

Continuous Testing in Agile and DevOps Environments

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Abstract

Background: Continuous testing promises that every change to a software system is evaluated automatically and quickly enough for the result to shape the next decision. Many agile and DevOps teams nonetheless run large automated suites whose verdicts they no longer trust, because flaky tests, queued pipelines, and drifting environments turn a failing build into noise. **Aim:** The review asks how test portfolio shape, test stability, pipeline feedback latency, and environment parity jointly determine whether continuous testing yields decision-grade evidence, and how that evidence relates to delivery outcomes such as the DORA metrics. **Method:** A critical integrative review of software testing, continuous integration, traceability, and empirical software engineering literature published up to 2025 was interpreted through signal detection theory and queueing-based feedback control. **Results:** Execution speed and suite size are weak proxies for assurance. The positive predictive value of a failing build collapses as small per-test flake rates compound across large suites, and latency that outlasts the developer's working context converts feedback into rework. **Contribution:** The article proposes the Continuous Testing Signal Integrity (CTSI) framework, which separates detection capability, false-alarm burden, feedback latency, environment fidelity, and production evidence, and states six falsifiable propositions with a stepped-wedge validation design. **Conclusion:** Continuous testing should be governed as a measurement instrument whose reliability is itself monitored; the propositions are untested and are offered for prospective evaluation.

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1 Introduction

Continuous testing is the practice of executing automated checks against every candidate change as it moves through a delivery pipeline, so that the risk of releasing that change is re-estimated at each stage rather than once at the end of a release cycle. The idea is older than the DevOps label. Classic testing texts already treated testing as a process of finding faults under economic constraints rather than proving correctness, and they warned that the value of a test lies in the probability that it reveals a fault that matters (Myers et al., 2011; Kaner et al., 1999). What changed with agile and DevOps delivery is the tempo. When a team merges dozens of changes per day, testing ceases to be a phase and becomes a continuous measurement system whose outputs gate merges, promotions, and releases. Standards now describe testing as a set of processes with defined inputs, outputs, and decision points (ISO/IEC/IEEE, 2018), and the software engineering body of knowledge treats test results as evidence feeding release decisions (IEEE Computer Society, 2014).

That shift from phase to measurement system exposes a problem that the practitioner literature tends to understate. A continuous testing pipeline is only as useful as the trust its signals command. A red build that is usually caused by a timing-sensitive test rather than by the change under review teaches developers to re-run and ignore; a pipeline whose feedback arrives two hours after a push reaches a developer who has already moved on; and a staging environment that differs from production in configuration, data shape, or dependency versions produces green builds that fail in production. Each of these defects degrades the informational value of the pipeline while leaving the usual activity metrics, such as tests executed, builds per day, and coverage percentage, unchanged or even improving. Surveys of developer testing already report that maintaining

and trusting automated tests is a persistent burden, distinct from writing them (Daka & Fraser, 2014), and reviews of agile practice note how often claimed benefits rest on weak evidence about mechanism (Dybå & Dingsøyr, 2008).

The research gap addressed here is therefore specific. Existing work tends to evaluate continuous testing by adoption (whether a team has a pipeline), by throughput (how often it runs, how long it takes), or by downstream delivery outcomes such as deployment frequency and change failure rate. It rarely models the quality of the signal that links these: the probability that a failing pipeline indicates a real defect, the probability that a passing pipeline indicates a safe change, and the delay between the change and the signal. Without that intermediate layer, a rise in deployment frequency cannot be distinguished from a team that has simply lowered its evidentiary bar, and a stable change failure rate cannot be distinguished from a team that absorbs failures through rollback. Work on accelerated regulatory approval makes the same point in another domain: speed and evidence quality trade off, and a decision model must price both explicitly (Eze et al., 2024b). Governance scholarship similarly insists that indicators without defined accountability are reporting rather than control (Akhigbe et al., 2025; Sakyi et al., 2022b).

This article asks three research questions. RQ1: How do test portfolio shape, test flakiness, pipeline feedback latency, and environment parity each affect the diagnostic value of continuous testing signals? RQ2: How do shift-left and shift-right practices divide the work of producing release evidence, and where do they substitute for or complement each other? RQ3: How should delivery outcome measures, particularly the four DORA metrics, be linked to signal-quality measures so that improvements in one are not bought with hidden losses in the other? The unit of analysis is the pipeline run evaluated against the change it tests, aggregated to the service and team level. Requirements and change traceability matter to this unit because a signal can only inform a decision if it can be traced back to the requirement and change it concerns (Gotel & Finkelstein, 1994; Ramesh & Jarke, 2001).

The article makes four contributions. First, it formalizes the continuous testing pipeline as an imperfect detector and derives, from elementary probability, how per-test flakiness, suite size, and base rates of faulty changes combine to determine the positive predictive value of a failing build. Second, it adjudicates the competing test portfolio models (the test pyramid, the testing trophy, and the honeycomb) by the kind of fault each is positioned to detect and the false-alarm and latency costs each imposes, rather than by preference. Third, it proposes the Continuous Testing Signal Integrity (CTSI) framework, with five constructs, measurable indicators, and governance responses, and derives six falsifiable propositions. Fourth, it specifies a stepped-wedge validation design and a validity-threat register tailored to continuous testing research, including threats that are rarely acknowledged, such as label noise in flaky-test datasets and metric gaming in DORA reporting. The framework is conceptual; its propositions are presented as claims for prospective testing, consistent with design science guidance on separating artefact construction from evaluation (Hevner et al., 2004; Wieringa, 2014).

The remainder of the article proceeds as follows. Section 2 develops the theoretical lens, drawing on signal detection theory, queueing and control-loop reasoning, and sociotechnical accounts of how teams come to normalize failing builds. Section 3 describes the review protocol. Section 4 synthesizes evidence on portfolio shape, flaky tests, feedback latency and test selection, environment parity, shift-left and shift-right practice, and the use of DORA metrics. Section 5 presents the CTSI framework, its propositions, and a worked scenario. Section 6 discusses theoretical and practical implications and the rival explanations the framework must defeat. Section 7 sets out limitations and a research agenda, and Section 8 concludes. Throughout, the article treats the testing system in the same way that quality assurance scholarship in manufacturing treats inspection, as a determinant of flow reliability rather than a gate bolted onto the end of production (Asiedu & Asiedu, 2024b; Atta et al., 2022).

2 Theoretical Lens: Tests as Imperfect Detectors

Three bodies of theory frame the review. Signal detection theory explains why a large, fast suite can still be uninformative. Queueing and feedback-control reasoning explains why feedback delay matters nonlinearly rather than proportionally. Sociotechnical theory explains how teams adapt to unreliable signals in ways that erode the value of the whole system. The three lenses are complementary: the first concerns what a single verdict means, the second concerns when it arrives, and the third concerns what people do with it. Each is used below to derive a specific, testable expectation rather than as background. This approach follows guidance that theory in empirical software engineering should generate claims that can be confronted

with data under stated conditions (Easterbrook et al., 2008), and that organizational interventions should be explained through intermediate mechanisms that can be observed before outcomes change (Akhigbe et al., 2024).

2.1 Signal Detection and the Economics of a Red Build

Consider each pipeline run as a detector deciding between two states of the world: the change is faulty or it is not. Let the prior probability that a change contains a fault which the suite could in principle reveal be denoted by the base rate. Let the hit rate be the probability that the pipeline fails when the change is faulty, and let the false-alarm rate be the probability that it fails when the change is sound. The hit rate reflects test adequacy in the sense used by coverage and mutation analysis, that is, the extent to which the suite exercises and checks the behaviour a fault would disturb (Zhu et al., 1997; Ammann & Offutt, 2016). The false-alarm rate is dominated in practice by flaky tests and environment faults rather than by incorrect oracles. The quantity developers care about when a build turns red is the positive predictive value of that signal, given by Bayes' rule:

$$PPV = \frac{bH}{bH + (1-b)FA} \quad (1)$$

where b is the base rate of faulty changes, H is the hit rate and FA is the false-alarm rate. With a base rate of 5 percent, a hit rate of 0.80, and a false-alarm rate of 0.30, Equation (1) gives a PPV of about 0.12: roughly seven in eight red builds are not caused by the change under test. The false-alarm rate itself compounds. If a suite contains n tests that fail spuriously and independently with probabilities p_1 to p_n , the probability that a run on a sound change fails is $FA = 1 - \prod(1 - p_i)$. A suite of 2,000 tests with an average spurious failure probability of 0.05 percent per test yields FA of about 0.63. Detection theory from physical inspection offers the same lesson: the probability-of-detection curve of a non-destructive testing method is meaningless without its false-call rate, because inspectors who face frequent false calls lower their vigilance (Atta et al., 2021). Intrusion detection research reports an analogous alert-fatigue effect when false positives dominate (Dosunmu & Ogundele, 2020).

Two implications follow. First, improving hit rate by adding tests has diminishing and eventually negative value if each added test carries a non-trivial spurious failure probability, because the false-alarm term grows faster than the detection term once the suite is large. Second, the sensitivity index d' , defined as the difference between the standard normal quantiles of H and FA , separates the discriminating power of the suite from the team's decision criterion. A team that responds to frequent false alarms by auto-retrying failures shifts its criterion without changing d' : it lowers FA but also lowers H for intermittent real faults, such as race conditions, that a retry can mask. Retrying a failing test k times reduces a spurious failure of probability p to p raised to the power $k + 1$ under independence, but it equally reduces detection of a real fault that manifests with probability q per run to q raised to the power $k + 1$. Laboratory quality control faces the same design choice in its multi-rule acceptance schemes, trading false rejection against error detection explicitly (Yusuf & Abdulrazaq, 2018; Tawose et al., 2023).

2.2 Feedback Delay, Queueing, and Control-Loop Stability

A continuous testing pipeline is also the sensing element of a control loop. The developer makes a change, the pipeline senses its effect, and the developer corrects. Control theory predicts that delay in the sensing element degrades loop stability: the longer the lag, the more corrections are made against stale information, and the more changes accumulate between cause and signal. In delivery terms, a slow pipeline encourages batching, and batching enlarges the diagnostic search space when a failure does occur. The end-to-end feedback latency of a run can be decomposed into queue wait, environment provisioning, execution, reporting, and triage. The first and last components are routinely omitted from pipeline dashboards, which report execution time only. Studies of real-time performance monitoring stress that the latency of a key indicator is part of its validity, because an accurate but late indicator informs no decision (Tonoyan et al., 2024b; Ogbale et al., 2021).

$$L = W_q + T_{prov} + T_{exec} + T_{rep} + T_{triage} \quad (2)$$

Queue wait is where nonlinearity enters. For a shared pool of runners, Kingman's approximation for a single-server queue gives the expected wait as $W_q \approx (\rho / (1 - \rho)) \cdot ((c_a^2 + c_s^2) / 2) \cdot t_s$, where ρ is utilization, c_a and c_s are the coefficients of variation of arrivals and service times, and t_s is the mean service time. The practical consequence is that a runner pool at 90 percent utilization waits roughly nine times longer than one at 50 percent, and that bursty commit arrivals around stand-ups and end-of-day pushes inflate waits further. Execution-time optimization therefore yields less than capacity and arrival

smoothing when utilization is high. Infrastructure resilience planning under stress conditions in other sectors reaches the same conclusion, treating reserve capacity as a design parameter rather than waste (Aminu-Ibrahim et al., 2025b). The review uses this reasoning to interpret the latency evidence in Section 4.3.

2.3 Sociotechnical Trust and the Normalization of Red Builds

The third lens concerns how teams adapt. Sociotechnical theory holds that technical systems and work practices co-evolve, and that a system's effective behaviour is the behaviour people enact around it. In continuous testing, the most consequential adaptation is the normalization of red builds: when failures are frequently spurious, re-running becomes the default response, merging on red becomes tolerated, and eventually a genuine failure is dismissed. Safety science describes the same drift in high-risk operations, where small, repeated deviations that do not immediately cause harm become the accepted standard (Obriki & Arumosoye, 2020; Obogo et al., 2019a). The mechanism is not negligence but rational updating on the observed base rate of false alarms, which is why exhortation rarely reverses it. Cognitive-bias research in audit and financial judgement shows how anchoring on a recent pattern leads decision makers to discount disconfirming evidence (Fobellah, 2025a), and the same heuristic operates when a developer sees a failure in a test that was flaky last week.

Trust is also shaped by ownership and handover. A failing test owned by no one, or owned by a team that is not notified, generates a signal that travels nowhere. Studies of information loss at shift handover in continuous process operations show how context disappears at organizational boundaries unless handover is structured (Ekelemu, 2025b), and multi-contractor safety governance research shows that shared hazards without a designated owner are systematically under-managed (Obogo et al., 2019b). The sociotechnical lens therefore adds two expectations to the detection and control lenses: signal quality will degrade faster where test ownership is diffuse, and the recovery of trust after a flakiness reduction will lag the technical improvement, because teams update slowly on a history of false alarms. Leadership-oriented safety culture research supports the second expectation, finding that visible management attention sustains the practices that keep leading indicators meaningful (Obogo et al., 2023; Arumosoye & Obriki, 2024).

3 Review Protocol

The study is a critical integrative review. Integrative reviews combine empirical studies, systematic reviews, standards, and conceptual work to build or refine theory when a field's evidence is heterogeneous in method and vocabulary, as it is for continuous testing. The review was designed to be transparent about scope and appraisal while making no claim of exhaustive enumeration. The reporting elements recommended by the PRISMA 2020 statement for search, eligibility, and synthesis were adapted where they apply to a theory-building review, and deviations are stated rather than hidden (Page et al., 2021). Methodological precedent for systematic literature reviews in adjacent security and access-control topics informed the handling of grey literature and vendor material (Ladapo et al., 2023b). Guidelines for case study research in software engineering were used to appraise single-organization reports, which make up a large share of the continuous testing evidence base (Runeson & Höst, 2009).

3.1 Sources, Search Strings, and Eligibility

Searches covered the ACM Digital Library, IEEE Xplore, Scopus, Web of Science, and SpringerLink, supplemented by backward and forward citation tracking from anchor works on unit testing practice, test case prioritization, and traceability (Daka & Fraser, 2014; Catal & Mishra, 2013; Borg et al., 2014). The search window closed at the end of 2025. Search strings combined a practice block, ("continuous testing" OR "continuous integration" OR "CI/CD" OR "deployment pipeline" OR DevOps), with a signal block, (flaky OR "non-deterministic test" OR "test selection" OR "test prioritization" OR "feedback time" OR "build failure" OR "test environment" OR "ephemeral environment" OR "canary" OR "shift-left" OR "shift-right" OR "change failure rate"). Standards for software testing processes and requirements engineering were included as descriptions of expected controls, not as evidence of effectiveness (ISO/IEC/IEEE, 2018). Work from adjacent domains was admitted only where it supplied a transferable mechanism, such as detection under false alarms or governance of continuous controls (Adebayo et al., 2025).

Eligible sources reported empirical results, formal models, or fully specified conceptual frameworks bearing on at least one of the constructs under review: portfolio shape, test flakiness, feedback latency, test selection and prioritization, environment parity, production-side verification, or delivery outcome measurement. Excluded were vendor white papers without method

sections, tool documentation, opinion pieces that did not specify a mechanism, and studies of performance or load testing whose primary concern was capacity rather than functional correctness, since those raise distinct questions about workload modelling. Studies of machine-learning-based test selection or flaky-test prediction were included when they reported evaluation against a stated baseline, a criterion consistent with reviews of artificial intelligence in software testing (Borah et al., 2022). Screening proceeded in three stages, title and abstract, full text, and appraisal, with reasons recorded for full-text exclusions. The review protocol is summarized in Table 1, which lists each protocol element and the safeguard applied to it.

3.2 Appraisal and Synthesis Logic

Appraisal addressed five questions for each source: whether the unit of analysis was stated (test, run, change, service, or team); whether flakiness or failure labels were validated, for example by rerun-based or root-cause confirmation; whether latency was measured end to end or as execution time only; whether the comparator was credible, such as a pre-period, a matched service, or a simpler selection heuristic; and whether results were reported with enough context (repository size, language, test count, runner capacity) to judge transfer. These questions adapt general guidance on selecting and appraising empirical methods in software engineering (Easterbrook et al., 2008) to the specific measurement problems of continuous testing. Evidence on requirements-to-test traceability was appraised for whether recovered links were validated against a ground truth, following the information retrieval traceability literature (De Lucia et al., 2007; Cleland-Huang et al., 2012).

Synthesis used mechanism-context-outcome coding. Each finding was coded by the mechanism it implicated (detection, false alarm, delay, fidelity, or production evidence), the context in which it held (monolith or microservices, trunk-based or branch-based development, regulated or unregulated domain), and the outcome measured. Conflicting findings were retained and examined for moderating context rather than averaged away. Where a finding came from outside software engineering, it was used only to motivate a mechanism, never as evidence of an effect size in software delivery. The synthesis steps are shown in Figure 1. Process-mining work on auditable automation lifecycles informed the treatment of pipeline event logs as a primary evidence source for future validation, because such logs record the sequence and timing of decisions that surveys cannot recover (Sanni et al., 2025).

Table 1. Review protocol for continuous testing signal quality: elements, operational rules, and safeguards

Protocol element	Operational rule applied in this review	Safeguard against bias
Databases	ACM DL, IEEE Xplore, Scopus, Web of Science, SpringerLink; backward and forward citation tracking from anchor works on unit testing, prioritization, and traceability	Anchor set fixed before searching; tracking logged by direction
Search strings	Practice block (continuous testing, CI/CD, deployment pipeline, DevOps) AND signal block (flaky, test selection, feedback time, test environment, canary, shift-left, shift-right, change failure rate)	Strings piloted on known relevant papers; synonyms added when misses found
Time window	All years to December 2025; foundational testing texts retained regardless of age	Older sources used for definitions, recent sources for pipeline-scale findings
Inclusion	Empirical, formal, or fully specified conceptual work on portfolio shape, flakiness, latency, selection, environment parity, production verification, or DORA outcomes	Construct mapping recorded for each included source
Exclusion	Vendor material without method; tool manuals; performance and load testing focused on capacity; opinion without mechanism	Exclusion reason recorded at full-text stage
Appraisal	Unit of analysis stated; flake labels validated; latency measured end to end; credible comparator; transfer context reported	Low-scoring sources used only for mechanism, not effect direction
Synthesis	Mechanism-context-outcome coding; conflicting findings retained and examined for moderators	Cross-domain sources restricted to mechanism analogies

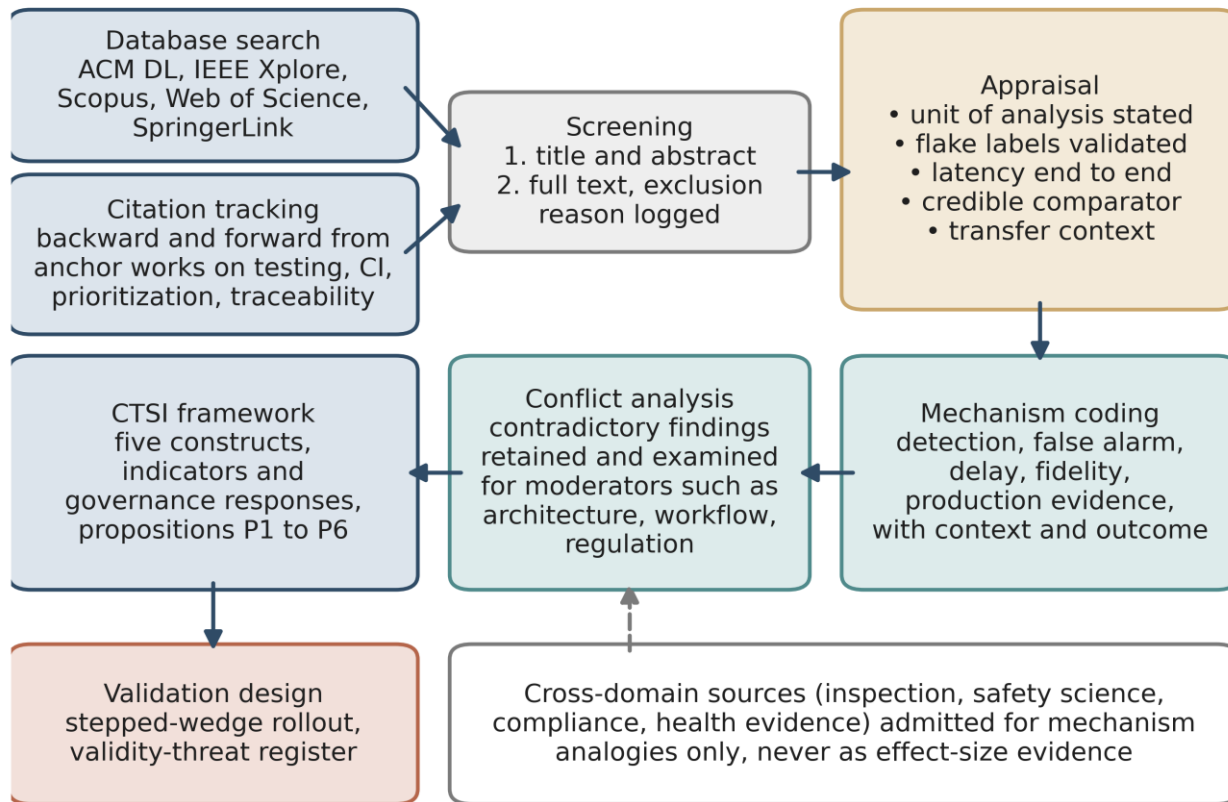


Figure 1. Review workflow from database search and citation tracking through appraisal and mechanism-context-outcome coding to construction of the CTSI framework

4 Synthesis of the Evidence

The synthesis is organized around the decisions a delivery team actually makes: how to distribute testing effort across levels, how to treat unstable tests, how to reduce the time from change to signal, how closely test environments must resemble production, how to split verification between pre-release and post-release stages, and how to judge whether the resulting system is working. Each subsection states what the evidence supports, where it conflicts, and which moderating conditions explain the conflict. The subsections are ordered so that each builds on the previous one, since portfolio shape determines exposure to flakiness, flakiness and latency jointly determine signal usefulness, and environment and production evidence determine whether a trustworthy pre-release signal predicts production behaviour. Traceability runs across all of them, because a signal that cannot be linked to a requirement or a change cannot inform a decision about that change (Ramesh & Jarke, 2001; Borg et al., 2014).

4.1 Portfolio Shape: Pyramid, Trophy, and Honeycomb Compared

Three portfolio models dominate practitioner discourse. The test pyramid prescribes many fast, isolated unit tests, fewer service or integration tests, and very few end-to-end user interface tests. The testing trophy, popularized in front-end engineering, places the largest share of effort on integration tests that exercise components together through their public interfaces, with a static-analysis base and a thin end-to-end top. The honeycomb, associated with microservice organizations, argues that most risk in a service lies in its interactions, so integrated service tests should dominate and isolated unit tests should be reserved for complex internal logic. The models are usually debated as matters of taste. The detection lens reframes the debate: each level has a characteristic hit rate for particular fault classes, a characteristic false-alarm rate, and a characteristic cost in latency and maintenance. Unit testing surveys show that developers value isolation for diagnostic

precision but struggle with mocking overhead and brittle tests coupled to implementation (Daka & Fraser, 2014), and testing textbooks have long distinguished the fault classes each level reaches (Ammann & Offutt, 2016; Myers et al., 2011).

Table 2 compares the three models on these dimensions. The pyramid minimizes false alarms and latency per test but can leave interface and configuration faults undetected, because mocks encode the tester's assumptions about collaborators. The trophy trades some latency for detection of wiring faults, which in component-based front ends are a large share of user-visible defects, and it reduces the maintenance burden of tests that break when internals are refactored. The honeycomb accepts higher per-test cost and greater exposure to environment-induced flakiness in exchange for detecting the contract and integration faults that dominate distributed systems. The evidence does not support any model as universally superior. It supports a conditional claim: the optimal shape tracks where faults originate in a given architecture and how expensive and noisy each level is to run there. Non-functional requirements complicate this further, since qualities such as security or availability are rarely captured by unit-level oracles at all (Mairiza et al., 2010).

Table 2. Test portfolio models compared by fault classes reached, false-alarm exposure, latency cost, and conditions of fit

Model	Dominant level	Fault classes best reached	False-alarm and latency profile	Conditions of fit
Test pyramid	Isolated unit tests	Algorithmic and boundary faults in internal logic	Low flake exposure; seconds per test; mocks may hide interface faults	Logic-heavy monoliths and libraries; stable internal APIs
Testing trophy	Integration tests through public component interfaces	Wiring, rendering, and state-management faults	Moderate flake exposure from asynchronous UI; minutes per suite	Component-based front ends; frequent internal refactoring
Honeycomb	Integrated service and contract tests	Contract, serialization, and configuration faults between services	Highest environment-induced flake exposure; needs provisioned dependencies	Microservices with many consumers; high interface churn
Risk-weighted hybrid (CTSI view)	Set per service by fault-origin data	Whatever fault classes escaped in recent incidents	Explicitly budgeted: flake rate and latency targets per level	Organizations able to trace escaped defects to origin level

The practical question is therefore empirical: where do escaped defects in this system originate, and at which level could they have been caught most cheaply and reliably? Answering it requires traceability from production incidents back to the change and the test level that should have detected the fault, a capability the traceability literature shows is difficult to maintain manually and only partly recoverable through information retrieval (Cleland-Huang et al., 2012; De Lucia et al., 2007). Where such tracing exists, portfolio shape becomes a managed variable. Studies of user acceptance testing in small-business deployments add a further consideration: acceptance-level tests encode business intent that lower levels cannot express, so thinning the top of any model below a minimum set of journey tests removes the only check on whether the system does what users need (Eyetezmitan et al., 2023b). Risk-based assurance work in cybersecurity supports the same principle of allocating verification effort by consequence rather than by level (Fadayomi et al., 2019).

4.2 Flaky Tests: Mechanisms, Detection, and Quarantine

A flaky test is one whose outcome varies across executions of the same code in nominally the same environment. Empirical root-cause analyses in the flaky-test literature consistently identify asynchronous waits, concurrency and ordering dependencies, shared state between tests, network and external-service dependence, time and date handling, randomness, and platform or resource differences as the principal causes. Several of these are environment faults rather than test faults. Clock skew and time-source behaviour, for example, can produce order-dependent failures in distributed tests; network time protocol behaviour and its failure modes are well documented in the security literature (Jimoh & Ahmed, 2024). The detection lens clarifies why flakiness is disproportionately harmful at scale. Equation (1) and the compounding relation in Section 2.1 imply that per-test flake rates that look negligible produce suite-level false-alarm rates that dominate the signal, as Figure 2 illustrates for a range of suite sizes and flake rates. Artificial intelligence applications in testing increasingly target flakiness prediction for exactly this reason (Borah et al., 2022).

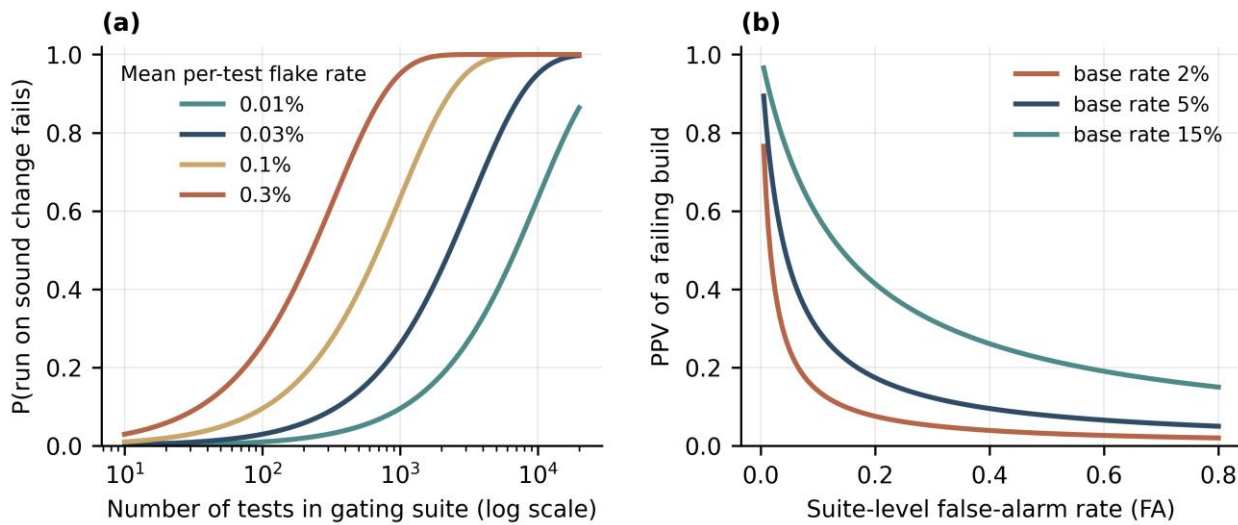


Figure 2. Illustrative consequences of compounding flakiness: (a) probability that a run on a sound change fails, by suite size and mean per-test flake rate; (b) positive predictive value of a failing build as the suite-level false-alarm rate rises, for three base rates of faulty changes (hit rate 0.8)

Detection strategies fall into three families. Rerun-based detection re-executes failing tests on the same commit and labels a test flaky if it both passes and fails; it is accurate but expensive and cannot find flakiness that manifests rarely. Static and history-based prediction uses features of test code and execution history, such as use of sleeps, network calls, and past flip rates, to rank tests by flakiness risk; it is cheap but its labels inherit the noise of the rerun data on which it was trained. Instrumented detection varies scheduling, ordering, or timing deliberately to expose latent non-determinism. The studies conflict on prediction accuracy, and the conflict is largely explained by label definitions: models trained and evaluated on rerun-confirmed labels report optimistic accuracy because rerun-based labels miss rare flakiness, so both training and test sets under-represent the hardest cases. Research on machine learning under forecast uncertainty makes the general point that model evaluation must account for uncertainty in the target itself (Wedraogo & Sanni, 2024), and interpretable failure-prediction work in energy assets shows why practitioners need explanations, not scores, before acting on a prediction (Komi & Adamolekun, 2021).

Quarantine is the most common organizational response: a test identified as flaky is removed from the gating path and run separately until fixed. The evidence on quarantine is mixed, and the mixture is informative. Quarantine immediately lowers the suite-level false-alarm rate and restores trust in red builds, which the signal detection lens predicts. It also removes whatever detection capability the quarantined test had, and in organizations without an expiry rule, quarantined tests accumulate into a shadow suite that nobody runs or reads. The net effect therefore depends on governance: whether each quarantined test has an owner, a fix deadline, and a deletion rule. Continuous control research in compliance settings describes the same pattern, in which exceptions granted without expiry become permanent gaps (Adebayo et al., 2025), and reconciliation control studies show that unreconciled suspense items grow unless an owner is required to clear them (Dogbatsey et al., 2019). Loss-detection work on attributing unintended flows to their sources offers a close analogy for flake hunting, since attribution requires systematic survey rather than reaction to the loudest symptom (Ekelemu & Akano, 2025b).

Retries deserve separate treatment because they are the default in many CI systems. Automatic retries convert flaky failures into passes and so reduce false alarms, but Section 2.1 showed that they reduce detection of intermittent real faults by the same algebra. The evidence suggests retries are defensible as a transitional control when paired with flip logging, so that a test which needed a retry is recorded as a flake event and routed to its owner, and indefensible when they silently discard the failure. Multi-touch attribution research in marketing analytics, which struggles to assign credit across sequential exposures without bias, illustrates how easily aggregate outcomes are misattributed when intermediate events are not recorded (Sanni et al., 2022). The governance principle that emerges is that every mechanism which suppresses a signal must leave an auditable

trace of what was suppressed, a principle also central to process-mining approaches to automation audit (Sanni et al., 2025) and to enterprise data governance that treats suppressed events as records (Aliliele et al., 2025b).

4.3 Pipeline Feedback Latency and Test Selection

Feedback latency matters because of what developers do while they wait. When a signal returns within a few minutes, the developer still holds the change in working memory and the fix is cheap. When it returns after the developer has switched context, the fix requires reloading that context, and if other changes have merged in the meantime, the failure must first be attributed among them. Evidence on developer behaviour around slow builds is consistent on direction if not on thresholds: longer pipelines lead to larger, less frequent commits and to more work in progress, which in turn enlarge the attribution problem when failures occur. The queueing lens in Section 2.2 explains why reported pipeline durations understate the problem, since they omit queue wait and triage. Real-time KPI systems research warns that indicators computed on convenient rather than complete time windows mislead management (Tonoyan et al., 2024b), and telemetry-driven value realization work argues for instrumenting pipelines so that economic consequences of delay are computed in the pipeline itself (Ogundairo & Ayivi-Donkor, 2023b).

Test selection and prioritization are the main technical levers for latency. Regression test selection runs only tests affected by a change, using static dependency analysis, dynamic coverage, or learned models; prioritization orders tests so that those most likely to fail run first. Reviews of artificial intelligence techniques for secure software testing describe how learned models extend these levers into automated regression control, combining change analysis with targeting of security-relevant tests (Mbonu et al., 2021b). The standard prioritization effectiveness measure is the average percentage of faults detected (APFD):

$$APFD = 1 - \frac{TF_1 + TF_2 + \dots + TF_m}{nm} + \frac{1}{2n} \quad (3)$$

where n is the number of tests, m is the number of faults, and TF_i is the position of the first test that reveals fault i . Search-based and greedy prioritization algorithms have been compared extensively on this measure (Li et al., 2007), and a systematic mapping of prioritization research documents the breadth of techniques and the dominance of coverage-based approaches (Catal & Mishra, 2013). Two cautions follow from the detection lens. First, APFD assumes that every failure reveals a fault; in a flaky suite, early positions may be occupied by tests that fail spuriously, so a prioritizer trained on historical failures will learn to promote flaky tests. Second, APFD rewards early detection but not trustworthy detection. A modified measure that weights each detection by the PPV of the revealing test would reward prioritizers that surface reliable failures first, and the CTSI framework adopts such weighting in its latency construct.

Selection interacts with portfolio shape. Fine-grained unit tests are easy to select precisely because their dependencies are narrow; integration and end-to-end tests touch many components and are selected by almost every change, which limits the latency savings selection can deliver in trophy- and honeycomb-shaped portfolios. Tiered pipelines address this by running a fast, selected, high-reliability tier before merge and a broader tier after merge, accepting that some faults are detected post-merge and must be reverted. Reviews of CI/CD pipeline strategies in enterprise platform DevOps describe comparable staging of validation gates between development environments and production, and relate deployment outcomes to how those gates are sequenced (Badmus et al., 2018). The trade-off is explicit: pre-merge latency falls, but the proportion of main-branch breakages rises, and recovery depends on fast reverts. Risk-based approval models in regulatory science formalize exactly this exchange of initial evidence for conditional release with post-release obligations (Eze et al., 2024b). Studies of KPI-driven IT service decisions stress that such trade-offs should be governed by pre-agreed thresholds rather than negotiated after each incident (Edivri & Oteri, 2024).

4.4 Environment Parity and Ephemeral Environments

Environment parity is the degree to which the environment in which tests run reproduces the properties of production that affect the behaviour under test. It has at least four dimensions: configuration (feature flags, secrets, resource limits), dependency versions (runtime, libraries, downstream service versions), data shape (volume, distribution, edge cases, referential structure), and topology (network paths, latency, failure modes of dependencies). Parity is never total and should not be; the question is whether the differences that remain are ones the tests are insensitive to. Configuration drift is the most frequently reported source of green-in-staging, red-in-production failures, and continuous misconfiguration monitoring research in cloud security shows how rapidly configuration diverges once environments are managed by hand (Aliliele et al.,

2023a). Digital twin research offers a useful vocabulary, distinguishing the fidelity of a model from its synchronization with the system it represents (Shittu et al., 2023).

Ephemeral environments, provisioned per pull request from infrastructure-as-code definitions and destroyed after use, address configuration and dependency drift directly because every environment is built from the same declarative source as production. That source is only a trustworthy parity baseline when the infrastructure-as-code definitions are themselves governed, with policy checks, module versioning, and review of Terraform changes before they reach shared environments (Mbonu et al., 2020b). They also eliminate a class of flakiness caused by shared, long-lived test environments in which one team's test data or deployment interferes with another's. Their costs are provisioning latency, which enters Equation (2) as T_{prov} , infrastructure spend, and the difficulty of reproducing production data shape without copying production data. The last is not a technical detail. Privacy-preserving data architecture research under GDPR and HIPAA shows that using production data in non-production environments requires classification, masking, and access controls that many test pipelines lack (Atakpa & Abolaji, 2022; Aliliele et al., 2024a), and privacy-by-design work on role-based security in customer-relationship platforms documents how test sandboxes become leakage paths (Badmus et al., 2024).

Synthetic and curated test data therefore become part of the parity problem. Context-aware data curation research for machine learning pipelines shows that the representativeness of curated data depends on explicit specification of which properties must be preserved (Oyesiji et al., 2024), and the same reasoning applies to test data generation: preserving referential integrity and value distributions matters more than volume for functional correctness. Service virtualization and consumer-driven contract testing address topology parity without full environments, by substituting verified stand-ins for downstream services. Contract tests shift the parity question from 'is the dependency present?' to 'does the stand-in behave as the real dependency is contractually obliged to?', which is testable on both sides of the interface. In regulated settings, parity has an additional compliance dimension: security architecture work for converged IT and operational technology networks shows that test environments must respect the same segmentation as production (Adegbite et al., 2022), and zero-trust architectures require that ephemeral environments receive scoped, short-lived credentials (Ahmed et al., 2021).

4.5 Shift-Left and Shift-Right as Complementary Evidence Streams

Shift-left testing moves verification earlier: static analysis, unit and contract tests in the developer's inner loop, requirements-based test design before implementation, and security scanning in the pull request. Its rationale is the rising cost of fixing a defect the later it is found, together with the latency argument in Section 4.3. Requirements engineering standards support shift-left by requiring that requirements be verifiable, which forces the question of how each requirement will be tested at the time it is written (ISO/IEC/IEEE, 2018). Traceability research adds that early links between requirements and tests make later impact analysis and selection possible (Gotel & Finkelstein, 1994; Cleland-Huang et al., 2012). The limitation of shift-left is epistemic rather than practical: earlier tests run in less realistic conditions, so they are structurally weaker at detecting faults that depend on production configuration, data, load patterns, or user behaviour.

Shift-right testing gathers evidence after or during release: canary deployments that expose a change to a small fraction of traffic and compare its error and latency signals to a baseline, feature flags that allow progressive exposure and instant withdrawal, synthetic monitoring that runs scripted journeys against production, and observability-based verification against service-level objectives. Shift-right does not replace pre-release testing; it answers a different question, namely whether the change behaves acceptably under real conditions that no test environment fully reproduces. Canary analysis is itself a detection problem with hit and false-alarm rates, and anomaly detection research on time series shows how baseline selection and seasonality determine false-alarm behaviour (Atakpa & Fobellah, 2023). Real-world evidence research in health systems makes a parallel argument that post-deployment observational evidence complements rather than replaces pre-approval trials, provided its biases are modelled (Ilodigwe & Adesemoye, 2024a).

The two streams are complements when their failure modes are independent. Shift-left catches faults cheaply and early but misses environment-dependent faults; shift-right catches environment-dependent faults but only after some users are exposed, and only if rollback is fast. The combination is strongest when a canary failure automatically halts exposure and reverts, which requires the kind of orchestration described in security automation and incident response research (Dosunmu & Ogundele, 2025c) and the readiness planning familiar from emergency response in process facilities (Arumosoye & Obriki, 2023). The two streams become substitutes, in an unhealthy sense, when a team relies on production monitoring to catch faults that a cheap pre-merge test would have found, externalizing the cost to users. Release-gating research on automated model

evaluation shows the same temptation to substitute post-release monitoring for pre-release evaluation when the latter is slow or unreliable (Nwakamma et al., 2024a). The CTSI framework therefore treats the allocation between streams as a decision to be justified by fault-origin data.

4.6 DORA Metrics as Outcome Measures: Uses and Misuses

The four DORA metrics, deployment frequency, lead time for changes, change failure rate, and time to restore service, have become the default outcome measures for delivery performance. They are useful because they are few, comparable across teams, and jointly capture throughput and stability. Continuous testing is expected to support all four: fast, reliable pipelines shorten lead time and allow more frequent deployment, and effective detection should lower change failure rate. Three misuses recur. First, the metrics are lagging indicators of delivery outcomes, not measures of the testing system, so they cannot diagnose whether a change in outcome came from better detection or from reduced exposure. Safety science distinguishes leading from lagging indicators for the same reason and shows that leading signals must be validated against later outcomes before they are trusted (Obriki et al., 2025). Second, aggregation hides heterogeneity: an organization-level change failure rate can be stable while a subset of services deteriorates, as research on forecast equity across districts shows for aggregate accuracy (Komi, 2023).

Third, the metrics are easy to game when they become targets. Deployment frequency rises if changes are split into trivially small deployments; change failure rate falls if failure is defined narrowly, for example only incidents that trigger a formal rollback, while hotfixes and feature-flag withdrawals go uncounted; and time to restore improves if incidents are closed when mitigated rather than when resolved. KPI framework research emphasizes that accountability requires each indicator to have an owner, a precise definition, and a review mechanism resistant to such drift (Sakyi et al., 2022b; Anioke & Atima, 2023a), and cyber risk quantification work shows how posture metrics lose meaning on the way to executive reporting unless their calculation rules travel with them (Adegbite et al., 2025). The synthesis supports using DORA metrics as outcome anchors while pairing each with a signal-quality measure: lead time with end-to-end feedback latency, change failure rate with escaped-defect origin and suite PPV, and time to restore with shift-right detection latency. Stage-level measurement matters for the same reason it matters in funnel analytics, where leakage between stages stays invisible until each stage's conversion is measured separately (Sanni & Wedraogo, 2024); in a pipeline, the analogue is the proportion of faults caught at each stage versus those leaking to the next. Section 5 builds that pairing into the framework.

5 The Continuous Testing Signal Integrity (CTSI) Framework

The synthesis converges on one proposition: continuous testing improves delivery outcomes only to the extent that it produces signals that are discriminating, timely, faithful to production, and acted upon. The CTSI framework makes that proposition explicit. It treats the pipeline as a measurement instrument and asks, for each construct, what the instrument measures, how its reliability can be estimated, and what decision each measurement should trigger. The framework is deliberately limited to functional continuous testing and to the signals that gate changes and releases; capacity and load behaviour raise distinct modelling issues and are outside it. Its structure draws on design science methodology, in which an artefact is specified together with the context in which it is expected to work and the criteria by which it will be judged (Wieringa, 2014; Hevner et al., 2004), and on governance research that insists on linking every indicator to a responsible owner and an action (Akhigbe et al., 2025).

5.1 Constructs and Measures

The framework has five constructs. Detection capability is the probability that the pipeline fails for a faulty change, estimated by mutation score on critical modules and by the proportion of escaped defects whose fault class the suite covers at some level. False-alarm burden is the probability that the pipeline fails for a sound change, estimated from flip rates on unchanged code and from the share of failures resolved without a code change. Feedback latency is end-to-end time from push to an actionable verdict, measured at the 50th and 90th percentiles and decomposed as in Equation (2). Environment fidelity is the proportion of production-relevant configuration, dependency, data-shape, and topology attributes reproduced in the gating environment, verified by automated drift detection. Production evidence is the capability of shift-right mechanisms to detect and contain faults that escaped, measured as canary detection latency and the proportion of incidents first detected by automated signals rather than by users. Table 3 specifies each construct's indicators, failure signals, and governance responses,

following the principle that measurement should precede the claims it supports (Zhu et al., 1997; IEEE Computer Society, 2014).

Table 3. CTSI constructs with operational indicators, warning signals, and governance responses

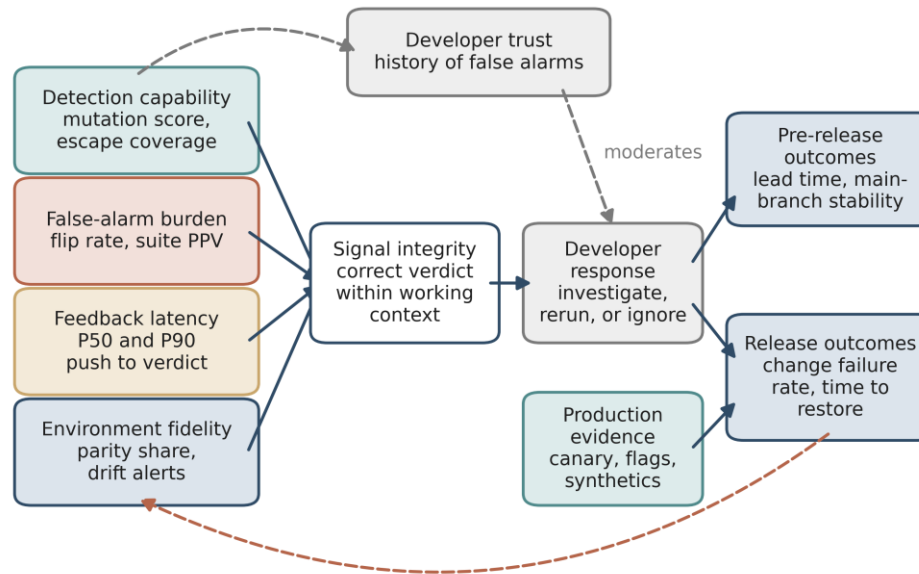
CTSI construct	Operational indicator	Warning signal	Governance response
Detection capability	Mutation score on critical modules; share of escaped defects whose fault class is covered at some test level	Escaped defects cluster in one fault class or level	Add tests at the level where escapes originate; review portfolio shape per service
False-alarm burden	Per-test flip rate on unchanged code; share of red builds resolved with no code change; suite PPV estimate	PPV below agreed floor; rerun-to-green share rising	Quarantine with owner and expiry; retries logged as flake events; fix-or-delete deadline
Feedback latency	Push-to-verdict time at P50 and P90, decomposed into queue, provisioning, execution, reporting, triage	P90 exceeds working-context threshold; queue share of latency above half	Add runner capacity or smooth arrivals before optimizing execution; tier the pipeline
Environment fidelity	Share of production configuration, dependency, data-shape, and topology attributes reproduced; drift alerts per week	Green-in-staging, red-in-production incidents recur	Provision from shared infrastructure-as-code; contract tests for virtualized dependencies
Production evidence	Canary detection latency; share of incidents first detected by automated signals; rollback time	Users report faults before monitors do	Tighten canary baselines; automate halt-and-revert; add synthetic journeys

Each indicator is paired with a DORA outcome so that outcome movements can be interpreted. A falling change failure rate accompanied by rising detection capability and stable exposure supports a detection explanation; the same fall accompanied by falling deployment frequency supports an exposure explanation. A shortening lead time accompanied by rising false-alarm burden suggests that teams are merging past red builds. Pairing of this kind is standard in real-world evidence and health system performance research, where outcome indicators are always read against process indicators to avoid attributing change to the wrong cause (Ilodigwe & Adesemoye, 2024b; Ilodigwe & Adesemoye, 2025a). It also reflects the logic of multi-outcome evaluation in controlled feeding trials, where a substitution is judged against growth, quality, and physiological markers together rather than on a single outcome (Oluwadele et al., 2025). Real-time KPI tracking research stresses that such paired indicators should be visible on a single view to be used (Tonoyan et al., 2024b).

5.2 Mechanism and Feedback Structure

Figure 3 depicts the mechanism. The four upstream constructs, detection capability, false-alarm burden, feedback latency, and environment fidelity, jointly determine signal integrity, defined as the probability that a verdict delivered within the developer's working context correctly classifies the change. Signal integrity drives developer response: when integrity is high, a red build is investigated immediately and a green build is trusted; when it is low, red builds are re-run and green builds are supplemented by manual checks or ignored. Developer response determines pre-release outcomes, measured by lead time and main-branch stability, and, combined with production evidence, determines release outcomes measured by change failure rate and time to restore. Two feedback loops close the model. The first routes escaped defects back to detection capability and portfolio shape. The second routes the history of false alarms into developer trust, which moderates the link between signal integrity and developer response. Organizational learning models of continuous safety performance describe the same double loop in which incident data revises both controls and the norms around them (Arumosoye & Obriki, 2021).

Loop 2: false-alarm history updates developer trust



Loop 1: escaped defects traced to origin revise detection capability and portfolio shape

Figure 3. The CTSI framework: upstream signal constructs determine signal integrity, which shapes developer response and, with production evidence, delivery outcomes; escaped defects and false-alarm history feed back into portfolio design and developer trust

Two features of the model distinguish it from maturity models, which arrange practices in a fixed sequence of levels. First, the constructs interact rather than accumulate. Improving detection capability by adding integration tests can lower signal integrity if the added tests raise the false-alarm burden or latency more than they raise the hit rate, which is the central lesson of Section 2.1. Second, the moderating role of trust means that signal integrity improvements take effect with a lag, because teams update slowly on a history of false alarms. Maturity models in regulatory readiness and organizational learning have been criticized for assuming monotonic progress through levels (Eze et al., 2022b; Arumosoye & Obriki, 2021), and the CTSI framework avoids that assumption by specifying trade-offs among constructs. Research on universal programmes that deepen inequality provides a cautionary parallel: an intervention applied uniformly can have opposite effects on different subgroups, so the framework must be evaluated per service rather than in aggregate (Komi & Ganiu, 2025).

5.3 Propositions and Tests

Six propositions follow from the mechanism. Each is stated so that a specific pattern of evidence would count against it. P1 (compounding): holding hit rate constant, the positive predictive value of a failing build declines with suite size at a rate predicted by the product of per-test non-flake probabilities; test by comparing observed PPV, estimated from failure resolution records, with the value predicted from measured per-test flip rates across repositories of different sizes; a PPV that does not decline with size refutes the independence assumption. P2 (criterion shift): automatic retries without flip logging reduce detection of intermittent real faults; test by seeding known intermittent faults in a controlled branch and comparing detection with and without retries, or by comparing escaped concurrency defects before and after retry policies change. P3 (latency threshold): the effect of feedback latency on batch size and time to fix is nonlinear, rising sharply once P90 latency exceeds the typical working-context interval; test with interrupted time series on changes in runner capacity, estimating whether the latency-to-rework relation shows a breakpoint. These tests draw on method guidance for software engineering case and quasi-experimental research (Runeson & Höst, 2009; Easterbrook et al., 2008).

P4 (parity): services whose gating environments are provisioned from the same infrastructure-as-code definitions as production experience fewer configuration-origin escaped defects than services with long-lived, manually maintained staging, controlling for change volume; test by coding escaped defects by origin and comparing matched services. P5 (complementarity): shift-right mechanisms reduce time to restore without increasing change failure rate only when pre-merge detection capability on the relevant fault classes is maintained; test by examining whether teams that expand canary analysis

while reducing pre-merge suites show rising user-reported incidents. P6 (trust lag): after a flakiness reduction, developer response to red builds, measured as time to first investigation and rerun share, improves with a lag proportional to the duration of prior high false-alarm exposure; test with event-log analysis of developer actions before and after a quarantine programme. Proposition P6 is the most sociotechnical and the most likely to vary by team culture, a variable that research on diversity and inclusion in project teams shows can moderate performance in ways that aggregate analysis misses (Amayo et al., 2023c; Uchechi et al., 2022).

5.4 Illustrative Scenario

Consider a payments service with 3,200 automated tests, a trunk-based workflow, and roughly 40 merges per working day. Suppose measured flip rates give an average per-test spurious failure probability of 0.03 percent, so the suite-level false-alarm rate is about $1 - 0.9997^{3200}$, or 0.62. If 6 percent of changes contain a fault the suite could detect and the hit rate is 0.85, Equation (1) gives a PPV of about 0.08. Developers experience this as a suite that fails most of the time for no reason, and the team's observed rerun-to-green share of around nine in ten red builds confirms it. Median push-to-verdict latency is 18 minutes, but P90 is 74 minutes, because the shared runner pool runs at high utilization during afternoon merge peaks. The team's DORA dashboard shows a respectable deployment frequency and a change failure rate that has drifted upwards over two quarters. KPI and analytics decision research in banking warns that dashboards of this kind invite confident misreading when underlying data quality is not displayed alongside the metric (Oluwo et al., 2025; Ogbole et al., 2021).

A CTSI-guided intervention would proceed in order of leverage. First, identify the small number of tests responsible for most flip events; in suites of this kind flakiness is typically concentrated, so quarantining the worst few dozen tests with owners and fix deadlines might reduce the mean per-test rate by an order of magnitude, lowering the suite false-alarm rate to about 0.09 and raising PPV to roughly 0.37. Second, replace blind retries with logged retries, so that remaining flakes are visible. Third, address P90 latency through runner capacity and arrival smoothing before touching execution time, as the queueing lens predicts. Fourth, trace the drift in change failure rate to origin: if escaped defects are mostly configuration faults, invest in environment fidelity; if they are contract faults with a downstream service, add consumer-driven contract tests. The scenario is illustrative, not empirical; its numbers show how the framework's equations convert routine pipeline data into prioritized decisions. Workflow automation research in small healthcare practices makes the related point that automation delivers value only when bottlenecks are measured before they are automated (Eyetsemitan et al., 2024a).

6 Discussion

The review set out to explain why continuous testing often fails to deliver the assurance its adoption implies, and to replace activity-based evaluation with a model of signal quality. The central finding is that the value of a continuous testing system is bounded by the integrity of its signals, and that integrity is governed by interacting quantities (hit rate, false-alarm rate, latency, and environment fidelity) that standard pipeline metrics do not report. This finding reframes several long-running practitioner debates. The pyramid-versus-trophy debate becomes a question of where faults originate and at what cost in noise and delay they can be detected. The flaky-test problem becomes a problem of detector calibration rather than of individual test hygiene. The DORA metrics become outcome anchors that need process companions to be interpretable. Each of these reframings has implications for theory, for practice, and for the rival explanations any empirical test must address, and the subsections below take them in turn, drawing on governance and measurement research where it clarifies the software case (Falemi et al., 2024; Anichukwueze et al., 2022).

6.1 Theoretical Implications

The first theoretical implication is that signal detection theory provides a unifying account of phenomena usually studied separately. Flaky tests, retries, quarantine, and test prioritization are typically treated as distinct research topics with distinct metrics. Under the detection lens they are all manipulations of hit rate, false-alarm rate, or decision criterion, and their effects can be compared on a common scale of positive predictive value and d' . This offers a route to cumulative evidence in a field where studies are hard to compare because each uses its own outcome measure. Test adequacy theory from coverage and mutation analysis supplies the hit-rate side (Zhu et al., 1997; Ammann & Offutt, 2016), while flakiness research supplies the false-alarm side; the detection framing joins them. The second implication is that feedback latency should be theorized as a queueing phenomenon rather than an execution-speed phenomenon, which shifts research attention to utilization, arrival

variability, and triage time, the components most studies omit. Anomaly detection and forecasting research under uncertainty shows how such components can be modelled explicitly (Atakpa & Fobellah, 2023; Wedraogo & Sanni, 2024).

A third implication concerns the sociotechnical layer. Trust in automated signals is usually treated as an attitude to be measured by survey. The CTSI framework treats it as a behavioural moderator that can be observed in event logs, for example as rerun share and time to first investigation, and that updates with the history of false alarms. This makes trust a quantity that can enter formal models of pipeline effectiveness and can be tested for lagged response, as Proposition P6 specifies. Research on user trust in AI-powered remote monitoring shows that trust in automated alerts depends on their track record and on transparency about failure (Akintola et al., 2025), and studies of multi-agent AI quality control in regulated document review show how reviewers recalibrate reliance on automated checks after observing errors (Ominyi et al., 2025a). The broader theoretical contribution is to position continuous testing within the family of monitoring systems whose value depends on the calibration of human response to machine signals, a family that includes pipeline and corridor surveillance (Dagodzo & Ahiaeke Patrick, 2020) and clinical decision support.

6.2 Practical Implications

For engineering leaders, the first practical implication is to measure the testing system as an instrument. Every pipeline already produces the data needed: test outcomes by commit, rerun outcomes, queue and execution timestamps, and links from incidents to changes. From these, a team can estimate per-test flip rates, suite-level false-alarm rates, PPV, and decomposed latency without new tooling. Where new tooling is nonetheless considered, comparative frameworks for evaluating DevOps tooling across enterprise deployment contexts offer structured criteria for the choice (Badmus et al., 2020). The second implication is to assign ownership: each test, and each quarantine entry, needs an accountable owner and an expiry, because the evidence shows that unowned signals degrade. Governance research on transparency and accountability in complex enterprises (Akhigbe et al., 2025) and on embedding IT risk controls into agile transformation (Mbonu et al., 2020a) supports treating these as control requirements rather than engineering preferences. The third implication is to pair DORA outcomes with signal-quality measures in reporting, so that gains in throughput are not bought with hidden losses in assurance. Legal and ethical risk modelling in data protection governance reminds leaders that pipelines handling production-like data carry compliance obligations as well as technical ones (Mbonu et al., 2018; Ominyi, 2021).

For practitioners at the team level, the implications are concrete. Log every retry as a flake event. Set a floor for suite PPV and a ceiling for P90 latency, and treat breaches as incidents with owners. Provision gating environments from the same declarative definitions as production and alert on drift. Allocate test effort by the origin of escaped defects rather than by a portfolio diagram. Use canary analysis and feature flags to verify behaviour under real conditions, but do not let them absorb faults that a cheap pre-merge test would catch. Skill development matters as well: research on skill transfer between IT operations and other roles (Anyanwu, 2022), on structured mentorship in technician development (Amarahobu et al., 2025a), and on continuous professional development (Joseph & Nwankwo, 2024) suggests that practices such as flake triage and contract testing spread through structured coaching rather than documentation alone. Evaluations of financial capability interventions show that one-off training rarely changes behaviour without reinforcement in the setting where decisions are made (Miller et al., 2015), a lesson that applies equally to lifestyle interventions that lapse without sustained support (Abah et al., 2025).

6.3 Rival Explanations and Boundary Conditions

The framework must defeat several rival explanations before its propositions can be accepted. The most important is selection: teams with high signal integrity may also be teams with simpler systems, more experienced engineers, lower change volume, or more stable requirements, and any of these could explain better delivery outcomes. A second rival is reverse causality: teams with good outcomes have more slack to invest in flake reduction and environment automation, so signal integrity could be a consequence rather than a cause of performance. A third is measurement artefact: changes in how failures and incidents are defined, which Section 4.6 showed are common, can produce apparent improvements with no change in underlying quality. Epidemiological research is familiar with all three problems and cautions against causal reading of cross-sectional associations, however strong (Amadi et al., 2025). The validation design in Section 7 addresses these rivals through staggered introduction, pre-registered definitions, and process tracing of intermediate mechanisms, following the approach of design science and case study methodology (Wieringa, 2014; Runeson & Höst, 2009).

Boundary conditions limit where the framework should hold. It assumes a delivery context in which changes are small and frequent enough that per-change signals are meaningful; in large-batch release processes, the unit of analysis shifts from change to release candidate and the latency argument weakens. It assumes that tests have deterministic oracles; for systems with probabilistic outputs, such as machine learning components or large language model features, the distinction between a flaky test and a correct test of a stochastic system blurs, and evaluation must use statistical acceptance criteria. Research on securing agentic AI workflows illustrates how such components introduce failure modes that conventional functional tests do not address (Nwakamma et al., 2024b). It assumes that production is observable; in air-gapped, embedded, or legacy environments, shift-right evidence may be unavailable, as studies of legacy SCADA networks and utility compliance regimes show (Amadi et al., 2025c; Adegbite et al., 2020). Hardware-dependent pipelines raise a related boundary: where automated tests drive physical instruments, as in wireless hardware engineering, scripting frameworks and instrument control add provisioning time and equipment-induced nondeterminism that software-only models of latency and flakiness do not capture (Quainoo et al., 2025b). Finally, in regulated domains, release gates may be defined by external requirements that fix portfolio shape regardless of fault-origin data (Okonkwo et al., 2021; Ominyi et al., 2024b).

7 Limitations and Future Research Agenda

The review has limitations that bound its conclusions. It is integrative rather than systematic in the strict sense, so it cannot claim exhaustive coverage, and the absence of pre-registered study counts means that readers cannot reproduce its screening exactly. The continuous testing evidence base is dominated by reports from large technology organizations and open-source projects, whose scale, tooling, and engineering culture differ from those of most enterprises; findings about flakiness prevalence and latency thresholds may not transfer to smaller teams or to regulated industries with different release constraints. The framework's equations assume independence of test failures, which is violated whenever a shared environment fault causes many tests to fail together; correlated failures reduce the effective number of independent tests and so change the compounding relation. Finally, the review relies partly on cross-domain analogies for mechanisms, which motivate but do not demonstrate effects in software delivery. Market research on entry barriers in regulated service sectors shows how strongly context shapes the transfer of practices across organizations (Sanni & Attah, 2023c), and studies of adaptive practice adoption in agriculture make a similar point about context-dependence (Michael & Ogunsola, 2021d).

7.1 Threats to Validity in Continuous Testing Research

Future empirical work on the CTSI propositions faces threats that are specific to continuous testing data. Table 4 lists them with their mechanisms and mitigations. Several deserve emphasis. Flake labels derived from reruns are systematically incomplete, since rare flakiness goes undetected, and models trained on such labels inherit the bias. Pipeline event logs record what the CI system did but not what developers did outside it, such as local reruns or manual checks, so behavioural measures of trust are partial. DORA metric definitions vary across and within organizations over time, which can create apparent trends. Repository samples in open-source studies are biased towards active, well-maintained projects, a survivorship effect that inflates estimates of good practice. Human error research in industrial activities offers a taxonomy for separating slips, lapses, and violations that could help code developer responses to red builds more precisely (Obriki & Arumosoye, 2020), and procedural standardization research in high-volume dispute resolution shows how standard coding protocols reduce inter-rater variation in such classification (Uchechi et al., 2018).

Table 4. Threats to validity specific to continuous testing research, with mechanisms and mitigations

Threat	Mechanism in continuous testing data	Mitigation in the proposed validation
Flake label noise	Rerun-confirmed labels miss rare flakiness; prediction models inherit and amplify the bias	Combine rerun, instrumented scheduling, and root-cause review; report label source with every estimate
Correlated failures	Shared environment faults fail many tests together, violating independence in the compounding model	Cluster failures by run and environment; estimate effective number of independent tests
DORA definition drift	Narrowing of what counts as a failure or restoration produces spurious improvement	Pre-register definitions; freeze calculation rules for the study period; audit samples of incidents
Unlogged developer behaviour	Local reruns and manual checks outside CI are invisible, understating distrust	Add lightweight IDE or CLI telemetry with consent; triangulate with interviews

Threat	Mechanism in continuous testing data	Mitigation in the proposed validation
Repository survivorship	Open-source samples favour active, well-maintained projects	Sample on pre-period activity; include archived and low-activity repositories
Co-interventions	Runner upgrades, reorganizations, or architecture changes coincide with the intervention	Record concurrent changes in a study log; use stepped rollout so calendar effects are separable

Beyond these threats, the research agenda has four priorities. First, a stepped-wedge evaluation of a CTSI intervention across services within one or more organizations, in which services cross from baseline to intervention in randomized order, so that calendar-time confounders affect all arms equally. Figure 4 sketches this design. Second, the development of validated, shareable datasets of pipeline events with confirmed flake labels and escaped-defect origin codes, so that PPV and latency models can be compared across organizations. Third, study of probabilistic and AI-enabled components, for which statistical test oracles and tolerance for non-determinism need to be integrated into the false-alarm construct. Fourth, research on the economics of signal integrity, quantifying the developer time lost to false alarms and latency against the infrastructure cost of ephemeral environments and extra runner capacity. Federated approaches to cross-organizational data sharing (Sanni et al., 2023) and adaptive control models for automation in compliance environments (Sanni et al., 2022) suggest ways to build such datasets while respecting confidentiality. Organizational readiness for technology adoption should be measured at baseline, since it plausibly moderates every effect (Akhigbe et al., 2024; Onche et al., 2023).

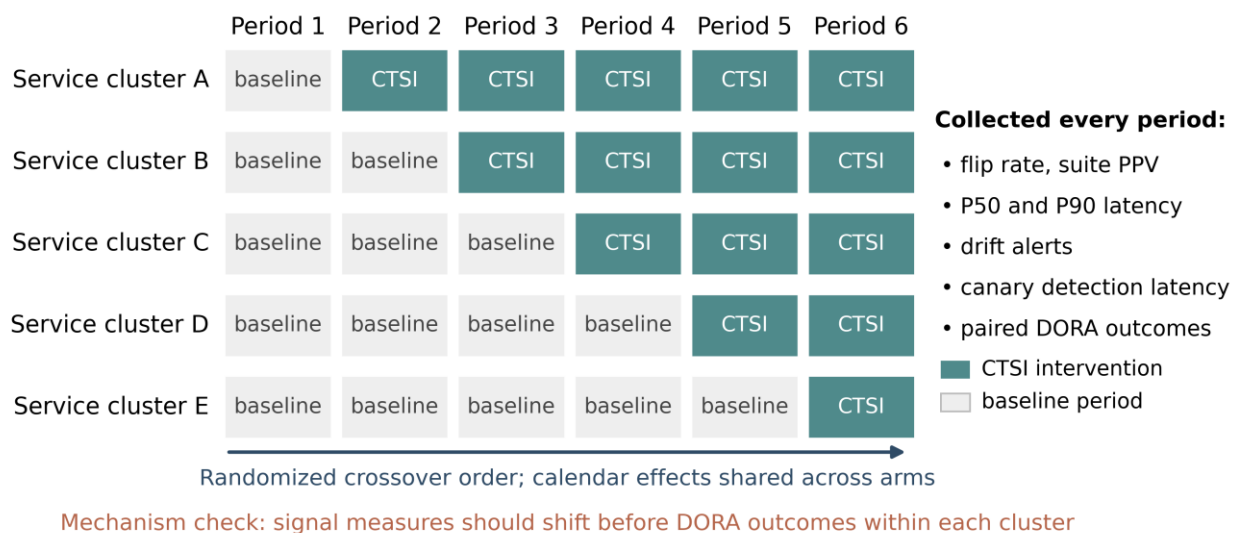


Figure 4. Proposed stepped-wedge validation of a CTSI intervention: service clusters cross from baseline to intervention in randomized order, with signal-quality measures and paired DORA outcomes collected in every period

The stepped-wedge design in Figure 4 addresses the rival explanations from Section 6.3 in specific ways. Randomized crossover order limits selection effects, because services do not choose when to adopt. Every cluster contributes both baseline and intervention periods, which permits within-service comparison and absorbs stable differences in complexity and team experience. Calendar-time effects such as organization-wide tooling upgrades are separable because they affect clusters in different arms simultaneously. Process tracing is built in: signal-quality measures (flip rate, PPV, P90 latency, drift alerts) should move before DORA outcomes if the CTSI mechanism operates, and a change in outcomes without prior movement in signal measures would count against the framework. Risk pathway modelling in heavy industrial operations provides a template for specifying such intermediate steps in advance (Arumosoye & Obriki, 2022), and environmental risk control research shows how operational discipline indicators can be tracked as leading measures alongside outcomes (Arumosoye et al., 2025). Heat stress research in extreme operating environments shows why exposure conditions should be recorded per period rather than assumed constant (Arumosoye & Obriki, 2018).

7.2 Extending the Framework

Several extensions would strengthen the framework. The detection model could be generalized from independent binary tests to correlated failures by modelling tests as sharing latent environment states, so that the effective suite size replaces the nominal one in the compounding relation. The latency construct could incorporate developer context-switching cost directly by linking pipeline timestamps with version control activity to estimate how often a developer has moved to other work when a verdict arrives. The environment fidelity construct could adopt formal drift metrics from infrastructure-as-code state comparison. The production evidence construct could be extended with statistical canary analysis that controls false-alarm rates across many simultaneous metrics. Each extension should be evaluated against the simpler version, following the principle that added model complexity must earn its place through better prediction. Research on multi-stakeholder governance alignment (Eyetezmitan et al., 2020), lifecycle performance evaluation (Ogbete et al., 2023), design standards for scalable networks (Ogbete et al., 2022), and quality control of welding and inspection regimes (Atta et al., 2022) all provide precedents for layering assurance evidence without losing accountability. Retail asset valuation work shows how multiple quantitative signals can be combined into a single decision value when their weights are made explicit (Tonoyan et al., 2023), and the same discipline would apply to a composite CTSI score.

A final extension concerns the scope of continuous testing in organizations that also use automated evaluation of AI systems and automated compliance controls. As release gates increasingly include model evaluations, policy checks, and security scans alongside functional tests, the question of signal integrity applies to all of them, and the false-alarm burden of each gate adds to the whole. A unified treatment of these gates as a portfolio of detectors, each with its own hit rate, false-alarm rate, and latency, would allow organizations to allocate assurance effort across them rationally. Research on release-gating practice for AI models (Nwakamma et al., 2024a), on continuous compliance controls (Adebayo et al., 2025), on emergency response readiness (Arumosoye & Obriki, 2023), and on safety walkthrough frequency and coverage (Obriki & Arumosoye, 2019) indicates that the same trade-off between frequency, coverage, and signal quality recurs across these domains. Studies of hazard identification in construction show how systematic reviews of control practices can surface common failure patterns across very different operations (Obogo et al., 2019), and supply reliability research in pharmaceutical quality assurance (Asiedu & Asiedu, 2024b) and value chain stability studies (Jones & Ominyi, 2021) show how upstream variability propagates downstream when inspection signals are unreliable.

8 Conclusion

Continuous testing earns its place in agile and DevOps delivery when its signals are trustworthy, timely, and faithful to production, and when someone is accountable for acting on them. This review has shown that these properties do not follow from the volume or speed of automated testing. Small per-test flake rates compound into suite-level false-alarm rates that make most failing builds uninformative; queueing makes feedback latency rise steeply as runner capacity saturates; environment drift lets green builds fail in production; and outcome metrics such as the DORA measures cannot, on their own, distinguish better detection from reduced exposure. The Continuous Testing Signal Integrity framework brings these quantities into one model, pairs each with a governance response and a delivery outcome, and states six propositions that prospective studies can confirm or refute. Organizations that treat their pipelines as measurement instruments, whose reliability is itself measured and owned, are positioned to gain what continuous testing promises: faster delivery that is also safer delivery.

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