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collapse signatures, compensatory load-path shifts, or persistent dysfunctions consistently observed in vivo. These unresolved behaviors expose a deeper structural organization—one that the two-role model is fundamentally incapable of describing. This paper introduces and formalizes the Tri-Antagonist Matrix (TAM), a four-role interaction architecture governing movement stability, role transitions, collapse behavior, and structural correction. TAM provides a complete structural framework capable of explaining how human movement is organized, how it destabilizes, and how failure propagates through the kinetic chain—phenomena that remain unaddressed and unexplainable within the traditional agonist–antagonist paradigm.",

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"Agonist": "Primary force expression role responsible for task-directed output within a movement system.",

"Antagonist": "Controlled opposition and braking role responsible for modulation and timing control of force expression.",

"Bi_Antagonist": "Phase-dependent stabilizer or assistant role maintaining alignment and load-path integrity across transitions.",

"Tri_Antagonist": "Regulatory governor role responsible for timing, sequencing, role assignment, and system coherence.",

"Role_Governance": "Organizational control of when and how roles engage, transition, and disengage to produce coherent movement.",

"Collapse": "Predictable structural degradation resulting from governance failure, expressed through lawful propagation rather than isolated breakdown.",

"Compensation": "Lawful system behavior preserving function by rerouting load and reassigning roles in response to instability.",

"Elastic_Recoil": "Return of stored mechanical energy across phases when timing and containment are correctly governed.",

"Phase_Transition": "Structural handoff between movement phases requiring precise role reassignment and timing.",

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