holds back.

MECHANICAL INTERPRETATION (Technical)

Premature deceleration limits mechanical leverage.

- Force application window is reduced
- Elastic recoil is truncated
- Mechanical advantage is shortened

This converts a full-expression system into a constrained-output system.

ROLE-SPECIFIC FAILURE SUMMARY (TAM)

- Agonist: Truncated expression
- Antagonist: Early braking
- Bi-Antagonist: Fixed in opposition
- Tri-Antagonist: Permits premature deceleration

The failure is expressive, not destabilizing.

TECHNICAL METHOD (OBSERVATION-ONLY, NON-INTERVENTIONAL)

Within the LaFontaine Structural Canon, this pattern is identified through:

- Observation of early braking behavior
- Assessment of expression length vs control
- Detection of shortened amplitude
- Recognition of consistent under-expression

No treatment or correction is implied.

This report defines expression loss, not intervention.

CANONICAL SYNTHESIS

Premature deceleration does not cause collapse.

It causes shortening.

When braking precedes completion,

expression is limited,

range is reduced,

and performance ceilings persist.

That is the shortening.

#11 CAUSE & EFFECT REPORT #11

Antagonist Persistence Across Phases → Motion Suppression

Tri-Antagonist Matrix | LaFontaine Structural Canon

S — STRUCTURAL OBSERVATION (Subjective / Phenomenological)

The movement appears controlled yet muted.

The athlete reports feeling “held back,” “restricted,” or unable to access fluid motion despite adequate strength and conditioning. Output feels dampened across phases rather than limited to a single moment. Fatigue accumulates slowly but steadily. Pain is uncommon and not the primary complaint.

Performance is reliable but lacks freedom.

O — OBJECTIVE KINESIOLOGIC FINDINGS

During dynamic movement and phase transitions, the following structural pattern is observed:

- The antagonist remains active beyond its required phase
- The agonist expresses force against persistent resistance
- The bi-antagonist fails to disengage from oppositional duty
- The tri-antagonist permits prolonged antagonistic activity

Observable features include:

- Reduced joint excursion
- Flattened acceleration and deceleration curves
- Elevated baseline tension
- Smooth but suppressed motion quality

Movement completes without instability but with reduced amplitude.

A — ASSESSMENT (Cause & Effect Logic — TAM)

Primary Cause

The antagonist persists across phase boundaries, remaining active when release is required.

This is a phase-exit failure, not a protective response.

Cause → Effect Chain (Canonical)

If the antagonist persists across phases,

then motion is suppressed,

because braking activity overlaps expression phases,

because the tri-antagonist does not enforce antagonist disengagement,

because the bi-antagonist remains oppositional,

because the agonist must overcome unnecessary resistance.

Structural Consequence

Force expression is dampened.

The system maintains control by continuously braking, resulting in motion suppression rather than instability.

P — PERFORMANCE IMPLICATION (Non-Clinical)

Kinesiologic Effects

- Persistent resistance during expression
- Reduced elastic contribution
- Increased energetic cost
- Decreased movement amplitude

Performance Expression

- Flattened speed or power output

- Difficulty accelerating or releasing
- Reliable but muted performance
- Early onset of fatigue without collapse

The system does not fail.

It restrains itself.

MECHANICAL INTERPRETATION (Technical)

Persistent antagonist activity increases internal resistance.

- Force vectors are opposed
- Elastic recoil is dampened
- Mechanical work is dissipated

This converts a dynamic system into a brake-dominant system.

ROLE-SPECIFIC FAILURE SUMMARY (TAM)

- Agonist: Active against resistance
- Antagonist: Persistent beyond phase
- Bi-Antagonist: Locked in opposition
- Tri-Antagonist: Fails to enforce release

The failure is inhibitory, not destabilizing.

TECHNICAL METHOD (OBSERVATION-ONLY, NON-INTERVENTIONAL)

Within the LaFountaine Structural Canon, this pattern is identified through:

- Phase-exit timing analysis

- Observation of sustained resistance
- Detection of muted amplitude
- Recognition of effort without freedom

No treatment or correction is implied.

This report defines motion inhibition, not intervention.

CANONICAL SYNTHESIS

Antagonist persistence does not stop movement.

It suppresses it.

When braking never releases,

expression is muted,

elasticity is lost,

and motion is held back.

That is the suppression.

#12

CAUSE & EFFECT REPORT #12

Regulatory Timing Drift → Technique Erosion

Tri-Antagonist Matrix | LaFontaine Structural Canon

CMD Appendix A — Entry #12

S — STRUCTURAL OBSERVATION (Subjective / Phenomenological)

The movement appears technically sound early but degrades gradually with repetition.

The athlete reports that technique feels “harder to maintain” over time even though strength and conditioning remain adequate. There is no single moment of collapse; instead, form slowly deteriorates. Fatigue is perceived as coordination-based rather than muscular. Pain is minimal or absent.

Performance loss is progressive, not abrupt.

O — OBJECTIVE KINESIOLOGIC FINDINGS

Across repeated cycles or sustained effort, the following structural pattern is observed:

- Timing between roles drifts subtly with repetition
- The tri-antagonist gradually loses precision in phase arbitration
- The bi-antagonist switches roles inconsistently
- The agonist and antagonist begin to overlap increasingly across phases
- Phase boundaries become less distinct

Observable features include:

- Gradual loss of movement crispness
- Increasing coordination noise
- Small but cumulative deviations in form
- Rising effort required to maintain technique

Movement remains intact but less precise.

A — ASSESSMENT (Cause & Effect Logic — TAM)

Primary Cause

Regulatory timing drifts across repetitions.

This is a governance precision error, not fatigue-driven weakness.

Cause → Effect Chain (Canonical)

If regulatory timing drifts,

then technique erodes,

because phase arbitration becomes imprecise,

because the tri-antagonist gradually loses timing fidelity,

because the bi-antagonist switches roles inconsistently,

because agonist and antagonist engagement begins to overlap.

Structural Consequence

Technique degrades progressively.

The system remains functional but loses precision, resulting in technique erosion rather than sudden failure.

P — PERFORMANCE IMPLICATION (Non-Clinical)

Kinesiologic Effects

- Reduced phase clarity
- Increased co-contraction over time
- Diminished elastic efficiency
- Higher energetic cost for maintained form

Performance Expression

- Gradual form breakdown
- Inconsistent execution late in sessions
- Decline in repeatability

- Performance decay without pain

The system does not break.

It drifts.

MECHANICAL INTERPRETATION (Technical)

Timing drift reduces mechanical efficiency incrementally.

- Force vectors misalign progressively
- Elastic timing becomes inconsistent
- Mechanical work increases to preserve output

This converts a precise kinetic system into a noisy control system.

ROLE-SPECIFIC FAILURE SUMMARY (TAM)

- Agonist: Increasing overlap across phases
- Antagonist: Increasing overlap across phases
- Bi-Antagonist: Inconsistent role switching
- Tri-Antagonist: Gradual loss of timing precision

The failure is cumulative, not acute.

TECHNICAL METHOD (OBSERVATION-ONLY, NON-INTERVENTIONAL)

Within the LaFountaine Structural Canon, this pattern is identified through:

- Repetition-based observation
- Detection of gradual form drift
- Assessment of timing consistency across cycles

- Recognition of coordination fatigue without strength loss

No treatment or correction is implied.

This report defines precision loss, not intervention.

CANONICAL SYNTHESIS

Regulatory timing drift does not cause collapse.

It causes erosion.

When timing slowly degrades,

roles blur,

precision fades,

and technique slips away.

That is the erosion.

#13

CAUSE & EFFECT REPORT #13

Load Acceptance Delay → Impact Amplification

Tri-Antagonist Matrix | LaFontaine Structural Canon

CMD Appendix A — Entry #13

S — STRUCTURAL OBSERVATION (Subjective / Phenomenological)

The movement appears forceful but jarring.

The athlete reports that contacts feel “hard,” “sharp,” or increasingly uncomfortable despite adequate strength and preparation. Performance feels powerful initially, but repeated impacts become taxing. Fatigue accumulates through impact rather than effort. Pain, if present, localizes to contact-related regions and increases with repetition.

Performance degradation correlates with volume rather than intensity alone.

O — OBJECTIVE KINESIOLOGIC FINDINGS

During contact or load-acceptance phases, the following structural pattern is observed:

- Load acceptance occurs later than required for the phase
- The agonist initiates force expression before stabilization is complete
- The antagonist reacts defensively after contact
- The bi-antagonist engages late to absorb force
- The tri-antagonist permits delayed acceptance timing

Observable features include:

- Increased impact magnitude
- Reduced shock attenuation
- Audible or visible “hard” contacts
- Progressive contact intolerance

Movement continues, but with amplified impact forces.

A — ASSESSMENT (Cause & Effect Logic — TAM)

Primary Cause

Load acceptance is delayed relative to contact timing.

This is a timing mismatch, not a tissue weakness.

Cause → Effect Chain (Canonical)

If load acceptance is delayed,
then impact forces amplify,
because stabilization does not precede contact,
because the tri-antagonist allows late acceptance timing,
because the bi-antagonist reacts after load arrival,
because the antagonist engages defensively to prevent collapse.

Structural Consequence

Impact energy is poorly dissipated.

Force that should be absorbed elastically is transmitted abruptly, producing impact amplification.

P — PERFORMANCE IMPLICATION (Non-Clinical)

Kinesiologic Effects

- Increased joint loading
- Reduced shock absorption
- Elevated tissue stress
- Faster fatigue accumulation

Performance Expression

- Harsh landings or contacts
- Reduced tolerance for volume
- Declining consistency with repetition
- Early discomfort limiting output

The system does not fail immediately.

It absorbs poorly.

MECHANICAL INTERPRETATION (Technical)

Delayed load acceptance shifts absorption from elastic to rigid structures.

- Energy is transmitted rather than dissipated
- Peak forces increase
- Mechanical damping is reduced

This converts a compliant system into a high-impact system.

ROLE-SPECIFIC FAILURE SUMMARY (TAM)

- Agonist: Expresses force before stabilization
- Antagonist: Reacts defensively post-contact
- Bi-Antagonist: Late to absorb load
- Tri-Antagonist: Allows delayed acceptance timing

The failure is absorptive, not expressive.

TECHNICAL METHOD (OBSERVATION-ONLY, NON-INTERVENTIONAL)

Within the LaFontaine Structural Canon, this pattern is identified through:

- Contact-phase timing analysis
- Observation of impact quality
- Detection of reduced shock attenuation
- Recognition of volume-dependent discomfort

No treatment or correction is implied.

This report defines impact mechanics, not intervention.

CANONICAL SYNTHESIS

Load acceptance delay does not remove force.

It sharpens it.

When stabilization arrives late,

impact amplifies,

absorption diminishes,

and tolerance erodes.

That is the amplification.

#14

CAUSE & EFFECT REPORT #14

Phase Exit Delay → Cycle Inefficiency

Tri-Antagonist Matrix | LaFontaine Structural Canon

CMD Appendix A — Entry #14

S — STRUCTURAL OBSERVATION (Subjective / Phenomenological)

The movement appears continuous but sluggish.

The athlete reports that actions feel “slow to reset,” “hard to cycle,” or increasingly effortful across repeated movements. Output is present, but rhythm feels labored. Fatigue accumulates through repetition rather than peak demand. Pain is uncommon and usually secondary to volume.

Performance decline is associated with repetition rather than intensity.

O — OBJECTIVE KINESIOLOGIC FINDINGS

Across cyclical or repeated movements, the following structural pattern is observed:

- Phase exit occurs later than required for efficient cycling
- The agonist remains partially engaged beyond its expression window
- The antagonist delays assumption of its next-phase role
- The bi-antagonist cannot disengage cleanly from the prior phase
- The tri-antagonist fails to enforce timely phase termination

Observable features include:

- Prolonged transition times
- Reduced cycle frequency
- Increased overlap between phases
- Gradual loss of rhythm

Movement continues without collapse but with growing inefficiency.

A — ASSESSMENT (Cause & Effect Logic — TAM)

Primary Cause

Phase exit is delayed, preventing timely transition into the next cycle.

This is a phase-resolution error, not a conditioning deficit.

Cause → Effect Chain (Canonical)

If phase exit is delayed,
then cycle efficiency decreases,
because roles from the prior phase remain active too long,
because the tri-antagonist does not enforce phase termination,
because the bi-antagonist cannot disengage on time,
because agonist and antagonist overlap unnecessarily.

Structural Consequence

Phases blur instead of cycling cleanly.

The system maintains continuity but loses efficiency, producing cycle inefficiency rather than instability.

P — PERFORMANCE IMPLICATION (Non-Clinical)

Kinesiologic Effects

- Reduced cycle frequency
- Elevated co-contraction duration
- Increased energetic cost
- Loss of rhythmic flow

Performance Expression

- Slower cadence
- Difficulty sustaining tempo
- Early fatigue in repetitive tasks
- Output maintained only through effort escalation

The system does not break.

It lags.

MECHANICAL INTERPRETATION (Technical)

Delayed phase exit increases temporal overlap.

- Force resolution is prolonged
- Elastic recovery is delayed
- Mechanical reset is incomplete

This converts a fluid cyclical system into a drag-dominated system.

ROLE-SPECIFIC FAILURE SUMMARY (TAM)

- Agonist: Persists beyond expression window
- Antagonist: Delayed role assumption
- Bi-Antagonist: Slow disengagement
- Tri-Antagonist: Fails to enforce exit timing

The failure is temporal, not structural damage.

TECHNICAL METHOD (OBSERVATION-ONLY, NON-INTERVENTIONAL)

Within the LaFontaine Structural Canon, this pattern is identified through:

- Cycle timing analysis
- Observation of prolonged transitions
- Detection of rhythm loss over repetition
- Recognition of effort-driven cadence maintenance

No treatment or correction is implied.

This report defines cycle mechanics, not intervention.

CANONICAL SYNTHESIS

Phase exit delay does not stop movement.

It slows it.

When phases linger,

cycles drag,

efficiency fades,

and fatigue accumulates.

That is the inefficiency.

#15

CAUSE & EFFECT REPORT #15

Phase Priority Inversion → Movement Reversal Error

Tri-Antagonist Matrix | LaFontaine Structural Canon

CMD Appendix A — Entry #15

S — STRUCTURAL OBSERVATION (Subjective / Phenomenological)

The movement appears coordinated but directionally confused.

The athlete reports feeling “out of sync,” as if the body briefly moves against itself during transitions. Effort increases without clear loss of strength. Errors are subtle but repeatable, often appearing during rapid changes of direction or intent. Pain is uncommon and secondary.

Performance errors feel momentary yet disruptive.

O — OBJECTIVE KINESIOLOGIC FINDINGS

During rapid transitions or directional changes, the following structural pattern is observed:

- Phase priorities are inverted, with a later-phase role asserting control early
- The agonist initiates expression inconsistent with current phase intent
- The antagonist engages as if responding to a different phase
- The bi-antagonist switches allegiance prematurely
- The tri-antagonist misorders phase authority

Observable features include:

- Brief counter-directional force
- Hesitation or stutter at transition points
- Micro-delays followed by correction
- Inconsistent directional efficiency

Movement continues but with transient misalignment.

A — ASSESSMENT (Cause & Effect Logic — TAM)

Primary Cause

A phase priority inversion occurs, assigning authority to the wrong phase.

This is a sequencing order error, not a reaction-time deficit.

Cause → Effect Chain (Canonical)

If phase priority is inverted,

then movement briefly reverses or hesitates,

because force expression aligns with an incorrect phase,
because the tri-antagonist misorders phase authority,
because the bi-antagonist switches allegiance prematurely,
because agonist and antagonist act on conflicting directives.

Structural Consequence

Force is expressed against intent.

The system corrects itself rapidly, but at the cost of efficiency, producing a movement reversal error.

P — PERFORMANCE IMPLICATION (Non-Clinical)

Kinesiologic Effects

- Momentary force misdirection
- Increased coordination noise
- Reduced transition efficiency
- Elevated corrective effort

Performance Expression

- Hesitation during transitions
- Reduced agility or precision
- Micro-errors that accumulate under speed
- Difficulty maintaining flow

The system does not fail.

It misfires briefly.

MECHANICAL INTERPRETATION (Technical)

Priority inversion disrupts directional mechanics.

- Force vectors oppose intended direction
- Elastic timing is interrupted
- Mechanical correction is required mid-phase

This converts smooth transitions into corrective maneuvers.

ROLE-SPECIFIC FAILURE SUMMARY (TAM)

- Agonist: Expresses force for wrong phase
- Antagonist: Reacts to incorrect directive
- Bi-Antagonist: Switches roles prematurely
- Tri-Antagonist: Misorders phase authority

The failure is directive, not capacity-based.

TECHNICAL METHOD (OBSERVATION-ONLY, NON-INTERVENTIONAL)

Within the LaFontaine Structural Canon, this pattern is identified through:

- Transition-phase analysis
- Observation of brief directional conflict
- Detection of hesitation without fatigue
- Recognition of corrective force application

No treatment or correction is implied.

This report defines directive sequencing, not intervention.

CANONICAL SYNTHESIS

Phase priority inversion does not destabilize movement.

It misdirects it.

When the wrong phase leads,

force turns briefly against itself,

corrections follow,

and efficiency is lost.

That is the inversion.

#16

CAUSE & EFFECT REPORT #16

Elastic Release Delay → Power Dissipation

Tri-Antagonist Matrix | LaFountaine Structural Canon

CMD Appendix A — Entry #16

S — STRUCTURAL OBSERVATION (Subjective / Phenomenological)

The movement appears strong but dull.

The athlete reports that force is present, yet power feels “late,” “muted,” or difficult to express explosively. Speed or lift can be achieved, but peak output lacks snap. Fatigue accumulates through effort rather than volume. Pain is not prominent.

Performance feels heavy rather than elastic.

O — OBJECTIVE KINESIOLOGIC FINDINGS

During phases requiring rapid release of stored energy, the following structural pattern is observed:

- Elastic release occurs later than optimal for the phase
- The agonist continues force production past ideal release timing
- The antagonist delays yielding during recoil
- The bi-antagonist remains stabilizing instead of facilitating transfer
- The tri-antagonist does not synchronize release timing

Observable features include:

- Reduced rate of force development
- Delayed peak velocity or height
- Flattened power curves
- Increased muscular effort to complete movement

Movement completes with force but diminished explosiveness.

A — ASSESSMENT (Cause & Effect Logic — TAM)

Primary Cause

Elastic release is delayed relative to phase demand.

This is a timing synchronization error, not a strength deficit.

Cause → Effect Chain (Canonical)

If elastic release is delayed,

then power dissipates,

because stored energy is not returned at peak demand,

because the tri-antagonist fails to synchronize release,
because the bi-antagonist remains stabilizing,
because the antagonist delays yielding,
because the agonist extends force production beyond optimal timing.

Structural Consequence

Elastic energy is lost as heat and internal work.

The system substitutes prolonged muscular effort for rapid release, producing power dissipation.

P — PERFORMANCE IMPLICATION (Non-Clinical)

Kinesiologic Effects

- Reduced explosive output
- Increased muscular contribution
- Elevated energetic cost
- Slower peak expression

Performance Expression

- Diminished jump height or sprint acceleration
- Late or muted power peaks
- Difficulty repeating explosive efforts
- Performance feels effort-heavy

The system does not fail.

It bleeds power.

MECHANICAL INTERPRETATION (Technical)

Delayed elastic release disrupts power transfer.

- Energy return misses peak demand window
- Force is prolonged rather than peaked
- Mechanical advantage decreases

This converts a power-optimized system into a work-dominant system.

ROLE-SPECIFIC FAILURE SUMMARY (TAM)

- Agonist: Prolongs force expression
- Antagonist: Delays yielding
- Bi-Antagonist: Fixed in stabilization
- Tri-Antagonist: Fails to synchronize release

The failure is temporal and energetic, not structural damage.

TECHNICAL METHOD (OBSERVATION-ONLY, NON-INTERVENTIONAL)

Within the LaFountaine Structural Canon, this pattern is identified through:

- Observation of delayed peak output
- Assessment of release timing vs effort
- Detection of muted explosiveness
- Recognition of prolonged force profiles

No treatment or correction is implied.

This report defines power timing, not intervention.

CANONICAL SYNTHESIS

Elastic release delay does not remove force.

It removes timing advantage.

When release arrives late,

power dissipates,

effort replaces snap,

and explosiveness fades.

That is the dissipation.

#17

CAUSE & EFFECT REPORT #17

Asynchronous Role Engagement → Coordination Noise

Tri-Antagonist Matrix | LaFontaine Structural Canon

CMD Appendix A — Entry #17

S — STRUCTURAL OBSERVATION (Subjective / Phenomenological)

The movement appears active but unsettled.

The athlete reports that motion feels “busy,” “noisy,” or difficult to coordinate smoothly. Effort is present, but timing feels off. Performance varies between repetitions without a clear pattern. Fatigue is perceived as coordination-related rather than strength-related. Pain is uncommon.

Performance inconsistency is the primary complaint.

O — OBJECTIVE KINESIOLOGIC FINDINGS

During dynamic movement across phases, the following structural pattern is observed:

- Functional roles engage out of synchrony with one another
- The agonist initiates force without coordinated support
- The antagonist responds inconsistently across phases
- The bi-antagonist switches roles at variable times
- The tri-antagonist fails to synchronize role engagement

Observable features include:

- Variable timing between joints
- Inconsistent rhythm
- Micro-corrections throughout movement
- Fluctuating output with similar effort

Movement completes but lacks temporal coherence.

A — ASSESSMENT (Cause & Effect Logic — TAM)

Primary Cause

Role engagement is asynchronous across phases.

This is a synchronization error, not a neuromuscular capacity deficit.

Cause → Effect Chain (Canonical)

If roles engage asynchronously,

then coordination noise increases,

because timing alignment between roles is lost,

because the tri-antagonist does not synchronize engagement,

because the bi-antagonist switches roles inconsistently,

because agonist and antagonist act without shared timing reference.

Structural Consequence

Timing coherence is lost.

The system remains active but inefficient, producing coordination noise rather than clean force transfer.

P — PERFORMANCE IMPLICATION (Non-Clinical)

Kinesiologic Effects

- Increased corrective activity
- Reduced phase clarity
- Elevated energetic cost
- Inconsistent force expression

Performance Expression

- Variable performance between repetitions
- Difficulty maintaining rhythm
- Reduced precision at speed
- Output feels unpredictable

The system does not fail.

It loses clarity.

MECHANICAL INTERPRETATION (Technical)

Asynchronous engagement disrupts mechanical timing.

- Force vectors misalign temporally

- Elastic timing becomes inconsistent
- Mechanical corrections proliferate

This converts an ordered kinetic chain into a temporally noisy system.

ROLE-SPECIFIC FAILURE SUMMARY (TAM)

- Agonist: Engages without coordinated timing
- Antagonist: Responds inconsistently
- Bi-Antagonist: Variable role switching
- Tri-Antagonist: Fails to synchronize engagement

The failure is temporal, not anatomical.

TECHNICAL METHOD (OBSERVATION-ONLY, NON-INTERVENTIONAL)

Within the LaFontaine Structural Canon, this pattern is identified through:

- Timing consistency analysis
- Observation of variable rhythm
- Detection of repeated micro-corrections
- Recognition of output variability without fatigue

No treatment or correction is implied.

This report defines coordination timing, not intervention.

CANONICAL SYNTHESIS

Asynchronous role engagement does not stop movement.

It scrambles it.

When roles lose synchrony,
timing fragments,
corrections multiply,
and coordination noise dominates.
That is the noise.

#18

CAUSE & EFFECT REPORT #18

Anticipatory Control Failure → Reactive Dominance

Tri-Antagonist Matrix | LaFontaine Structural Canon

CMD Appendix A — Entry #18

S — STRUCTURAL OBSERVATION (Subjective / Phenomenological)

The movement appears responsive rather than prepared.

The athlete reports feeling “a step behind,” needing to react instead of flow. Movements are completed, but they feel rushed and corrective rather than intentional. Effort rises quickly under speed or complexity. Fatigue is perceived as cognitive or coordination-based rather than muscular. Pain is uncommon.

Performance feels reactive instead of proactive.

O — OBJECTIVE KINESIOLOGIC FINDINGS

During rapid or complex movement sequences, the following structural pattern is observed:

- Anticipatory organization is absent or delayed
- The agonist engages after motion has already begun

- The antagonist reacts defensively to ongoing movement
- The bi-antagonist remains stabilizing rather than preparing transition
- The tri-antagonist fails to establish anticipatory timing

Observable features include:

- Late corrections
- Increased reflexive engagement
- Reduced smoothness
- Escalating effort with task complexity

Movement completes through reaction rather than preparation.

A — ASSESSMENT (Cause & Effect Logic — TAM)

Primary Cause

Anticipatory control fails to establish timing before movement execution.

This is a preparatory governance error, not a reaction-time deficit.

Cause → Effect Chain (Canonical)

If anticipatory control fails,

then movement becomes reactive,

because timing is not established prior to execution,

because the tri-antagonist does not set preparatory order,

because the bi-antagonist remains in stabilization,

because agonist and antagonist engage in response to motion rather than leading it.

Structural Consequence

Preparation is replaced by reaction.

The system remains functional but loses efficiency and composure, resulting in reactive dominance.

P — PERFORMANCE IMPLICATION (Non-Clinical)

Kinesiologic Effects

- Increased reflexive activity
- Reduced timing precision
- Elevated energetic cost
- Loss of movement calm

Performance Expression

- Hesitation in complex tasks
- Difficulty sustaining speed under variability
- Increased corrective effort
- Inconsistent execution

The system does not collapse.

It chases itself.

MECHANICAL INTERPRETATION (Technical)

Reactive dominance shifts control to feedback mechanisms.

- Feed-forward timing is absent
- Force vectors adjust late
- Elastic contribution is reduced

This converts an anticipatory kinetic system into a feedback-driven system.

ROLE-SPECIFIC FAILURE SUMMARY (TAM)

- Agonist: Engages after motion onset
- Antagonist: Reacts defensively
- Bi-Antagonist: Fixed in stabilization
- Tri-Antagonist: Fails to establish anticipatory timing

The failure is preparatory, not structural damage.

TECHNICAL METHOD (OBSERVATION-ONLY, NON-INTERVENTIONAL)

Within the LaFontaine Structural Canon, this pattern is identified through:

- Observation of late corrections
- Detection of reaction-dominant execution
- Assessment of effort under variability
- Recognition of reduced movement calm

No treatment or correction is implied.

This report defines control mode, not intervention.

CANONICAL SYNTHESIS

Anticipatory control failure does not stop movement.

It delays it.

When preparation is absent,

reaction dominates,

effort escalates,

and efficiency fades.

That is the dominance.

#19

CAUSE & EFFECT REPORT #19

Antagonist Co-Contraction Bias → Efficiency Collapse

Tri-Antagonist Matrix | LaFontaine Structural Canon

CMD Appendix A — Entry #19

S — STRUCTURAL OBSERVATION (Subjective / Phenomenological)

Movement appears controlled but effortful.

The individual reports feeling “tight,” “braced,” or “working too hard” to achieve ordinary output. Tasks can be completed reliably, yet they feel heavy and energetically expensive.

Endurance diminishes quickly despite adequate strength. Fatigue is perceived as systemic rather than localized. Pain is uncommon and typically secondary.

Performance feels constrained rather than unstable.

O — OBJECTIVE KINESIOLOGIC FINDINGS

During sustained or repetitive movement, the following structural pattern is observed:

- Simultaneous agonist and antagonist engagement
- Persistent braking during force expression
- Reduced joint excursion despite sufficient capacity
- Elevated muscular tone across phases
- Limited elastic contribution

The bi-antagonist assumes continuous stabilization demand rather than phase-specific modulation.

The tri-antagonist fails to signal timely release between roles.

Observable features include:

- Stiffened movement quality
- Shortened cycles
- Elevated effort at submaximal output
- Rapid endurance decline

Movement completes through bracing rather than coordination.

A — ASSESSMENT (Cause & Effect Logic — TAM)

Primary Cause

The antagonist fails to disengage following braking demand, producing sustained co-contraction.

This is a role-release governance error, not a strength or flexibility deficit.

Cause → Effect Chain (Canonical)

If the antagonist fails to release after braking,
then continuous opposition persists,
because role transitions are not governed,
because the tri-antagonist does not signal disengagement,
because the bi-antagonist absorbs ongoing stabilization demand,
because agonist force expression is suppressed by constant counterforce.

Structural Consequence

Stability is preserved at the expense of efficiency.

The system remains controlled but energetically burdened, resulting in efficiency collapse.

P — PERFORMANCE IMPLICATION (Non-Clinical)

Kinesiologic Effects

- Elevated metabolic cost
- Reduced elastic efficiency
- Increased internal resistance
- Early fatigue onset

Performance Expression

- Shortened work capacity
- Declining output sustainability
- Reduced movement amplitude
- Perceived heaviness under repetition

The system does not fail catastrophically.
It exhausts itself.

MECHANICAL INTERPRETATION (Technical)

Persistent co-contraction increases internal resistance.

- Elastic recoil is dampened
- Force vectors oppose rather than sequence
- Energy is dissipated internally

This converts a coordinated kinetic system into a resistive one.

ROLE-SPECIFIC FAILURE SUMMARY (TAM)

- **Agonist:** Force expression suppressed
- **Antagonist:** Fails to disengage after braking
- **Bi-Antagonist:** Overloaded by continuous stabilization
- **Tri-Antagonist:** Fails to govern release timing

The failure is organizational, not anatomical.

TECHNICAL METHOD (OBSERVATION-ONLY, NON-INTERVENTIONAL)

Within the LaFontaine Structural Canon, this pattern is identified through:

- Detection of sustained co-contraction
- Observation of effort–output mismatch
- Recognition of stiffness without instability
- Assessment of fatigue disproportionate to demand

No treatment or correction is implied.
This report defines efficiency state, not intervention.

CANONICAL SYNTHESIS

Antagonist dominance does not stop movement.
It taxes it.

When release is absent,
effort rises,
elasticity fades,
and efficiency collapses.

That is the bias.

#20

CAUSE & EFFECT REPORT #20

Antagonist Failure to Release → Phase Exit Delay

Tri-Antagonist Matrix | LaFontaine Structural Canon

CMD Appendix A — Entry #20

S — STRUCTURAL OBSERVATION (Subjective / Phenomenological)

Movement feels slow to transition.

The individual reports feeling “stuck between phases” or needing extra effort to initiate the next action. Tasks are completed, but transitions feel delayed, heavy, or resistant. There is a sense of hesitation rather than weakness. Fatigue accumulates during repeated transitions rather than during force production. Pain is uncommon and typically secondary.

Performance feels delayed rather than unstable.

O — OBJECTIVE KINESIOLOGIC FINDINGS

During cyclical or phase-dependent movement, the following structural pattern is observed:

- Antagonist activity persists beyond braking demand
- Delayed disengagement at phase boundaries
- Reduced overlap between ending and initiating phases
- Bi-antagonist remains occupied with containment rather than transition support
- Tri-antagonist fails to cue timely phase release

Observable features include:

- Hesitation at phase change
- Shortened subsequent phase
- Increased effort to initiate movement
- Gradual rhythm degradation

Movement completes through delayed release rather than fluid transition.

A — ASSESSMENT (Cause & Effect Logic — TAM)

Primary Cause

The antagonist does not disengage at the completion of its braking role, delaying phase exit.

This is a transition governance error, not a power or coordination deficit.

Cause → Effect Chain (Canonical)

If the antagonist fails to release at phase completion,
then phase exit is delayed,
because braking persists beyond demand,
because release timing is not governed,
because the tri-antagonist does not signal transition,
because the bi-antagonist remains occupied with containment rather than handoff.

Structural Consequence

Movement remains controlled but loses continuity.
The system functions with delayed transitions, resulting in phase exit delay.

P — PERFORMANCE IMPLICATION (Non-Clinical)

Kinesiologic Effects

- Slowed transition timing
- Increased initiation effort
- Reduced rhythm consistency
- Elevated energetic cost

Performance Expression

- Hesitation during cyclical tasks
- Difficulty sustaining tempo
- Perceived sluggishness between actions
- Progressive rhythm loss

The system does not collapse.
It lags.

MECHANICAL INTERPRETATION (Technical)

Delayed antagonist release prolongs braking forces.

- Momentum is not carried forward
- Elastic handoff is disrupted
- Initiation relies on renewed effort rather than stored energy

This converts continuous motion into segmented execution.

ROLE-SPECIFIC FAILURE SUMMARY (TAM)

- **Agonist:** Delayed engagement due to residual opposition
- **Antagonist:** Persists beyond braking role
- **Bi-Antagonist:** Occupied with prolonged containment
- **Tri-Antagonist:** Fails to govern phase release

The failure is transitional, not structural damage.

TECHNICAL METHOD (OBSERVATION-ONLY, NON-INTERVENTIONAL)

Within the LaFontaine Structural Canon, this pattern is identified through:

- Observation of delayed phase transitions
- Detection of braking persistence
- Assessment of initiation effort
- Recognition of rhythm degradation

No treatment or correction is implied.
This report defines transition behavior, not intervention.

CANONICAL SYNTHESIS

Failure to release does not halt movement.
It delays it.

When braking persists,
transition slows,
rhythm erodes,
and continuity fades.

That is the delay

#21

CAUSE & EFFECT REPORT #21

Bi-Antagonist Role-Switch Failure → Phase-Locked Breakdown

Tri-Antagonist Matrix | LaFontaine Structural Canon

CMD Appendix A — Entry #21

S — STRUCTURAL OBSERVATION (Subjective / Phenomenological)

Movement feels trapped within a phase.

The individual reports feeling “locked,” “unable to shift,” or as if motion continues but never fully advances. Tasks can be performed, yet transitions feel restricted or absent. Effort accumulates without corresponding progress. Fatigue emerges from repetition rather than intensity. Pain is uncommon and typically secondary.

Performance feels contained rather than fluid.

O — OBJECTIVE KINESIOLOGIC FINDINGS

During multi-phase or cyclical movement, the following structural pattern is observed:

- Bi-antagonist remains fixed in a single functional role
- Failure to transition between stabilization and assistance
- Limited phase overlap or handoff
- Antagonist and agonist roles engage within a constrained window
- Tri-antagonist fails to initiate role reassignment

Observable features include:

- Repetitive movement without progression
- Reduced phase differentiation
- Accumulating effort with minimal output change
- Flattened movement dynamics

Movement completes within a phase rather than across phases.

A — ASSESSMENT (Cause & Effect Logic — TAM)

Primary Cause

The bi-antagonist fails to switch roles at phase transition, remaining locked in stabilization.

This is a role-plasticity failure, not a strength or coordination deficit.

Cause → Effect Chain (Canonical)

If the bi-antagonist fails to switch roles,
then phase transition cannot occur,
because stabilization persists beyond its functional window,
because role reassignment is not governed,
because the tri-antagonist does not initiate transition,
because agonist and antagonist activity remains confined within a single phase.

Structural Consequence

Movement remains organized but constrained.

The system functions within a limited phase state, resulting in phase-locked breakdown.

P — PERFORMANCE IMPLICATION (Non-Clinical)

Kinesiologic Effects

- Reduced phase adaptability
- Increased effort per repetition
- Limited progression under load
- Declining efficiency with repetition

Performance Expression

- Difficulty advancing movement cycles
- Repetitive execution without escalation
- Perceived stagnation during activity
- Loss of dynamic variation

The system does not destabilize.

It stalls.

MECHANICAL INTERPRETATION (Technical)

Persistent stabilization prevents phase advancement.

- Energy is contained rather than transferred
- Elastic contribution is isolated
- Motion remains locally controlled but globally restricted

This converts cyclical movement into phase-confined repetition.

ROLE-SPECIFIC FAILURE SUMMARY (TAM)

- **Agonist:** Restricted to limited phase expression
- **Antagonist:** Operates within constrained timing window
- **Bi-Antagonist:** Fails to switch roles across phases
- **Tri-Antagonist:** Fails to govern role reassignment

The failure is organizational, not anatomical.

TECHNICAL METHOD (OBSERVATION-ONLY, NON-INTERVENTIONAL)

Within the LaFountaine Structural Canon, this pattern is identified through:

- Observation of absent phase transitions
- Detection of stabilization persistence
- Assessment of repetition without progression
- Recognition of flattened movement dynamics

No treatment or correction is implied.

This report defines phase behavior, not intervention.

CANONICAL SYNTHESIS

When stabilization does not release,
movement cannot advance.

Phase follows phase only when roles change.
When roles remain fixed,
progress stops.

That is the lock.

#22

CAUSE & EFFECT REPORT #22

Bi-Antagonist Delay → Elastic Recoil Loss

Tri-Antagonist Matrix | LaFountaine Structural Canon

CMD Appendix A — Entry #22

S — STRUCTURAL OBSERVATION (Subjective / Phenomenological)

Movement feels heavy on return.

The individual reports that motion initiates adequately but does not “spring back.” Actions feel dampened, requiring renewed effort each cycle. Repetition increases effort disproportionately. Fatigue presents as loss of bounce rather than loss of strength. Pain is uncommon and typically secondary.

Performance feels grounded rather than elastic.

O — OBJECTIVE KINESIOLOGIC FINDINGS

During cyclic or elastic-demand movement, the following structural pattern is observed:

- Bi-antagonist engagement lags relative to phase transition
- Delayed containment following force expression
- Reduced elastic handoff between phases
- Antagonist assumes prolonged braking
- Tri-antagonist fails to cue timely stabilizer engagement

Observable features include:

- Diminished rebound
- Lengthened ground or contact time
- Increased effort per cycle
- Progressive loss of rhythm

Movement completes through renewed effort rather than elastic return.

A — ASSESSMENT (Cause & Effect Logic — TAM)

Primary Cause

The bi-antagonist engages too late to support elastic transition, delaying containment.

This is a timing delay in stabilizer engagement, not a power deficit.

Cause → Effect Chain (Canonical)

If bi-antagonist engagement is delayed,
then elastic recoil is lost,
because containment does not arrive in time to store energy,
because timing of stabilizer engagement is not governed,

because the tri-antagonist does not cue early containment,
because antagonist braking replaces elastic return.

Structural Consequence

Movement remains repeatable but loses elasticity.
The system functions with diminished rebound, resulting in elastic recoil loss.

P — PERFORMANCE IMPLICATION (Non-Clinical)

Kinesiologic Effects

- Reduced elastic contribution
- Increased concentric demand
- Elevated energetic cost
- Declining rhythm efficiency

Performance Expression

- Loss of spring in repeated tasks
- Shortened or dampened cycles
- Rapid effort accumulation
- Perceived heaviness under repetition

The system does not collapse.
It hardens.

MECHANICAL INTERPRETATION (Technical)

Delayed stabilization prevents elastic storage.

- Energy is dissipated rather than stored
- Recoil timing is missed
- Return phases rely on active force

This converts an elastic system into a concentric-dominant one.

ROLE-SPECIFIC FAILURE SUMMARY (TAM)

- **Agonist:** Re-engages without elastic assistance
- **Antagonist:** Prolongs braking in absence of containment
- **Bi-Antagonist:** Engages too late for recoil support
- **Tri-Antagonist:** Fails to govern early stabilizer timing

The failure is temporal, not structural damage.

TECHNICAL METHOD (OBSERVATION-ONLY, NON-INTERVENTIONAL)

Within the LaFountaine Structural Canon, this pattern is identified through:

- Observation of diminished rebound
- Detection of delayed containment
- Assessment of increased concentric effort
- Recognition of elastic timing loss

No treatment or correction is implied.
This report defines elastic behavior, not intervention.

CANONICAL SYNTHESIS

Elastic return requires timely containment.
When stabilization arrives late,
energy cannot be stored,
recoil is lost,
and effort replaces elasticity.

That is the loss.

#23

CAUSE & EFFECT REPORT #23

Bi-Antagonist Fixation → Loss of Role Plasticity

Tri-Antagonist Matrix | LaFountaine Structural Canon

CMD Appendix A — Entry #23

S — STRUCTURAL OBSERVATION (Subjective / Phenomenological)

Movement feels rigid across contexts.

The individual reports that motion feels “the same no matter what,” with difficulty adapting to changes in speed, direction, or demand. Tasks are completed reliably, but adaptability is reduced. Effort increases when variability is introduced. Fatigue presents as stiffness rather than exhaustion. Pain is uncommon and typically secondary.

Performance feels predictable rather than responsive.

O — OBJECTIVE KINESIOLOGIC FINDINGS

During variable or multi-demand movement, the following structural pattern is observed:

- Bi-antagonist remains fixed in a single stabilizing role
- Limited adjustment to changing task demands
- Reduced modulation across phases
- Antagonist and agonist operate within narrow parameters
- Tri-antagonist fails to permit role reassignment

Observable features include:

- Uniform movement pattern across conditions
- Reduced adaptability under perturbation
- Elevated effort with novelty
- Flattened dynamic range

Movement completes through repetition rather than adaptation.

A — ASSESSMENT (Cause & Effect Logic — TAM)

Primary Cause

The bi-antagonist becomes fixed in stabilization, losing the ability to shift roles.

This is a role-plasticity failure, not a flexibility or coordination deficit.

Cause → Effect Chain (Canonical)

If the bi-antagonist becomes fixed in one role,
then adaptability is lost,
because role modulation does not occur,
because role reassignment is not governed,
because the tri-antagonist does not permit variability,
because agonist and antagonist operate within constrained parameters.

Structural Consequence

Movement remains controlled but inflexible.
The system functions with reduced adaptability, resulting in loss of role plasticity.

P — PERFORMANCE IMPLICATION (Non-Clinical)

Kinesiologic Effects

- Reduced adaptability
- Increased effort under variability
- Narrowed movement solutions
- Elevated stabilization demand

Performance Expression

- Difficulty adjusting to new demands
- Reduced tolerance for perturbation
- Predictable but limited execution
- Loss of movement versatility

The system does not destabilize.
It ossifies.

MECHANICAL INTERPRETATION (Technical)

Fixed stabilization limits dynamic adjustment.

- Energy routing becomes repetitive
- Elastic variability is constrained
- Load-path options are reduced

This converts a flexible kinetic system into a rigid one.

ROLE-SPECIFIC FAILURE SUMMARY (TAM)

- **Agonist:** Operates within restricted output range
- **Antagonist:** Modulates within narrow limits
- **Bi-Antagonist:** Fixated in stabilization role
- **Tri-Antagonist:** Fails to govern role variability

The failure is organizational, not anatomical.

TECHNICAL METHOD (OBSERVATION-ONLY, NON-INTERVENTIONAL)

Within the LaFountaine Structural Canon, this pattern is identified through:

- Observation of uniform movement across tasks
- Detection of reduced adaptability
- Assessment of effort under variability
- Recognition of constrained role behavior

No treatment or correction is implied.
This report defines adaptability state, not intervention.

CANONICAL SYNTHESIS

Movement requires role plasticity.
When stabilization becomes fixed,
adaptation disappears,
variability is resisted,
and rigidity replaces responsiveness.

That is the fixation.

S — STRUCTURAL OBSERVATION (Subjective / Phenomenological)

Movement feels stiff and constrained.

The individual reports feeling “held,” “tight,” or unable to move freely despite sufficient strength and range. Tasks are completed, but motion lacks ease and fluidity. Effort rises quickly even at low demand. Fatigue presents as global stiffness rather than weakness. Pain is uncommon and typically secondary.

Performance feels contained rather than expressive.

O — OBJECTIVE KINESIOLOGIC FINDINGS

During simple or compound movement, the following structural pattern is observed:

- Excessive stabilizer engagement across phases
- Reduced segmental excursion
- Diminished phase differentiation
- Antagonist modulation becomes secondary to containment
- Tri-antagonist fails to down-regulate stabilization

Observable features include:

- Limited movement amplitude
- Reduced speed variability
- Uniform tension across phases
- Decreased fluid transitions

Movement completes through containment rather than coordination.

A — ASSESSMENT (Cause & Effect Logic — TAM)

Primary Cause

The bi-antagonist remains over-engaged beyond stabilization demand, suppressing motion.

This is a stabilization excess, not a mobility deficit.

Cause → Effect Chain (Canonical)

If the bi-antagonist over-stabilizes,
then movement becomes rigid,
because constraint persists beyond requirement,
because down-regulation is not governed,
because the tri-antagonist does not modulate containment,
because agonist expression is constrained by continuous stabilization.

Structural Consequence

Stability is maintained at the expense of mobility.
The system functions with excessive constraint, resulting in movement rigidity.

P — PERFORMANCE IMPLICATION (Non-Clinical)

Kinesiologic Effects

- Reduced movement freedom
- Elevated energetic cost
- Suppressed elastic contribution
- Limited speed modulation

Performance Expression

- Stiff execution
- Difficulty accelerating or decelerating smoothly
- Reduced expressiveness under load
- Early fatigue at low intensity

The system does not collapse.
It constricts.

MECHANICAL INTERPRETATION (Technical)

Excessive stabilization suppresses motion.

- Energy is contained rather than transferred

- Elastic pathways are dampened
- Load remains distributed across holding structures

This converts a coordinated kinetic system into a constrained one.

ROLE-SPECIFIC FAILURE SUMMARY (TAM)

- **Agonist:** Force expression constrained
- **Antagonist:** Secondary to containment
- **Bi-Antagonist:** Over-engaged beyond need
- **Tri-Antagonist:** Fails to regulate stabilization level

The failure is organizational, not anatomical.

TECHNICAL METHOD (OBSERVATION-ONLY, NON-INTERVENTIONAL)

Within the LaFountaine Structural Canon, this pattern is identified through:

- Observation of excessive constraint
- Detection of reduced excursion
- Assessment of effort at low demand
- Recognition of stiffness without instability

No treatment or correction is implied.

This report defines rigidity state, not intervention.

CANONICAL SYNTHESIS

Stability must yield to motion.

When containment dominates,
movement narrows,
elasticity fades,
and rigidity replaces flow.

That is the constraint.

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CAUSE & EFFECT REPORT #25

Bi-Antagonist Inhibition → Force Transfer Failure

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CMD Appendix A — Entry #25

S — STRUCTURAL OBSERVATION (Subjective / Phenomenological)

Movement feels disconnected.

The individual reports that effort does not translate into outcome, describing motion as “leaking,” “unanchored,” or requiring repeated attempts to achieve expected effect. Tasks can be completed, but output feels diminished relative to effort. Fatigue accumulates without proportional work accomplished. Pain is uncommon and typically secondary.

Performance feels weak rather than unstable.

O — OBJECTIVE KINESIOLOGIC FINDINGS

During forceful or transfer-dependent movement, the following structural pattern is observed:

- Insufficient stabilizer engagement during force expression
- Loss of alignment across segments
- Reduced proximal-to-distal transmission
- Antagonist attempts reactive containment
- Tri-antagonist fails to cue stabilizer activation

Observable features include:

- Energy dissipation across joints
- Reduced effective output
- Compensatory tightening elsewhere
- Inconsistent task completion

Movement completes through repeated effort rather than efficient transfer.

A — ASSESSMENT (Cause & Effect Logic — TAM)

Primary Cause

The bi-antagonist fails to engage sufficiently to support force transfer.

This is an inhibition of stabilization, not a strength deficit.

Cause → Effect Chain (Canonical)

If the bi-antagonist is inhibited,
then force transfer fails,
because stabilization is insufficient to route energy,
because containment does not engage at demand,
because the tri-antagonist does not signal activation,
because agonist force dissipates across uncontained segments.

Structural Consequence

Force is generated but not transmitted.
The system functions with reduced effectiveness, resulting in force transfer failure.

P — PERFORMANCE IMPLICATION (Non-Clinical)

Kinesiologic Effects

- Reduced mechanical efficiency
- Increased compensatory recruitment
- Elevated energetic cost
- Variable output

Performance Expression

- Difficulty producing expected result
- Repeated effort for simple tasks
- Inconsistent force delivery
- Perceived weakness under demand

The system does not collapse.
It leaks.

MECHANICAL INTERPRETATION (Technical)

Insufficient stabilization disrupts energy routing.

- Force vectors disperse across joints
- Elastic contribution is uncoupled
- Output is lost before reaching terminal segments

This converts coordinated force production into dissipated effort.

ROLE-SPECIFIC FAILURE SUMMARY (TAM)

- **Agonist:** Produces force without effective transmission
- **Antagonist:** Reacts to instability rather than modulating
- **Bi-Antagonist:** Inhibited when stabilization is required
- **Tri-Antagonist:** Fails to govern stabilizer activation

The failure is organizational, not anatomical.

TECHNICAL METHOD (OBSERVATION-ONLY, NON-INTERVENTIONAL)

Within the LaFontaine Structural Canon, this pattern is identified through:

- Observation of effort–output mismatch
- Detection of segmental energy loss
- Assessment of compensatory tightening
- Recognition of inconsistent force delivery

No treatment or correction is implied.

This report defines transfer integrity, not intervention.

CANONICAL SYNTHESIS

Force requires containment.
When stabilization is absent,
energy disperses,
output diminishes,
and effort replaces efficiency.

That is the failure.

Canonical Closing: The Meaning and Scope of the First Twenty-Five Entries

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These entries demonstrate that collapse is not incidental, compensation is not adaptive noise, and inefficiency is not a consequence of weakness or imbalance. Each cause–effect chain resolves to a specific breakdown in **role timing, role release, or role transition**. When force expression is mis-sequenced, when braking persists beyond demand, when stabilization arrives too late or remains too long, movement reorganizes itself according to structural law rather than subjective variability.

Across Entries 1–10, agonist-dominant failures reveal the limits of force-centric explanations. Drive without governance produces misalignment, accelerated fatigue, and output variability, even in systems with sufficient strength and capacity. These patterns expose why increasing force alone cannot resolve persistent movement inefficiencies.

Entries 11–20 demonstrate that antagonist-dominant failures preserve control at the expense of economy. Excess braking, delayed release, and sustained co-contraction do not immediately destabilize movement; instead, they slow it, tax it, and erode efficiency over time. These patterns explain why individuals can appear stable while remaining chronically constrained, fatigued, or unable to progress, even in the absence of pain.

Entries 21–25 complete the primary governance layer by exposing bi-antagonist role-switch failures. Here, movement fails not through excessive force or excessive braking, but through **mismanaged stabilization**. When stabilizers fail to transition, delay engagement, over-contain, or fail to engage at all, phases cannot advance, force cannot be routed, and elasticity cannot be preserved. These entries reveal stabilization as a dynamic, role-governed function rather than a static supportive one.

Taken together, these twenty-five entries establish a closed explanatory subset within a much larger architecture. They define the minimum complete set required to explain early-stage movement failure before pain, injury, or overt dysfunction appears. They also demonstrate that failure is organizational before it is anatomical, and that compensation follows lawful, predictable routes once governance is compromised.

Crucially, these entries represent **only twenty-five of a planned one hundred** canonical cause–effect chains required to fully saturate the field of human movement governance. The remaining entries extend this same logic across additional collapse families, axes, chains, and regulatory interactions. Their purpose is not to revise the principles established here, but to expand their coverage until the full space of governed movement failure is exhaustively mapped.

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This paper defines **how movement is governed**, not how it should be corrected.

Glossary of Canonical Terms

Agonist

The role responsible for primary force expression and task-directed output within a movement system.

Antagonist

The role responsible for modulation, braking, and timing control of force expression.

Bi-Antagonist

The role responsible for phase-dependent stabilization, containment, and load-path integrity across transitions.

Tri-Antagonist

The regulatory role responsible for timing, sequencing, role assignment, and system-level governance.

Role Governance

The organizational control of when, how, and in what sequence roles engage, transition, and disengage.

Collapse

A predictable structural degradation resulting from governance failure, expressed through lawful propagation rather than isolated breakdown.

Compensation

Lawful system behavior that preserves function by rerouting load and reassigning roles in response to instability.

Elastic Recoil

The return of stored mechanical energy across phases when timing and containment are correctly governed.

Phase Transition

The structural handoff between movement phases requiring precise role reassignment and timing.

Structural Canon

The complete, locked body of architectural definitions, registries, laws, and invariants governing the LaFontaine system.

Cause–Effect Registry

A formal enumeration of role-governance failures and their dominant systemic consequences.

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