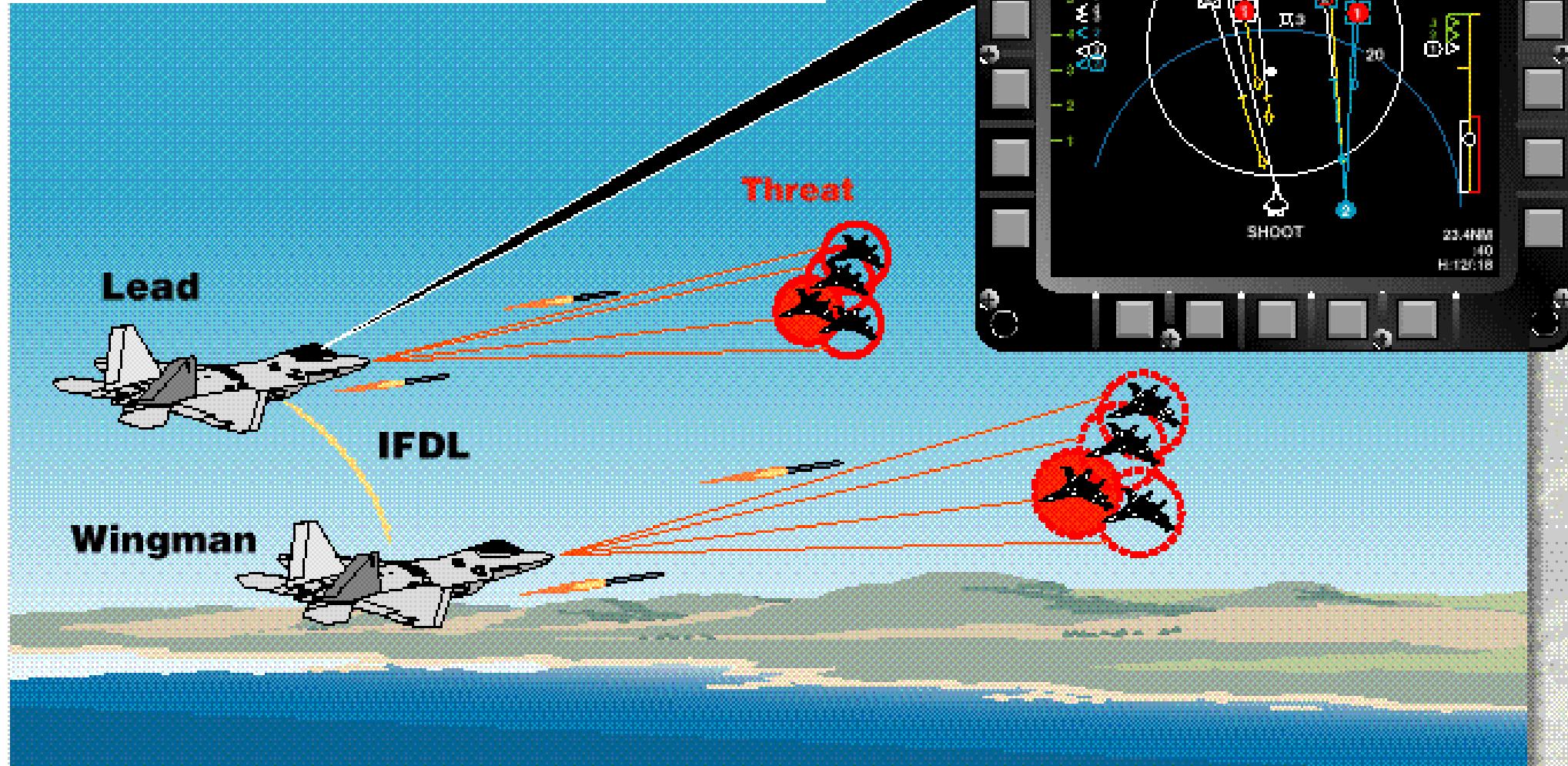


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# Is this an Intelligent Aircraft?





Contextual Trust

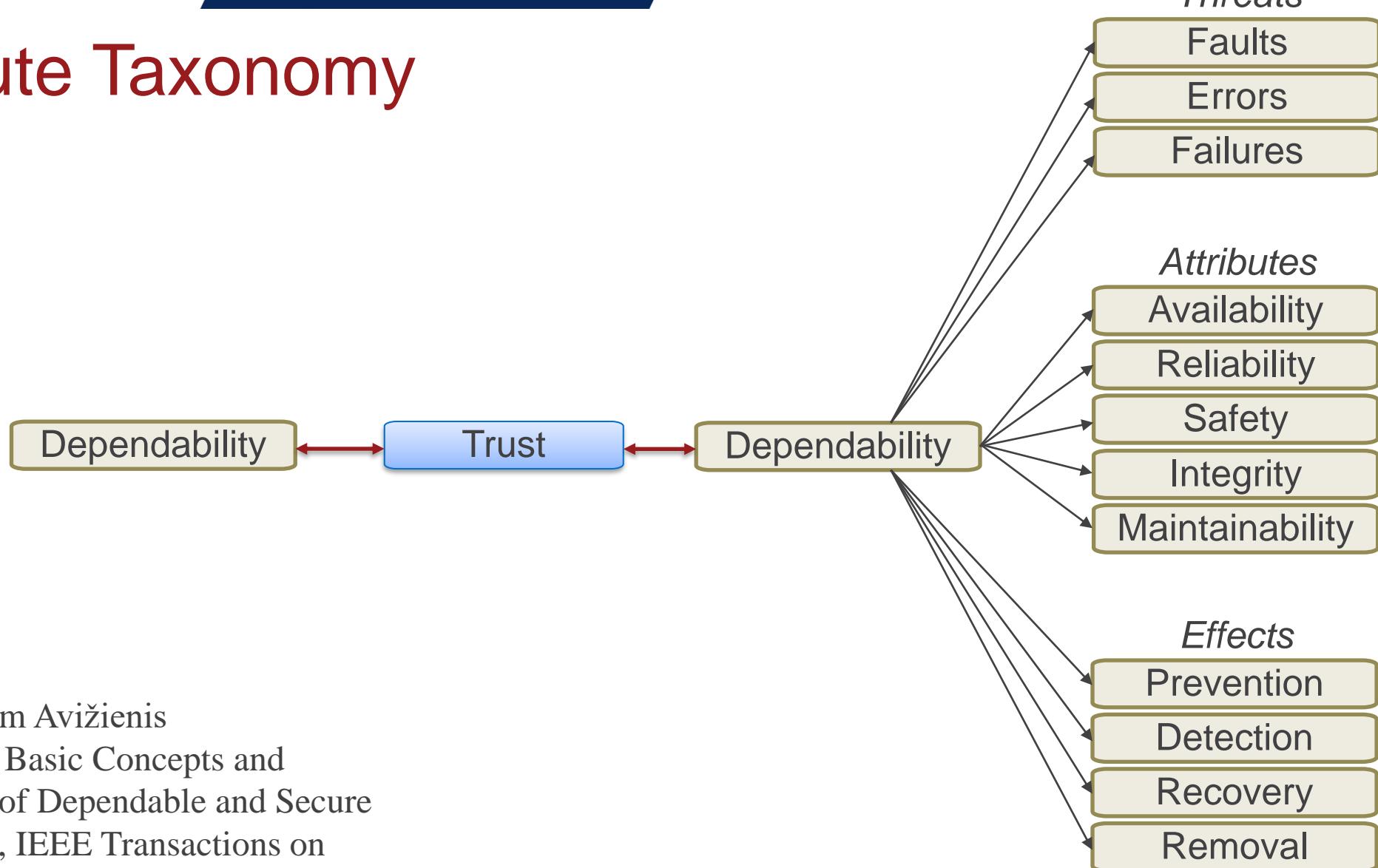


Engineered Trust

# Concept of Trust in computing systems

- In computing systems, there is a defined relationship between dependability and trust. This relationship is defined by the dependence of one system on another, and the acceptance that the other system is also **dependable**. [Avižienis, et al, 2004].
- This dependence can be either human/machine or machine/machine.

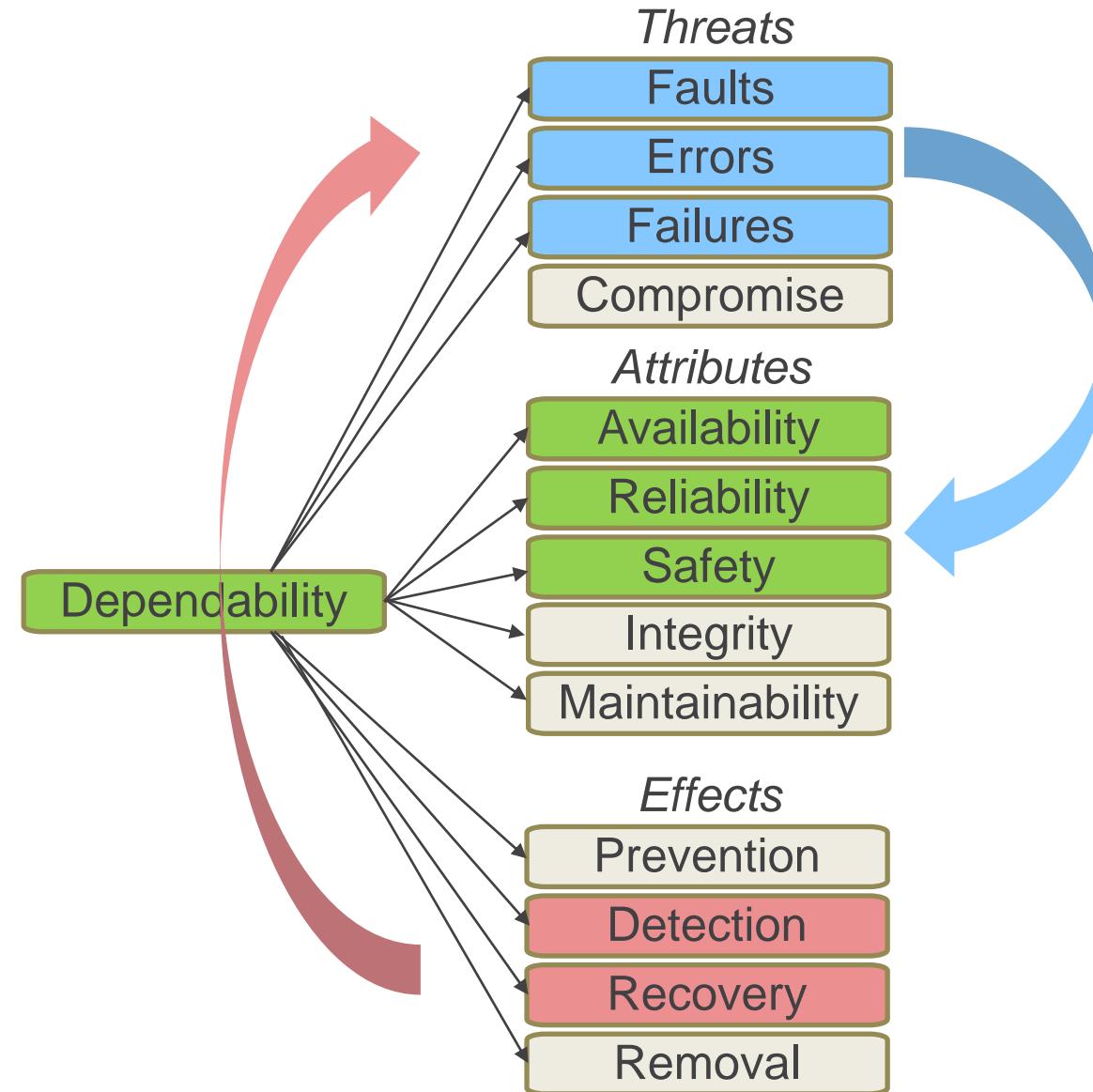
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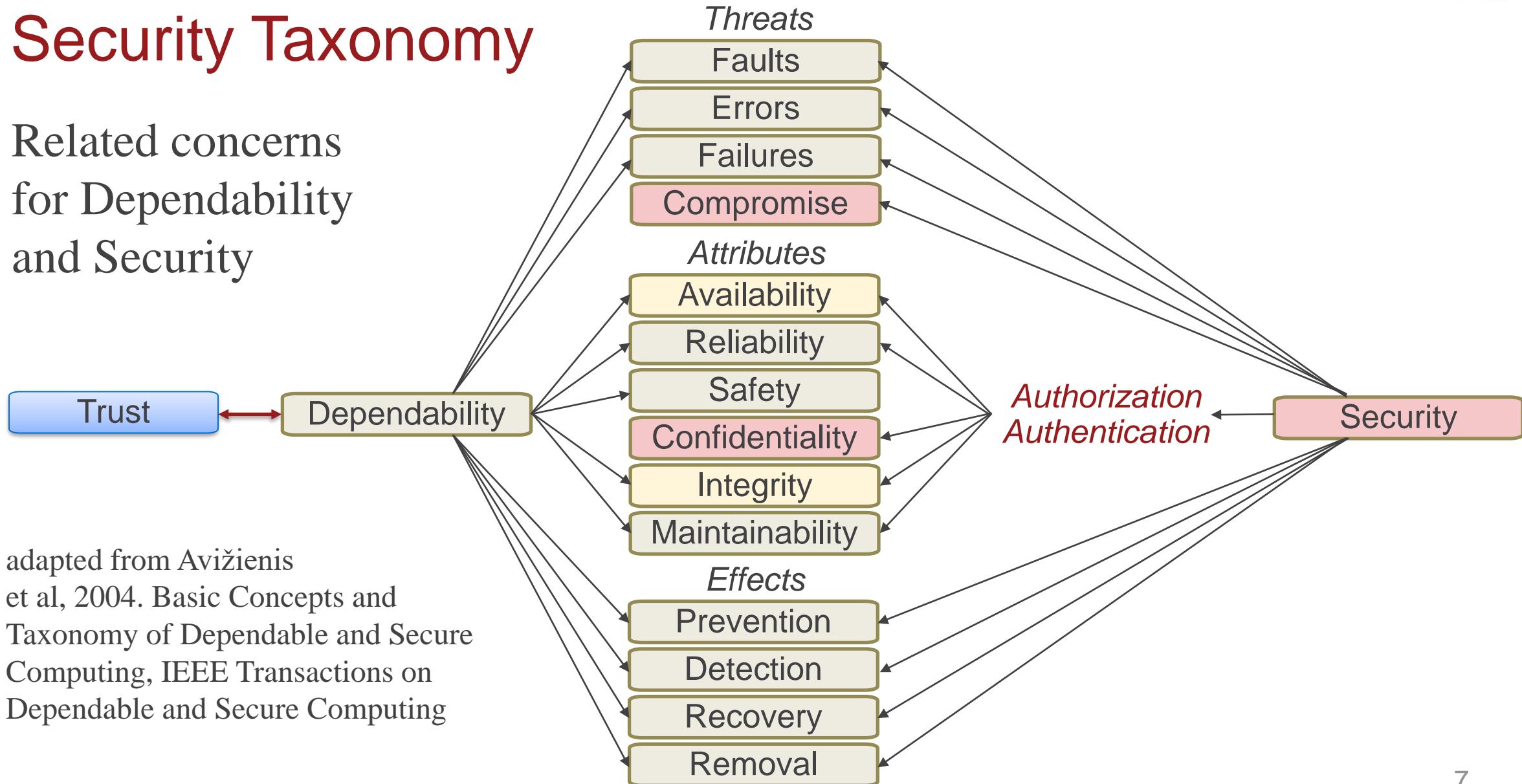
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Ability to *detect* and *recover* from *faults*, *errors*, and *failures* that disrupt elements or control functions to maintain levels of performance or to maintain *reliability*, *safety*, or *availability*



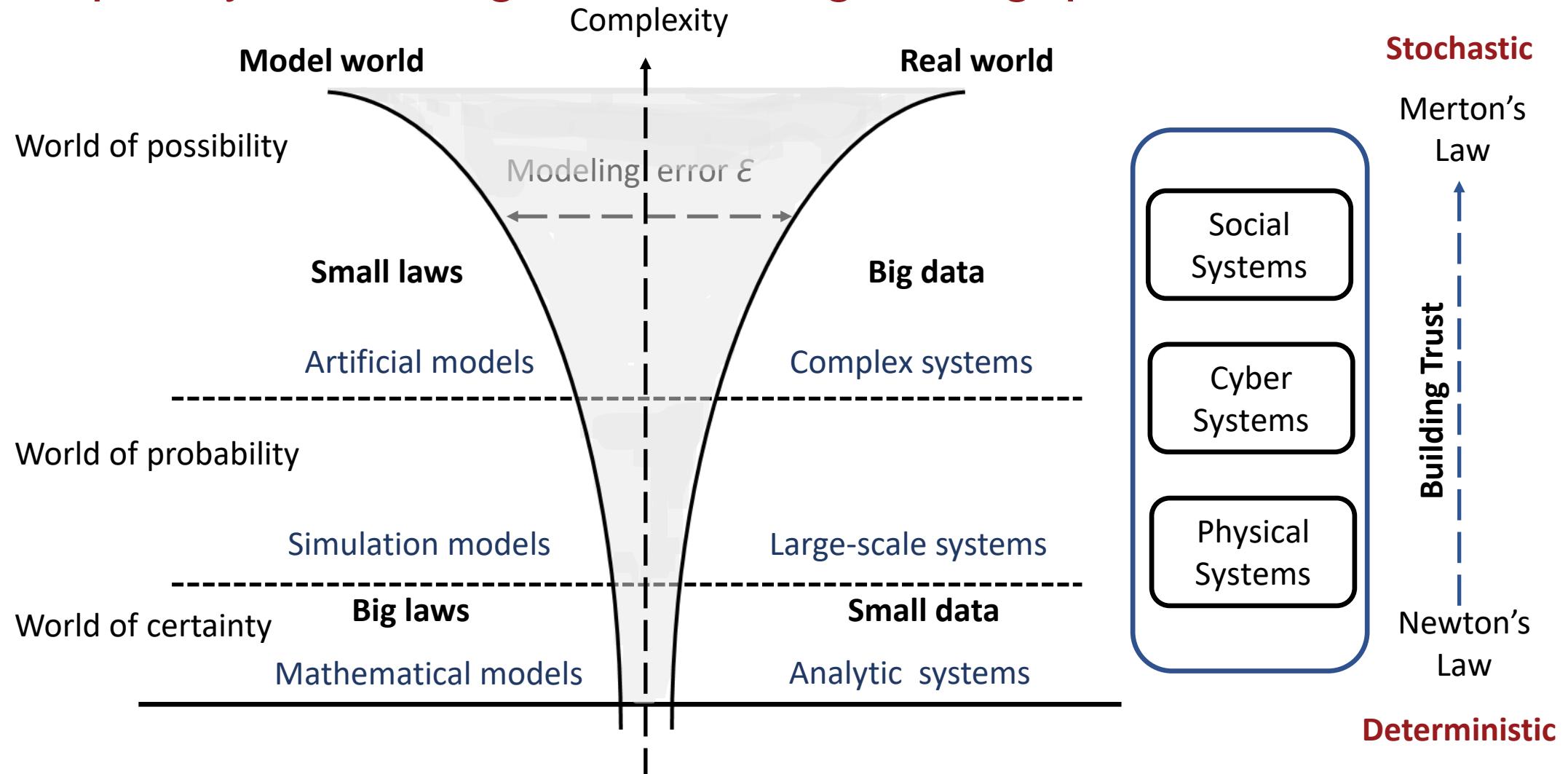
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Related concerns  
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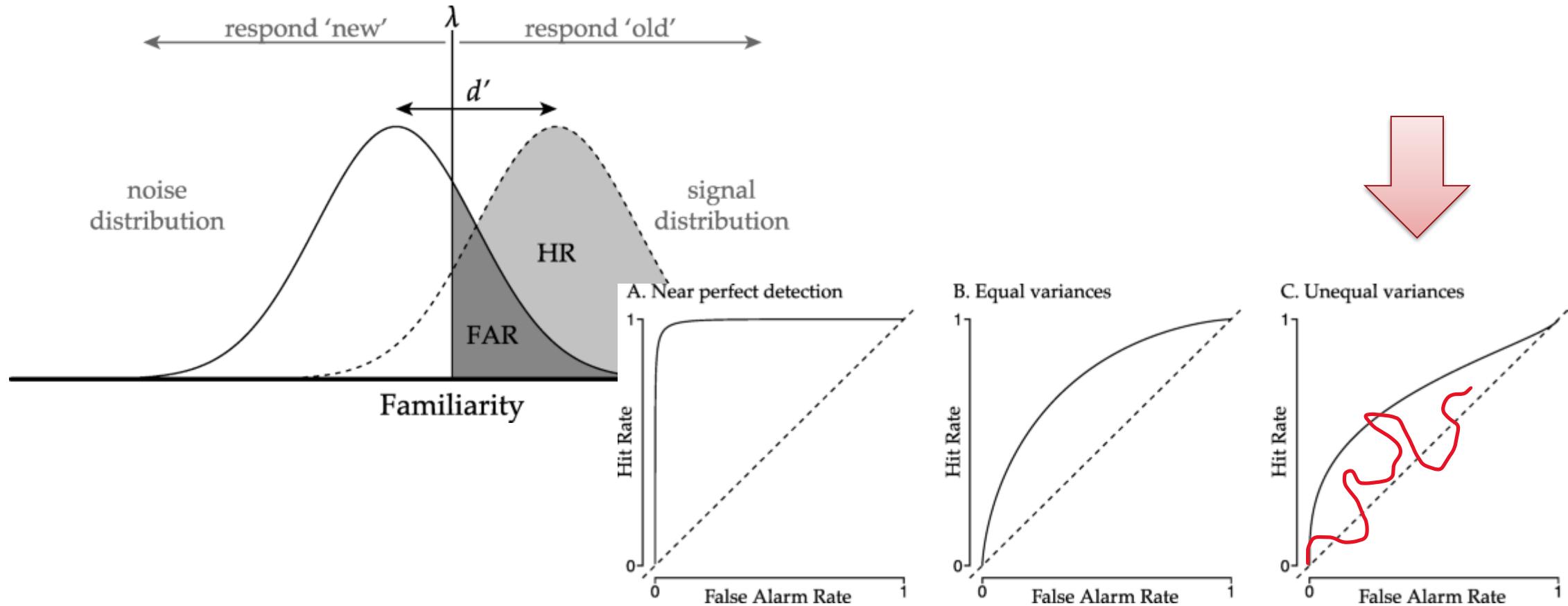
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# Complexity vs. Intelligence: the cognitive gap



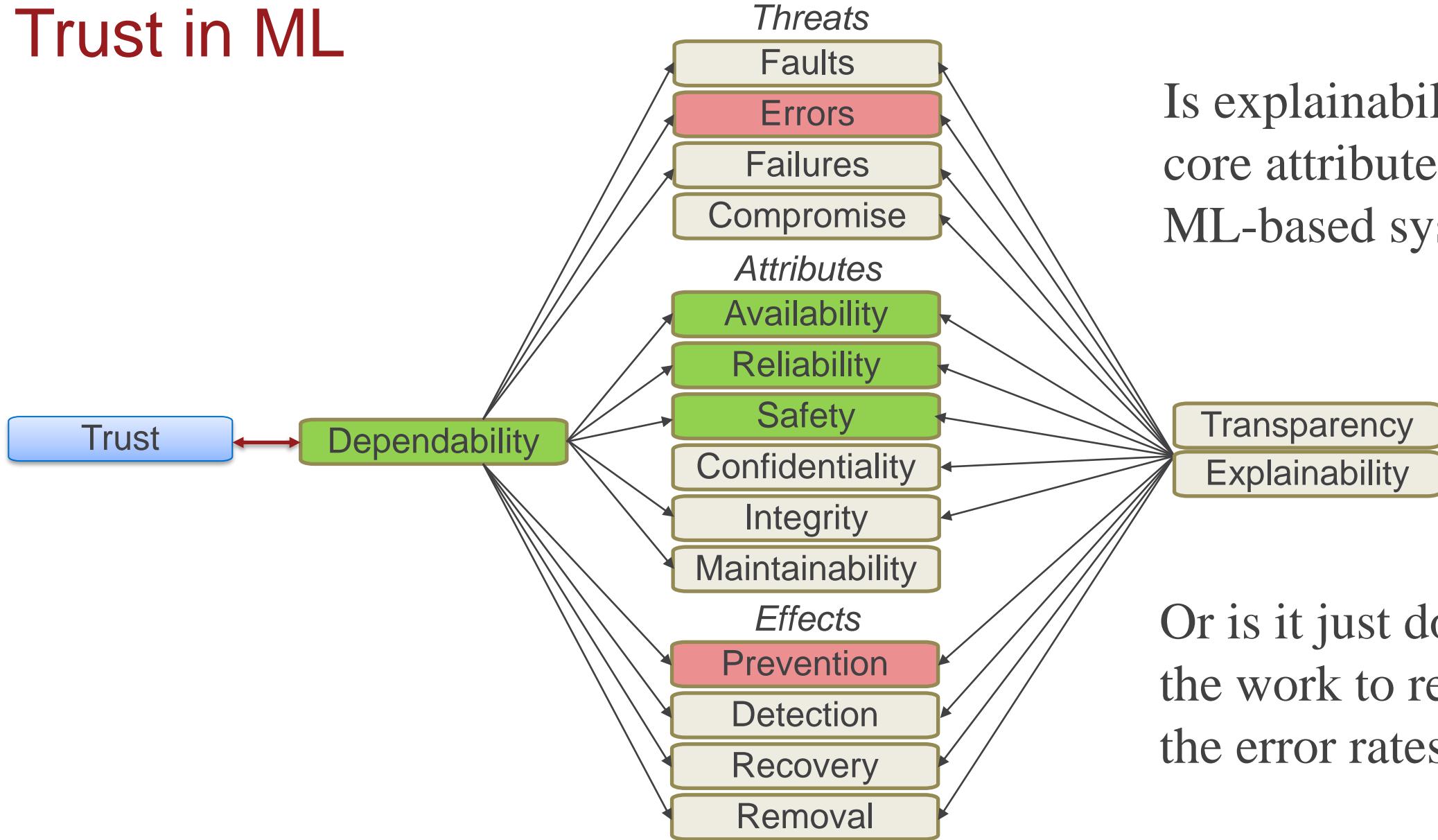
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# Characterizing error



Figures from: Selker, R., van den Bergh, D., Criss, A.H. *et al.* Parsimonious estimation of signal detection models from confidence ratings. *Behav Res* **51**, 1953–1967 (2019).

# Trust in ML



Is explainability a  
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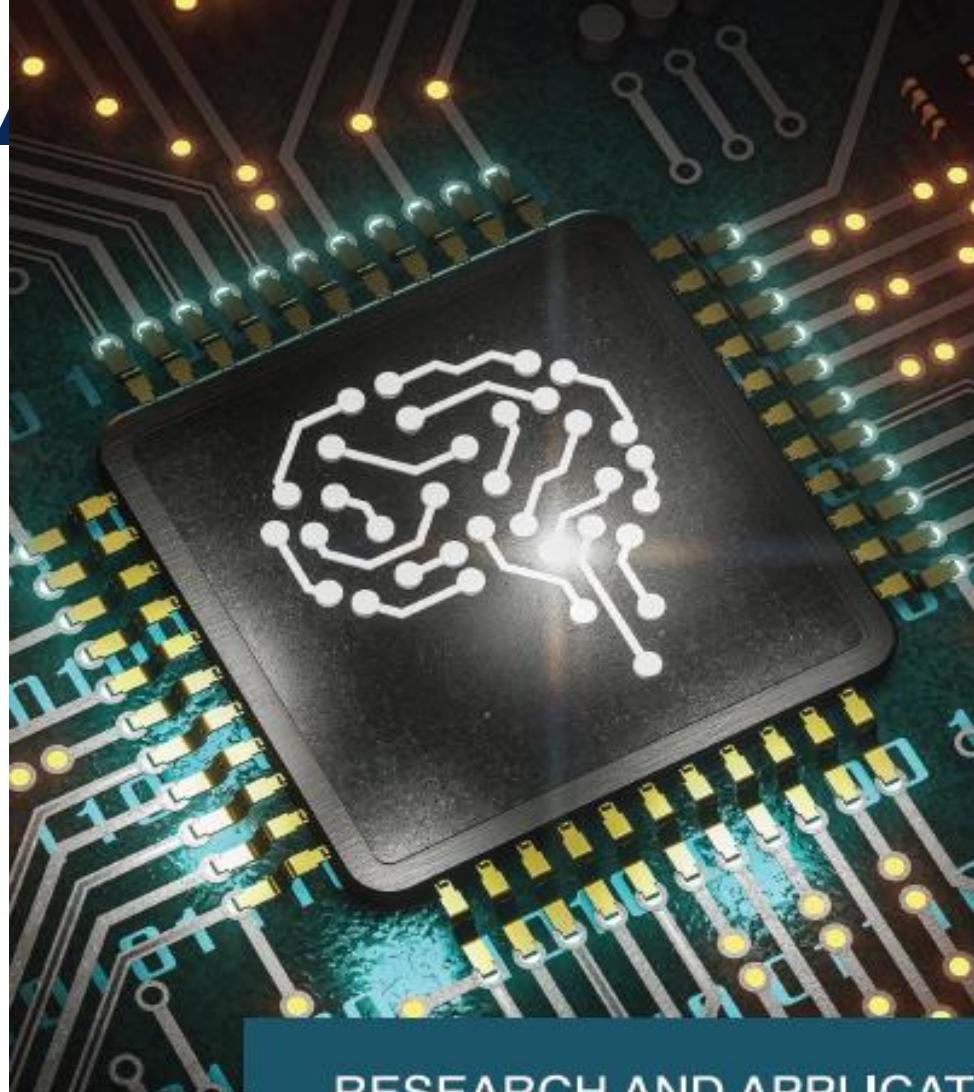
Or is it just doing  
the work to reduce  
the error rates?

# Maturity of Facial Recognition Systems

Facial recognition error rates in testing conducted by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST):

- In 2014, the leading algorithm had an error rate of 4.1%
- In 2018, the leading algorithm had an error rate of 0.5%
- In 2020, the leading algorithm had an error rate of 0.08%





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