



# Un panorama des systèmes hybrides en temps discret

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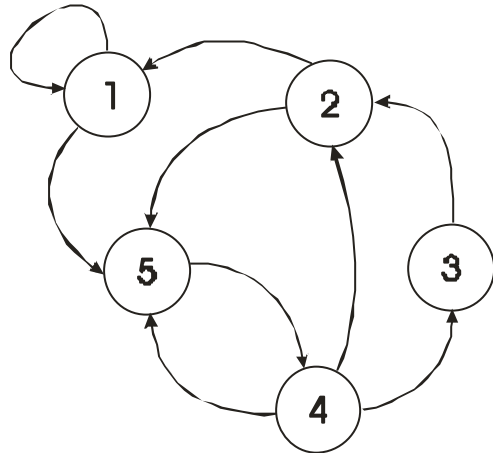
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# Hybrid Systems



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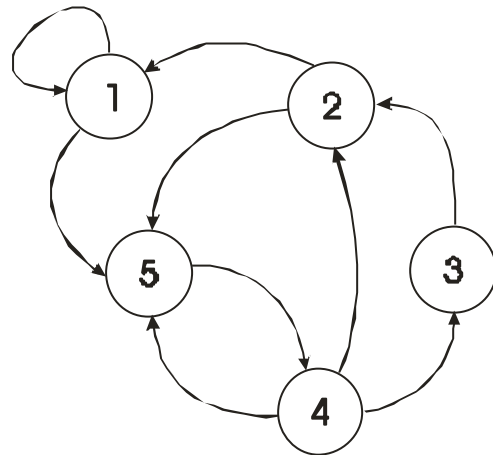


$$\begin{aligned}
 S &\triangleq (X, U, \varphi), \\
 X &= \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}, \\
 U &= \{A, B, C\}, \\
 \varphi &: X \times U \rightarrow X
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t+1) &= f(x(t), u(t)) \\
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$$\begin{aligned}
 x \in \mathbf{R}^n, u \in \mathbf{R}^m, y \in \mathbf{R}^p \\
 f, g \in C^1
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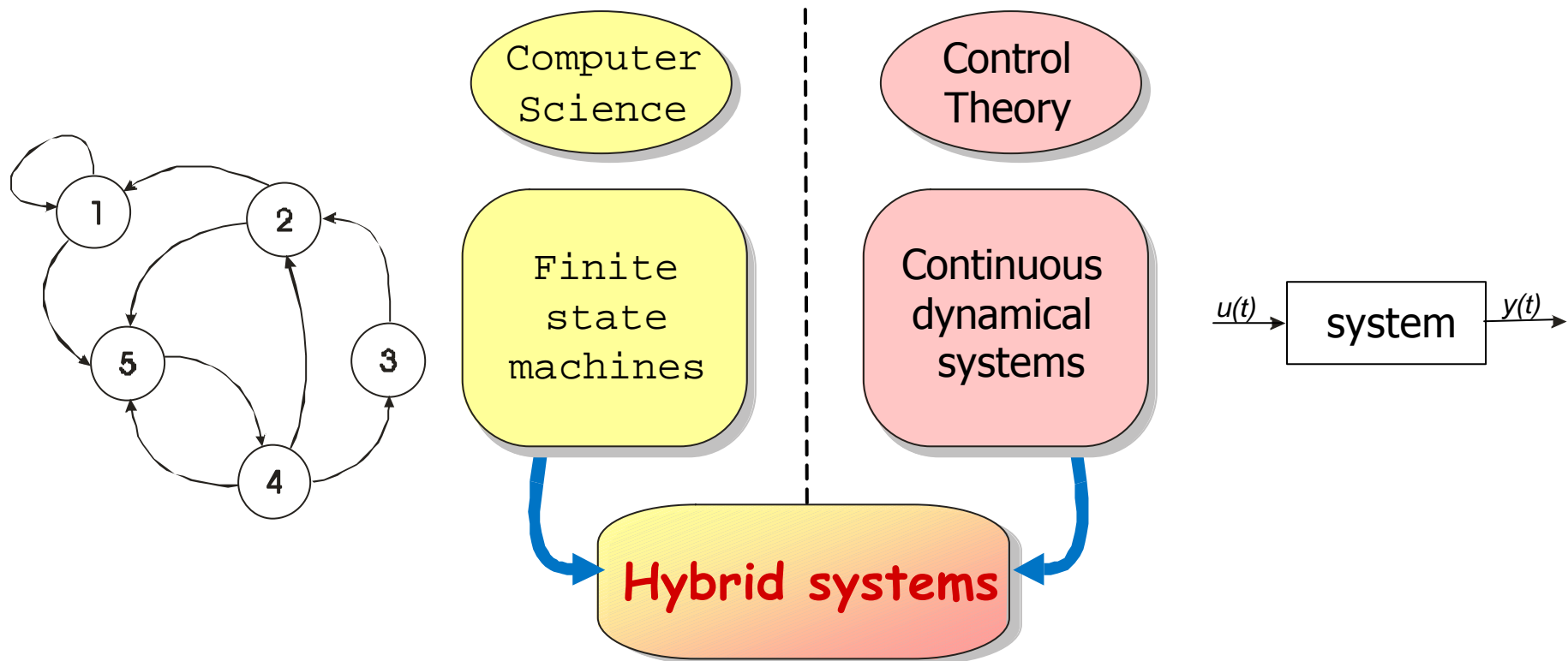
Good for modeling:

- discrete actions/decisions
- computer programs
- logic rules (e.g. if ... then ... else)

Good for modeling:

- continuous physical quantities  
(concentrations, velocity, energy, ...)

# Hybrid Systems



Good for modeling the interaction between discrete/logic components and continuous components

This is the standard scenario of modern technology  
( e.g. embedded systems = real-time programs  
interacting with physical processes)

# Piece-Wise Affine (PWA) systems

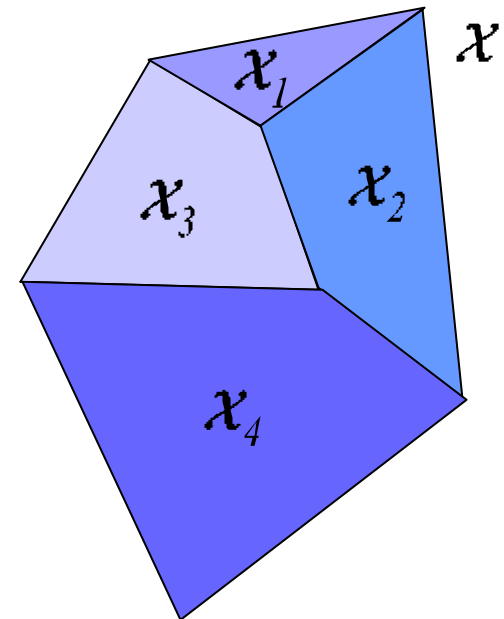
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- $s$  submodels
- $\mathcal{X}$  is a polytope,  $\{\mathcal{X}_i\}_{i=1}^s$  is a polyhedral partition of  $\mathcal{X}$
- Affine dynamics on each region
- States, inputs and outputs are partitioned in Boolean and continuous components

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_c \\ x_l \end{bmatrix}$$

Physical quantities:  $x_c \in \mathbf{R}^{n_c}$

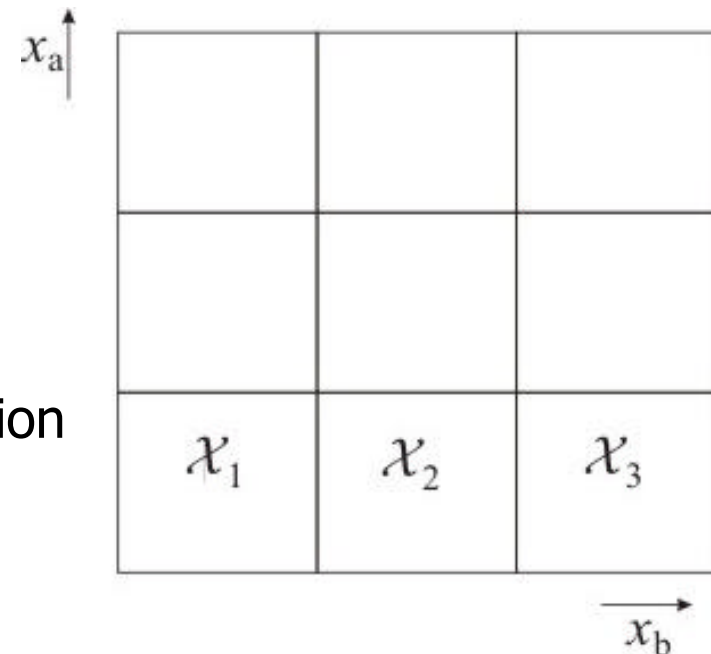
Logic states:  $x_l \in \{0, 1\}^{n_l}$



# PWA systems in GDyn

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- **States:** Protein concentrations
- **Inputs:** Concentrations of proteins regulated outside the network
- **Outputs:** Measurable quantities
- **Regions:** Regulatory domains
- **Dynamics:** Rates of expression/degradation in each domain



# Modeling capabilities

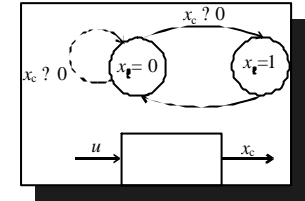
Real-world domains



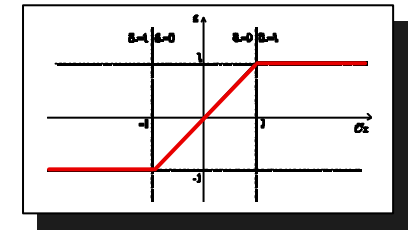
Hybrid phenomena

- Automotive
- Biology
- Electrical Engineering
- Mechanical engineering
- Medicine
- Physics
- Economy
- ...

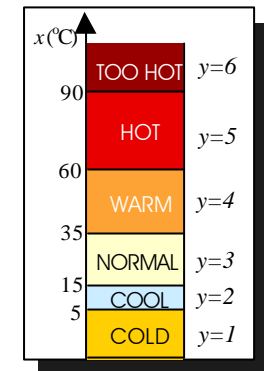
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- Nonlinearities (by piecewise affine approximation)



- Qualitative behaviours



- Constrained dynamics

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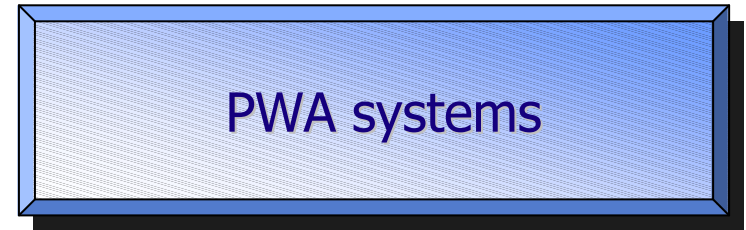
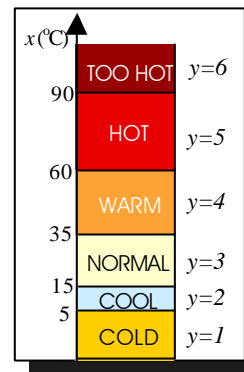
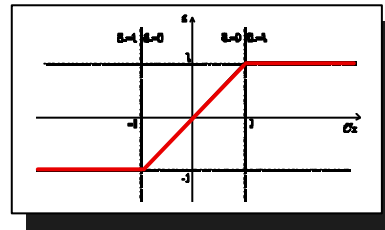
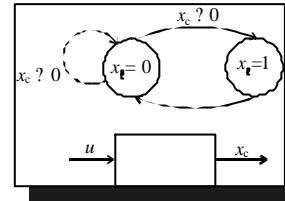
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## Hybrid phenomena



## PWA form of Hybrid Systems

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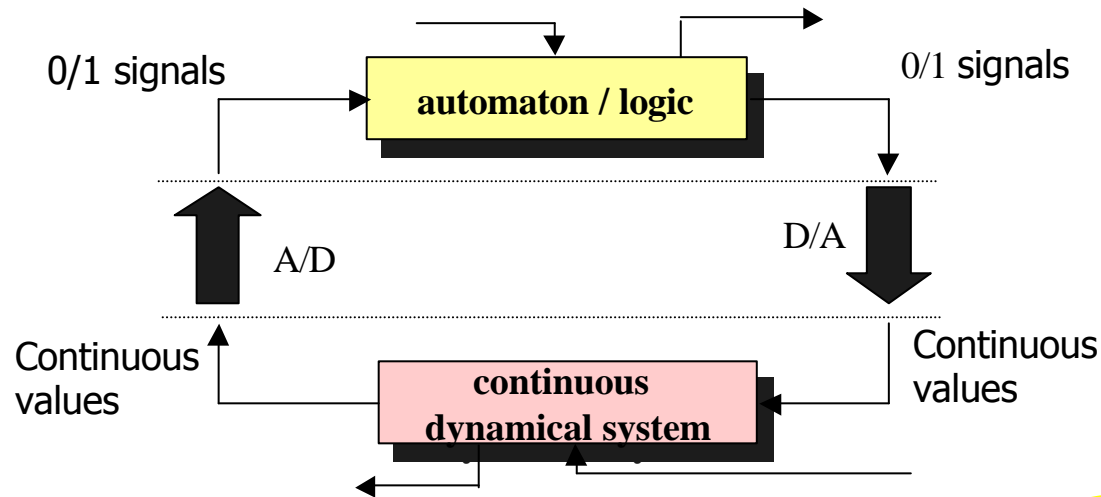




# Modeling language

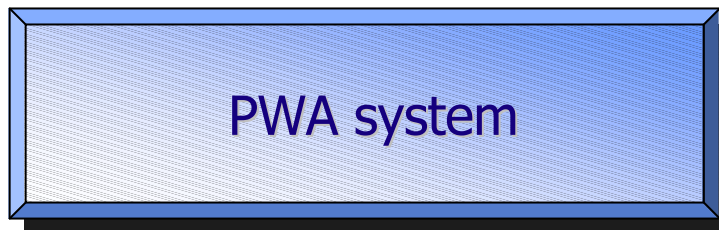
Scientists do not think in terms of PWA models ...

High-level system description:



**HYSDEL compiler**  
(HYbrid System DEscription Language)

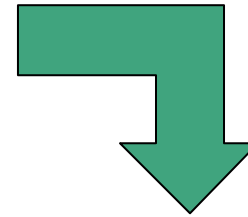
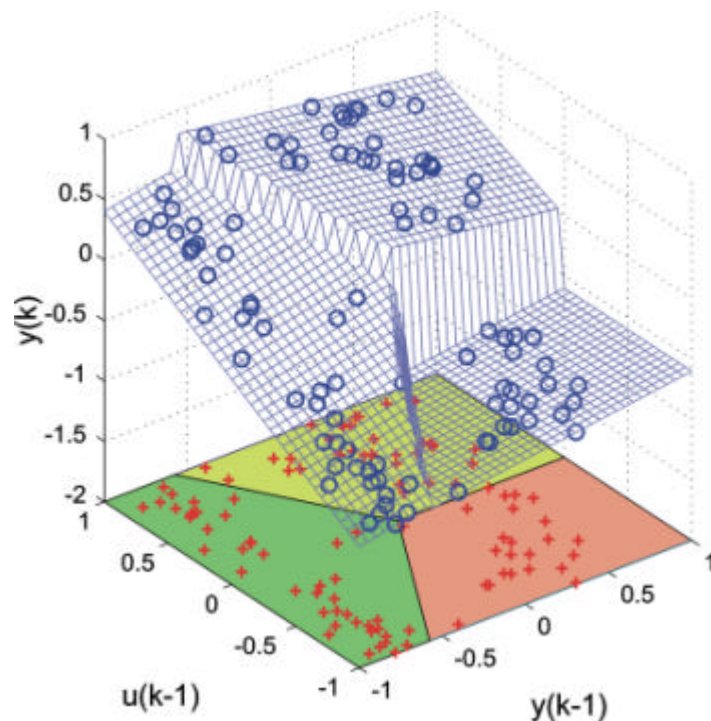
(Torrise, Bemporad 2003)



# Modeling: Identification

Is it possible to get PWA models from input/output experimental data ?

Dataset:  $\mathcal{S} = \{(u(k), y(k)), k = 1, \dots, N\}$



**Identification Algorithms**

Ferrari-Trecate et al., Automatica (2003)

PWA system



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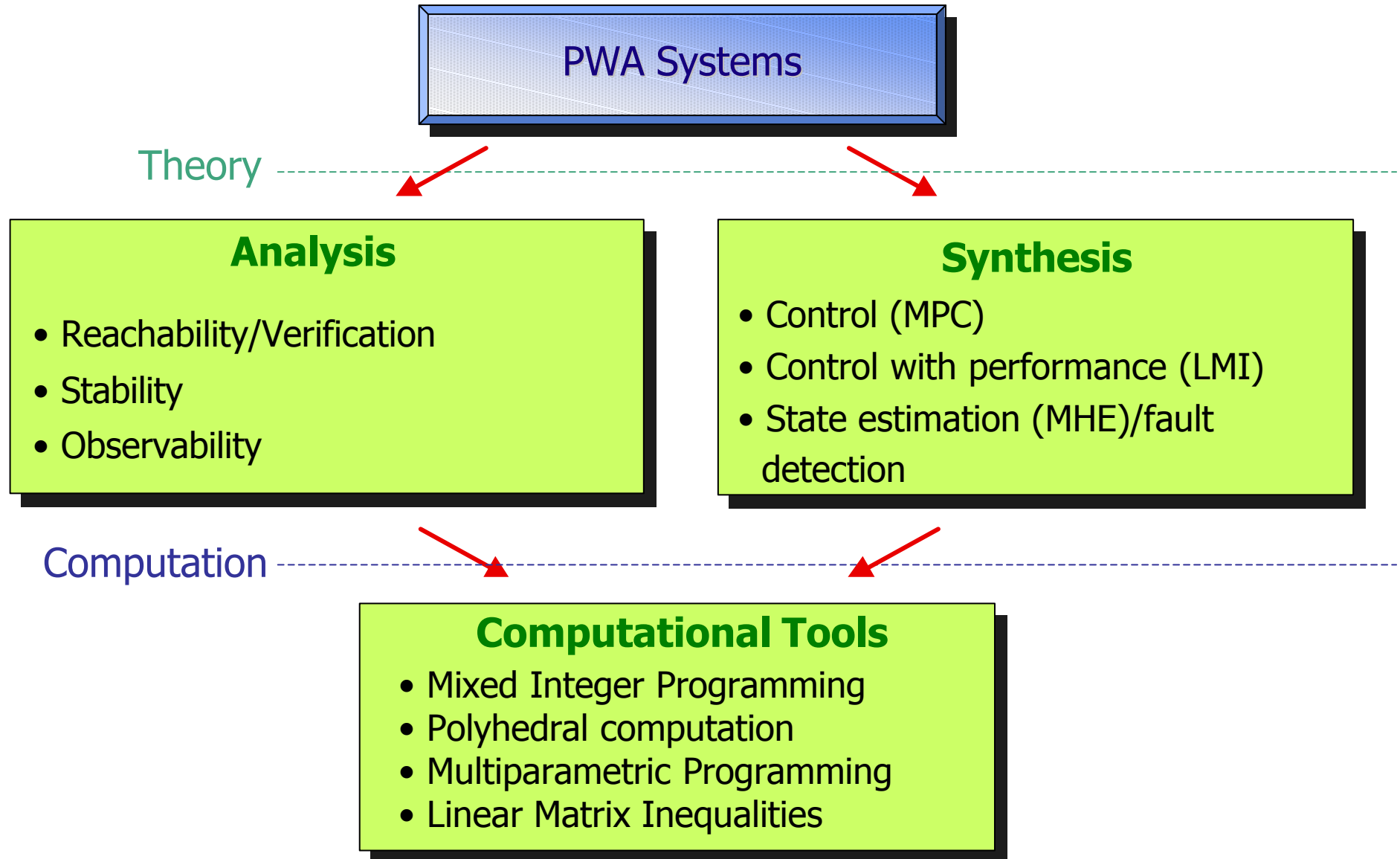
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**NOT ONLY !**

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Mathematical framework for solving  
analysis and synthesis problems **both**  
**theoretically and computationally**

# Tools for PWA systems



# Example: State estimation

## Theory

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PWA system:  $x(t + 1) = A_i x(t) + B_i u(t) + f_i$  if  $[x'(t) \ u'(t)]' \in \mathcal{X}_i$   
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**Problem:** When the state is not measurable it has to be reconstructed from the measurements  $u(t), y(t), t = 0, \dots, T$

**Solution:** Moving horizon observers can guarantee asymptotic convergence of the estimates to the true state [Ferrari-Trecate et al., IEEE Trans. AC, \(2002\)](#)

## Computation

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Moving horizon observers can be implemented by solving mixed-integer linear (or quadratic) optimization problems



Solvers: Cplex, Xpress, Baron, ...

# PWA systems: The universal tool ?

PWA system provide a very flexible framework for modeling, analysis and synthesis ...

**BUT**

... the computations scale, in general, in an NP (Non Polynomial) fashion with respect the number of integer variables + number of regions.  
The situation is even worse in presence of large model uncertainties.



Small scale problems: PWA systems are OK !

Large scale problems: Still a lot of work to do ...

- PWA systems are too flexible: The key problem is:

**How to exploit special structures in analysis and synthesis ?**

More in detail: exploit hierarchical structures that allow to abstract from the time/space details  **Multi-scale representations**

# PWA system theory in GDyn

PWA system theory could be useful in GDyn for:

- providing insights about the behaviors of genetic sub-networks (e.g. minmax optimization for evaluating the possibility of isolating sub-networks)
- parameter identification (rates and thresholds)
- state estimation (reconstruction of unmeasured protein concentrations)

GDyn could be useful for large-scale PWA system theory in:

- providing good examples
- gaining insights about how to discover hierarchical structures.