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Towards Dependable Computing: The Self-reinforcing Architecting and Assessment Loop

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Tomorrow's is (almost) Here Today

Some Perspectives

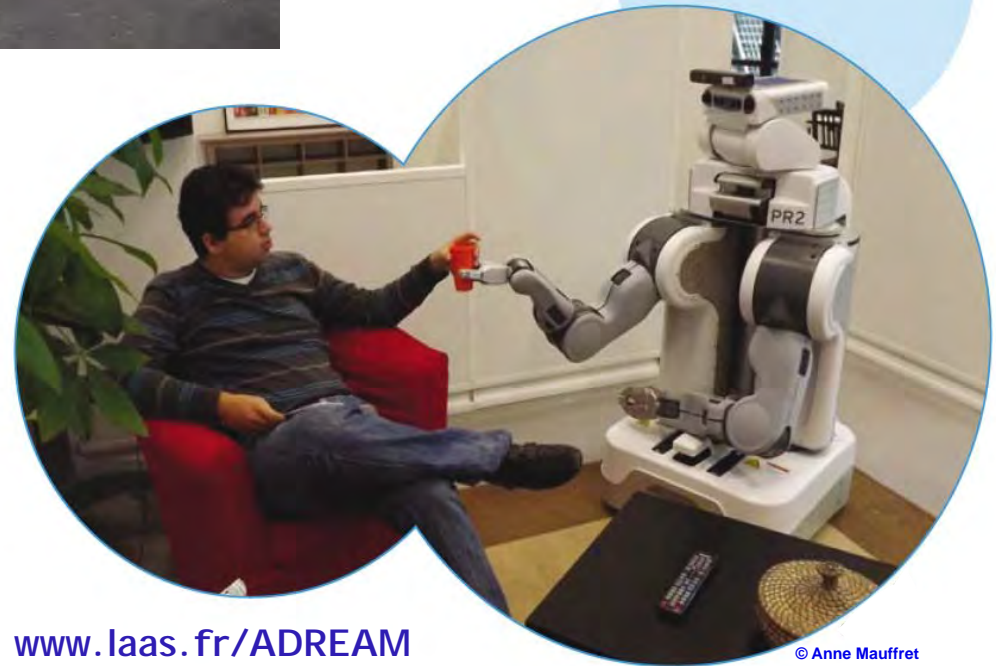
■ Emerging Services and Trends

- ◆ Guidance in Public space
- ◆ Assistance to Elderly people,...
- ◆ *Unmanned* search, Rescue and Recovery
- ◆ Smart Grids for Heterogeneous and Distributed “supply chain”: control, monitoring and metering
- ◆ Car *and* Home Energy Management
- ◆ Autonomous Individual Vehicles Systems, On-demand transportation
- ◆ Factory of the Future (Workshop with Humans and Robot Co-workers)

■ Integration of Information Processing into Everyday Objects and Activities

- ◆ Hardware and Software Technologies Development
- ◆ Interconnection and Communication Capabilities
- ◆ Internet of Things, Ambient Intelligence, Cyber-physical Systems, ...

The ADREAM PLatform @ LAAS-CNRS

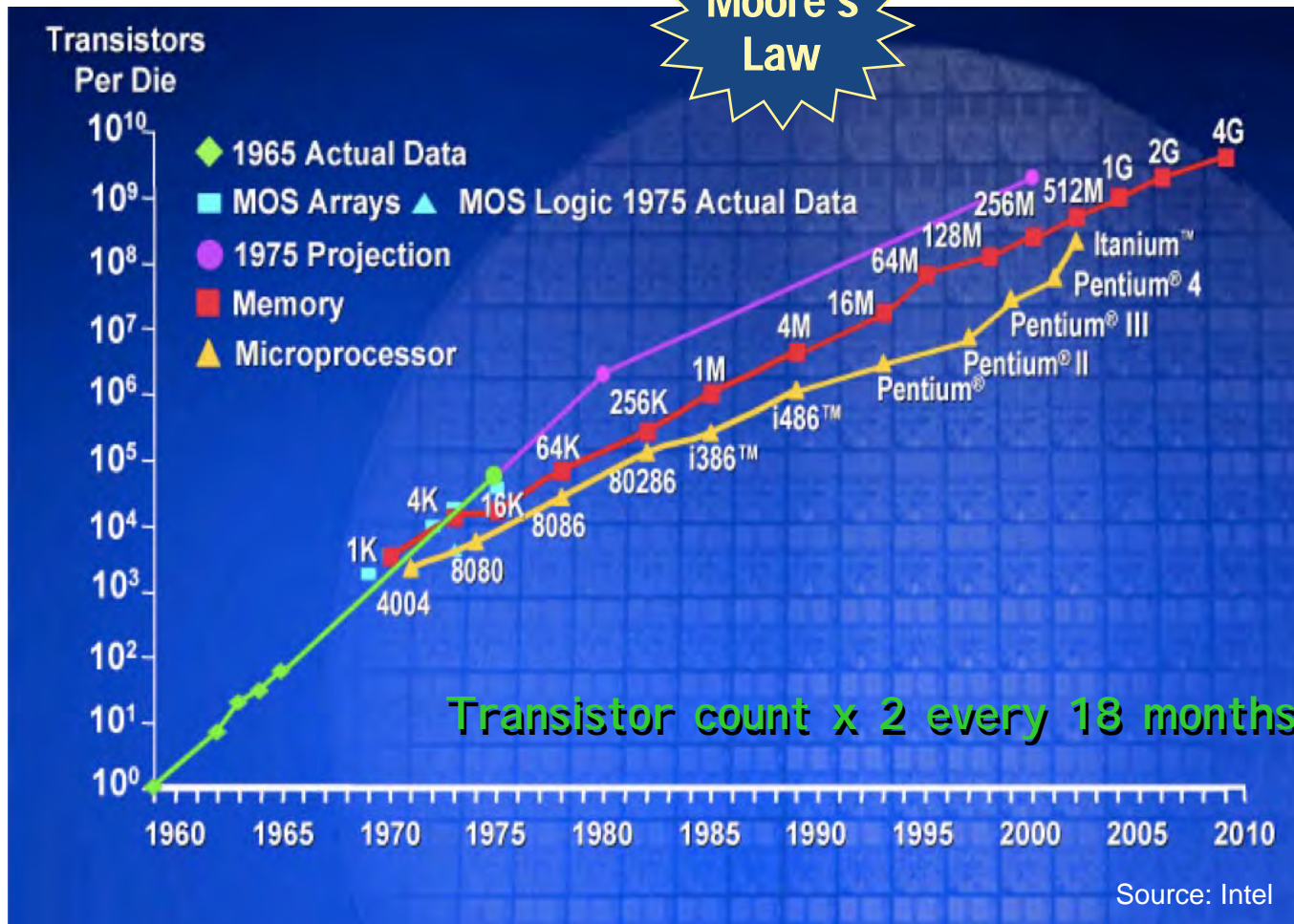


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Trend in Hardware Technology

Moore's Law



■ Performance ↗

■ Clock frequency ↗

-> An ever growing set of smarter services
=> Emergence of cyber-physical systems

But:

■ Power dissipation ↗

■ Process variations ↗

■ Manufacturing costs ↗

■ Yield ↘

■ Prob. Defects undetected ↗

■ "Soft" Error Rate ↗

"Less than Perfect" Circuits (Manufacturing Defects and Transient Faults)

—> Resilience Achieved via Redundancy Techniques



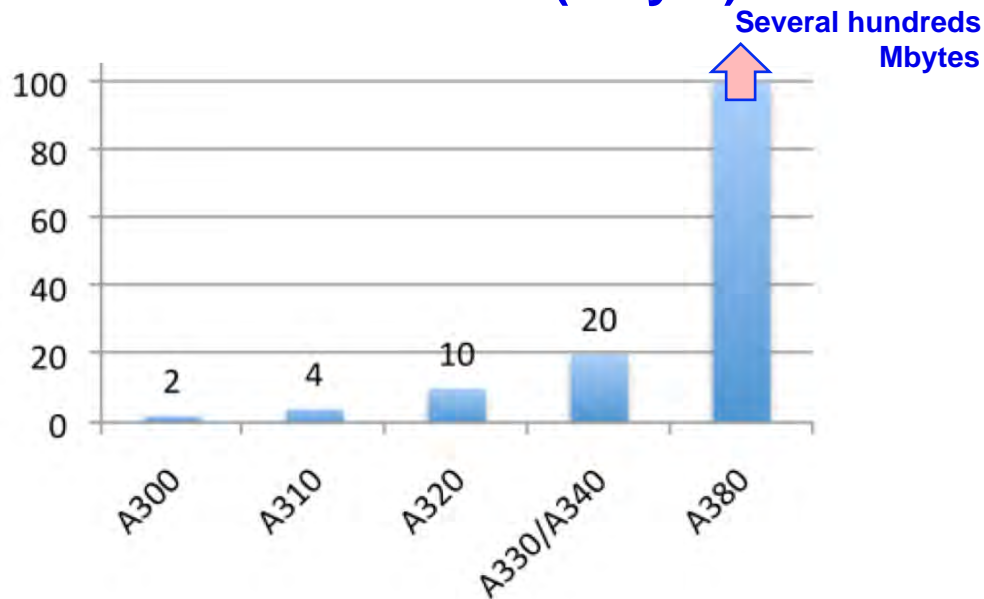
International Technology Roadmap for Semiconductors

- Crosscutting Challenge 5: **Reliability** (2008 Update)
Reliability & Resilience (2009 Edition)
- 2011 Edition/ 2012 Update: **Design for Reliability and Resilience** confirmed as “new long-term *Grand Challenge*”
(together with design of concurrent software)
“**Design Technology for Resilience: A Fundamental Portion of DFM**”
- **Quoting the Design Section** [<http://www.itrs.net/Links/2011ITRS/2011Chapters/2011Design.pdf>]
 - ◆ *Relaxing the requirement of 100% correctness for devices and interconnects may dramatically reduce costs of manufacturing, verification, and test*
 - ◆ *Such a paradigm shift will likely be forced in any case by technology scaling, which leads to more transient and permanent failures of signals, logic values, devices, and interconnects*
 - ◆ *In general, automatic insertion of robustness into the design will become a priority as systems become too large to be functionally tested at manufacturing exit*
 - ◆ *Potential solutions include automatic introduction of redundant logic and on-chip reconfigurability for fault tolerance, development of adaptive and self-correcting or self-healing circuits, and software-based fault-tolerance*

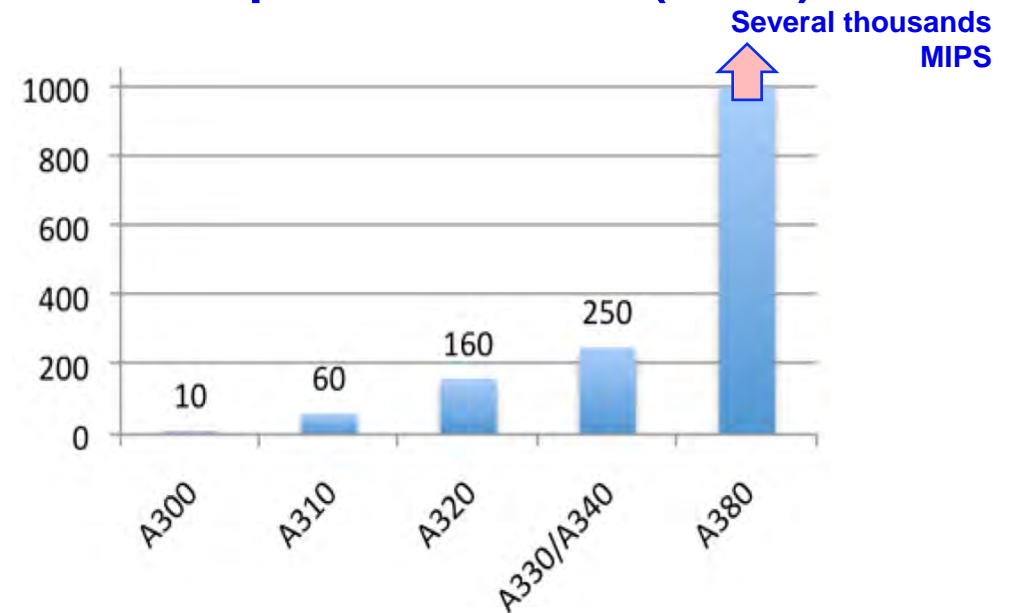
Increased Functionalities and Complexity of Transportation Systems

■ Current Civil Aircraft

Size of Software (Mbyte)



Computation Power (MIPS)



Aircraft

messages exchanged
among embedded
systems

A320

2,000

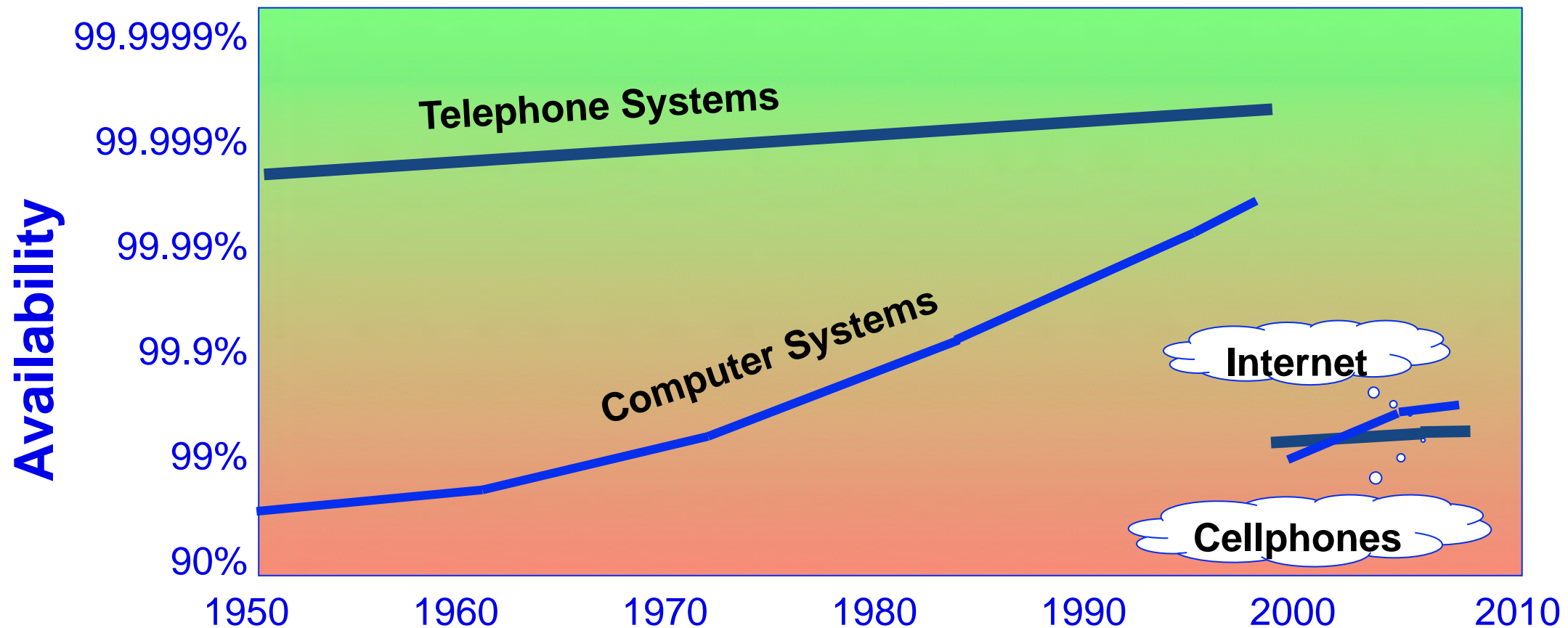
A380

> 100,000

■ Automotive

- ◆ Cost of “electronics” in a vehicle > 30% in 2010
- ◆ SW code size: several 10's of Mbytes by this decade

Evolution of Information Infrastructures



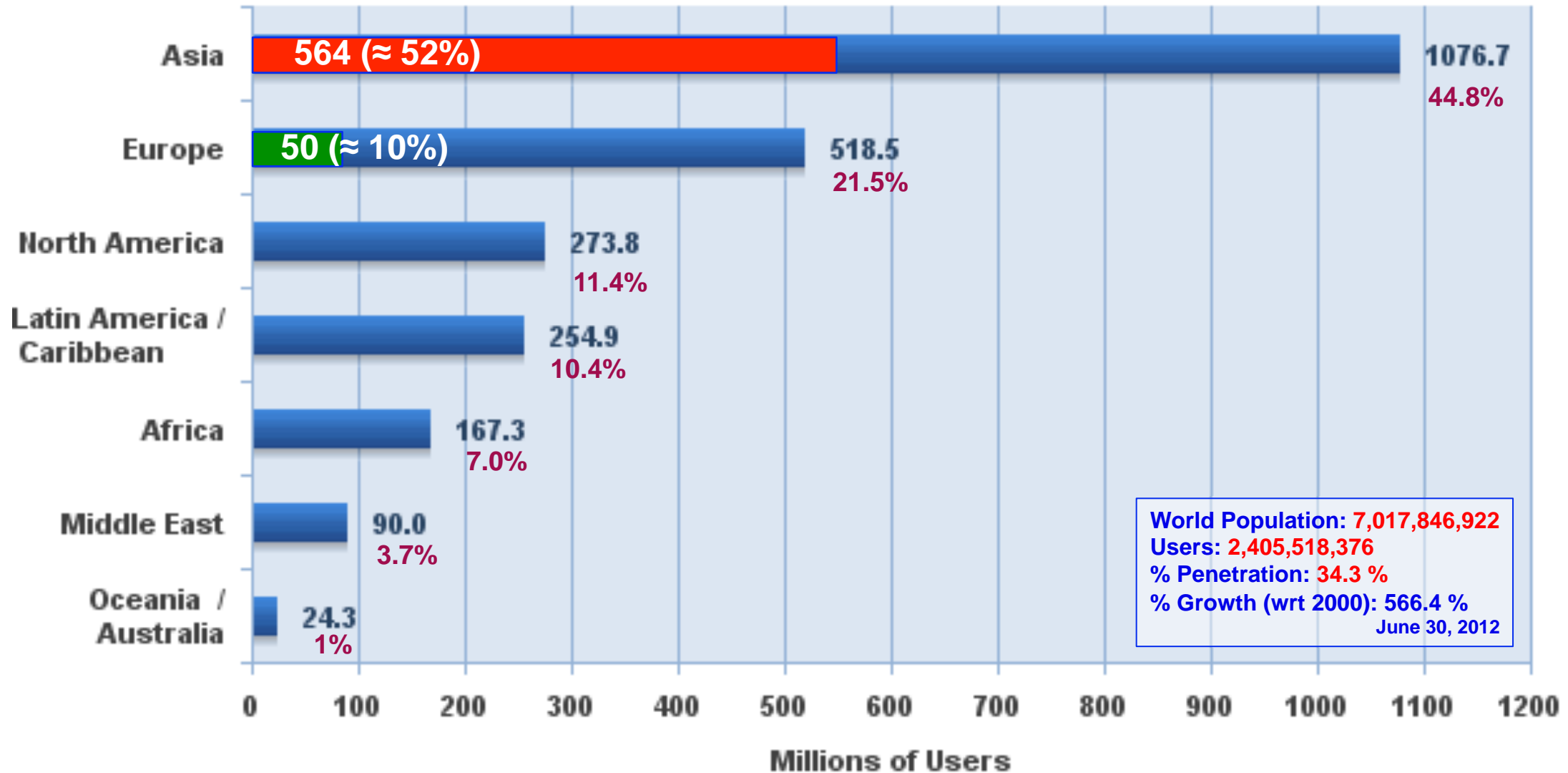
- Enhanced Functionalities and Complexity
- Economic Pressure → reuse (COTS components)
- Intrusions, Attacks,...

From: J. Gray, *Dependability in the Internet Era*, Stanford, 2006

Availability		Unavailability per year
6 x '9'	0,999999	32s
5 x '9'	0,99999	5mn 15s
4 x '9'	0,9999	52mn 34s
3 x '9'	0,999	8h 46mn
2 x '9'	0,99	3d 16h
1 x '9'	0,9	36d 12h

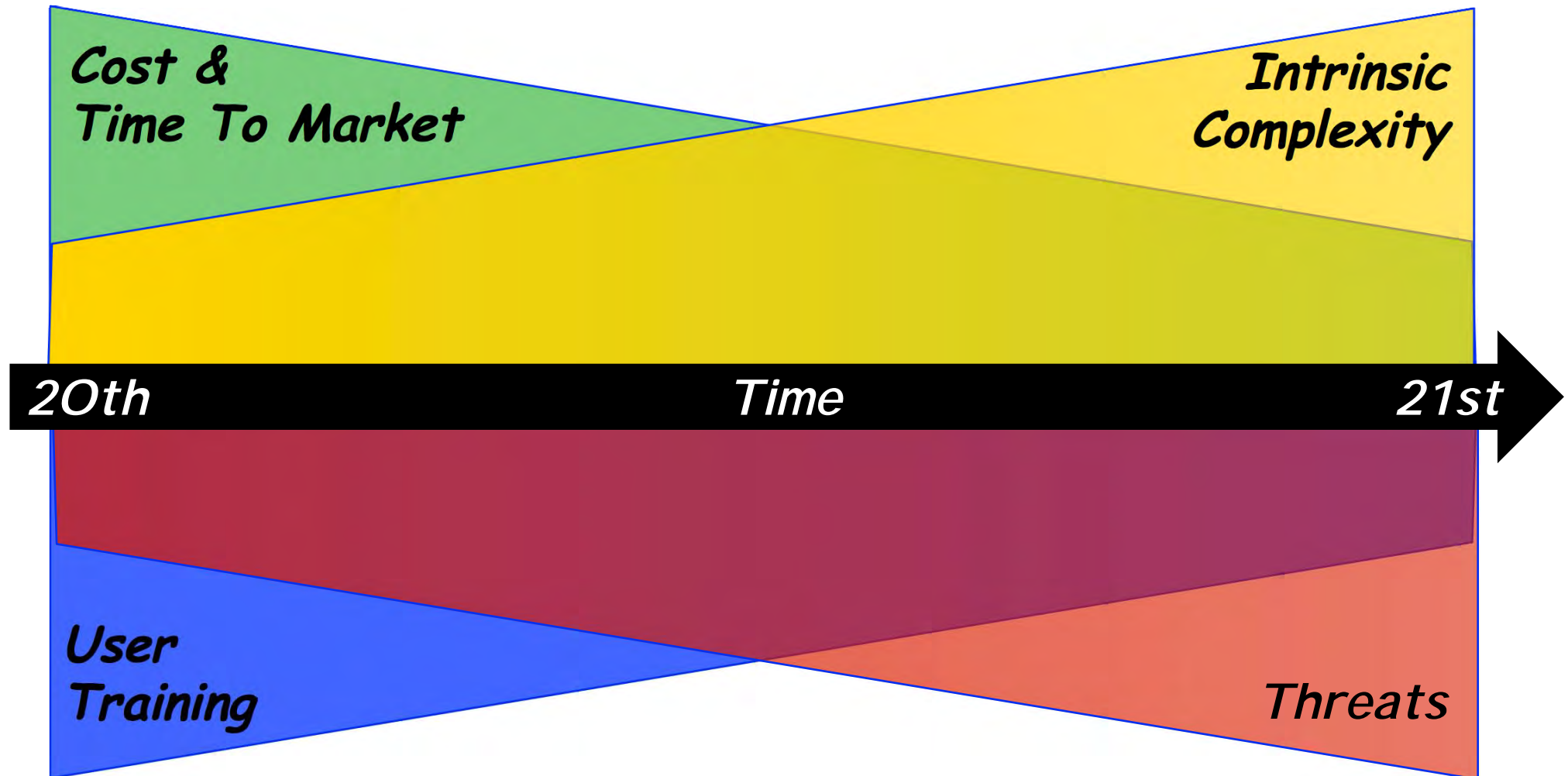
Internet Usage — Worldwide

China
France



Source: Internet World Stats - www.internetworldstats.com/stats.htm
2,405,518,376 Internet users estimated for June 30, 2012
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Looking Ahead: An Ever Moving Target



See also:

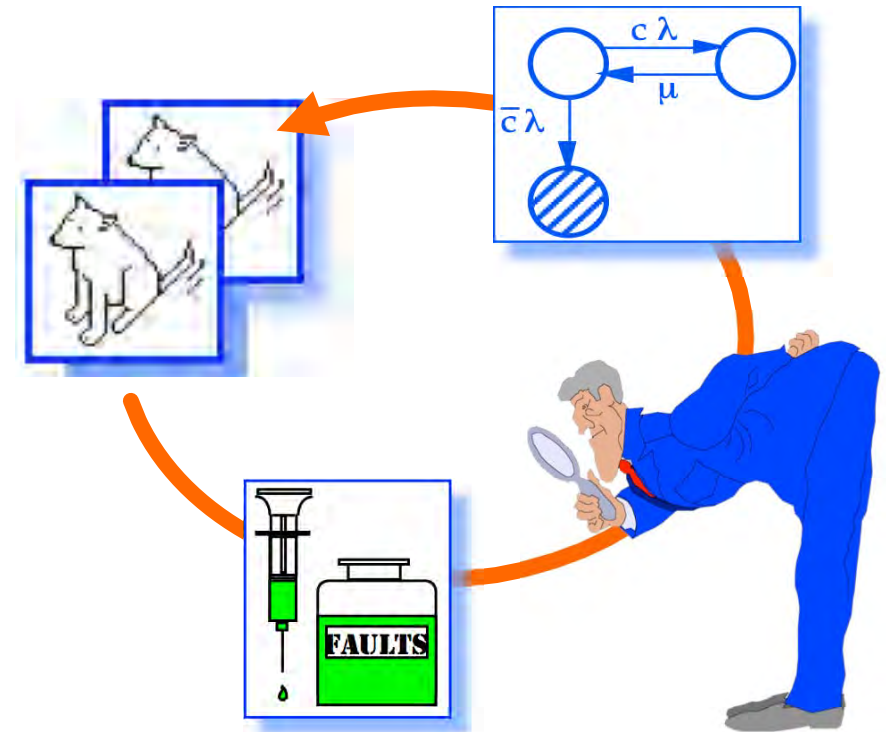
D. Siewiorek, R. Chillarege, Z. Kalbarczyk

Reflections on Industry Trends and Experimental Research in Dependability

IEEE TDSC, Vol. 1, No. 2, April-june 2004, pp. 109-127

=> Dependable Computing

- Terminology and Basic Concepts
- Architecting Dependable Systems: **Fault Tolerance**
- Dependability Assessment : **Modeling, Testing, Benchmarking**
- Conclusions and Perspectives



About Dependability

Dependability: ability to deliver service that can justifiably be trusted

Service delivered by a system: its behavior as it is perceived by its user(s)

User: another system that interacts with the former

Function of a system: what the system is intended to do?

(Functional) **Specification**: description of the system function

Correct service: when the delivered service implements the system function

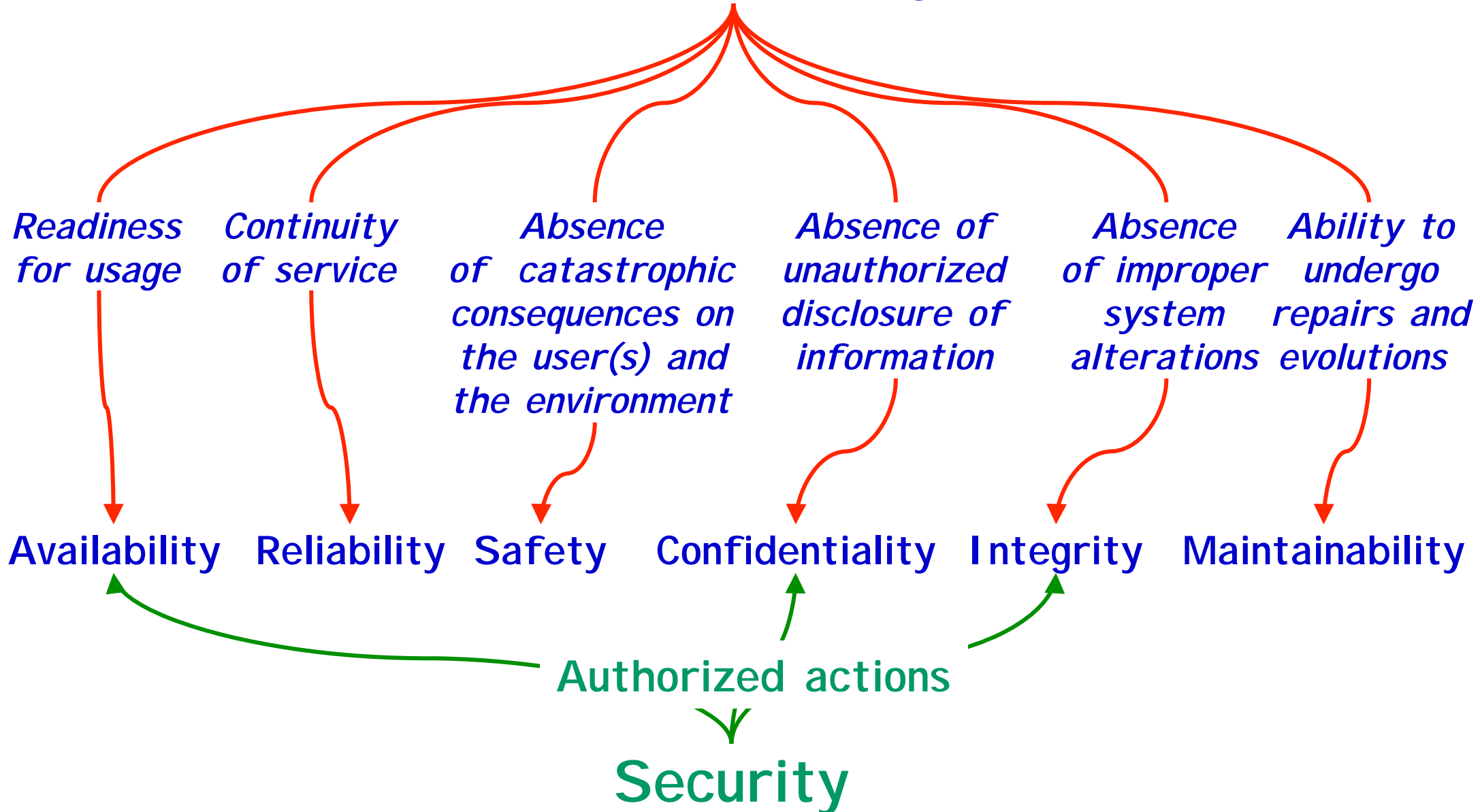
System failure: event that occurs when the delivered service deviates from correct service, either because the system does not comply with the specification, or because the specification did not adequately describe its function

Failure modes: the ways in which a system can fail, ranked according to failure severities

Dependability: ability to avoid failures that are more frequent or more severe than is acceptable to the user(s)

When failures are more frequent or more severe than acceptable:
dependability failure

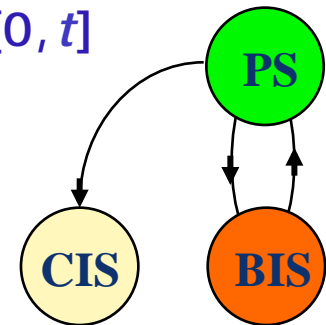
Dependability



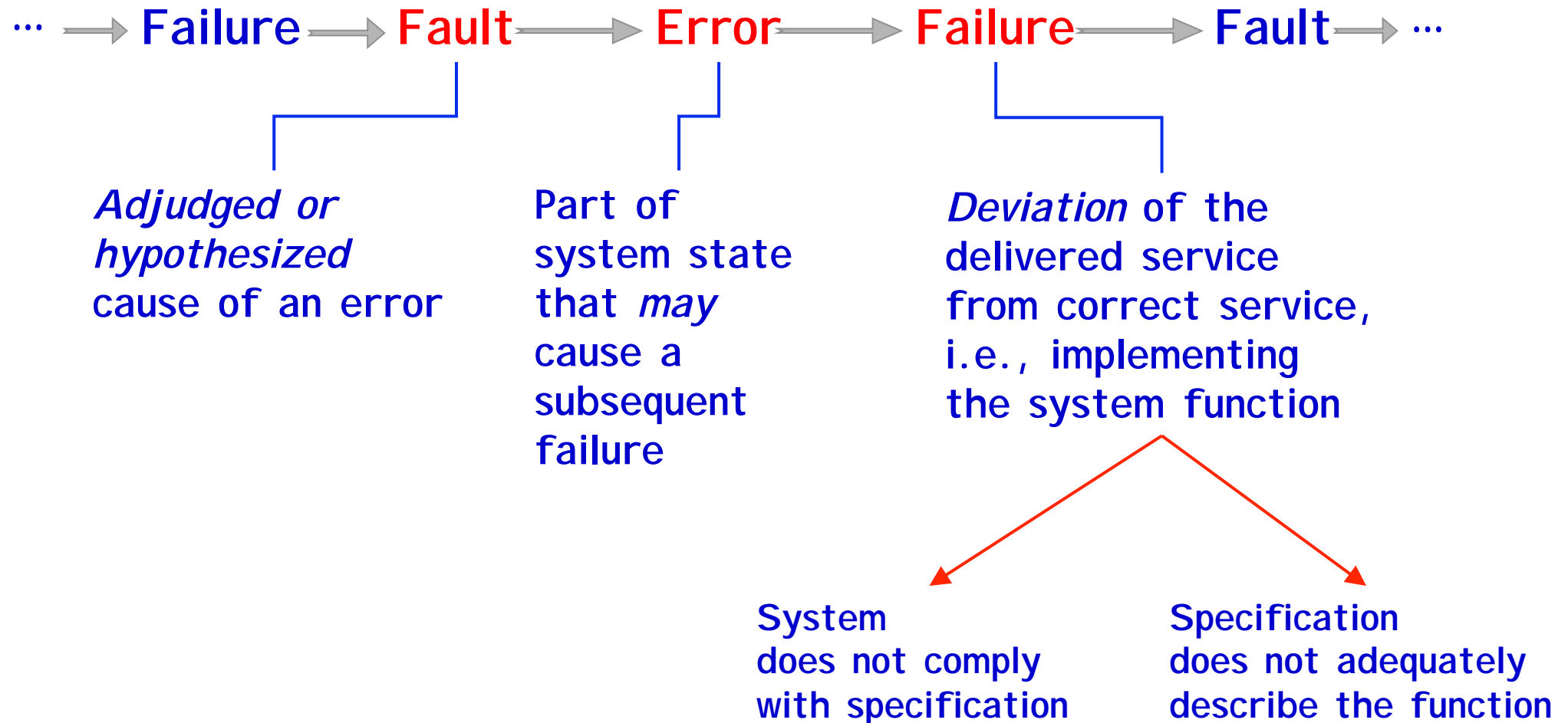
Absence of unauthorized access to, or handling of, system state

Dependability Measures

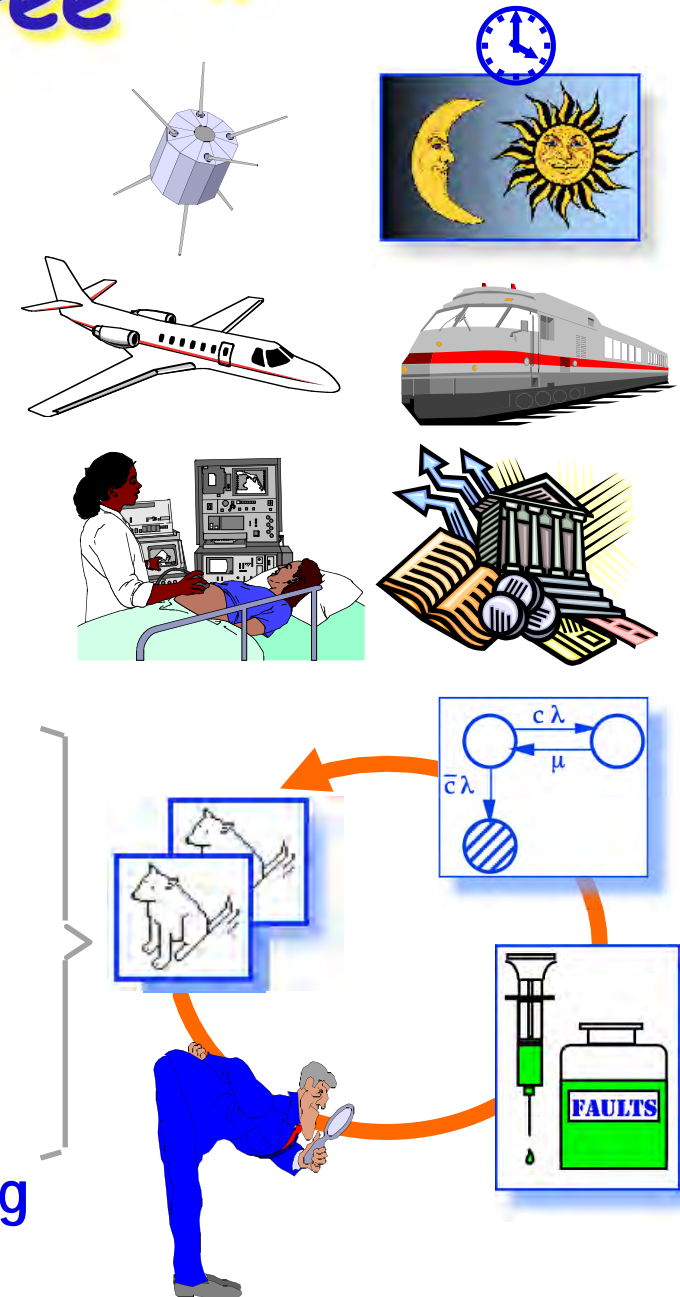
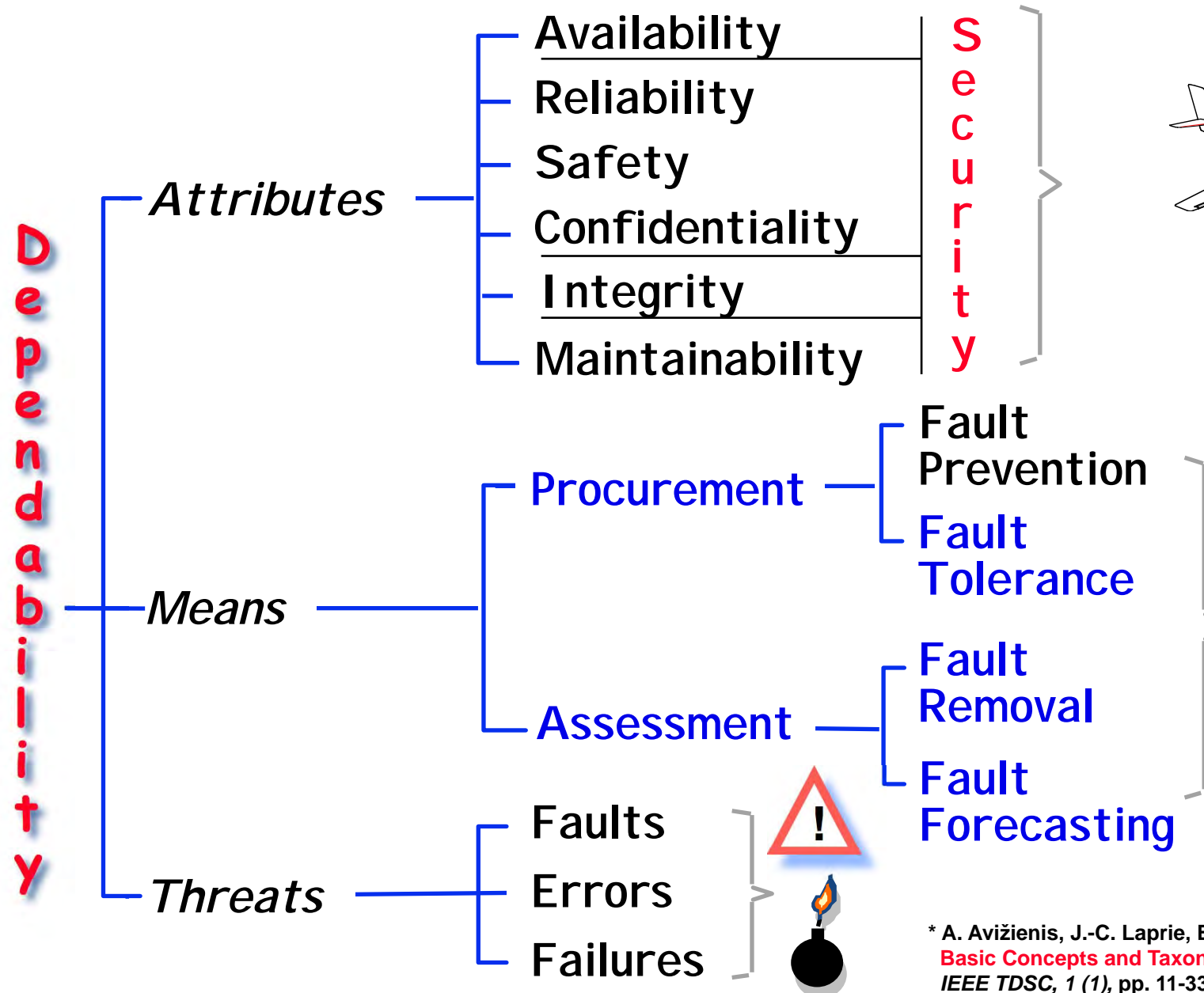
- **Availability** – quantifies the alternation between deliveries of proper and improper service
 - ◆ $A(t) = 1$ if service is proper at time t , 0 otherwise
- **Reliability** – continuous delivery of proper service
 - ◆ $R(t)$: probability that a system delivers proper service throughout $[0, t]$
- **Safety** – time to catastrophic failure
 - ◆ $S(t)$: probability that no catastrophic failures occur during $[0, t]$
[Analogous to reliability, but concerned with catastrophic failures]
- **Time to Failure** – time to failure from last restoration
[Expected value of this measure is referred to as **MUT** - **Mean Up Time**]
- **Maintainability** – time to restoration from last experienced failure. [Expected value is referred to as **MDT** - **Mean Down Time**]
- **Coverage** – probability that, given a fault, the system can tolerate the fault and continue to deliver proper service



The “fault-error-failure” sequence

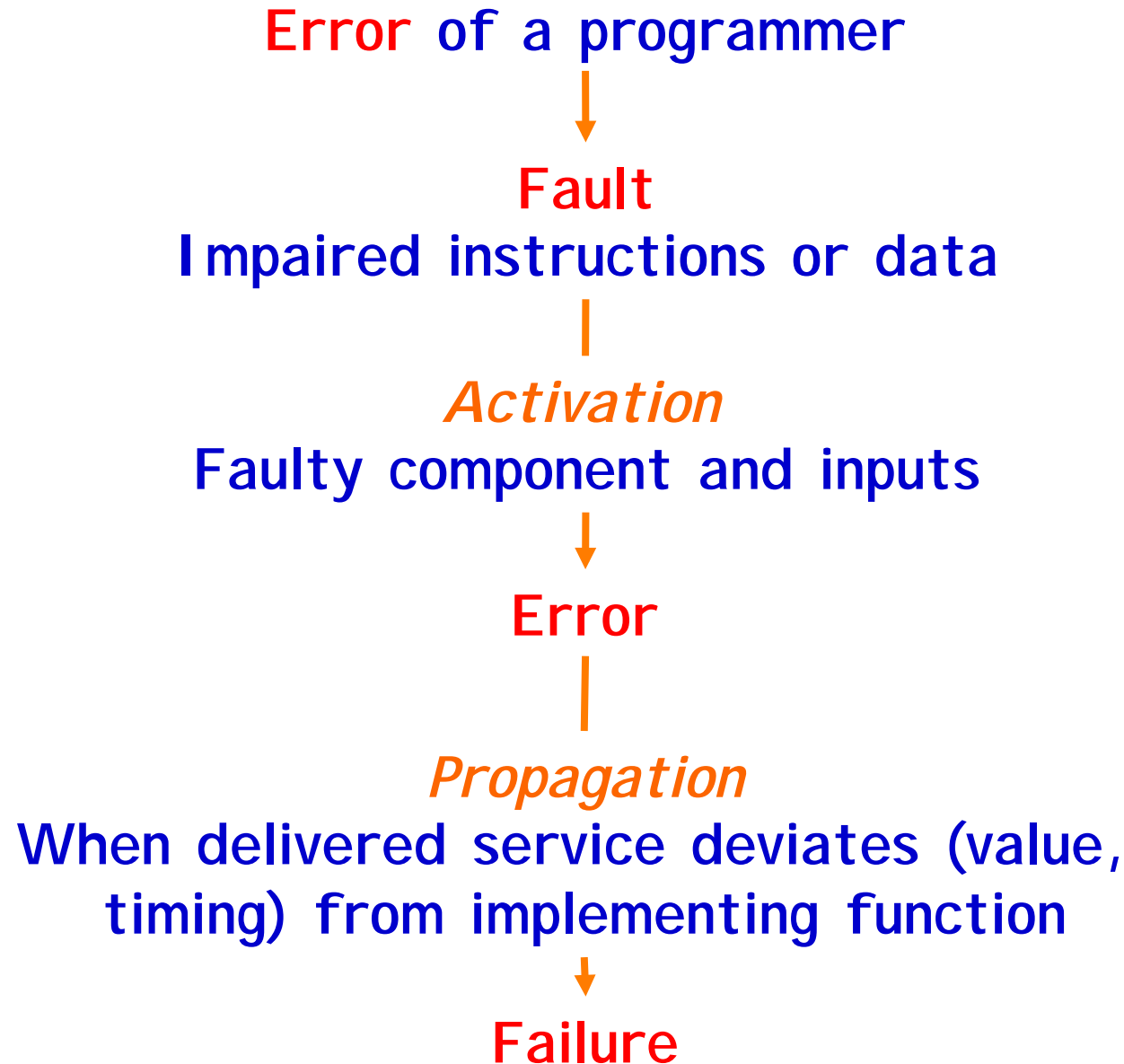


The "Dependability Tree" *



* A. Avizienis, J.-C. Laprie, B. Randell, C. Landwehr
 Basic Concepts and Taxonomy of Dependable and Secure Computing
 IEEE TDSC, 1 (1), pp. 11-33, Jan.-March 2004

Software Fault Pathology



Hardware Fault Pathology

Short-circuit in integrated circuit

Failure



Fault

Stuck-at connection, modification of circuit function



Activation

Faulty component and inputs



Error



Propagation

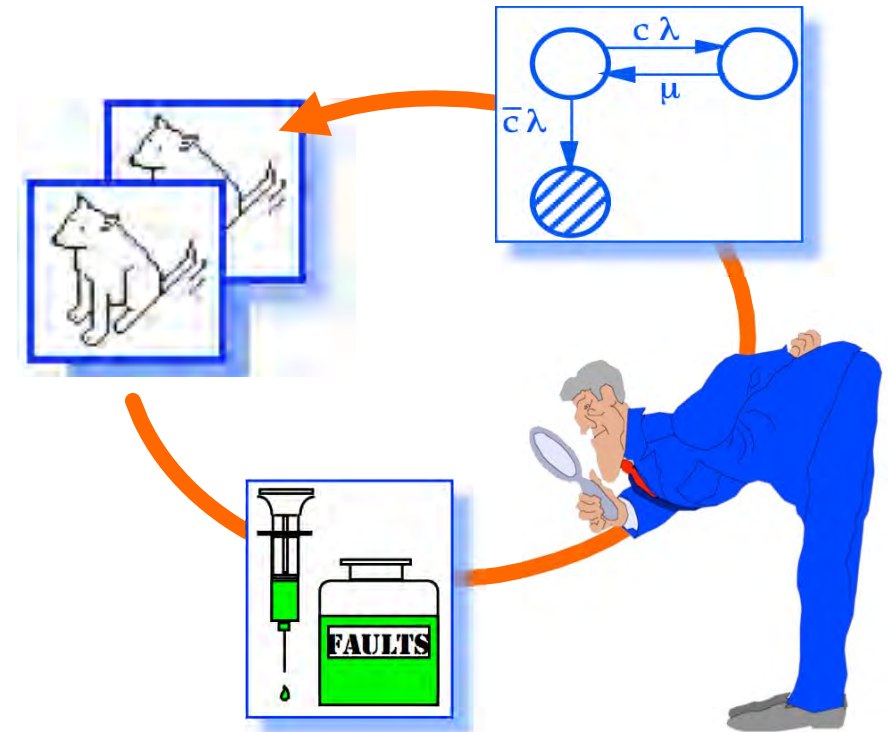
When delivered service deviates (value, timing) from implemented function



Failure

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Fault Tolerance

Deliver service implementing system function in spite of faults

Error detection: identification of error presence

System recovery: transformation of erroneous state in a state free from detected error and from fault that can be activated again

Error handling: error removal from system state, if possible before failure occurrence

Fault handling : avoiding fault(s) to be activated again

Error detection

- **Concurrent detection**, during service delivery
Addition of error detection mechanisms in component
→ **Self-checking component**
- **Preemptive detection**: service delivery suspended,
search for latent errors and dormant faults

Error handling

- **Backward Recovery (*Rollback*)**: brings the system
back into a state saved prior to error occurrence
Saved state = recovery point
- **Forward Recovery (*Rollforward*)**:
search for a new state (free from detected error)
and resume operation (possibly in degraded mode)
- **Compensation**: erroneous state contains enough
redundancy for enabling error masking

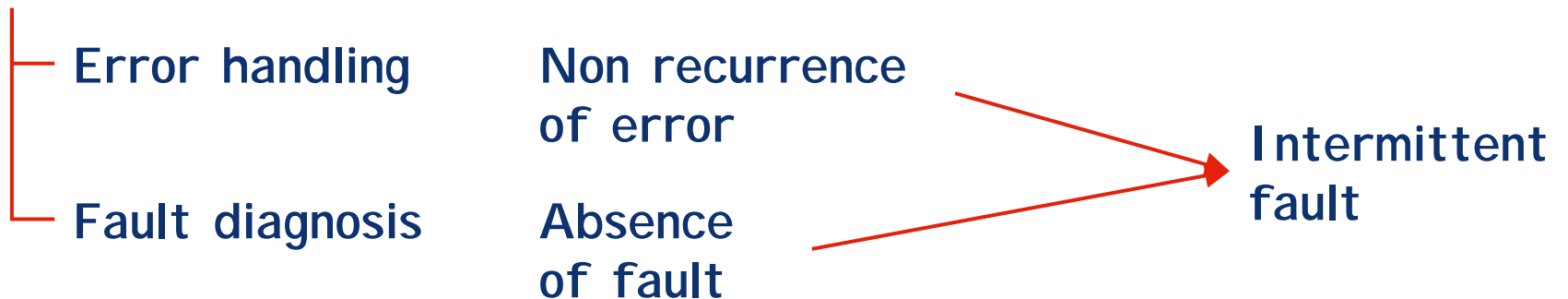
Fault Handling

- **Diagnosis:** identifies and records the error cause(s), according to localisation and category
- **Isolation:** performs physical or logical exclusion of the faulty component(s) from further contribution to service delivery, i.e., makes the fault(s) dormant
- **Reconfiguration:** either switches in spare components or reassigns tasks among non-failed components
- **Reinitialization:** checks, updates and records the new configuration, and updates system tables and records

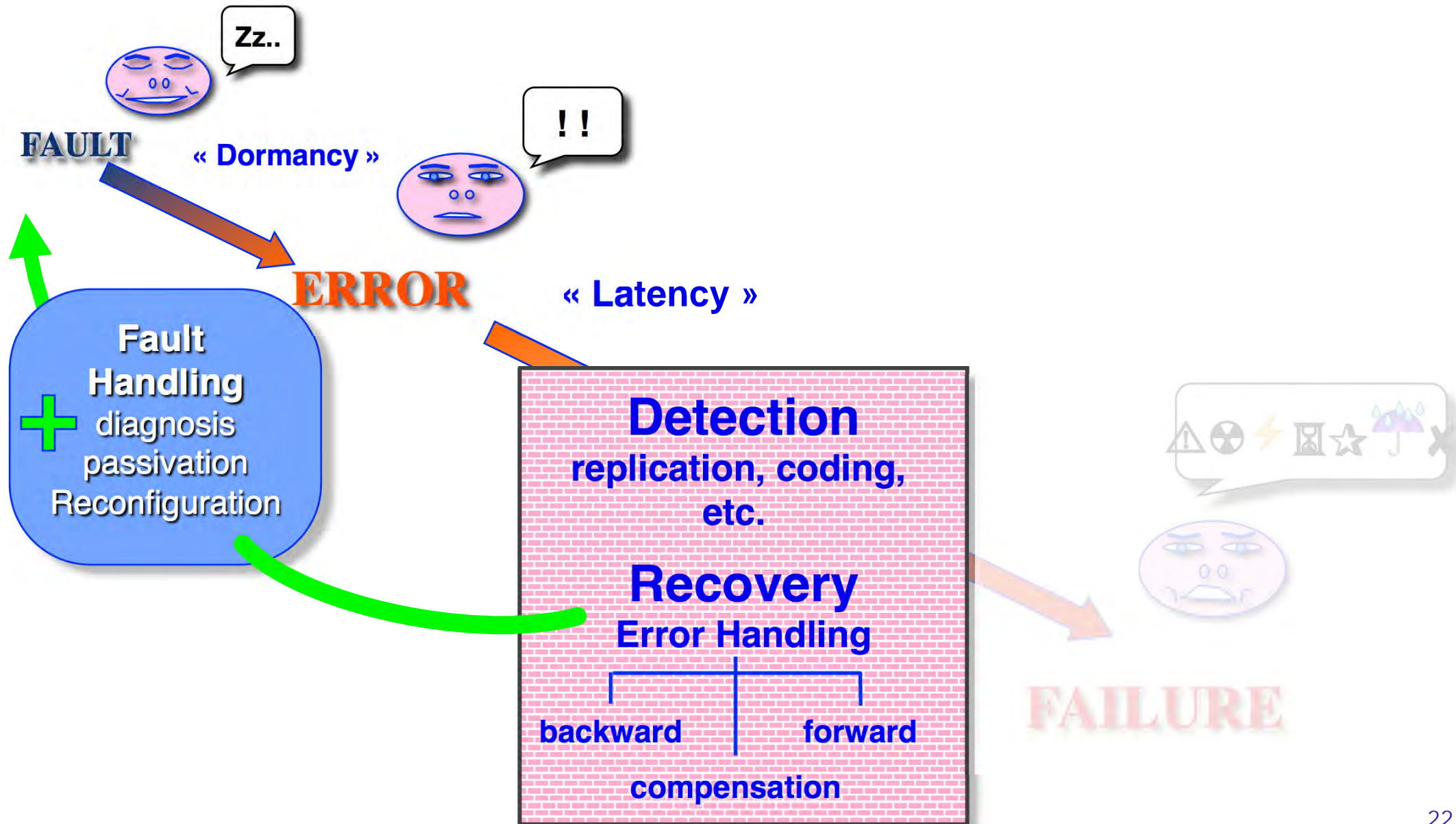
☞ Intermittent faults

➤ Isolation and reconfiguration not necessary

➤ Identification



Fault Tolerance



Impact of Fault Tolerance

Dependability $\approx 1 - \text{Pr}\{\text{fault}\} \times \text{Pr}\{\text{error/fault}\} \times \text{Pr}\{\text{failure/error}\}$

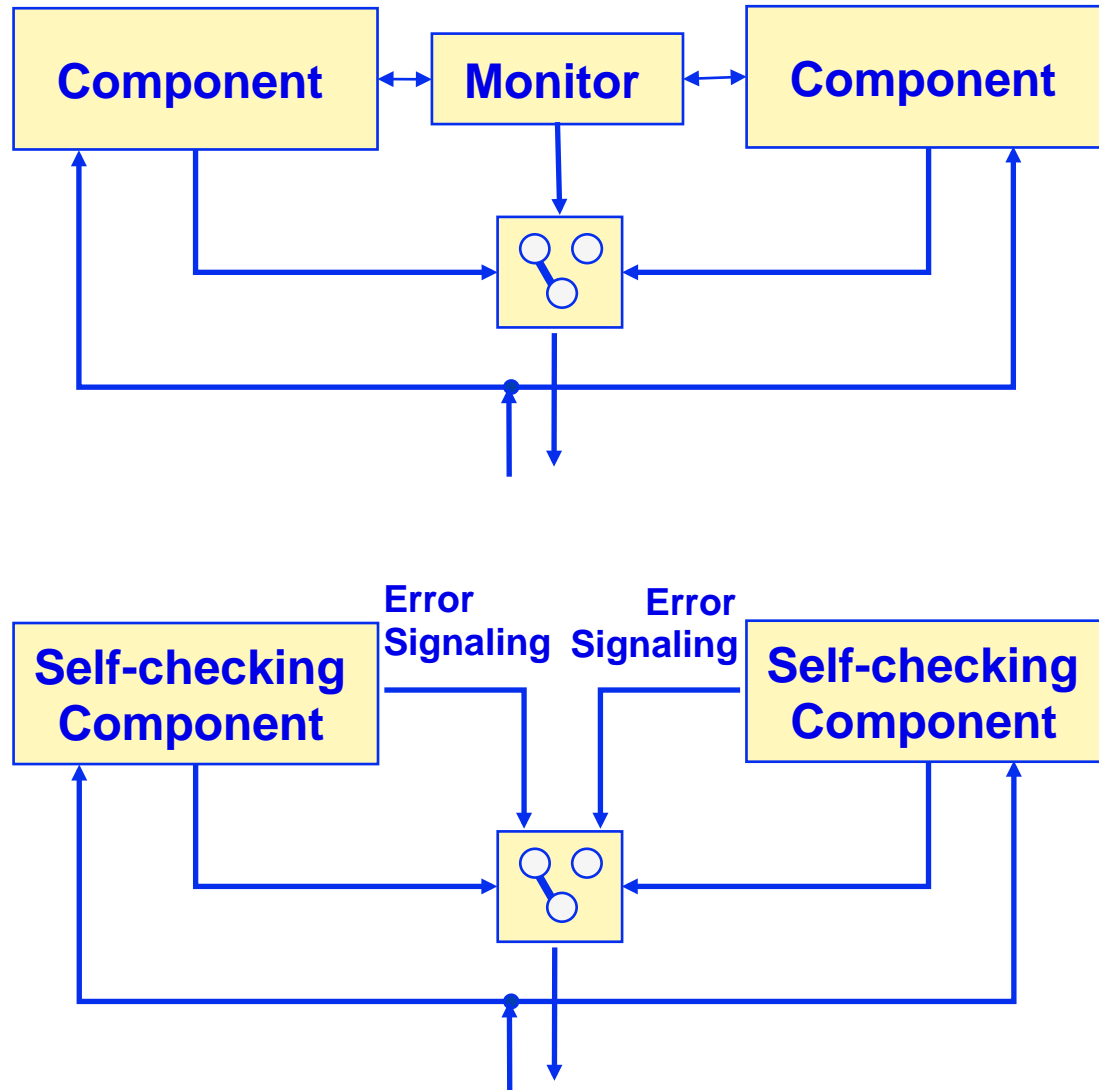
↓ System Impairments →	Fault	Error/Fault	Failure/Error
Non Fault-Tolerant (NFT)	$\text{Pr}_{\text{NFT}}\{\text{fault}\}$	$\text{Pr}_{\text{NFT}}\{\text{error/fault}\}$	$\text{Pr}_{\text{NFT}}\{\text{failure/error}\}$
Fault-Tolerant (FT)	$\text{Pr}_{\text{NT}}\{\text{fault}\}$	$\text{Pr}_{\text{FT}}\{\text{error/fault}\}$	$\text{Pr}_{\text{FT}}\{\text{failure/error}\}$

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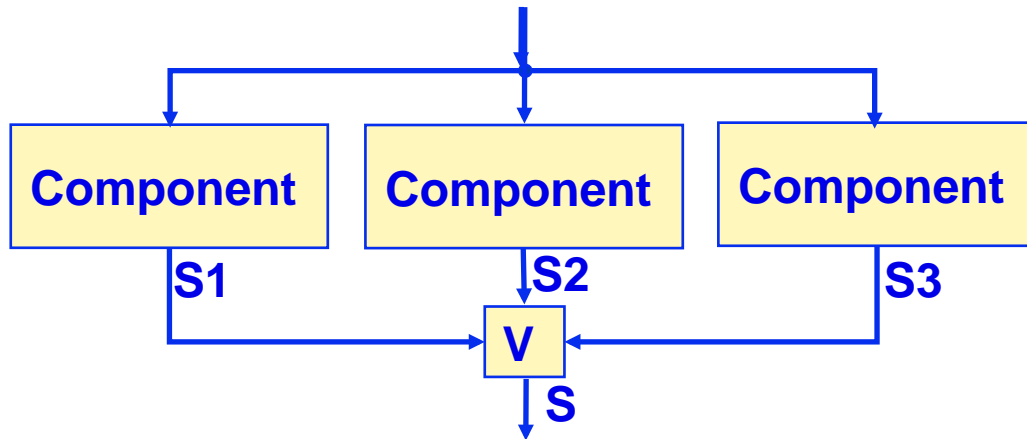
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Dynamic Redundancy (Active Duplex)



Static Redundancy: Triple Modular Redundancy

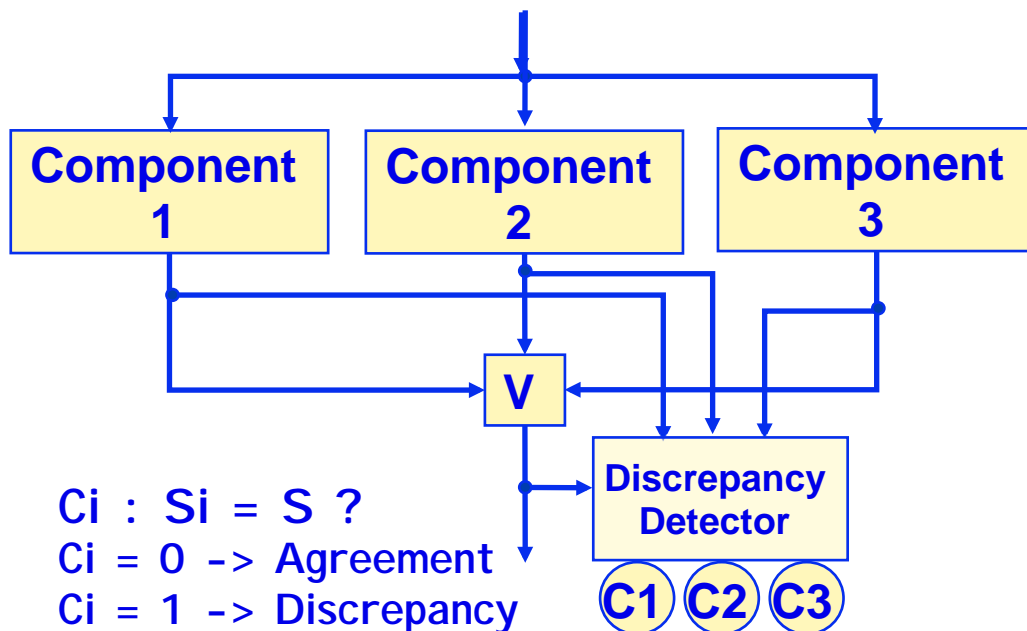


$$S = \text{MAJ}(S1, S2, S3)$$

- ◆ If $S1=S2=S3=X$, $\rightarrow S=X$
- ◆ If $S1=X$, $S2=S3=Y$
Or $S2=X$; $S1=S3=Y$
Or $S3=X$, $S1=S2=Y$, $\rightarrow S=Y$
- ◆ Either, Failure

$S1, S2, S3$ = Boolean variable

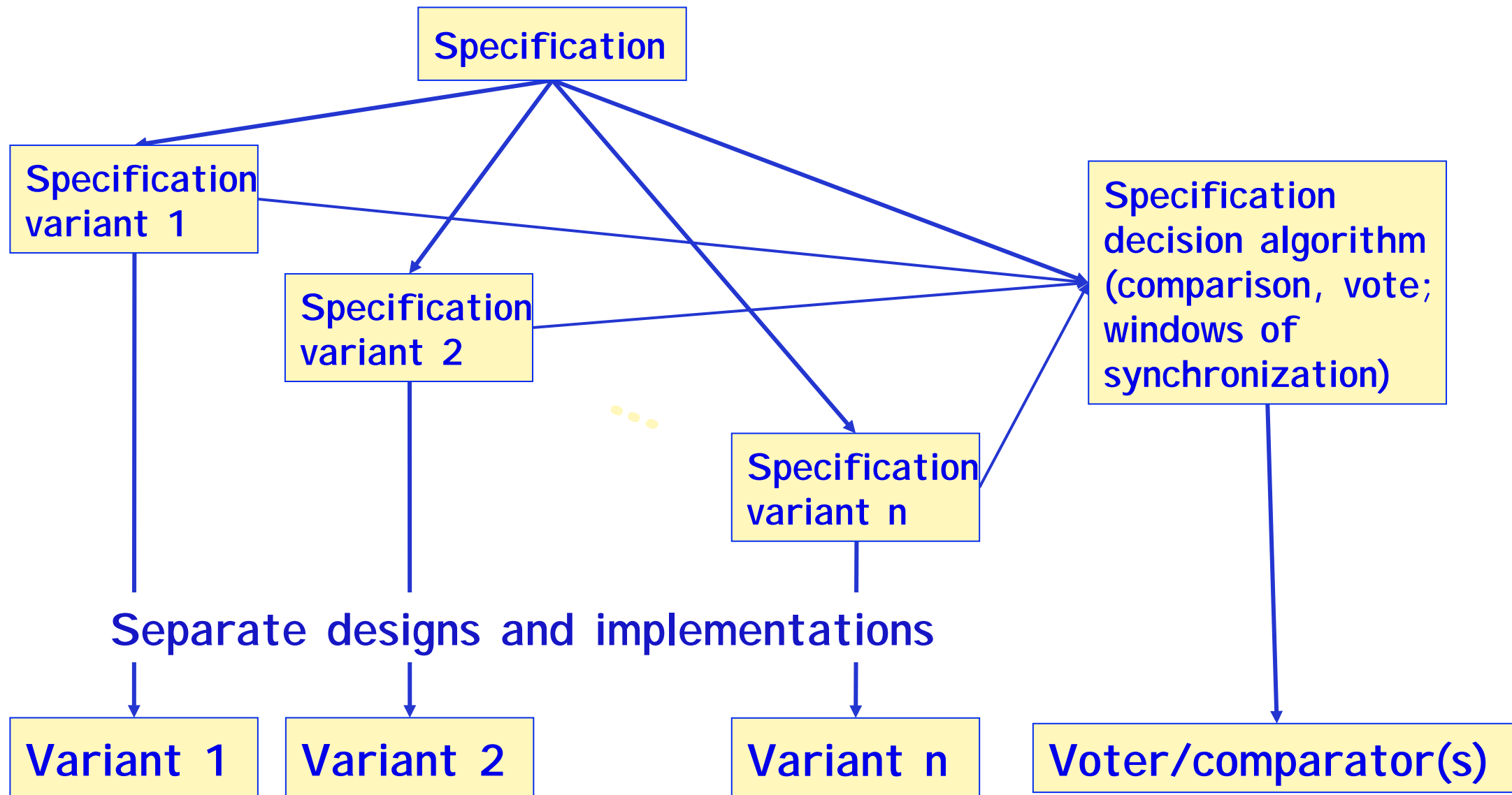
$$S = (S1 \cap S2) \cup (S2 \cap S3) \cup (S1 \cap S3)$$



	C1	C2	C3	Diagnosis
	0	0	0	No component failed
	1	0	0	Comp. 1 failed
0	1		0	Comp. 2 failed
	0	0	1	Comp. 3 failed
	1	1	1	Voter failed

Reconfiguration after 1st failure?

Development-faults —> Design Diversity



Design Diversity

- Aim: **fault independency** (↘ risk of common mode failures)
Issues: common specification, inter-variant synchronization & decision
- Major techniques:
 - ◆ Recovery Blocks
 - ◆ N-Version Programming
 - ◆ N-Self-Checking Programming
- Operational use
 - ◆ **Civil aviation:** generalized, at differing levels
 - ◆ **Railway signaling:** widely applied
 - ◆ **Nuclear control:** partially used
- Dependability improvement
 - ◆ Real gain for SW faults, although less than wrt HW
 - ◆ Verification of specification
 - ◆ Impact on Standards
 - 0178-B, IEC 880,
 - CENELEC 50128, IEC 61508,
 - ISO 26262,...

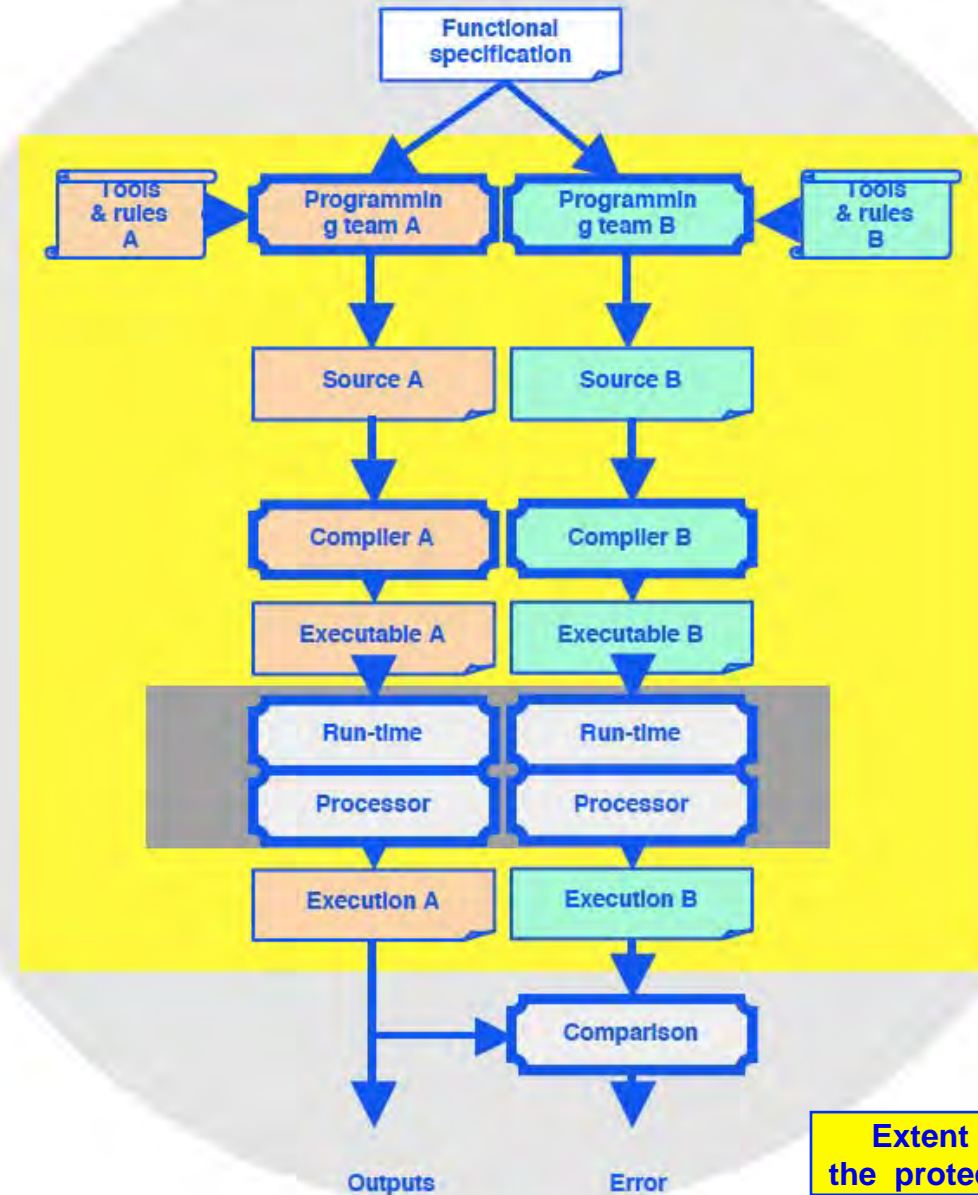
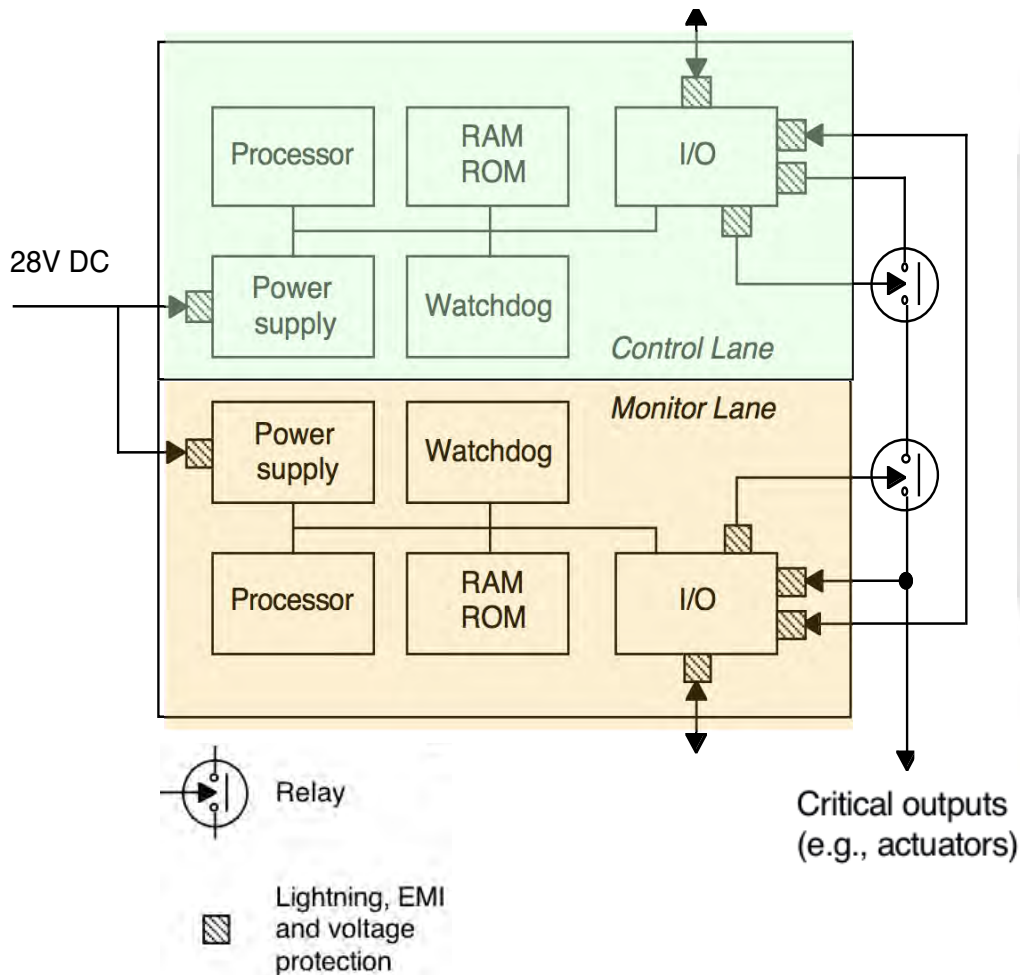
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DO-178B : "Dissimilar software verification methods may be reduced from those used to verify single version software if it can be shown that the resulting potential loss of system function is acceptable as determined by the system safety assessment process."

Architectural Principles for Operational Diversity

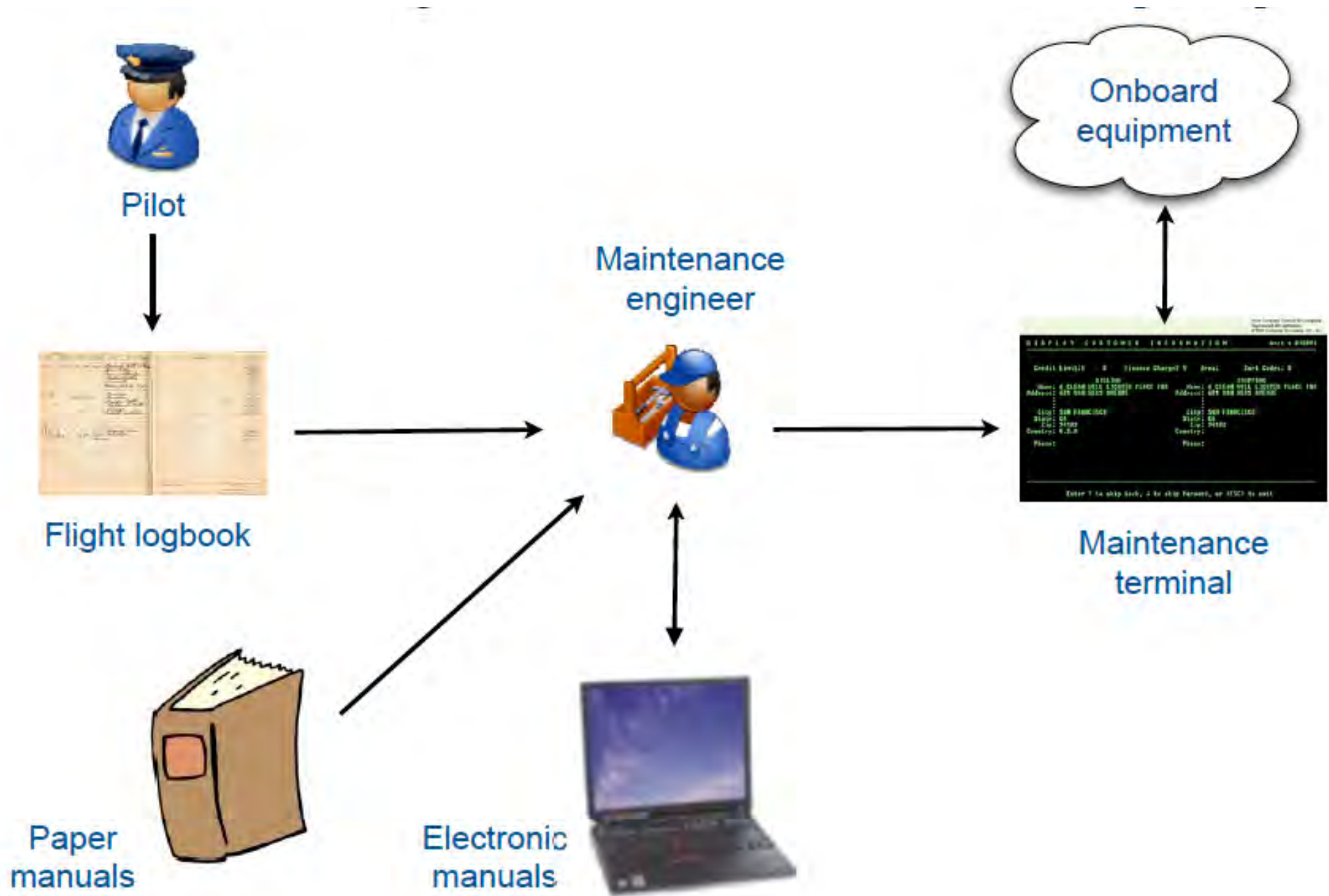
Airbus A320

(Traverse, Brière 1993)

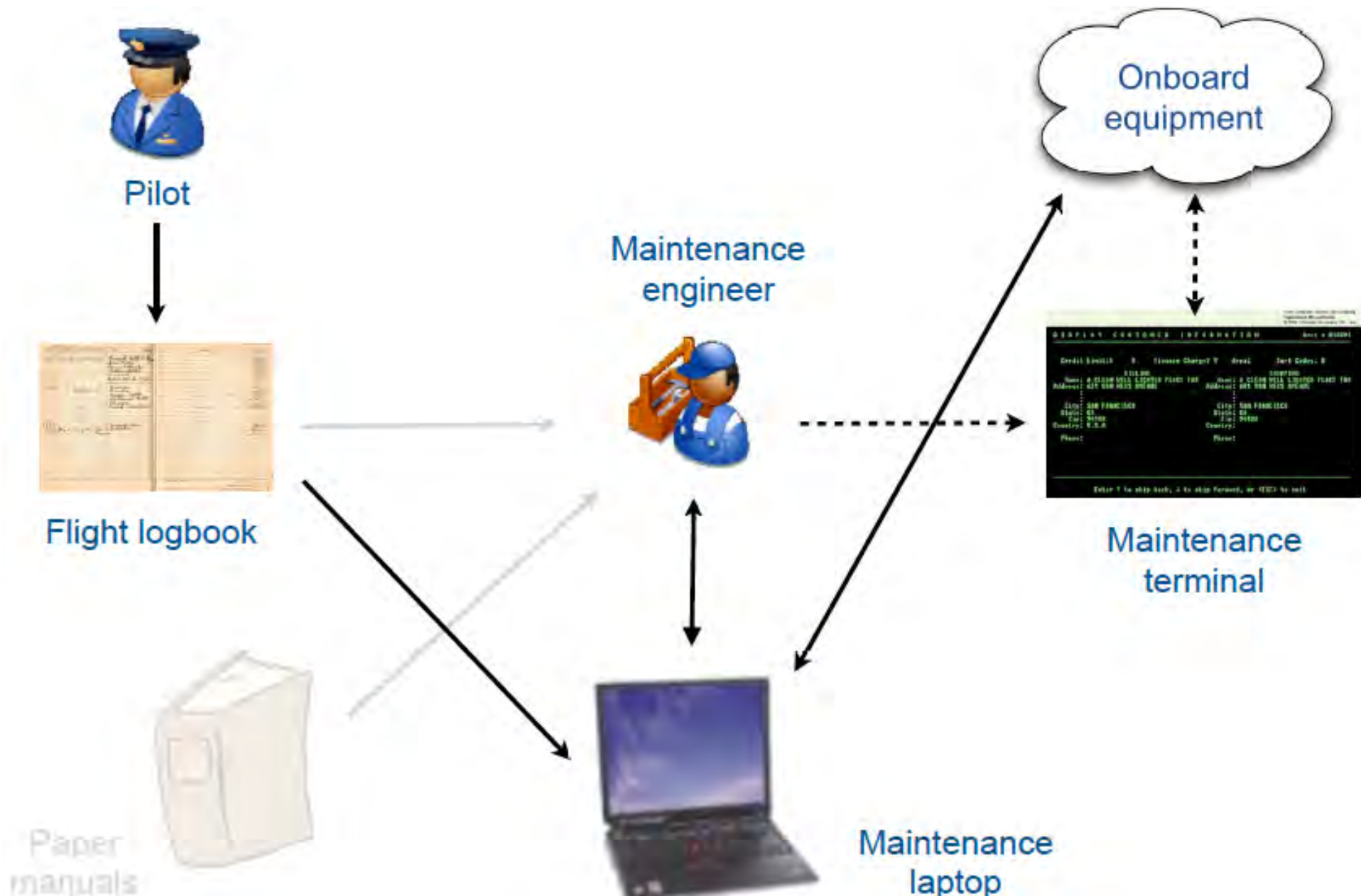


Extent of the protection

Aircraft Maintenance: Current Scenario



Aircraft Maintenance: Laptop Scenario



Connecting a Laptop?



Connecting a Laptop?

**Execution
confidence**

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Flight management

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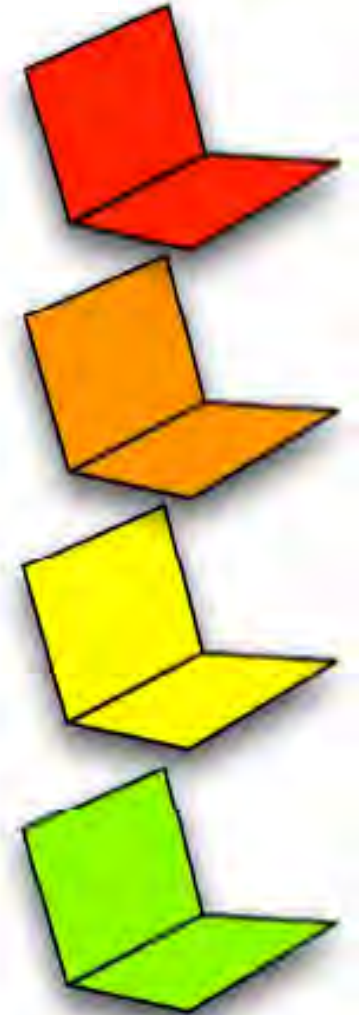
Aircraft management

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Aircraft information system

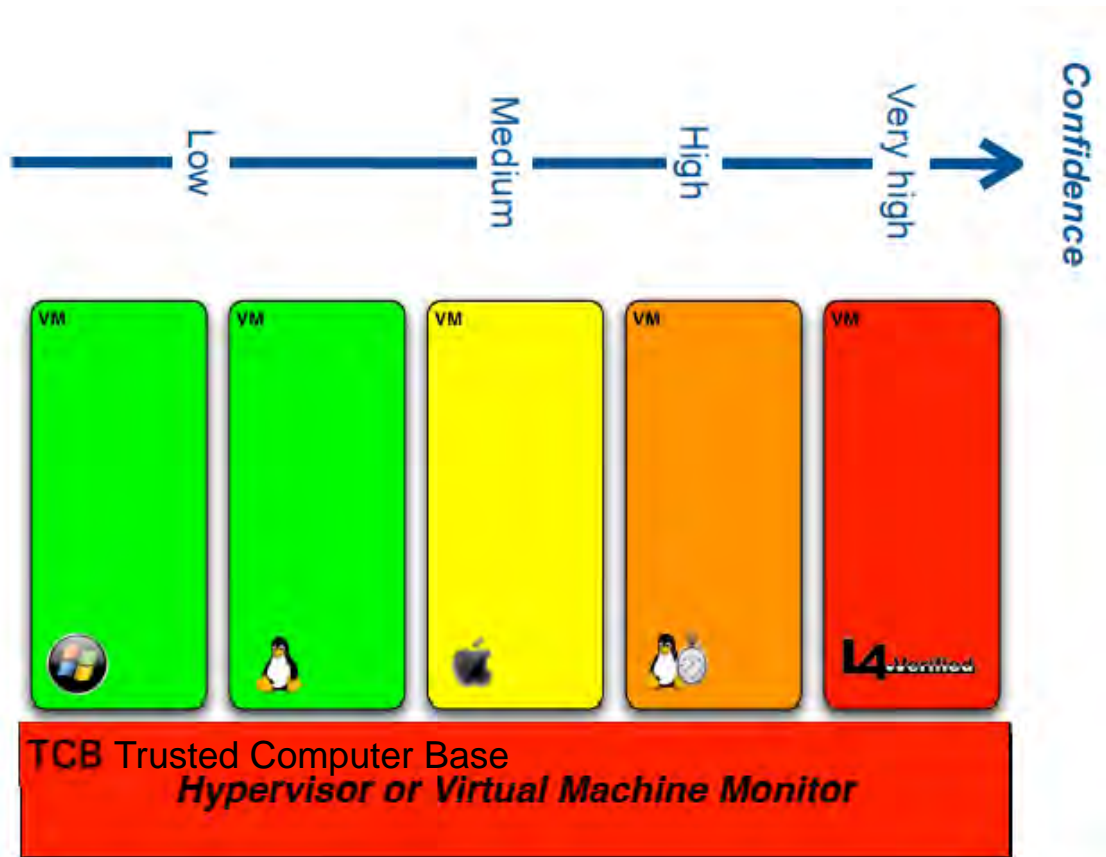
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"Off-board"

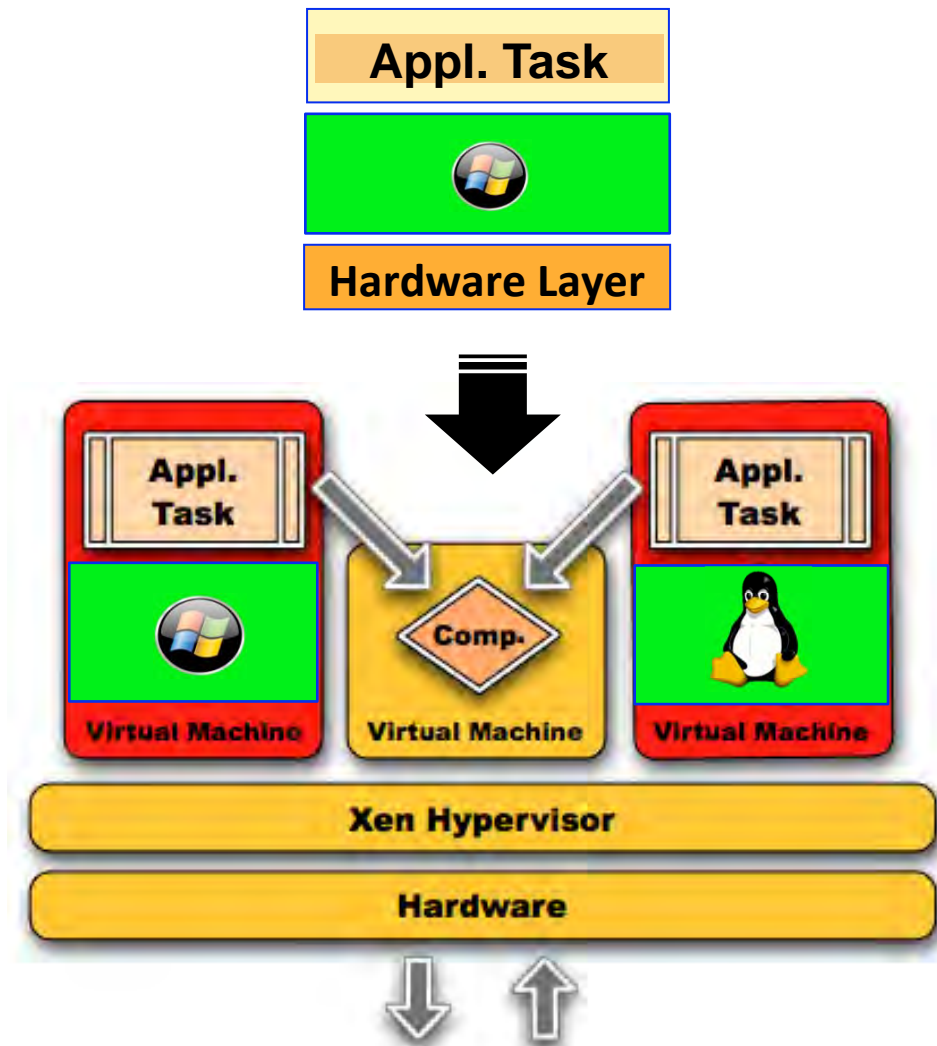


Virtualization for Dependability

Partitioning and Segregation

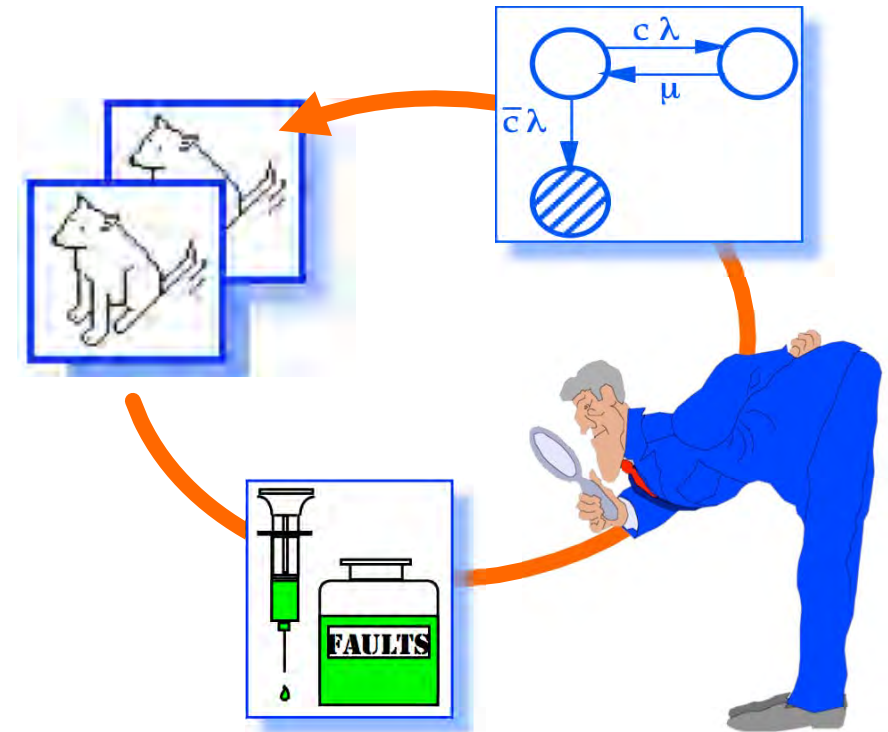


Diversified Duplex

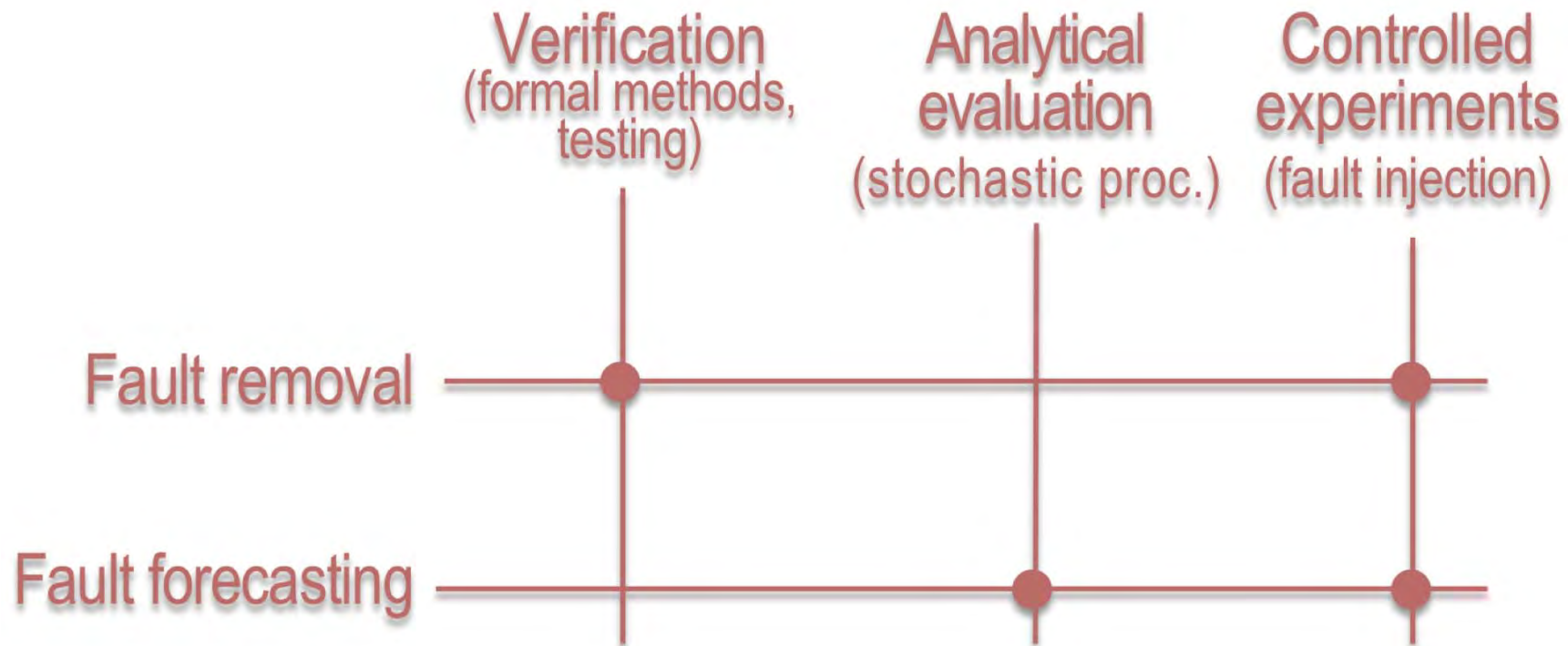


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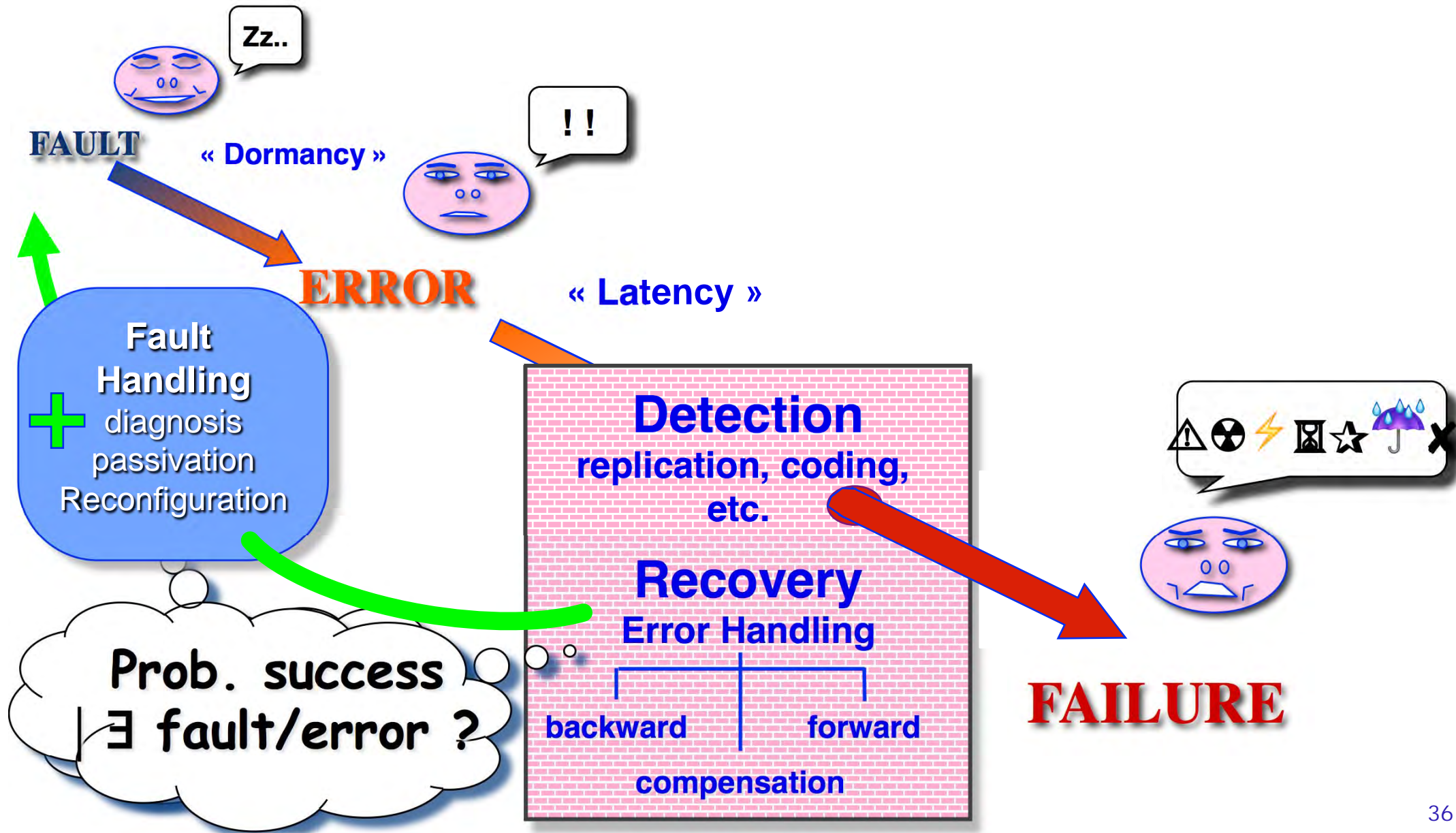
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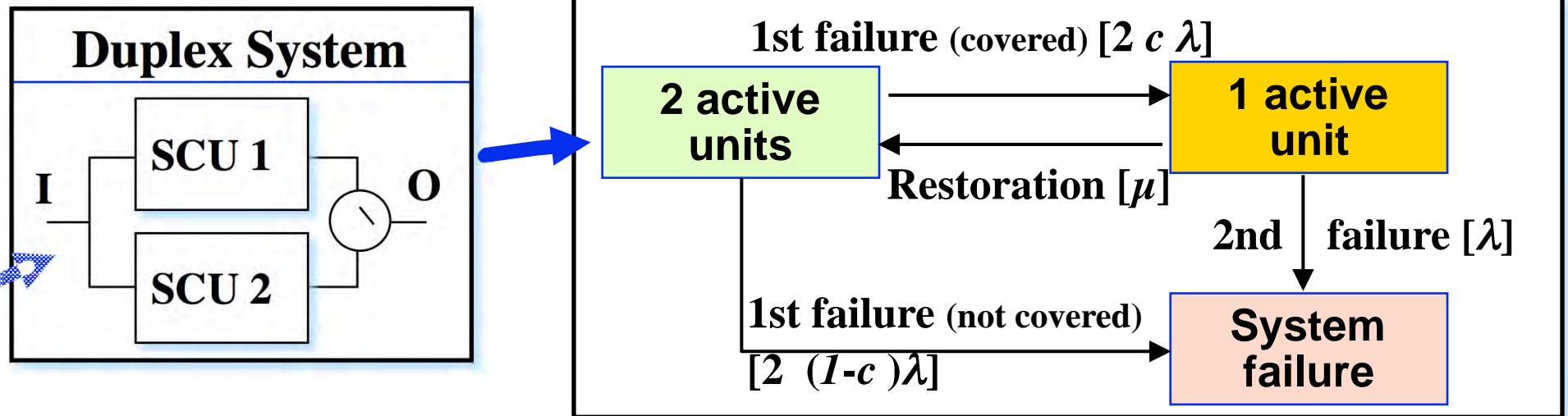
Despendability Assessments Methods



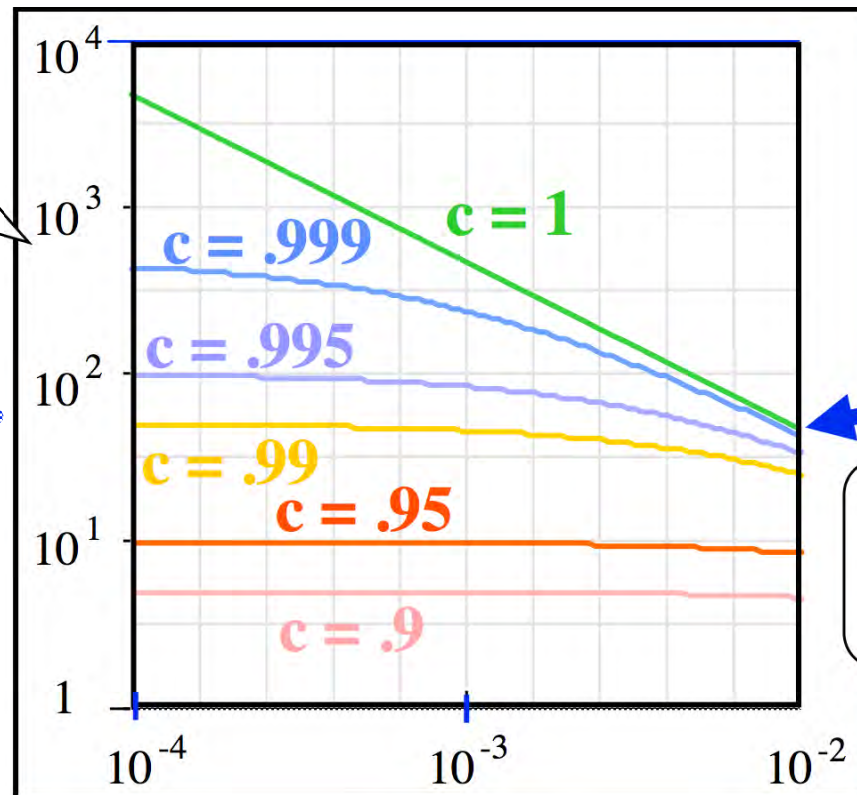
Fault Tolerance ... and Coverage



Impact of Coverage on Dependability

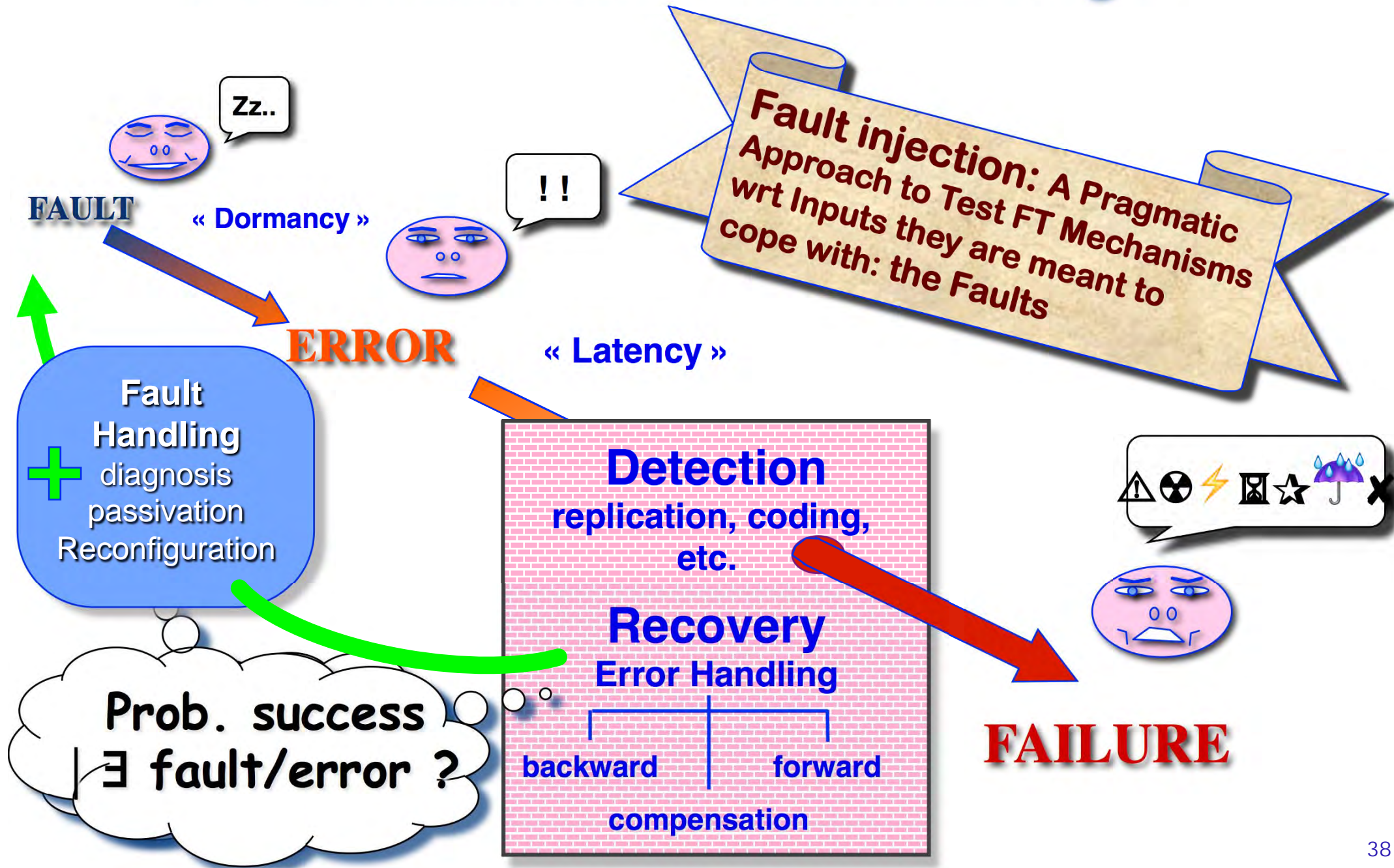


$$\frac{MTTF_{\text{Syst.}}}{MTTF_{\text{Unit.}}}$$

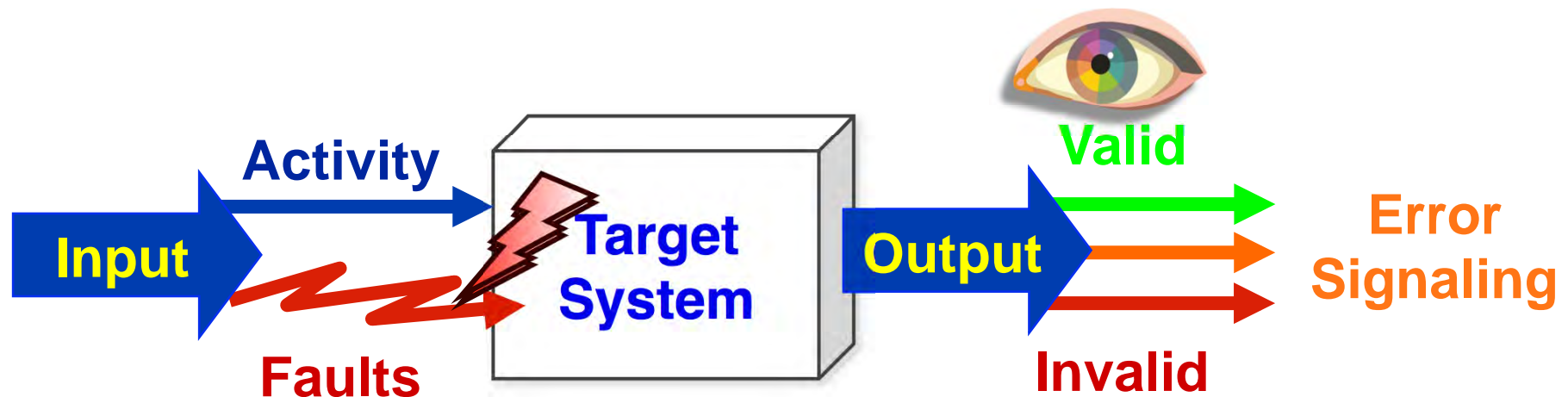


$$\frac{MTTR_{\text{Comp.}}}{MTTF_{\text{Comp.}}} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu} \right)$$

Fault Tolerance ... and Coverage



Fault Injection-based Assessment



—> **Partial** dependability assessment:
controlled application of fault/error conditions

- **Testing and evaluation** of a fault-tolerant computer system and of its FT algorithms & mechanisms
- **Characterization** of faulty behaviors & failure modes of **several** computer systems & components
 - > **Dependability benchmarking** (comparison purpose)

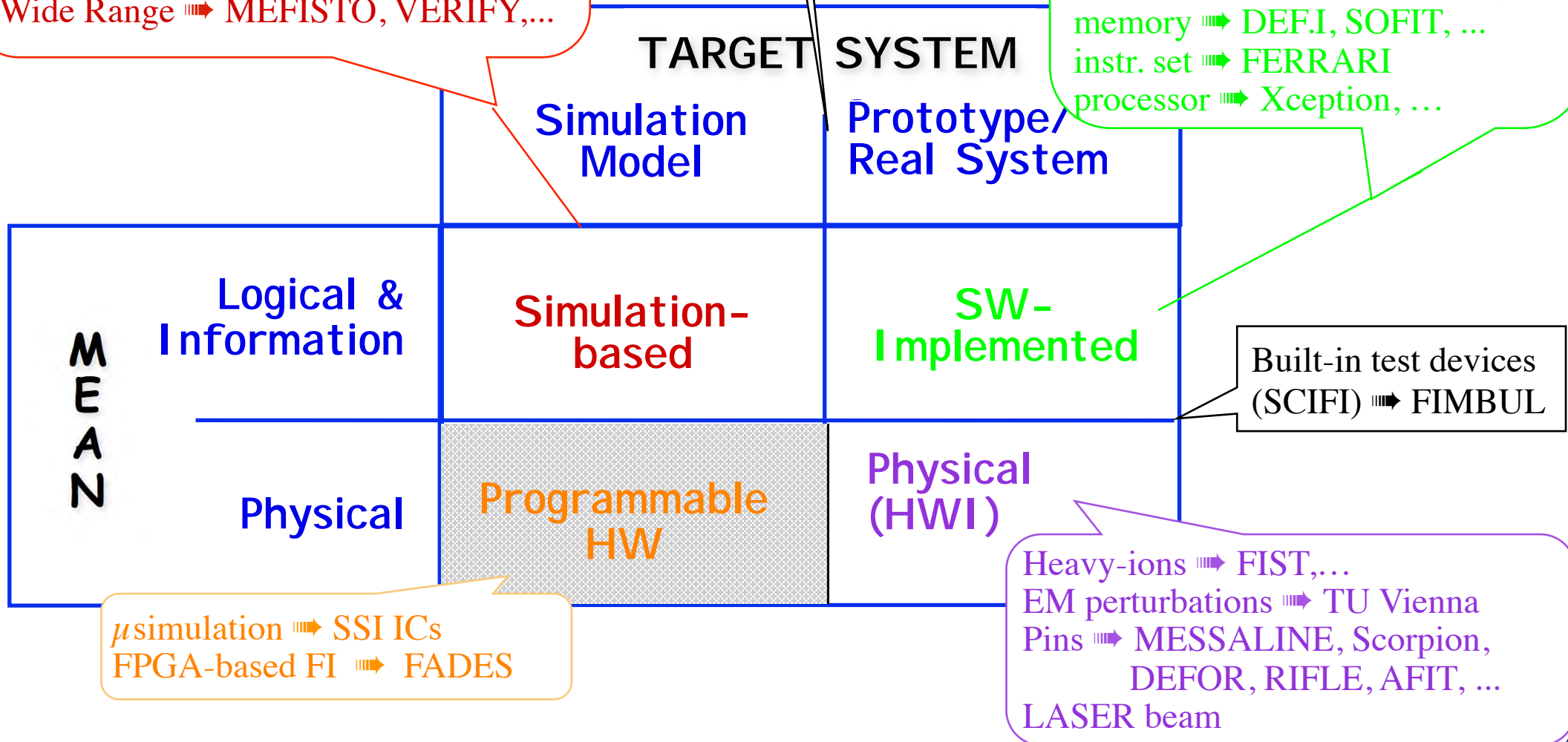
The Fault Injection Techniques

system \Rightarrow DEPEND, REACT, ...
 RT Level \Rightarrow ASPHALT, ...
 Logical Gate \Rightarrow Zycad, Technost, ...
 Switch \Rightarrow FOCUS, ...

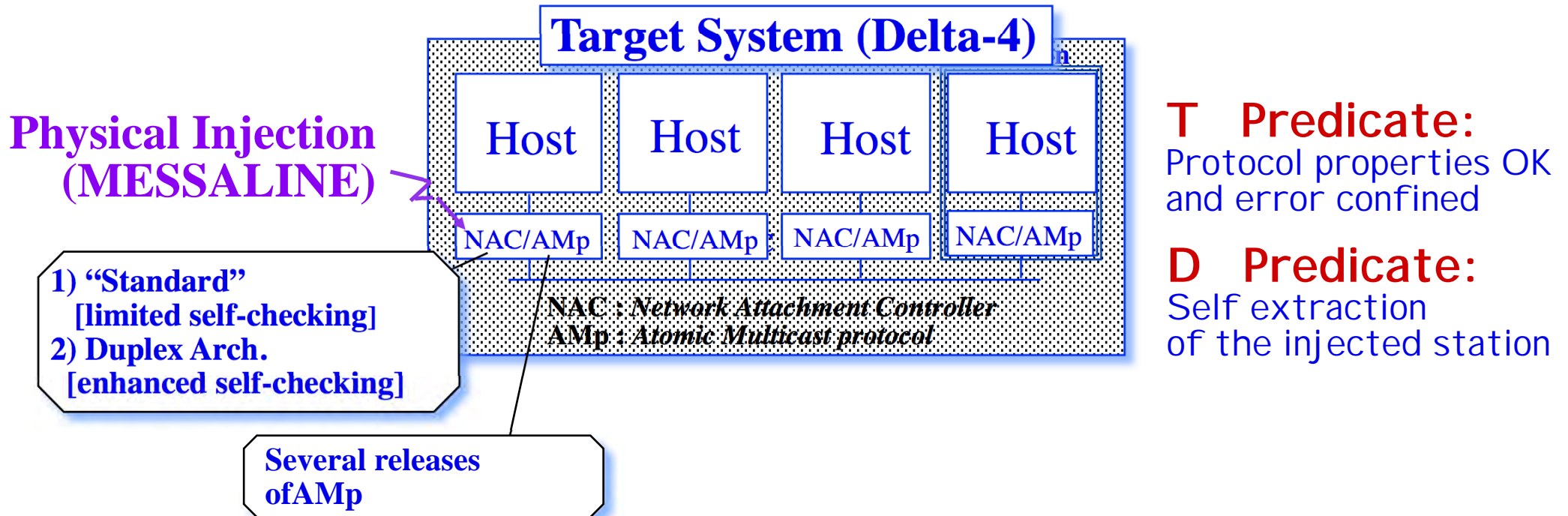
Wide Range \Rightarrow MEFISTO, VERIFY,...

Compile-time
 software mutation
 \Rightarrow SESAME, G-SWFIT

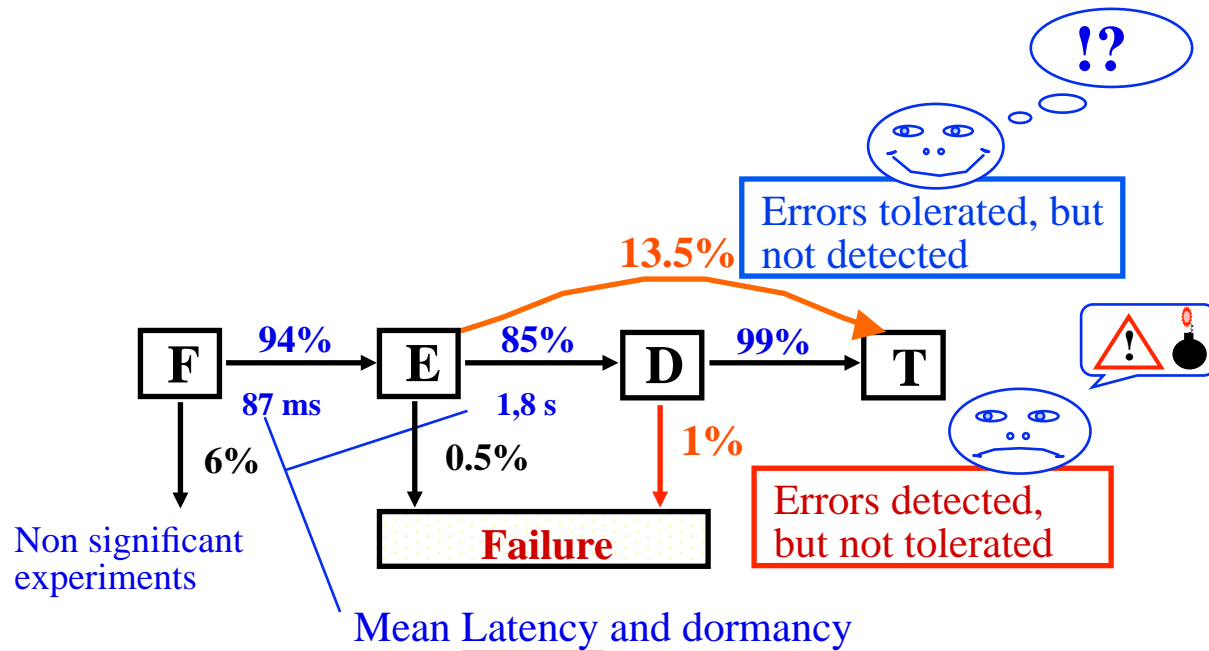
communication \Rightarrow ORCHESTRA
 node CoFFEE
 debugger \Rightarrow FIESTA
 task \Rightarrow FIAT
 executive \Rightarrow Ballista, (DE)FINE,
 MAFALDA-RT,
 memory \Rightarrow DEF.I, SOFIT, ...
 instr. set \Rightarrow FERRARI
 processor \Rightarrow Xception, ...



Examples of Experimental Results - 1

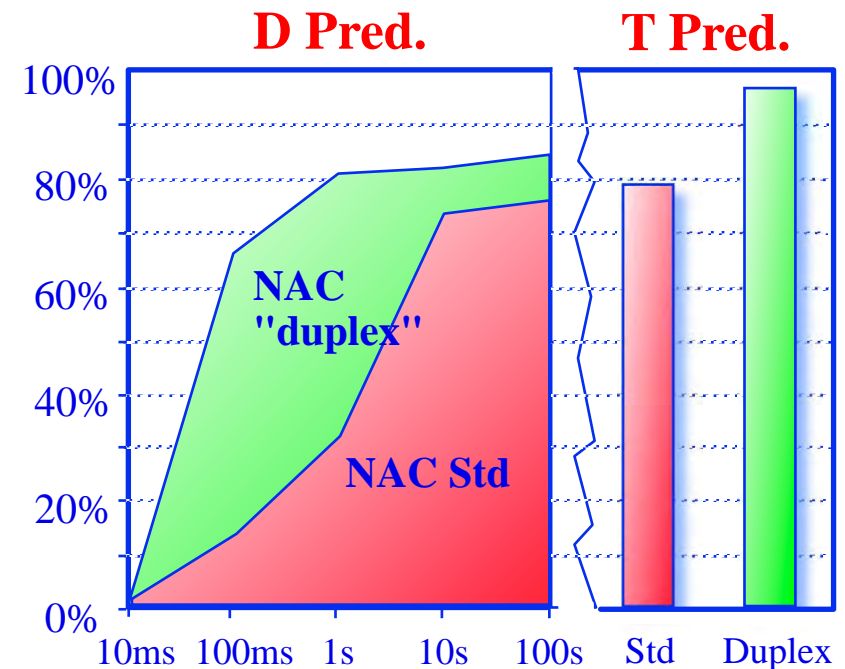


Examples of Experimental Results - 2



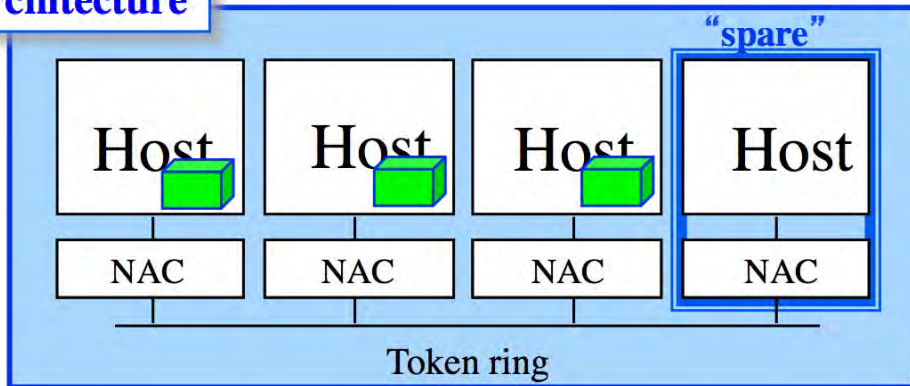
T Predicate:
Protocol properties OK
and error confined

D Predicate:
Self extraction
of the injected station



Link between Exp. & Anal. Eval.: An Example

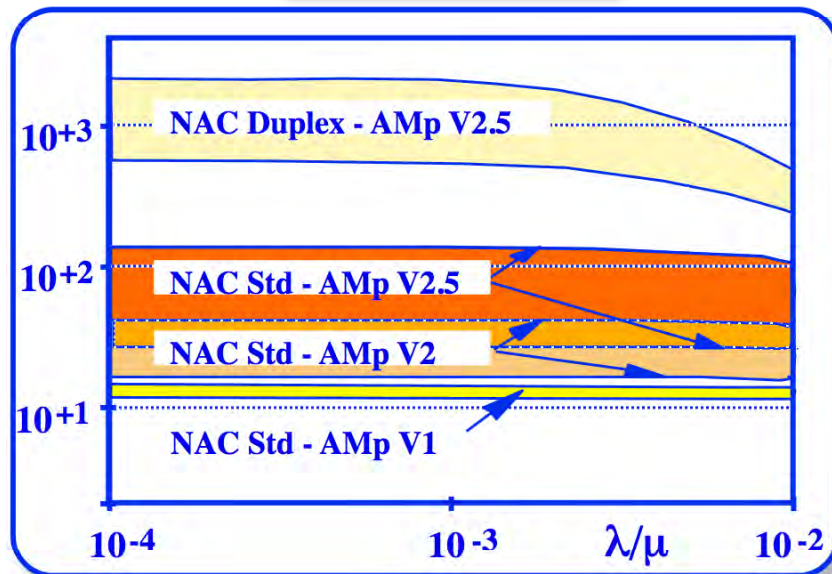
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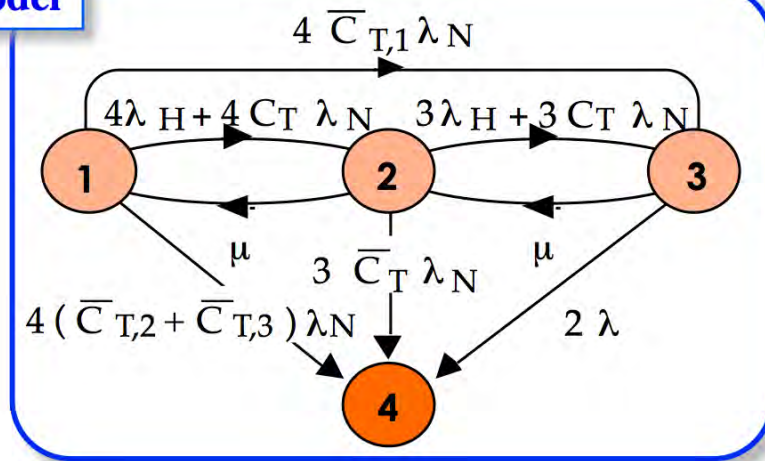
Coverage Factors

Target System	C_T	$\bar{C}_{T,1}$	$\bar{C}_{T,2}$	$\bar{C}_{T,3}$
NAC Std - AMp V 1	79,08%	2,32%	11,77%	6,83%
NAC Std - AMp V 2	8,73%	2,80%	45%	
NAC Std - AMp V 2.5	7,79%	1,00%		
NAC Duplex - AMp V 2.5	99,55%	0,32%	0,00%	0,12%

MTFF network
MTFF station

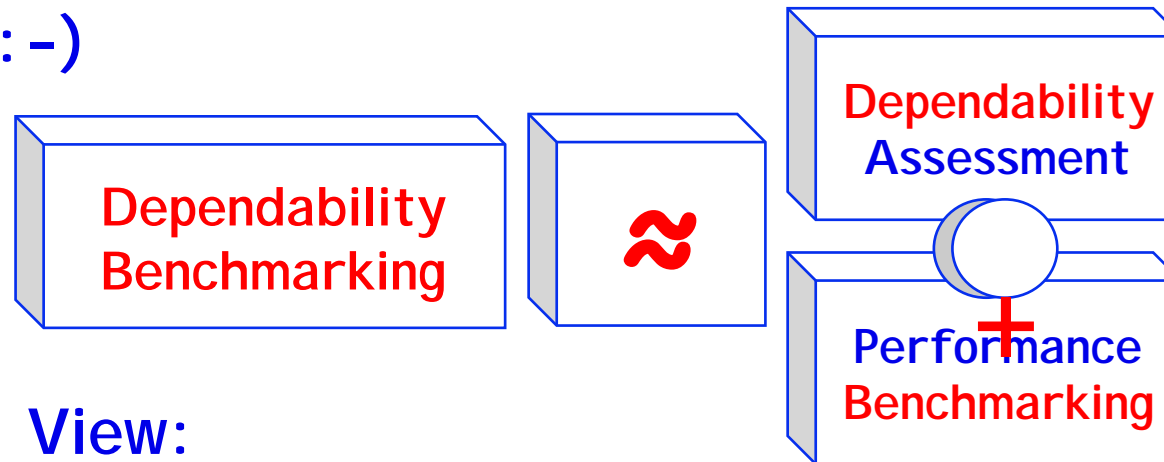


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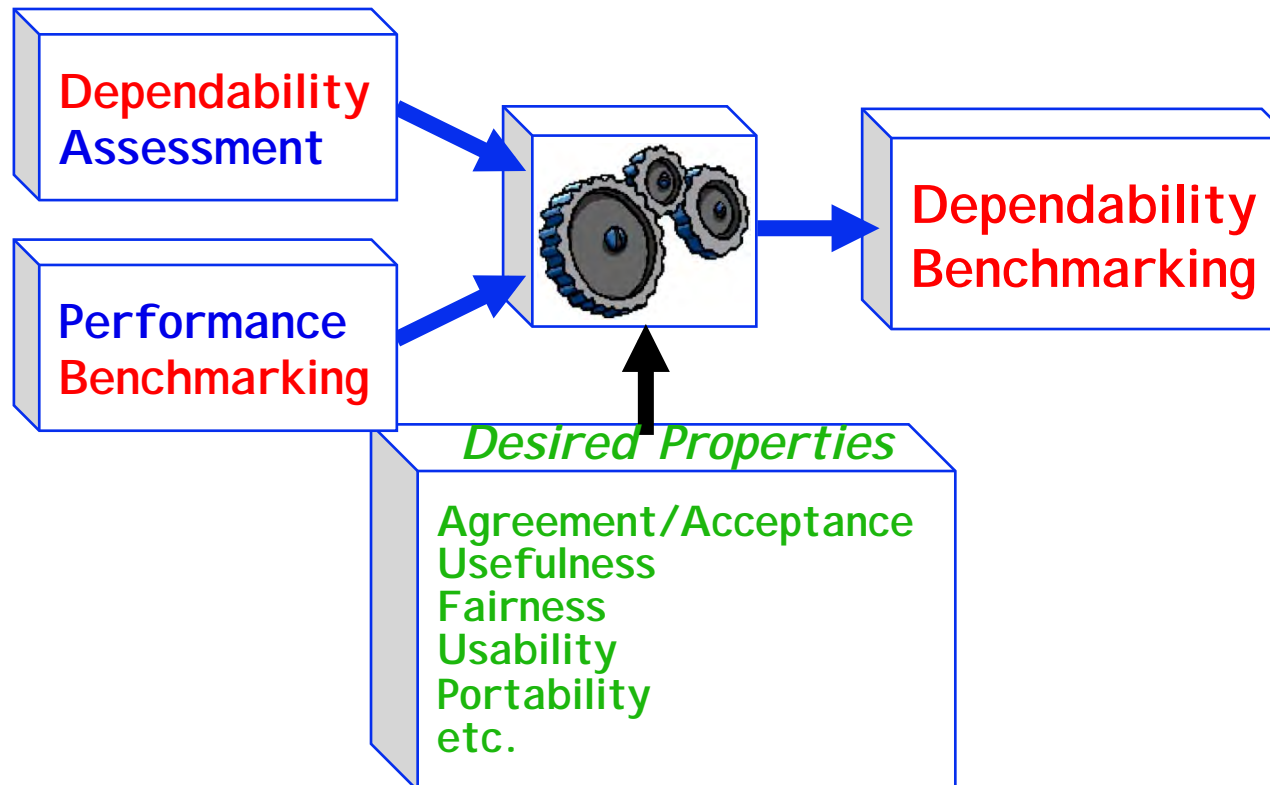


Views about Dependability Benchmarking

Naive View ... :-)



More Realistic View:



FI Campaign vs. Dependability Benchmark

FTS Assessment

- 1 Target System
- In-Deep Knowledge OK
- FTMs testing
- Fault and Activity sets
- Sophisticated faults
- Measures = conditional dependability assessment
- One-of-a-kind process: "heavy duty" still OK
- Developer's view
- Results published, experiment context often proprietary

Dependability Benchmarking

- > 1 Target Systems [Components]
- Limited Knowledge only
- Global system behavior
- Fault- and Work-load
- Reference (interface) faults
- Measures = Dependability assess. —> Fault occurrence process
- Recurring process: "user friendly" required
- End User/Integrator's view
- Results and procedure openly disclosed

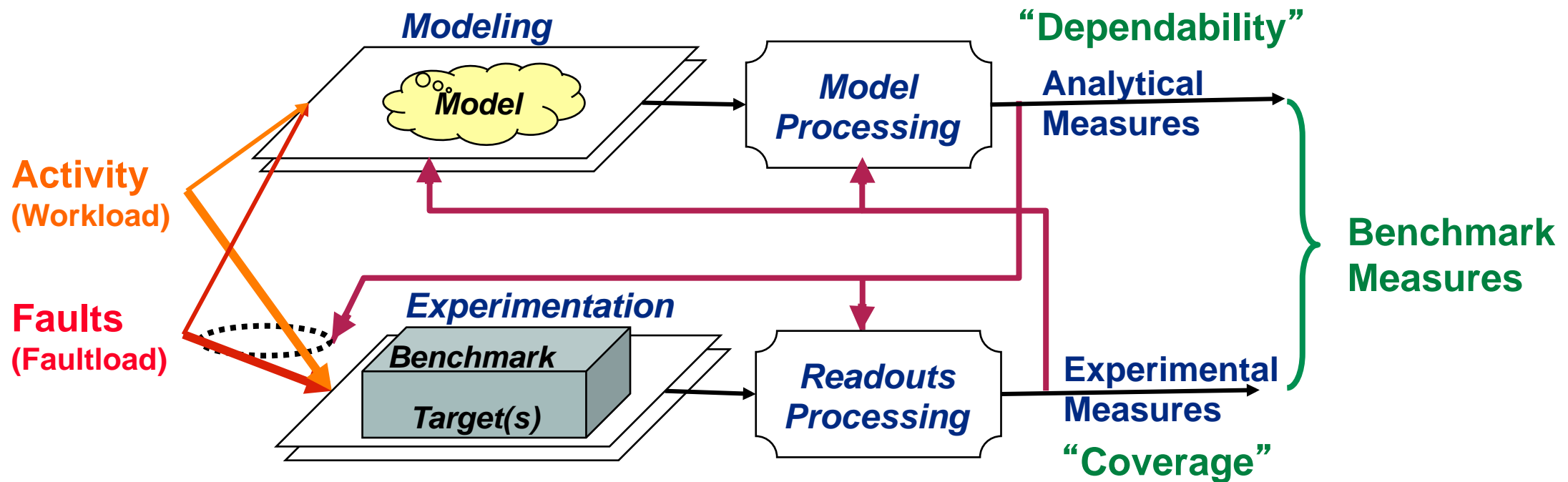
Common Properties

Non Intrusiveness: No influence on temporal behavior, nor target system alteration

Representativeness: Fault and Activity/Work set/loads

Repeatability: Derivation of statistically equivalent results

A Comprehensive Dependability Assessment Frame

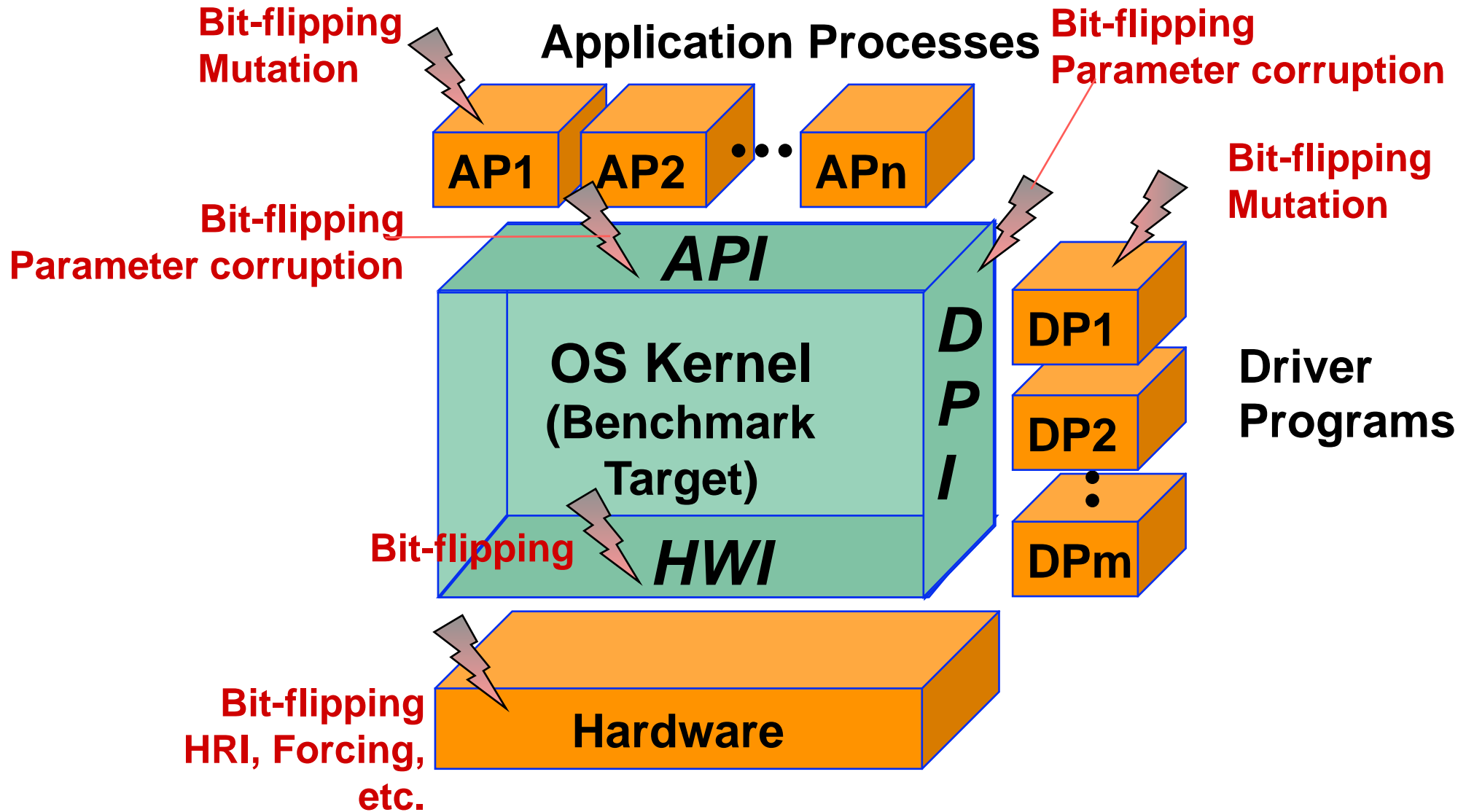


IST Project **DBench (Dependability Benchmarking)** — www.laas.fr/DBench and www.dbench.org

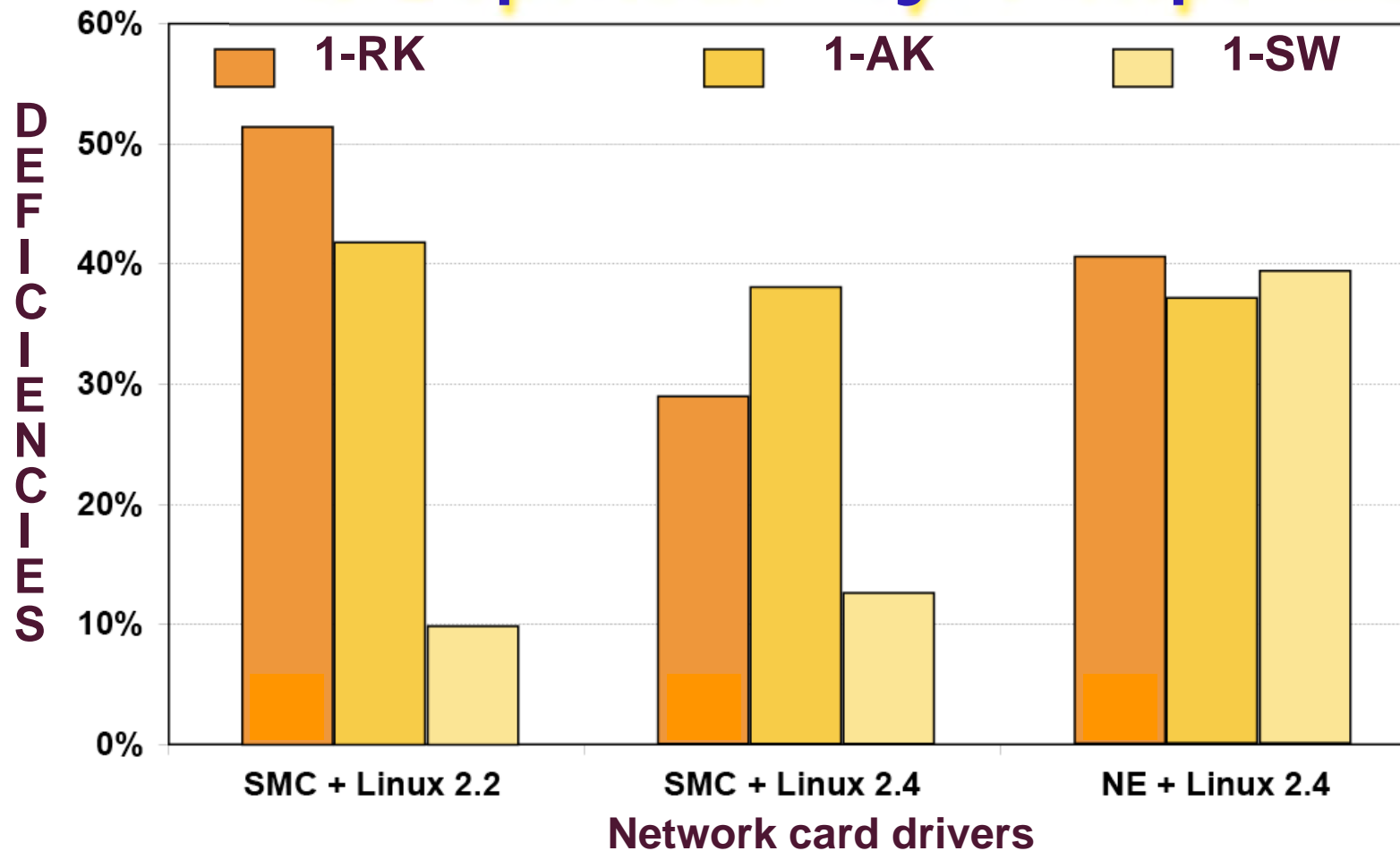


—> Minimal set of data needed from the Target System(s) (architecture, configuration, operation, environment, etc.) to derive actual dependability attributes?

About Interfaces (SW Executive)



Impact of Peripheral Drivers & Dependability Viewpoints



Linux

Kernel call:
parameter
corruption
at DPI



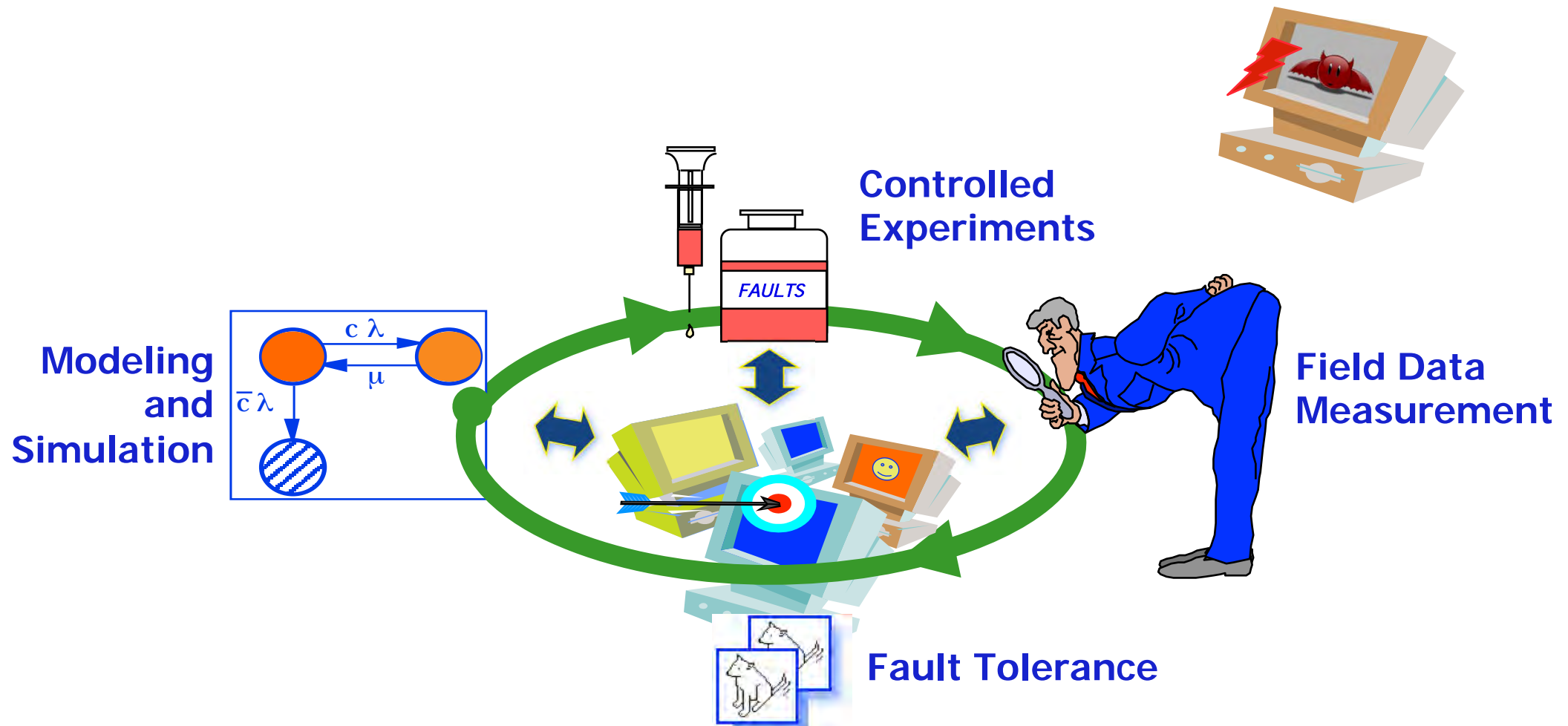
Robustness Characterization
Against Driver Errors

- RK (Responsiveness of the Kernel) = ↑ error notification
- AK (Availability of the Kernel) = ↓ kernel hangs
- SW (Safety of the Workload) = ↓ delivery of incorrect service

Towards a Comprehensive Architecting and Assessment Framework



Emerging Features and Challenges



Mobility **Configurability** **Target System ... Highly evolvable**

Attacks

Merci !

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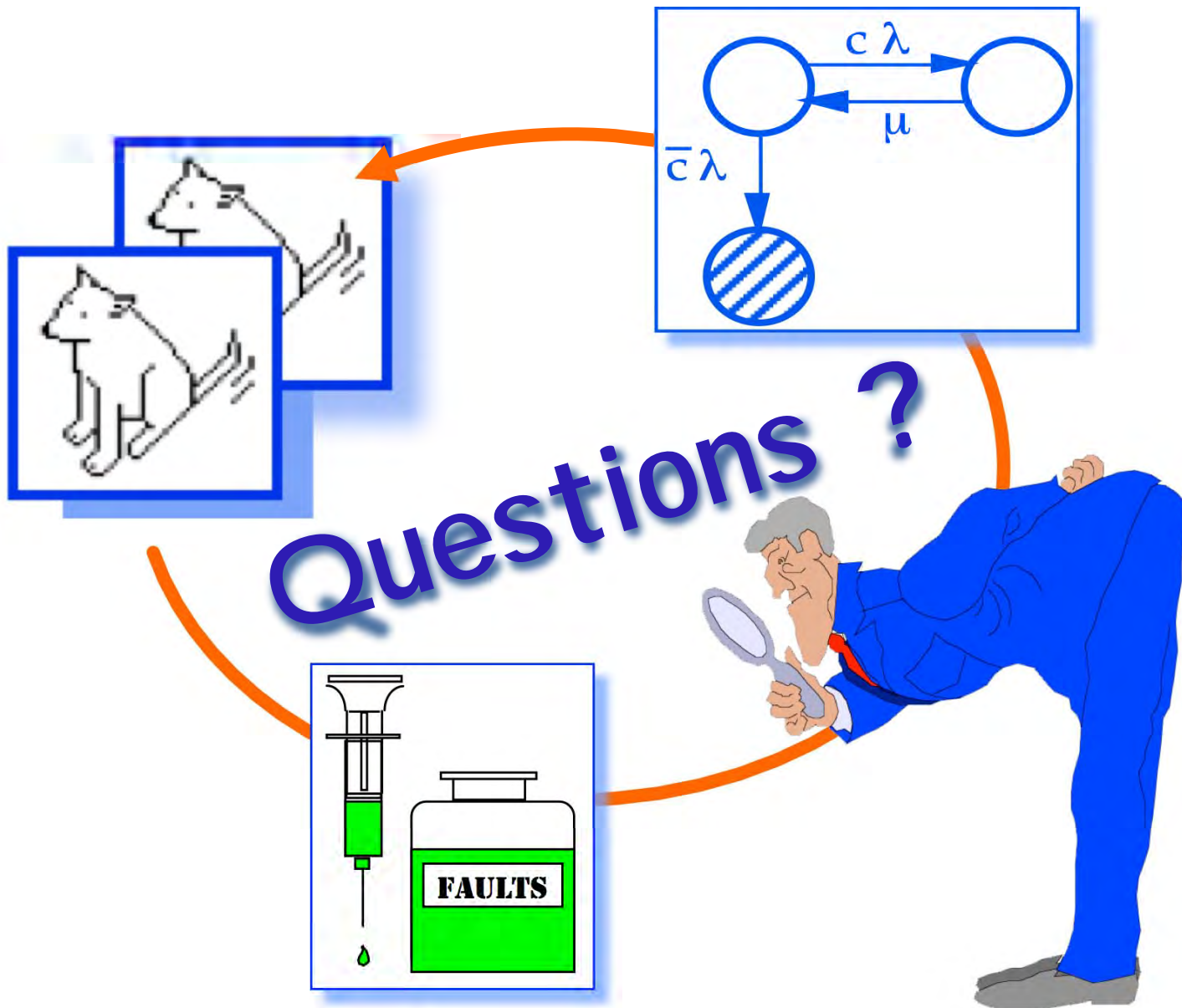
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