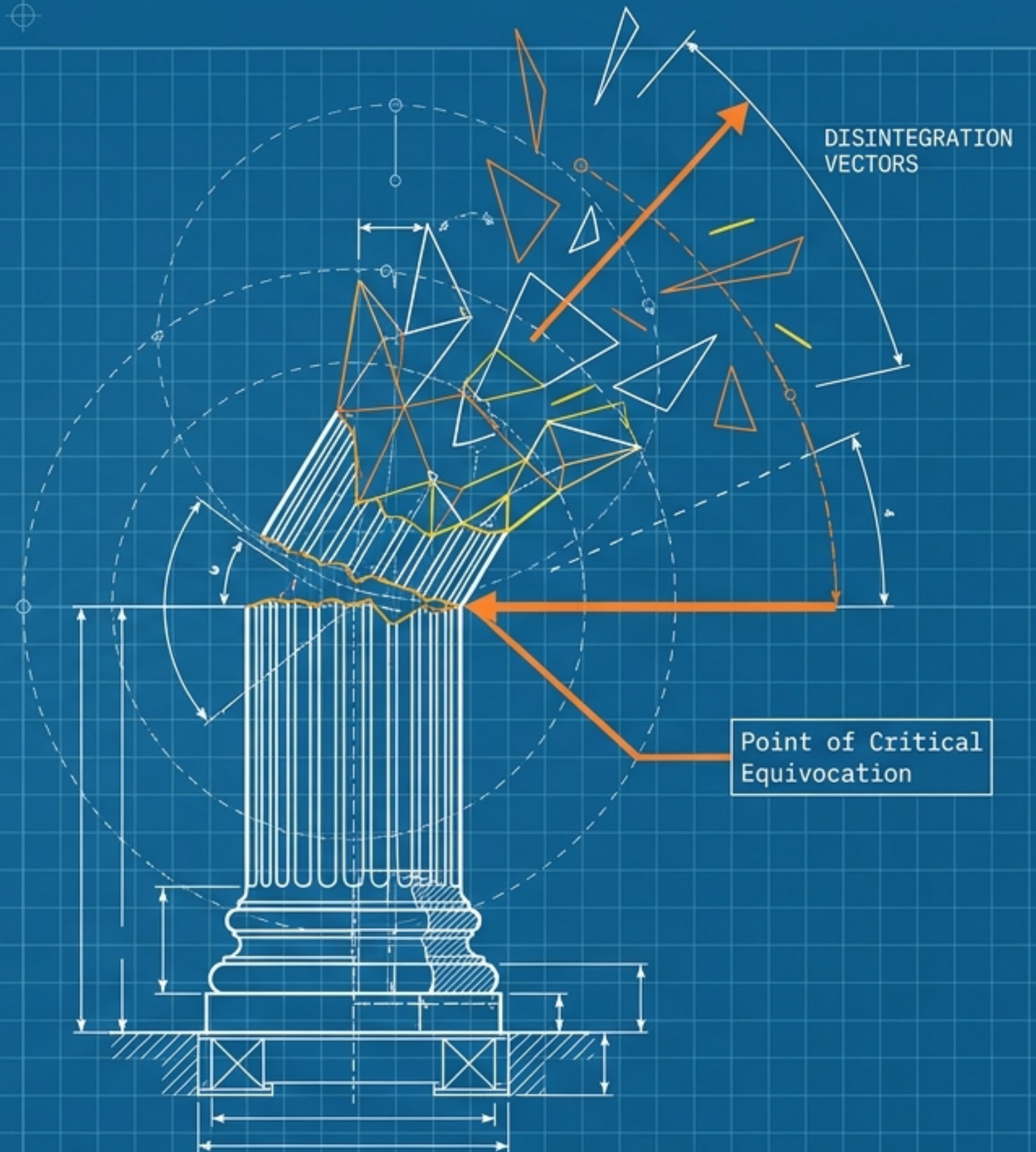


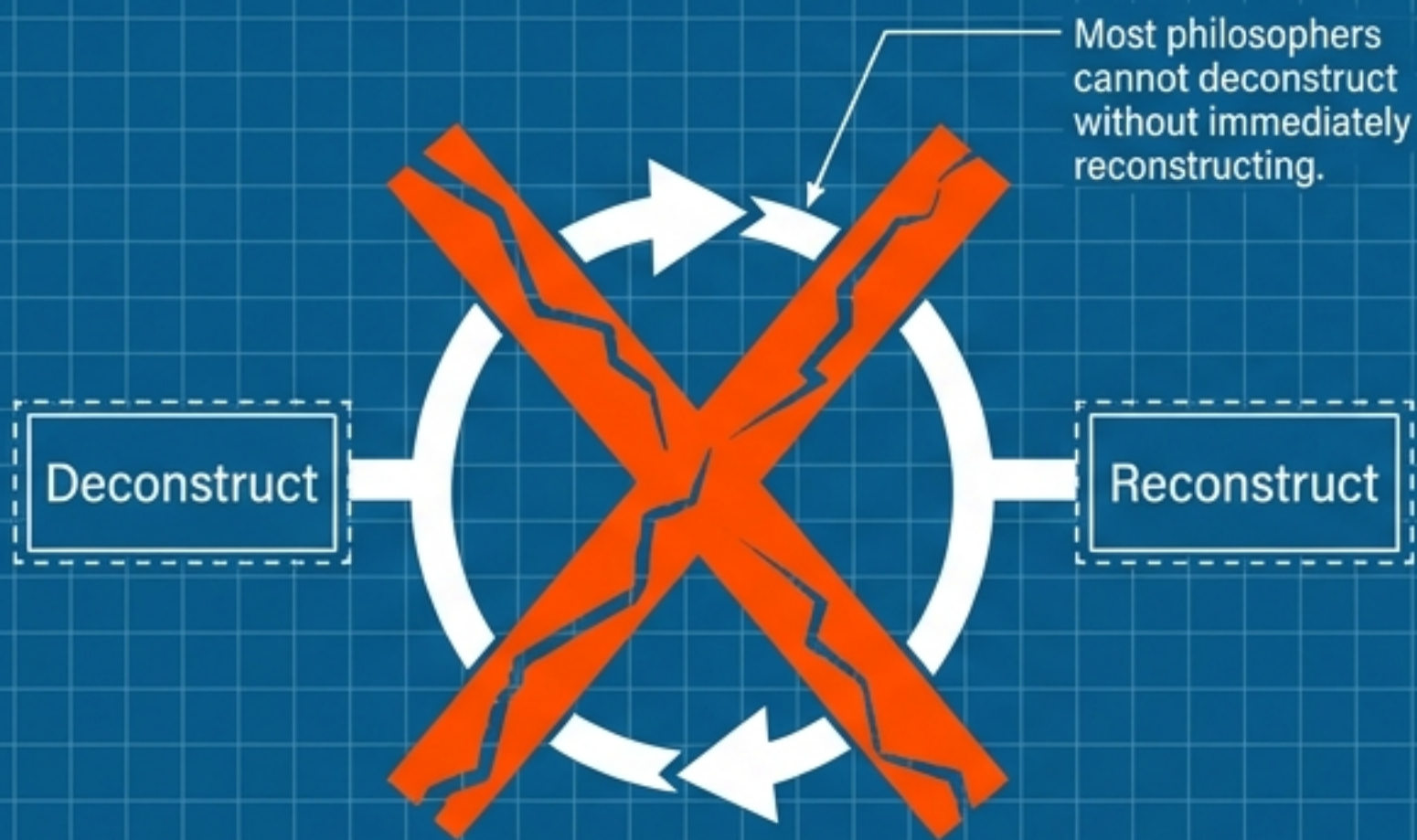
# Structural Failures in Panpsychism

An anatomical teardown of Alex Connor's argument for fundamental consciousness, based on Bry Willis's philosophy of Dis-Integration.



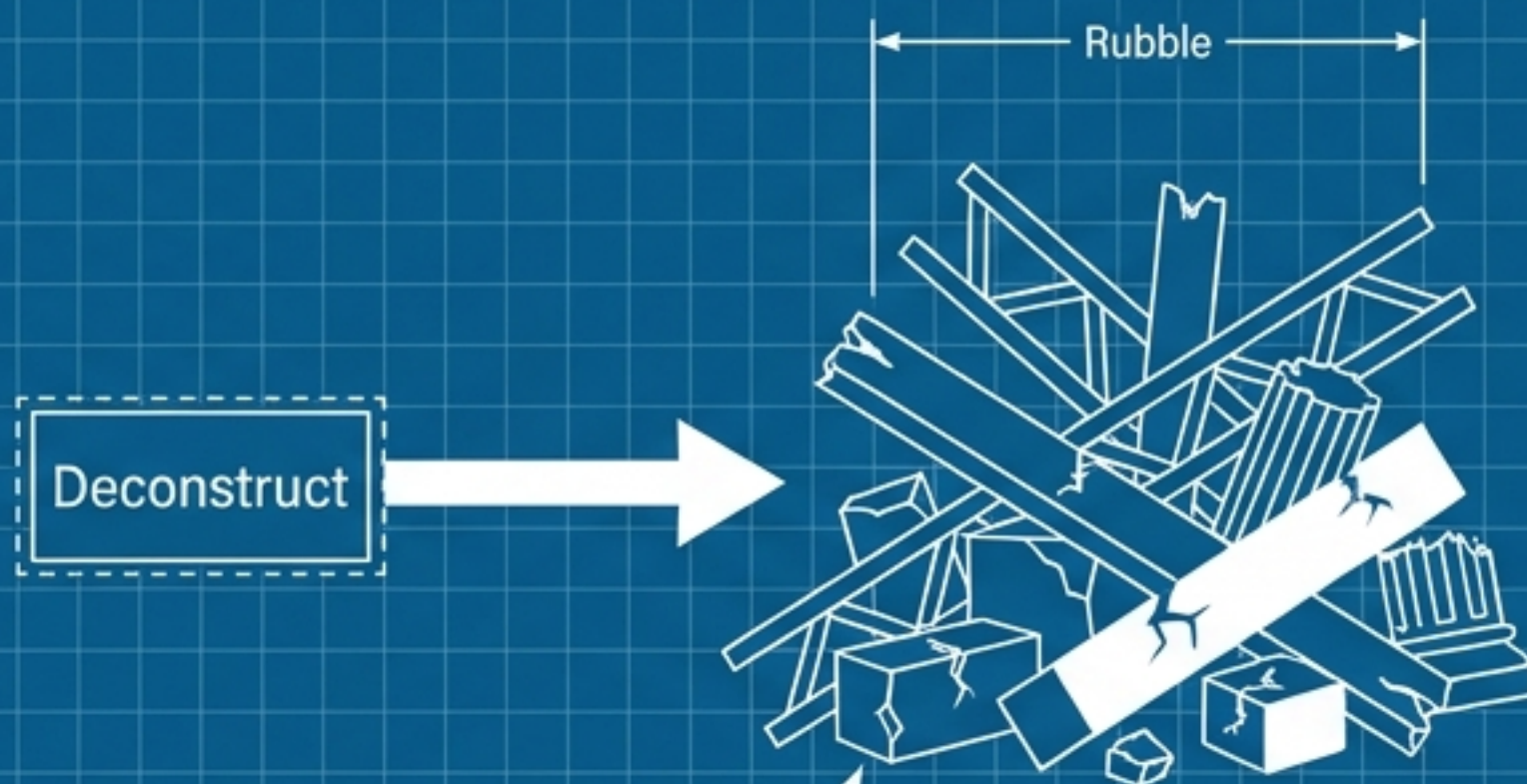
# Resisting the urge to immediately pour fresh foundations.

## Standard Method



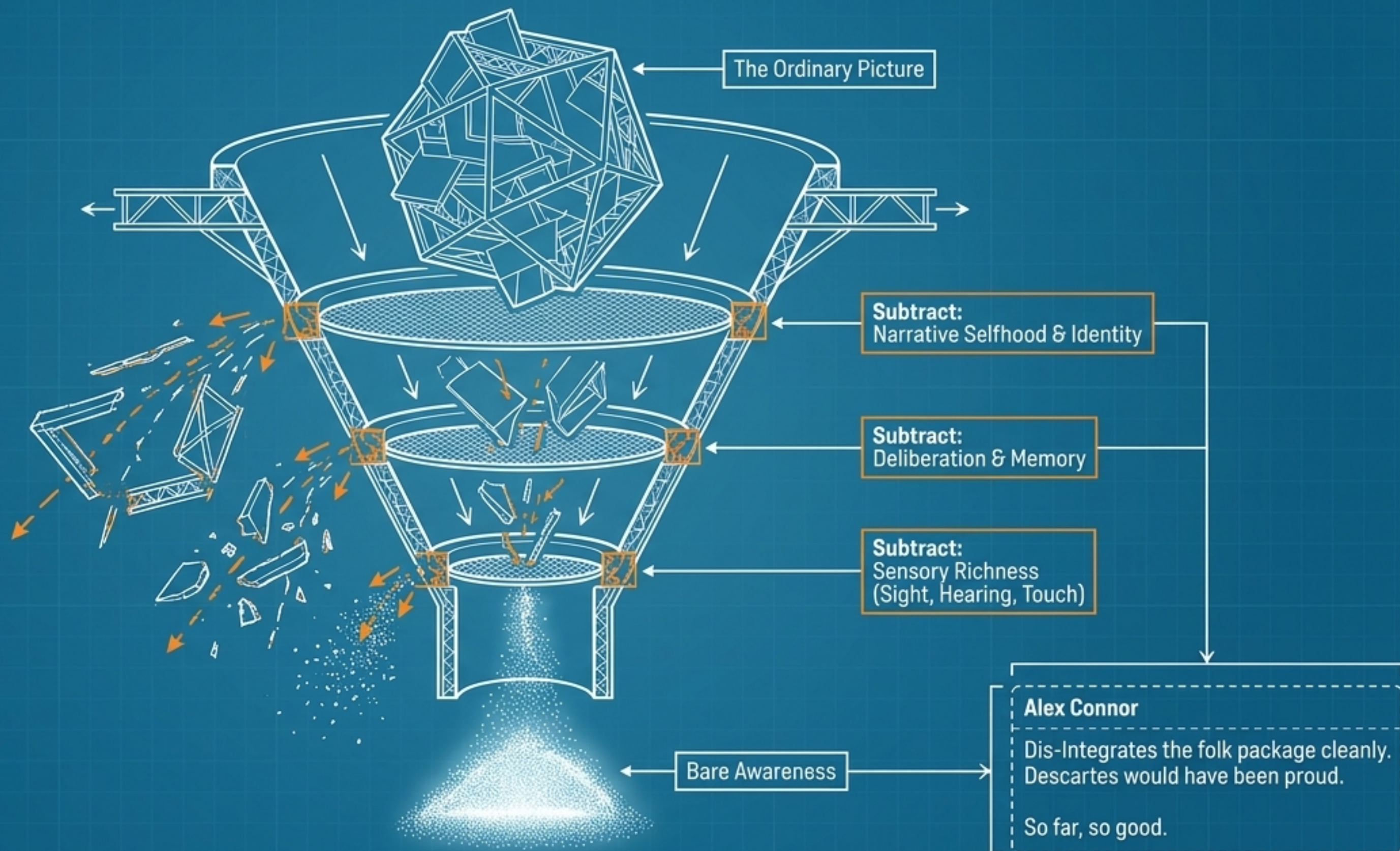
A deliberate distancing from Derridean deconstruction.

## The Dis-Integration Diagram



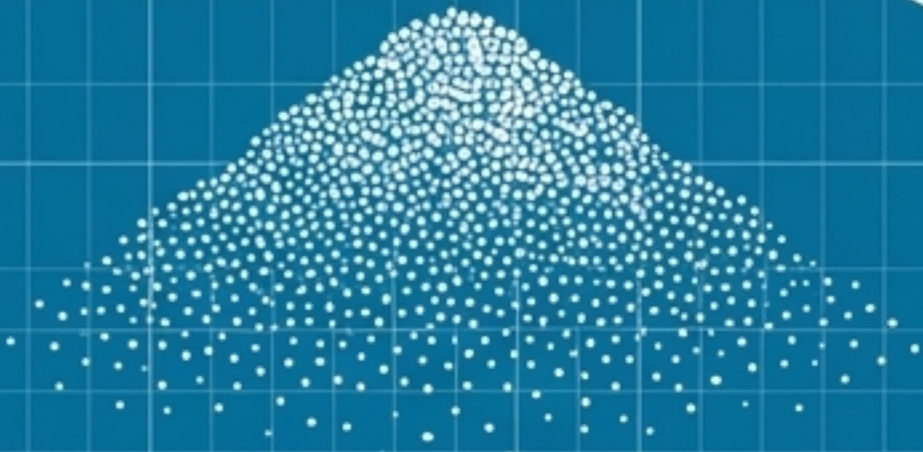
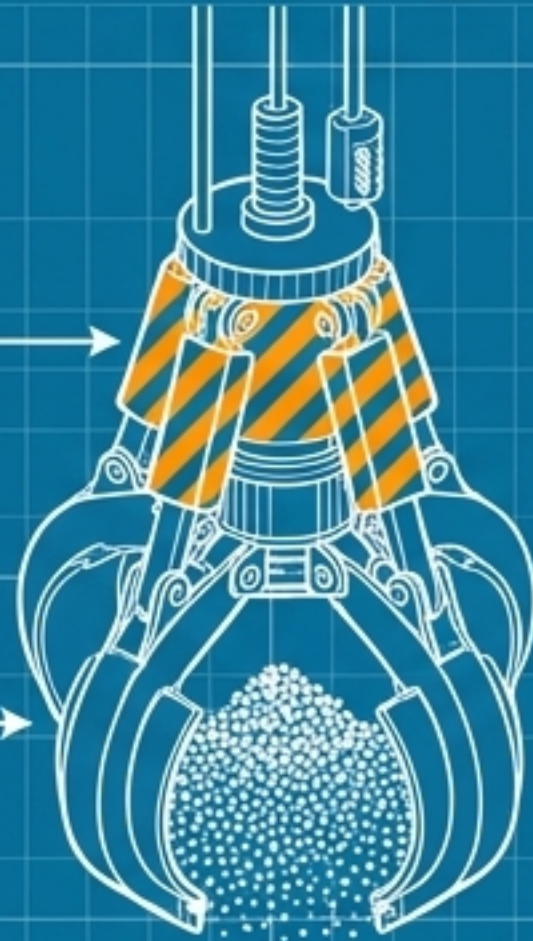
Dis-Integration: Willis's refusal of the reconstructive reflex. Letting the rubble settle to see what remains.

# Stripping the folk package of ordinary consciousness.



# The Cartesian mistake: confusing leftover dust for an ontological primitive

**Core Premise:**  
That a folk bundle can be decomposed entails precisely nothing about the fundamentality of whatever is left at the bottom of the barrel.

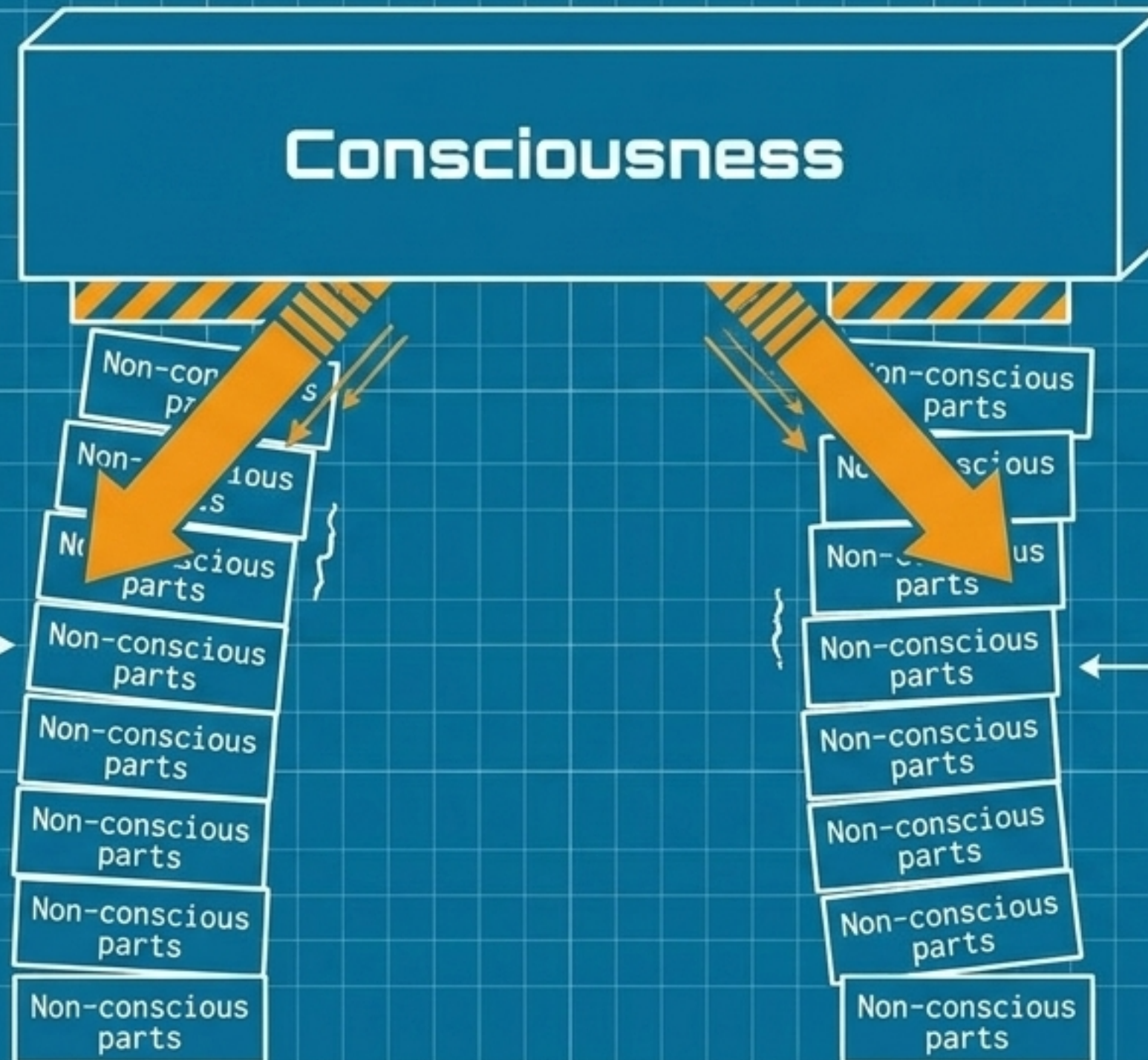


**Diagnostic Note:**  
This ostensive stripping only points at minimal consciousness; it does not prove it is a foundational layer of reality. It may only prove that 'consciousness' was never a stable kind-term to begin with.



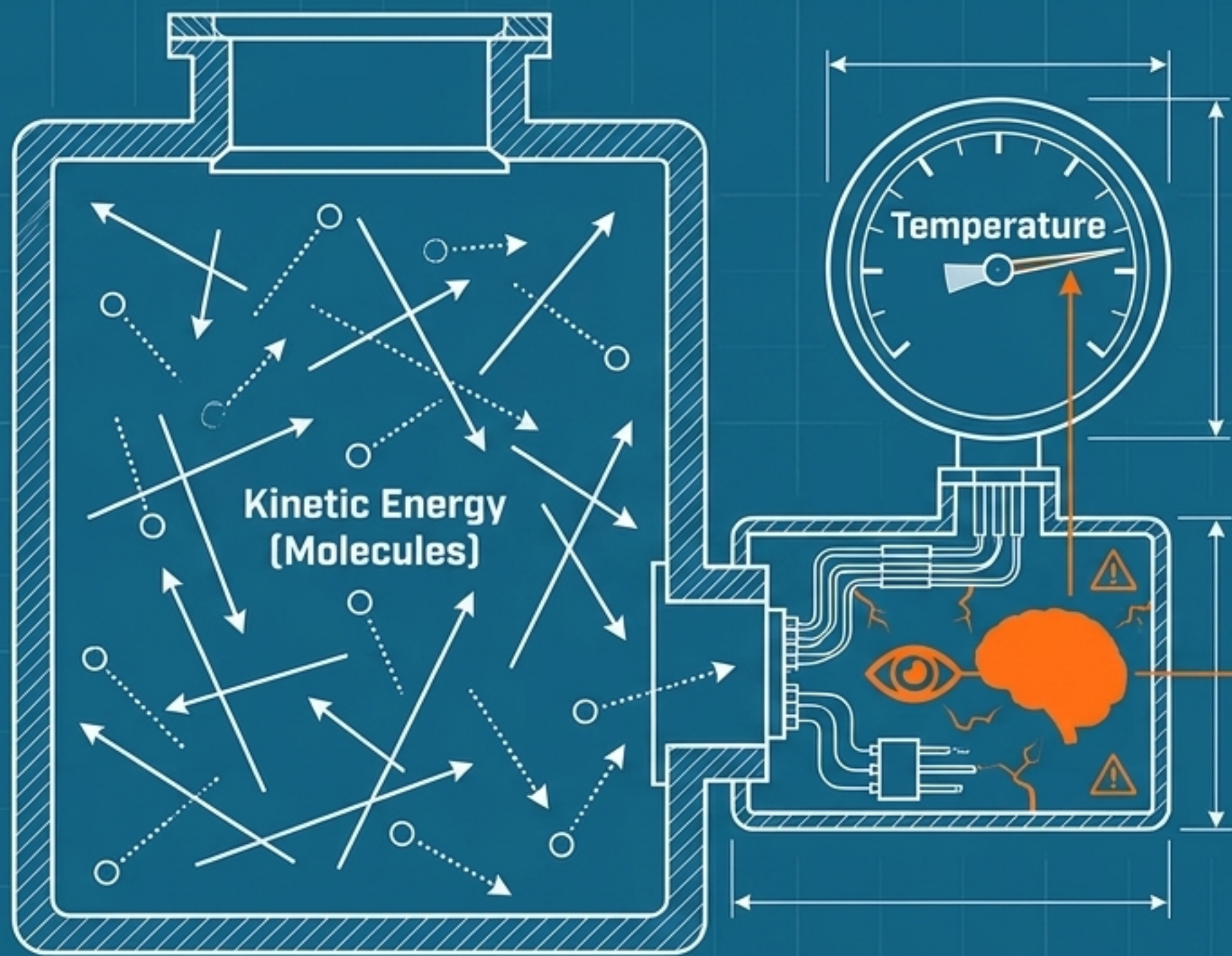
# The Anti-Emergence Engine: claiming consciousness cannot be built.

**The Intuition Pump:**  
Dennett's terminology.  
The subtraction was just a pump; the claim against emergence is the actual engine of Connor's argument.



**Connor's Core Argument:**  
You cannot assemble a substance from parts that intrinsically lack it. Therefore, if consciousness exists, it cannot be built-it must already be down there in the atoms (Panpsychism).

# Why standard emergence analogies fail to cross the gap.



## The Flawed Analogies:

Temperature from molecules, or images from pixels.

## Connor's Critique:

These analogies smuggle in the very phenomenality they pretend to derive. Temperature only "emerges" for someone who already feels heat.

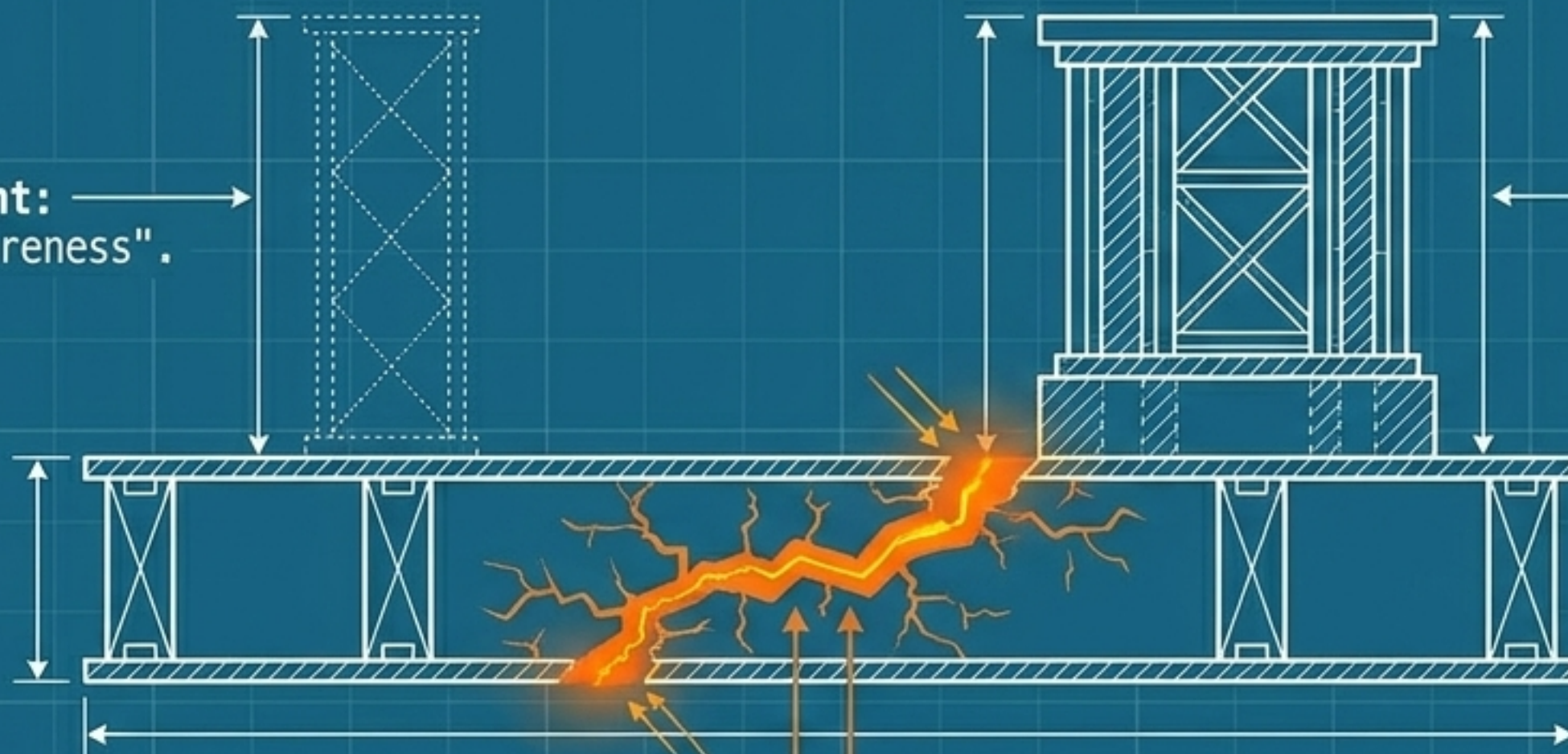
## Conclusion:

Without a valid analogy, emergence is deemed incoherent.

# The structural failure: borrowing weight from the very features just jettisoned.

**Subtraction Argument:**  
Relies on "Bare Awareness".

**Anti-Emergence Argument:**  
Relies on "First-person unified experience" & "The redness of red".



## The Fatal Flaw

Connor's anti-emergence argument requires a thick, robust substance.

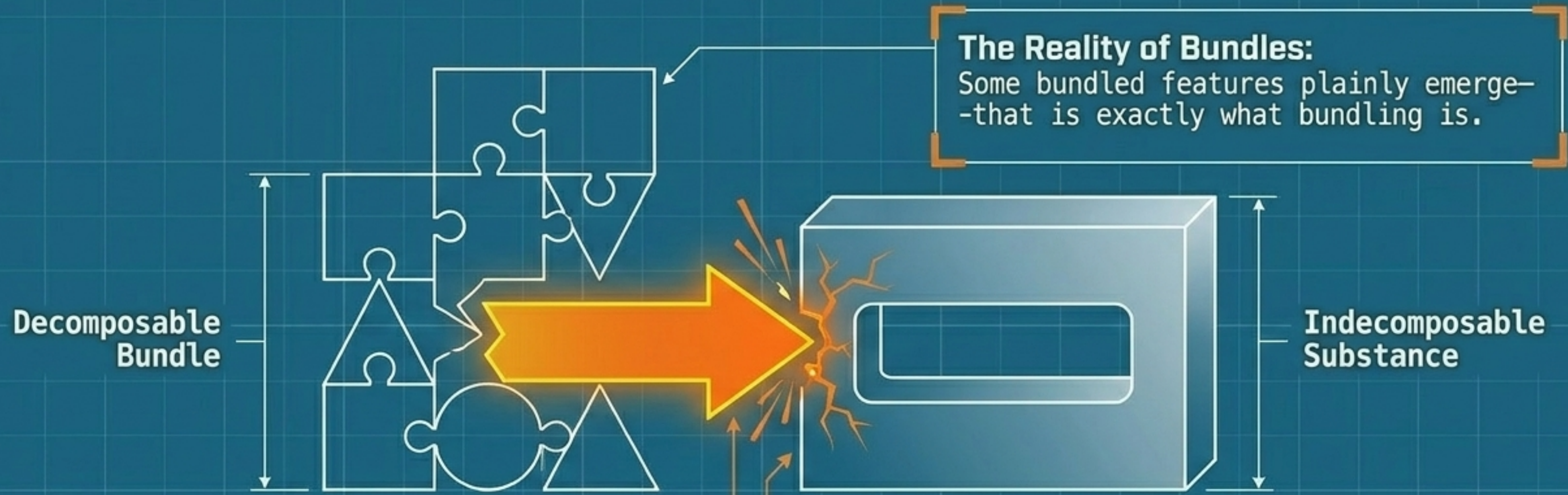
## The Sleight of Hand

Every ounce of the incoherence Connor finds in emergence is borrowed from the rich phenomenal features (redness, unified feel) that he deliberately evacuated during his subtraction phase. Oops.

# The Equivocation Trap: How the noun fractures mid-argument.

	The 'Thin' Definition	The 'Thick' Definition
Argument Applied To	The Subtraction Argument	The Anti-Emergence Argument
Features Included	Evacuated down to bare awareness	Requires unified first-person feel & the redness of red
Ontological Status	A highly decomposable bundle	An indecomposable, robust substance
Flaw Revealed	Mistaking leftover dust for a primitive	Smuggling stripped features back in to prove incoherence

# A categorical mismatch: it cannot be both bundle and substance.



**The Reality of Bundles:**  
Some bundled features plainly emerge—that is exactly what bundling is.

**The Diagnosis:**  
There is no single referent for emergence to succeed or fail at.

**The Reification:**  
Declaring "it is all one substance that cannot be built" ignores the prior deconstruction. He cannot eat his cake and have it, too.

# Declining the pitch: why the substance-versus-emergence framing fails entirely.

