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# Hybrid Dynamical Systems with Hybrid Inputs: Definition of Solutions and Applications to Interconnections

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**Summary**

In this paper, we define solutions for hybrid systems with pre-specified hybrid inputs. Unlike previous work where solutions and inputs are assumed to be defined on the same domain a priori, we consider the case where intervals of flow and jump times of the input are not necessarily synchronized with those of the state trajectory. This happens in particular when the input is the output of another hybrid system, for instance in the context of observer design or reference tracking. The proposed approach relies on reparametrizing the jumps of the input in order to write it on a common domain. The solutions then consist of a pair made of the state trajectory and the reparametrized input. Our definition generalizes the notions of solutions of continuous-time and discrete-time systems with inputs. We provide an algorithm that automatically performs the construction of solutions for a given hybrid input. In the context of hybrid interconnections, we show how the solutions of the individual systems can be linked to the solutions of a closed-loop system. Examples illustrate the notions and the proposed algorithm.

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## 1 | INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 | Background

A significant part of control theory consists of studying systems with inputs, whether it be for tracking control, output regulation, or estimation. In fact, dynamical properties relating inputs, outputs, and the state of single and multiple, interconnected systems are widely used for analysis and design of feedback control systems, which are naturally interconnected. Notions such as input-to-state stability (ISS)<sup>1,2</sup> have been rendered useful to study interconnection of continuous-time systems via small gain theorems. Extensions of small gain theorems to discrete-time, switched, and hybrid systems are available in<sup>3,4</sup>, and<sup>5</sup>, respectively. Similarly, the so-called output-to-state stability (OSS) notion is convenient to bound the solutions by a function of the output of the system<sup>6</sup>; see also its extension to hybrid systems in<sup>7</sup>. Combining the ideas in the ISS and OSS notions, input-output-to-state stability (IOSS) provides bounds that depend on the inputs and outputs of the single and multiple systems; see<sup>1,8,9</sup>. The fact that these notions relate (functions of) the state to (functions of) the inputs and the state of a system make it very appealing for the study of interconnections. Indeed, under the appropriate assumptions, interconnections of systems that individually enjoy properties like ISS and IOSS give rise to closed-loop systems with similar properties, in particular, asymptotic stability.

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As the cited literature indicates, results for the study of interconnections of continuous-time and discrete-time systems are for the case when solutions to the systems are defined for all time, namely, for all continuous time  $t \in [0, \infty)$  and for all discrete time  $k \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ , respectively. For these classes of systems, such notions of solutions also apply to their interconnections, due to the solution to each system being defined for all (continuous or discrete) time. On the other hand, when solutions are defined over a bounded horizon (or domain) then solutions to the interconnection can only be defined over the smallest such horizon, but, besides such technicality, interconnections of continuous-time or of discrete-time systems does not raise any critical problems in what pertains to definition of solutions. On the other hand, defining solutions to hybrid systems – with or without hybrid inputs – is much more challenging, due to the fact that, in general, solutions to a hybrid system do not have the same domain of definition. For instance, the notion of solution employed in<sup>10</sup> and in<sup>11</sup> uses both continuous time  $t \in [0, \infty)$  and a discrete counter  $j \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  to parameterize the evolution of the state (and input) trajectories defining a solution. In this setting, a solution that evolves continuously (or, equivalently, flows) for  $t_1 > 0$  seconds at which time instant it jumps, and then flows until  $t_2 > t_1$  seconds, and proceeding in this way, continues to flow up to  $t_{j+1} > t_j$ , and so forth, is defined on the set

$$([0, t_1] \times \{0\}) \cup ([t_1, t_2] \times \{1\}) \cup \dots \cup ([t_j, t_{j+1}] \times \{j\}) \cup \dots$$

which is a particular subset of  $[0, \infty) \times \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ . Due to such parameterization of solution, in principle, the domain of definition of the solutions to each hybrid system within an interconnection is not the same. Furthermore, when inputs play a role, the domain of definition of the input may not necessarily match that of the resulting state trajectory. Some of the intricacies in defining solutions to interconnections of hybrid systems are discussed in<sup>12</sup>. A particularly extreme case is when one of the systems in the interconnection has a solution that only evolves continuously (or, equivalently, only flows) and another system has a solution that only evolves discretely (or, equivalently, only jumps), in which case it is not obvious how to define a solution to the interconnection due to the difference on the domains. In previous works involving hybrid systems with inputs, the notion of solution assumes that the domain of the input and of the state trajectory are the same; see, e.g.,<sup>5,13,9</sup>. In the case of state feedback, namely, when the input is a function of the state, the input inherits the domain of the state trajectory and the assumption made in the cited references is justified. It is also justified when designing a controller or an observer for a hybrid (or impulsive) system with jump times that are synchronized with the plant<sup>14,15,16,17</sup>, and assumed to be known. In those cases, the definition of solutions is straightforward.

## 1.2 | Motivation

As motivated in Section 1.1, it is restrictive to assume that the domain of the individual solution to each system in an interconnection of hybrid systems is the same. The main challenge is that the domain of the (hybrid) input to each system in such an interconnection is not known a priori, due to typically being a function of the output of another hybrid system. This fact prevents one from assuming (as naturally done for continuous-time and for discrete-time systems) that the domain of the input and of the state trajectory coincide. In some cases, like when the input is a purely continuous-time signal or a purely discrete-time signal, one can actually redefine the input on the domain of the state trajectory, leading to matching domains. However, as said above, such a “pre-processing” of the input cannot be applied to general interconnections of hybrid systems, as it requires altering the domain of the output of another hybrid system. As pointed out in<sup>12</sup> such a modification is far from trivial, and serious difficulties emerge when the jumps of the system are not synchronized with those of the input, leading to very important questions yet to be answered:

- Assume a hybrid system is flowing and its input jumps before the state reaches its jump set: under which conditions should we allow the state to jump and continue evolving, and how should this jump be defined?
- Now, conversely, assume that the state of the system reaches its jump set and cannot continue flowing, while the input is such that it can continue to flow: do we stop the solution or do we allow the system to jump and the input to continue flowing afterwards?
- Combining those two questions, consider a series interconnection/cascade of hybrid systems: how to define a unified notion of solution if the jumps of both systems do not occur at the same time?

These problems appear, for instance, in the context of reference tracking when the reference is a hybrid trajectory. In<sup>18</sup>, the reference is a trajectory of the system itself and the problem of reconciling the domains is done by designing an extended “closed-loop” system which naturally puts the reference and the system on the same domains. Similarly, when studying incremental

stability for hybrid systems, trajectories with different domains need to be compared and they are typically brought on the same domain thanks to an extended system<sup>19</sup>. The issues mentioned above also arise in the context of observer design (and, more generally, output-feedback), where the input of the hybrid observer is the output of the hybrid plant we want to observe. In<sup>20</sup>, the analysis is possible using tools for autonomous hybrid systems thanks to a timer which is used to model the jumps of the input and by building a closed-loop system whose jumps are solely triggered by the timer.

### 1.3 | Contributions

In this paper, we make the following main contributions:

- *Definition of solutions to hybrid systems with hybrid input*: in Section 2, we propose a novel definition for solutions to hybrid systems when the input is a hybrid arc with its own domain, which does not necessarily match the one of the produced state trajectory. The proposed approach relies on reparametrizing the jumps of the input in order to write it on a common domain with the state trajectory. The solutions then consist of a pair made of the state trajectory and the reparametrized input. Our definition generalizes the notions of solutions of continuous and discrete systems with inputs.
- *Algorithm for the construction of solutions*: we provide in Section 3 an algorithm that automatically performs the construction of solutions for a given hybrid input. We discuss its numerical implementation and the consequences of numerical errors on the definition of solutions.
- *Application to interconnection of hybrid systems and link with closed-loop dynamics*: in the particular case of series and feedback interconnections between two hybrid systems, we investigate in Section 4 the link between the solutions obtained from our definition, to those of an appropriately defined closed-loop system, crucial for Lyapunov-based designs.

All of the proposed notions are illustrated on examples. In particular, we show how our definition enables to define a hybrid observer for a hybrid plant, and provide a sufficient condition for observer design via a closed-loop system in Section 4.1.

## 2 | SOLUTIONS TO HYBRID DYNAMICAL SYSTEMS WITH INPUTS

For starters, the definition of a solution to a continuous-time system with inputs of the form  $\dot{x} = f(x, u)$  requires the following data: an initial state  $x_0$  and an input signal  $t \mapsto u(t)$  (typically satisfying basic regularity properties). Then, a solution to the system is typically given by an absolutely continuous function  $t \mapsto \phi(t)$  such that  $\phi(0) = x_0$  and  $\dot{\phi}(t) = f(\phi(t), u(t))$  is satisfied on the domain of definition of  $u$  and  $\phi$ . Those domains typically coincide unless  $\phi$  terminates before  $u$ , in which case the domain of  $u$  is simply truncated. A notion of solution for discrete-time systems with inputs can be defined similarly.

As pointed out in Section 1, the definition of a solution to a hybrid system with inputs is more intricate when we do not rely on the assumption that the domain of the input and of the state trajectory coincide. In this section, we define a notion of solution for hybrid systems with a hybrid arc as input. Due to the likely mismatch between the jump times of the given input  $u$  and of the actual state trajectory  $\phi$  to be generated, the proposed notion jointly parametrizes  $u$  and  $\phi$  in what we refer to as a  *$j$ -reparametrization*.

We first recall the following definitions and notation. For more details about those definitions, the reader is referred to<sup>21</sup>.

**Definition 1** (hybrid time domain). A set  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \times \mathbb{N}$  is a hybrid time domain if for each  $(T', J') \in E$ , the truncation  $E \cap ([0, T'] \times \{0, 1, \dots, J'\})$  can be written as  $\bigcup_{j=0}^{J'-1} ([t_j, t_{j+1}], j)$  for some finite sequence of times  $0 = t_0 \leq t_1 \leq t_2 \dots \leq t_J$  and  $J \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Definition 2** (hybrid arc). A function  $\phi : \text{dom } \phi \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a hybrid arc if  $\text{dom } \phi$  is a hybrid time domain and for each  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $t \mapsto \phi(t, j)$  is locally absolutely continuous on  $\{t : (t, j) \in \text{dom } \phi\}$ .

**Notation** We denote by  $\mathbb{R}$  (resp.  $\mathbb{N}$ ) the set of real numbers (resp. integers), and  $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} := [0, +\infty)$ ,  $\mathbb{R}_{> 0} := (0, +\infty)$ , and  $\mathbb{N}_{> 0} := \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ . For a set  $S$ ,  $\text{cl}(S)$  will denote its closure,  $\text{int}(S)$  its interior and  $\text{card } S$  its cardinality (possibly infinite). We denote  $\subsetneq$  for a strict inclusion and  $\subseteq$  for a nonstrict inclusion. If  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^p$ , we define the distance of  $z \in \mathbb{R}^p$  to  $S$  by

$$|z|_S = \inf_{z' \in S} |z - z'|.$$

For a hybrid arc  $(t, j) \mapsto \phi(t, j)$  defined on a hybrid time domain  $\text{dom } \phi$ , we denote  $\text{dom}_t \phi$  (resp.  $\text{dom}_j \phi$ ) its projection on the time (resp. jump) axis, and for a positive integer  $j$ ,  $t_j(\phi)$  the time stamp associated to jump  $j$  (i.e., the only time satisfying  $(t_j(\phi), j) \in \text{dom } \phi$  and  $(t_j(\phi), j-1) \in \text{dom } \phi$ ), and  $\mathcal{I}_j(\phi)$  the largest interval such that  $\mathcal{I}_j(\phi) \times \{j\} \subseteq \text{dom } \phi$ . We define also  $\mathcal{T}(\phi) = \{t_j(\phi) : j \in \text{dom}_j \phi \cap \mathbb{N}_{>0}\}$  as the set of jump times,  $T(\phi) = \sup \text{dom}_t \phi \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \cup \{+\infty\}$  the maximal time of the domain,  $J(\phi) = \sup \text{dom}_j \phi \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{+\infty\}$  the total number of jumps, and, for a time  $t$  in  $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ ,  $\mathcal{J}_t(\phi) = \{j \in \mathbb{N}_{>0} : t_j(\phi) = t\}$  the set of jump counters associated to the jumps occurring at time  $t$ . It follows that  $\text{card } \mathcal{J}_t(\phi)$  is the number of jumps of  $\phi$  occurring at time  $t$ .

## 2.1 | $j$ -reparametrization of hybrid arcs

We define a  $j$ -reparametrization of a hybrid arc as follows.

**Definition 3.** Given a hybrid arc  $\phi$ , a hybrid arc  $\phi^r$  is a  $j$ -reparametrization of  $\phi$  if there exists a function  $\rho : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\rho(0) = 0 \quad , \quad \rho(j+1) - \rho(j) \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall j \in \mathbb{N} \quad (1)$$

and

$$\phi^r(t, j) = \phi(t, \rho(j)) \quad \forall (t, j) \in \text{dom } \phi^r . \quad (2)$$

The hybrid arc  $\phi^r$  is a *full  $j$ -reparametrization* of  $\phi$  if

$$\text{dom } \phi = \bigcup_{(t,j) \in \text{dom } \phi^r} (t, \rho(j)) , \quad (3)$$

or, equivalently,  $\text{dom}_t \phi = \text{dom}_t \phi^r$  and  $J(\phi) = \rho(J(\phi^r))$ . We will say that  $\rho$  is a  *$j$ -reparametrization map* from  $\phi$  to  $\phi^r$ .

In other words,  $\phi^r$  takes at each time  $t$  the same values as  $\phi$ , but maybe associated to a different jump index, because  $\phi^r$  may have trivial jumps added to its domain. If the whole domain of  $\phi$  is spanned by  $\phi^r$ , the reparametrization is said to be full. [Indeed, \(3\) says that  \$\text{dom } \phi\$  is the image of  \$\text{dom } \phi^r\$  by the map](#)

$$(t, j) \mapsto (t, \rho(j)) .$$

**Example 1.** Consider the hybrid arc  $\phi$  defined on  $\text{dom } \phi = \mathbb{R} \times \{0\}$  by

$$\phi(t, j) = t \quad \forall (t, j) \in \text{dom } \phi ,$$

and  $\phi^r$  defined on  $\text{dom } \phi^r = \{0\} \times \mathbb{N}$  by

$$\phi^r(t, j) = 0 \quad \forall (t, j) \in \text{dom } \phi^r .$$

The hybrid arc  $\phi^r$  is a  $j$ -reparametrization of  $\phi$  with reparametrization map  $\rho(j) = 0$  for all  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ . However, it is not a full reparametrization of  $\phi$  because all of its domain is not spanned.

Now take  $\phi$  defined on  $\text{dom } \phi = ([0, 1] \times \{0\}) \cup ([1, 2] \times \{1\})$  by

$$\phi(t, j) = t - j \quad \forall (t, j) \in \text{dom } \phi .$$

In other words,  $\phi$  flows for  $t \in [0, 1]$  from 0 until reaching 1, then jumps back to 0, and flows again for  $t \in [1, 2]$ . Consider  $\phi^r$  defined on  $\text{dom } \phi^r = ([0, 1/2] \times \{0\}) \cup ([1/2, 1] \times \{1\}) \cup ([1, 2] \times \{2\})$  by

$$\phi^r(t, j) = \begin{cases} t & \forall (t, j) \in [0, 1/2] \times \{0\} \cup ([1/2, 1] \times \{1\}), \\ t - 1 & \forall (t, j) \in [1, 2] \times \{2\} \end{cases}$$

Then, it is easy to check that  $\phi^r$  is a full  $j$ -reparametrization of  $\phi$  with  $\rho$  such that  $\rho(0) = 0$ ,  $\rho(1) = 0$ ,  $\rho(2) = 1$ .

Actually, given  $\phi$ , an infinite number of reparametrizations can be obtained by limiting the domain or adding trivial fictitious jumps, by changing  $\rho$ . △

## 2.2 | Solutions to hybrid systems with hybrid inputs

Consider the hybrid system

$$\mathcal{H} \begin{cases} \dot{x} \in F(x, u) & (x, u) \in C \\ x^+ \in G(x, u) & (x, u) \in D \end{cases} , \quad y = h(x, u) \quad (4)$$

with state  $x$  taking values in  $\mathbb{R}^{d_x}$ , input  $u$  taking values in  $\mathbb{R}^{d_u}$ , flow map  $F : \mathbb{R}^{d_x} \times \mathbb{R}^{d_u} \rightrightarrows \mathbb{R}^{d_x}$ , jump map  $G : \mathbb{R}^{d_x} \times \mathbb{R}^{d_u} \rightrightarrows \mathbb{R}^{d_x}$ , flow set  $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{d_x} \times \mathbb{R}^{d_u}$  and jump set  $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{d_x} \times \mathbb{R}^{d_u}$ . We adopt the following definition.

**Definition 4.** Consider a hybrid arc  $u$ . A pair  $\phi = (x, u^r)$  is a solution to  $\mathcal{H}$  with input  $u$  and output  $y$  if

- 1)  $\text{dom } x = \text{dom } u^r (= \text{dom } \phi)$
- 2)  $u^r$  is a  $j$ -reparametrization of  $u$  with reparametrization map  $\rho_u$ , and with also  $\text{card } \mathcal{J}_{T(u)}(\phi) = \text{card } \mathcal{J}_{T(u)}(u)$  if this reparametrization is full.
- 3) for all  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\mathcal{I}_j(\phi)$  has nonempty interior,

$$\begin{aligned} (x(t, j), u^r(t, j)) &\in C \quad \forall t \in \text{int } \mathcal{I}_j(\phi) \\ \dot{x}(t, j) &\in F(x(t, j), u^r(t, j)) \quad \text{for a.a. } t \in \mathcal{I}_j(\phi) \end{aligned}$$

- 4) for all  $t \in \mathcal{T}(\phi)$ , denoting  $j_0 = \min \mathcal{J}_t(\phi)$  and  $n_u = \text{card } \mathcal{J}_t(u)$ , we have

- a) for all  $j \in \mathcal{J}_t(\phi)$  such that  $j < j_0 + n_u$ , we have  $\rho_u(j) = \rho_u(j-1) + 1$ , and:
  - if  $j = j_0$  and  $t > 0$ ,

- $(x(t, j_0 - 1), u^r(t, j_0 - 1)) \in C \cup D$
- $x(t, j_0) \in G_e^0(x(t, j_0 - 1), u^r(t, j_0 - 1))$

else

- $(x(t, j - 1), u^r(t, j - 1)) \in \text{cl}(C) \cup D$
- $x(t, j) \in G_e(x(t, j - 1), u^r(t, j - 1))$

with

$$G_e^0(x, u) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } (x, u) \in C \setminus D \\ G(x, u) & \text{if } (x, u) \in D \setminus C \\ \{x, G(x, u)\} & \text{if } (x, u) \in D \cap C \end{cases}, \quad G_e(x, u) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } (x, u) \in \text{cl}(C) \setminus D \\ G(x, u) & \text{if } (x, u) \in D \setminus \text{cl}(C) \\ \{x, G(x, u)\} & \text{if } (x, u) \in D \cap \text{cl}(C) \end{cases}$$

- b) for all  $j \in \mathcal{J}_t(\phi)$  such that  $j \geq j_0 + n_u$ , we have  $\rho_u(j) = \rho_u(j-1)$  and

- $(x(t, j - 1), u^r(t, j - 1)) \in D$
- $x(t, j) \in G(x(t, j - 1), u^r(t, j - 1))$

- 5) for all  $(t, j) \in \text{dom } \phi$ ,

$$y(t, j) = h(x(t, j), u^r(t, j)).$$

The solution  $\phi$  is said to be *maximal* if there does not exist any other solution  $\tilde{\phi}$  such that

$$\text{dom } \phi \subset \text{dom } \tilde{\phi}, \quad \tilde{\phi}(t, j) = \phi(t, j) \quad \forall (t, j) \in \text{dom } \phi.$$

The set of maximal solutions to  $\mathcal{H}$  initialized in  $\mathcal{X}_0$  with input  $u$  is denoted  $S_{\mathcal{H}}(\mathcal{X}_0; u)$ . △

Conditions 1) and 2) say that  $u^r$  is a  $j$ -reparametrization of  $u$  that is defined on the same domain as  $x$ , and that when the whole domain of  $u$  is spanned (namely,  $u^r$  is a full reparametrization  $u$ ), the solution stops evolving whenever  $u$  does. Indeed, in that case, by Definition 3,  $\text{dom}_t \phi = \text{dom}_t u$  (in particular  $T(\phi) = T(u)$ ), and if  $T(u) \in \text{dom}_t \phi$ , the extra condition  $\text{card } \mathcal{J}_{T(u)}(\phi) = \text{card } \mathcal{J}_{T(u)}(u)$  says that  $\phi$  jumps as many times as  $u$  at its final time, similarly to solutions of discrete systems with input.

At a time  $t$  where the input does not jump ( $n_u = 0$ ),  $x$  can jump according to its own jump map  $G$  if  $\phi$  is in  $D$  by Condition 4b). In that case,  $u^r$  contains a trivial jump, namely for all  $j \in \mathcal{J}_t(\phi)$ ,

$$u^r(t, j) = u^r(t, j - 1), \quad \rho_u(j) = \rho_u(j - 1).$$

On the other hand, at a time  $t$  where the input jumps, Condition 4a) says that:

- at the first jump if  $t > 0$ ,  $\phi$  must be in  $C \cup D$  and  $x$  is reset either trivially (via the identity) or to a point in  $G(x, u)$  according to  $G_e^0$ .
- for the remaining jumps of  $u$ , or if  $t = 0$ , those conditions are relaxed with  $G_e$ , replacing  $C$  by  $\text{cl}(C)$ .

After all the jumps of  $u$  have been processed,  $\phi$  can carry on jumping if it is in  $D$ , with  $x$  reset to a point of  $G(x, u)$  and recording trivial jumps in  $u'$  according to Condition 4b).

The difference between  $G_e^0$  and  $G_e$  in Condition 4a) is that  $x$  is forced to jump according to  $G$  if  $\phi$  is in  $D \setminus C$  instead of  $D \setminus \text{cl}(C)$ . This stricter condition at the first jump of  $u$  after an interval of flow is to avoid the situation where  $\phi$  would leave  $C$  after flow and then be allowed to flow again from the same point after the jump of  $u$ ; namely it prevents flows through a hole of  $C$ . This condition is already enforced when the input does not jump ( $n_u = 0$ ) by conditions 3) and 4b). In other words, if  $\phi$  leaves  $C$  after an interval of flow, it either jumps according to  $G$  if it is in  $D$  or dies. Hence the condition that  $\phi$  should be in  $C \cup D$  instead of  $\text{cl}(C) \cup D$  at the first jump of  $u$ . On the other hand, for the remaining jumps of  $u$  or at  $t = 0$ , there is no reason to force  $x$  to jump with  $G$  on  $\text{cl}(C) \setminus C$  since  $x$  could possibly flow into  $C$ . That is why  $G_e^0$  is relaxed into  $G_e$ . This distinction disappears if  $C$  is closed. Note that more generally, the solution stops if  $\phi$  leaves  $\text{cl}(C) \cup D$ .

*Remark 1.* Condition 4) imposes that at a given time,  $u$  performs all its jumps consecutively and right away. This choice is important because it determines which value of  $u$  is used in the jump map of  $x$ . In particular, it enables to recover the definition of solutions of discrete systems with input if  $F \equiv \emptyset$  and  $C = \emptyset$ . Not forcing the jumps of  $u$  to be processed right away would lead to a richer set of solutions where  $x$  and  $u$  jump either simultaneously or not, and with any ordering. In that case, Conditions 4) would be replaced by :

4') for all  $t \in \mathcal{T}(\phi)$  and for all  $j \in \mathcal{J}_t(\phi)$ ,

$$\text{either } \begin{cases} (x(t, j-1), u'(t, j-1)) \in \text{cl}(C) \cup D \\ x(t, j) \in G_e(x(t, j-1), u'(t, j-1)) \\ \rho_u(j) = \rho_u(j-1) + 1 \end{cases} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{cases} (x(t, j-1), u'(t, j-1)) \in D \\ x(t, j) \in G(x(t, j-1), u'(t, j-1)) \\ \rho_u(j) = \rho_u(j-1) \end{cases} ,$$

with  $\text{cl}(C)$  replaced by  $C$  for  $j = j_0$  if  $t > 0$ . With this alternate definition, it would no longer make sense to require  $\text{card } \mathcal{J}_{T(u)}(\phi) = \text{card } \mathcal{J}_{T(u)}(u)$  at the boundary of the time domain in Condition 2), which would be simplified into

2')  $u'$  is a  $j$ -reparametrization of  $u$  with reparametrization map  $\rho_u$ .

This richer set of solutions is particularly relevant when several jumps having a common time stamp represent in fact jumps occurring very close in time. In this case, we do not know if the jump of  $u$  truly happens before or after a possible jump of  $x$ , and it makes sense to take any value of  $u$  at that time in the jump map of  $x$ .  $\triangle$

*Remark 2.* Another way of building solutions to a hybrid system with a hybrid input  $u$  would be to look for solutions that jump whenever  $u$  jumps. In other words, a jump of  $u$  would force a jump of the state according to its own jump map. However, this would significantly limit the number of solutions since the state would need to be in its jump set every time the input jumps. Besides, the value of the input does not always contain the information about its forthcoming jump, as illustrated in Section 5, thus preventing the implementation of such an approach. In particular, in the context of observer design, the hybrid input is the output from the observed hybrid plant: the jumps of the observer and of the plant cannot always be synchronized.  $\triangle$

*Remark 3.* In the case where  $\text{dom } x = \text{dom } u$  is assumed from the start as in<sup>5</sup>,  $u'$  is equal to  $u$  and Conditions 1) and 2) in Definition 4 are automatically satisfied. Also, in such a case, in Condition 4), the number of jumps of  $u$  is equal to the number of jumps of  $x$  so that Condition 4b) holds vacuously. The only difference with the definition of solutions in<sup>5</sup> is in the way we define the jumps in Condition 4a). In<sup>5</sup>,  $(x, u)$  would jump only in  $D$  and  $x$  would always be reset to values in  $G(x, u)$ . This case is covered by the definition of  $G_e^0$  (resp.  $G_e$ ), but we also allow trivial jumps of  $x$  when  $u$  jumps and  $(x, u)$  is in  $C$  (resp.  $\text{cl}(C)$ ) (see examples in Section 2.3).  $\triangle$

## 2.3 | Examples

The purpose of this section is to illustrate the notions introduced in Definitions 3 and 4. For that, let us consider a series interconnection of two hybrid systems  $\mathcal{H}_a$  and  $\mathcal{H}_b$ , where the output of  $\mathcal{H}_a$  is the input to  $\mathcal{H}_b$ , namely

$$\mathcal{H}_a \begin{cases} \dot{x}_a \in F_a(x_a) & x_a \in C_a \\ x_a^+ \in G_a(x_a) & x_a \in D_a \end{cases} , \quad y_a = h_a(x_a) , \quad \mathcal{H}_b \begin{cases} \dot{x}_b \in F_b(x_b, y_a) & (x_b, y_a) \in C_b \\ x_b^+ \in G_b(x_b, y_a) & (x_b, y_a) \in D_b \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

**Example 2** (Observer design). An important kind of interconnection of this type is the cascade of a plant with its observer. In that case,  $\mathcal{H}_a$  is a hybrid plant whose state we want to estimate, and  $\mathcal{H}_b$  plays the role of the observer whose input is the output  $y_a$

of the plant  $\mathcal{H}_a$ . Typically, the goal of the observer  $\mathcal{H}_b$  is to provide as output  $y_b$  an estimate  $\hat{x}_a$  of  $x_a$ . This is rendered possible by Definition 4 which defines solutions even when the jumps of  $y_a$  (i.e. of the plant) are not synchronized with those of the observer. A sensible definition could thus be the following.

**Definition 5.**  $\mathcal{H}_b$  is an *observer* for  $\mathcal{H}_a$  on  $\mathcal{X}_{a,0} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{d_x}$  relative to a set  $\mathcal{A}$ , if there exists a subset  $\mathcal{X}_{b,0}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^{d_{x_b}}$  such that for any  $x_a \in \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}_a}(\mathcal{X}_{a,0})$  with output  $y_a$  and for any  $(x_b, y_a^r) \in \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}_b}(\mathcal{X}_{b,0}; y_a)$ :

- (a)  $y_a^r$  is a full  $j$ -reparametrization of  $y_a$ , with associated reparametrization map  $\rho_a$  ;
- (b) considering the corresponding full  $j$ -reparametrization of  $x_a$  defined by

$$x_a^r(t, j) = x_a(t, \rho_a(j)) \quad \forall (t, j) \in \text{dom } \phi_b ,$$

we have

$$\lim \left| \left( y_b(t, j), x_a^r(t, j) \right) \right|_{\mathcal{A}} = 0 . \quad (6)$$

Condition (a) ensures that the solution to the observer  $\mathcal{H}_b$  exists as long as the underlying solution  $x_a$  to  $\mathcal{H}_a$  does. This is important in observer design and comes as an extra constraint besides those of Definition 4. As for Condition (b), it traduces the intuitive idea of “ $y_b$  converges to  $x_a$ ” (in the sense of  $\mathcal{A}$ ), even if those hybrid arcs do not have the same domain. This is done by *reparametrizing*  $x_a$  into  $x_a^r$  defined on the domain of  $x_b$  thanks to Definition 3 and 4. Note that the argument of the limit in (6) is intentionally omitted because it depends on whether we ask for convergence only for complete solutions when  $t+j \rightarrow +\infty$ , or for any solution when  $(t, j)$  approaches the boundary of the domain. Regarding  $\mathcal{A}$ , ideally, we would like  $\mathcal{A}$  diagonal, i.e., given by

$$\mathcal{A} = \left\{ (x_a, y_b) \in \mathbb{R}^{d_x} \times \mathbb{R}^{d_x} : x_a = y_b \right\}$$

but it is in general difficult to obtain unless  $G_a = \text{Id}$  or the observer becomes perfectly synchronized with the plant after some time. Indeed, if  $x_a$  and  $y_b$  don't jump exactly at the same time and  $G_a \neq \text{Id}$ , the mismatch  $y_b - x_a$  cannot be made small however small the delay at the jumps is: this is the so-called *peaking* phenomenon. In that case, denoting

$$\underline{G}_a(x_a) = \begin{cases} G_a(x_a) & \text{if } x_a \in D_a \\ \emptyset & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

we can only hope to stabilize the set

$$\mathcal{A} = \left\{ (x_a, y_b) \in \mathbb{R}^{d_x} \times \mathbb{R}^{d_x} : x_a = y_b \text{ or } x_a \in \underline{G}_a(y_b) \text{ or } y_b \in \underline{G}_a(x_a) \right\} ,$$

as in<sup>20</sup>, or even

$$\mathcal{A} = \left\{ (x_a, y_b) \in (C_a \cup D_a \cup G(D_a))^2 : \exists k \in \mathbb{N} : x_a \in \underline{G}_a^k(y_b) \text{ or } y_b \in \underline{G}_a^k(x_a) \right\}$$

when consecutive jumps are possible, as in<sup>18</sup>. △

**Example 3** (Output reference tracking). Another important application is the cascade of a hybrid exosystem  $\mathcal{H}_a$  generating a reference  $y_a$  that a controlled plant  $\mathcal{H}_b$  must follow. In other words, we want  $y_b$  to track  $y_a$ . This is rendered possible by Definition 4 which defines solutions even when the jumps of  $y_a$  (i.e. of the exosystem) are not synchronized with those of the plant. In the same spirit as the observer, we can define:

**Definition 6.**  $\mathcal{H}_b$  *asymptotically tracks*  $\mathcal{H}_a$  on  $\mathcal{X}_0 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{d_x}$  relative to a set  $\mathcal{A}$ , if there exists a subset  $\mathcal{X}_{b,0}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^{d_{x_b}}$  such that for any  $x_a \in \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}_a}(\mathcal{X}_{a,0})$  with output  $y_a$  and for any  $(x_b, y_a^r) \in \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}_b}(\mathcal{X}_{b,0}; y_a)$ :

- (a)  $y_a^r$  is a full  $j$ -reparametrization of  $y_a$ , with associated reparametrization map  $\rho_a$  ;
- (b) we have

$$\lim \left| \left( y_b(t, j), y_a^r(t, j) \right) \right|_{\mathcal{A}} = 0 . \quad (7)$$

The main difference with an observer is that here  $y_b$  only has to reproduce  $y_a$ , and not the entire state  $x_a$ . However, the peaking phenomenon remains when the jumps of  $y_b$  are not exactly synchronized with those of  $y_a$ . △

Suppose now we want to use the output  $y_a$  of  $\mathcal{H}_a$  to make  $\mathcal{H}_b$  jump according to  $G_b$  whenever  $\mathcal{H}_a$  jumps. We will consider two settings:

- “Jump triggering”: the information of an upcoming jump of  $\mathcal{H}_a$  is contained in  $y_a$  *before* it happens, namely there exists a subset  $Y_a$  of  $\mathbb{R}^{d_{y_a}}$  such that  $\mathcal{H}_a$  jumps if and only if  $y_a \in Y_a$ . In that case, we would like to design  $C_b$  and  $D_b$  so that  $\mathcal{H}_b$  jumps according to  $G_b$  synchronously with  $\mathcal{H}_a$  whenever  $y_a \in Y_a$ ;
- “Jump detection”: the information of a jump of  $\mathcal{H}_a$  can be detected in  $y_a$  *after* it has happened, namely we would like to design  $C_b$  and  $D_b$  to make  $\mathcal{H}_b$  jump right after  $\mathcal{H}_a$ .

**Example 4** (Jump triggering). We start by assuming there exists a subset  $Y_a$  of  $\mathbb{R}^{d_{y_a}}$  such that  $\mathcal{H}_a$  jumps if and only if  $y_a = h_a(x_a) \in Y_a$ , namely  $x_a \in D_a \Leftrightarrow h_a(x_a) \in Y_a$  and no flow is possible from  $\text{cl}(C_a) \cap D_a$ . An example of this situation presented in<sup>22</sup> is the resettable timer defined by

$$\mathcal{H}_a \begin{cases} \dot{\tau} = -1 & \tau \in C_a := [0, \sup I] \cap \mathbb{R} \\ \tau^+ \in I & \tau \in D_a := \{0\} \end{cases}, \quad y_a = \tau \quad (8)$$

where  $I$  is a closed subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ , containing the possible lengths of flow interval between successive jumps. Because no flow is possible from  $C_a \cap D_a = \{0\}$ , we know  $\mathcal{H}_a$  is going to jump if and only if  $y_a = 0$ . Therefore,  $Y_a = \{0\}$ .

To synchronize  $\mathcal{H}_b$  with  $\mathcal{H}_a$  a natural choice is

$$C_b = \mathbb{R}^{d_{x_b}} \times (\mathbb{R}^{d_{y_a}} \setminus Y_a) \quad , \quad D_b = \mathbb{R}^{d_{x_b}} \times Y_a \quad (9)$$

Let us build solutions to  $\mathcal{H}_b$  according to Definition 4. Take  $x_a(0, 0) \in \text{cl}(C_a) \cup D_a$  and consider a maximal solution  $x_a$  to  $\mathcal{H}_a$ . Take  $x_b(0, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{x_b}}$ . If the domain of  $x_a$  is reduced to  $\{(0, 0)\}$ , then  $T(y_a) = 0$  and  $\text{card } \mathcal{J}_{T(y_a)} = 0$  so that  $x_b$  also stops at  $x_b(0, 0)$  according to Condition 2) of Definition 4. Now assume  $\text{dom } x_a \neq \{(0, 0)\}$ .

First consider the case where  $y_a(0, 0) \notin D_a$ . Then,  $x_a$  necessarily flows for  $t \in I_1$ , with  $I_1$  a nonempty interval of  $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ . By definition of  $Y_a$ ,  $y_a(t, 0) \notin Y_a$  for  $t \in [0, \sup I_1)$ , so  $\mathcal{H}_b$  flows too for  $t \in I'_1$  with  $I'_1 \subseteq I_1$  and  $y'_a := y_a$  on  $I'_1 \times \{0\}$ . The only way we can have  $I'_1 \subsetneq I_1$  is if  $x_b$  explodes in finite time: in that case the solution stops. Otherwise,  $I'_1 = I_1$ . Now either the whole domain of  $x_a$  has been browsed, in which case  $x_b$  stops, or  $x_a$  jumps at time  $t_1 = \max I_1$  and necessarily  $y_a(t_1, 0) \in Y_a$ . If  $y_a(t_1, 1) \notin Y_a$ ,  $x_a$  jumps only once, i.e.  $\mathcal{J}_{t_1}(y_a) = \{1\}$  and  $n_{y_a} = 1$ ; otherwise, consecutive jumps happen with  $\mathcal{J}_{t_1}(y_a) = \{1, 2, \dots\}$  until  $y_a \notin Y_a$ . Since  $(x_b, y_a)(t_1, 0) \in D_b \setminus C_b$  and  $t_1 > 0$ ,  $x_b$  is reset to a point in  $G_b((x_b, y_a)(t_1, 0))$  according to  $G_e^0$  in the first part of Condition 4a) in Definition 4 with  $j = 1 = j_0$  and  $t_1 > 0$ . We thus take  $y' := y$  on  $([0, t_1] \times \{0\}) \cup (\{t_1\} \times \{1\})$ . After this first jump,

- either  $y_a(t_1, 1) \notin Y_a$ , so that  $n_{y_a} = 1$ , and  $x_a$  flows for  $t \in I_2$ . Since  $(x_b, y_a)(t_1, 1) \in C_b \setminus D_b$ ,  $x_b$  cannot jump further according to Condition 4b) of Definition 4 with  $j = 2 \geq j_0 + n_y$ :  $x_b$  flows and we start again with the same reasoning.
- or  $y_a(t_1, 1) \in Y_a$  so that  $x_a$  jumps again and  $n_{y_a} \geq 2$ . If  $y_a(t_1, 1) \in \text{int}(Y_a)$ , then  $(x_b, y_a)(t_1, 1) \in D_b \setminus \text{cl}(C_b)$  and  $x_b$  jumps to  $x_b(t_1, 2) \in G_b((x_b, y_a)(t_1, 1))$  according to the second part of Condition 4a) in Definition 4 with  $j = 2 < j_0 + n_y$ . However, if  $y_a(t_1, 1) \in \partial Y_a$ , then  $(x_b, y_a)(t_1, 1) \in D_b \cap \text{cl}(C_b)$ , and  $x_b$  jumps to  $x_b(t_1, 2) \in \{x_b(t_1, 1)\} \cup G_b((x_b, y_a)(t_1, 1))$ . We also take  $y' := y$  on  $([0, t_1] \times \{0\}) \cup (\{t_1\} \times \{1, 2\})$  and we then start again with the same reasoning.

If now  $y_a(0, 0) \in Y_a$ ,  $x_a$  starts with a jump. If  $y_a(0, 0) \in \text{int}(Y_a)$ , then  $(x_b, y_a)(0, 0) \in D_b \setminus \text{cl}(C_b)$  and  $x_b$  jumps to  $x_b(0, 1) \in G_b((x_b, y_a)(0, 0))$  according to the second part of Condition 4a) in Definition 4 with  $j = 1 = j_0$ . However, if  $y_a(0, 0) \in Y_a \setminus \text{int}(Y_a)$ , then  $(x_b, y_a)(0, 0) \in D_b \cap \text{cl}(C_b)$ , and  $x_b$  jumps to  $x_b(0, 1) \in \{x_b(0, 0)\} \cup G_b((x_b, y_a)(0, 0))$ . Then, we carry on with the same reasoning in the bullets above.

So we conclude that  $\mathcal{H}_b$  jumps only when  $\mathcal{H}_a$  jumps and inherits the domain of its input  $y_a$ , so that  $y'_a = y_a$  (unless  $x_b$  escapes in finite time while flowing with  $F_b$ ). Besides, if  $y_a$  cannot be in  $Y_a \setminus \text{int}(Y_a)$  after a jump of  $\mathcal{H}_a$ , i.e. if

$$h_a(G_a(D_a)) \cap (Y_a \setminus \text{int}(Y_a)) = \emptyset, \quad (10)$$

$\mathcal{H}_b$  jumps according to  $G_b$  every time  $\mathcal{H}_a$  jumps, except maybe at  $t = 0$  where one trivial jump may be allowed if  $y_a(0, 0) \in Y_a \setminus \text{int}(Y_a)$ . To ensure this, the first part of Condition 4a) was crucial to force  $x_b$  to be reset to a point in  $G_b(x_b, y_a)$  when  $(x_b, y_a) \in D_b \setminus C_b$ . If we had used  $G_e$  instead of  $G_e^0$ , trivial jumps would have been allowed since  $(x_b, y_a) \in D_b \cap \text{cl}(C_b)$  at the jumps. Instead, if  $y_a$  is in  $Y_a \setminus \text{int}(Y_a)$  after a jump of  $\mathcal{H}_a$ , trivial jumps of  $\mathcal{H}_b$  are allowed by  $G_e$ , thus losing the property of jump triggering.  $\triangle$

**Example 5** (Jump detection). Consider now the relaxed case where we allow  $\mathcal{H}_b$  to jump according to  $G_b$  right after  $\mathcal{H}_a$  has jumped. In other words, the jumps of  $\mathcal{H}_a$  can be detected in  $y_a$  after they have happened, for instance because  $y_a$  is in a specific



set after the jump or because the jump creates a discontinuity in  $y_a$ . This is the case of the timer

$$\mathcal{H}_a \begin{cases} \dot{\tau} = 1 & \tau \in C_a := [0, \sup I] \cap \mathbb{R} \\ \tau^+ = 0 & \tau \in D_a := I \end{cases}, \quad y_a = \tau \quad (11)$$

which creates the same time domains as (8), but this time the information of its jumps is encoded in the output only after they have happened, namely when  $y_a$  has been reset to 0.

In order to force  $\mathcal{H}_b$  to jump with  $G_b$  right after every jump of  $\mathcal{H}_a$ , we need to choose  $C_b$  and  $D_b$  such that:

- $(x_b, y_a^r)$  is not in  $\text{cl}(C_b)$  after the jumps of  $\mathcal{H}_a$ , otherwise flow is allowed before  $\mathcal{H}_b$  has jumped using  $G_b$ ;
- after a jump of  $\mathcal{H}_b$  using  $G_b$ ,  $(x_b, y_a^r)$  should no longer be in  $D_b$  unless  $\mathcal{H}_a$  jumps again, otherwise further jumps of  $\mathcal{H}_b$  are allowed.

Assume the jumps of  $\mathcal{H}_a$  create a discontinuity in  $y_a$  which is lower-bounded by some positive scalar  $\delta$ , and that there exists a continuous map  $F_{y_a}$  such that along the flow dynamics of  $\mathcal{H}_a$ ,  $y_a$  is solution to

$$\dot{y}_a = F_{y_a}(y_a).$$

Then, the jump detection can be modeled by adding a memory state  $\hat{y}_a$  to  $\mathcal{H}_b$  which copies  $y_a$  and triggers the jumps in  $\mathcal{H}_b$  whenever  $\hat{y}_a - y_a$  is larger than  $\delta$ , namely

$$\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_b \begin{cases} \dot{x}_b \in F_b(x_b, y_a) & (x_b, \hat{y}_a, y_a) \in \tilde{C}_b \\ \dot{\hat{y}}_a = F_{y_a}(y_a) \\ x_b^+ \in G_b(x_b, y_a) & (x_b, \hat{y}_a, y_a) \in \tilde{D}_b \\ \hat{y}_a^+ = y_a \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

with

$$\tilde{C}_b = \left\{ (x_b, \hat{y}_a, y_a) \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{x_b}} \times \mathbb{R}^{d_{\hat{y}_a}} \times \mathbb{R}^{d_{y_a}} : \hat{y}_a = y_a \right\} \quad (13a)$$

$$\tilde{D}_b = \left\{ (x_b, \hat{y}_a, y_a) \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{x_b}} \times \mathbb{R}^{d_{\hat{y}_a}} \times \mathbb{R}^{d_{y_a}} : |\hat{y}_a - y_a| \geq \delta \right\} \quad (13b)$$

Indeed, if  $y_a(0, 0) = \hat{y}_a(0, 0)$ , then  $y_a = \hat{y}_a$  during flow since  $\hat{y}_a(t, 0) = y_a(0, 0) + \int_0^t F_{y_a}(y_a(s, 0))ds = y_a(t, 0)$  by definition of solutions to differential equations with continuous right-hand side. Therefore,  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_b$  flows as long as  $\mathcal{H}_a$  does (unless it explodes in finite time) and  $y_a^r(t, 0) = y_a(t, 0)$  during that time. If  $\mathcal{H}_a$  jumps at  $t = t_1$ ,  $|y_a(t_1, 1) - y_a(t_1, 0)| \geq \delta$ , and since  $(x_b, \hat{y}_a, y_a)(t_1, 0) \in \tilde{C}_b \setminus \tilde{D}_b$ , according to Condition 4a),  $(x_b, \hat{y}_a)(t_1, 1) = (x_b, \hat{y}_a)(t_1, 0)$ . Besides, we still have  $y_a^r(t_1, 1) = y_a(t_1, 1)$ . Therefore, after this jump,  $|\hat{y}_a(t_1, 1) - y_a^r(t_1, 1)| \geq \delta$ , i.e.  $(x_b, \hat{y}_a, y_a)(t_1, 1) \in \tilde{D}_b \setminus \text{cl}(\tilde{C}_b)$  so:

- either  $\mathcal{H}_a$  has finished jumping, and from Condition 4b),  $\mathcal{H}_b$  jumps with  $(x_b, \hat{y}_a)(t_1, 2) \in (G_b((x_b, y_a)(t_1, 1)), y_a(t_1, 1))$  and  $y_a^r(t_1, 2) = y_a(t_1, 1)$ . Therefore, we recover  $\hat{y}_a(t_1, 2) = y_a^r(t_1, 2)$ , i.e.  $(x_b, \hat{y}_a, y_a)(t_1, 2) \in \tilde{C}_b \setminus \tilde{D}_b$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_b$  flows again with  $\mathcal{H}_a$ .
- or  $\mathcal{H}_a$  jumps again with  $|y_a(t_1, 2) - y_a(t_1, 1)| \geq \delta$ , and from Condition 4a), we also have  $(x_b, \hat{y}_a)(t_1, 2) \in (G_b((x_b, y_a)(t_1, 1)), y_a(t_1, 1))$ . So this time,  $y_a^r(t_1, 2) = y_a(t_1, 2)$ , and we still have  $|\hat{y}_a(t_1, 2) - y_a^r(t_1, 2)| \geq \delta$ , i.e.  $(x_b, \hat{y}_a, y_a)(t_1, 2) \in \tilde{D}_b \setminus \text{cl}(\tilde{C}_b)$  and another jump follows.

In other words,  $x_b$  jumps according to  $G_b$  as many times as  $\mathcal{H}_a$  does, with one jump delay. If now  $|\hat{y}_a(0, 0) - y_a(0, 0)| \geq \delta$ ,  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_b$  necessarily jumps at  $t = 0$ . So if  $\mathcal{H}_a$  does not jump at  $t = 0$ , we recover the flow condition after the jump and apply the previous case; if  $\mathcal{H}_a$  jumps at  $t = 0$ , then, as above,  $x_b$  jumps according to  $G_b$  as long as  $\mathcal{H}_a$  does, until  $\mathcal{H}_a$  stops jumping and  $\mathcal{H}_b$  performs one additional jump to recover the flow condition. In other words, when  $|\hat{y}_a(0, 0) - y_a(0, 0)| \geq \delta$ ,  $x_b$  jumps according to  $G_b$  one more time than  $\mathcal{H}_a$ . We finally deduce that with (12), the state  $x_b$  of  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_b$  jumps according to  $G_b$  right after every jump of  $\mathcal{H}_a$ , with maybe one more jump at  $t = 0$  if  $|\hat{y}_a(0, 0) - y_a(0, 0)| \geq \delta$ , and maybe one fewer if the solution  $x_a$  stops while jumping.

This method requires that  $y_a$  has independent dynamics and that the discontinuity in  $y_a$  at jumps is lower-bounded away from zero (uniformly in time). This is not always satisfied with the data of  $\mathcal{H}_a$ . However, note that we can always modify the data of  $\mathcal{H}_a$  in order to have it verified by at least a part of  $y_a$ , which is enough. The idea is to add a discrete state  $q$  to  $\mathcal{H}_a$  that is toggled

at each jump namely

$$\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_a \begin{cases} \dot{x}_a \in F_a(x_a) & (x_a, q) \in C_a \times \{0, 1\} \\ \dot{q} = 0 \\ x_a^+ \in G_a(x_a) & (x_a, q) \in D_a \times \{0, 1\} \\ q^+ = 1 - q \end{cases}, \quad \tilde{y}_a = (h_a(x_a), q) =: (y_a, y_q) \quad (14)$$

It is the same system, but a jump can now be detected by a toggle of the discrete state  $q$ . The flow dynamics of  $y_q$  are independent and the jumps create in  $y_q$  a discontinuity of norm equal to 1. Therefore, repeating the same arguments, the jump detection can simply be modeled by

$$\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_b \begin{cases} \dot{x}_b \in F_b(x_b, y_a) & (x_b, \hat{q}, y_a, y_q) \in \tilde{C}_b \\ \dot{\hat{q}} = 0 \\ x_b^+ \in G_b(x_b, y_a) & (x_b, \hat{q}, y_a, y_q) \in \tilde{D}_b \\ \hat{q}^+ = y_q \end{cases} \quad (15)$$

with

$$\tilde{C}_b = \left\{ (x, \hat{q}, y_a, y_q) \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{x_b}} \times \{0, 1\} \times \mathbb{R}^{d_{y_a}} \times \{0, 1\} : \hat{q} = y_q \right\} \quad (16a)$$

$$\tilde{D}_b = \left\{ (x, \hat{q}, y_a, y_q) \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{x_b}} \times \{0, 1\} \times \mathbb{R}^{d_{y_a}} \times \{0, 1\} : \hat{q} = 1 - y_q \right\}. \quad (16b)$$

Note that we could also easily model a more realistic delayed jump detection by adding a timer in  $\mathcal{H}_b$  as in<sup>23,17</sup>.  $\triangle$

### 3 | ALGORITHM TO GENERATE SOLUTIONS TO HYBRID SYSTEMS WITH HYBRID INPUTS

#### 3.1 | Algorithm

The construction of a solution to a hybrid system with hybrid input can be made explicit through an algorithm. Before we introduce this algorithm, it is useful to define/build solutions when the input is a continuous time function  $u_{CT} : \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d_u}$ .

**Definition 7.** Consider an interval  $I_u$  of  $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  such that  $0 \in I_u$ , and a function  $u_{CT} : I_u \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d_u}$ . The hybrid arc  $(x, u^r)$  is solution to  $\mathcal{H}$  with continuous-time input  $u_{CT}$  and output  $y$ , if  $(x, u^r)$  is solution to  $\mathcal{H}$  as in Definition 4 with hybrid input  $u$  and output  $y$ , where  $u$  is the hybrid arc defined on  $I_u \times \{0\}$  by

$$u(t, 0) = u_{CT}(t) \quad \forall t \in I_u.$$

In other words,  $u^r$  is trivially given on  $\text{dom } x$  by

$$u^r(t, j) = u_{CT}(t) \quad \forall (t, j) \in \text{dom } x,$$

and  $x$  is simply characterized by

- $\text{dom}_t x \subseteq I_u$  and if  $\text{dom}_t x = I_u$ ,  $\text{card } \mathcal{J}_{T(u)}(x) = 0$ .
- for all  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\mathcal{I}_j(x)$  has non-empty interior,

$$\begin{aligned} (x(t, j), u_{CT}(t)) &\in C \quad \forall t \in \text{int } \mathcal{I}_j(x) \\ \dot{x}(t, j) &\in F(x(t, j), u_{CT}(t)) \quad \text{for a.a. } t \in \mathcal{I}_j(x) \end{aligned}$$

- for all  $(t, j) \in \text{dom } x$  such that  $(t, j - 1) \in \text{dom } x$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (x(t, j - 1), u_{CT}(t)) &\in D \\ x(t, j) &\in G(x(t, j - 1), u_{CT}(t)) \end{aligned}$$

- $\text{dom } x = \text{dom } y$  and for all  $(t, j)$  in  $\text{dom } x$ ,

$$y(t, j) = h(x(t, j), u_{CT}(t)).$$

The solution  $x$  is said to be maximal if  $(x, u^r)$  is maximal. By abuse of notation, the set of maximal solutions to  $\mathcal{H}$  initialized in  $\mathcal{X}_0$  with continuous-time input  $u_{CT}$  is also denoted  $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}}(\mathcal{X}_0; u_{CT})$ .  $\triangle$

Based on this definition, and on the observation that the solutions are easily built when the input is a continuous-time function, we can introduce Algorithm 1 (see next page), which constructs maximal solutions  $(x, u^r)$  to  $\mathcal{H}$  with a hybrid input  $u$  and output  $y$  according to Definition 4 as follows:

1. The algorithm starts by defining  $I_u$ , the time interval to elapse before reaching the next jump of  $u$ . The interval is a singleton if  $u$  has an immediate jump.
2. Over the time interval  $I_u$ ,  $u$  evolves continuously and, if possible (line 9), the algorithm builds (line 12) a maximal hybrid solution  $\underline{x}$  to system (4) starting from  $x_0$  according to Definition 7. This gives Conditions 3) and 4b).  $\underline{x}$  is appended to the solution  $x$ .
3. If (line 20)  $\underline{x}$  ends before reaching the end of the interval  $I_u$ , or ends outside of  $\text{cl}(C) \cup D$  (resp.  $C \cup D$  after flow, namely if  $T_m := T(\underline{x}) > 0$  for the first case of Condition 4a)), the algorithm stops.
4. Otherwise,  $j_u$  is incremented,  $I_u$  is updated to the next interval of flow of  $u$ , and  $x$  jumps according to  $G_e^0$  if  $T_m > 0$  (i.e. after flow), and  $G_e$  otherwise, to satisfy Condition 4a).

By construction, we deduce the following result.

**Proposition 1.** Consider a hybrid arc  $u$ . The hybrid arc  $\phi = (x, u^r)$  is a maximal solution to  $\mathcal{H}$  with input  $u$  and output  $y$  if and only if  $x$ ,  $u^r$ , and  $y$  are possible outputs of Algorithm 1 with input  $u$ .

Note that there are two sources of non uniqueness of solutions in the algorithm: first, in the construction of solutions with continuous input with Definition 7, and through the set-valued jump maps  $G_e^0$  and  $G_e$ .

## 3.2 | Numerical implementation of Algorithm 1

To illustrate the algorithm and observe the impact of numerical errors on the definition of solutions, we simulate the series interconnection (5) of two autonomous hybrid systems modeling periodically reset timers, denoted  $\mathcal{H}_a$  and  $\mathcal{H}_b$  with period  $\bar{t}_a$  and  $\bar{t}_b$  respectively. More precisely, we take  $y_a = x_a$  and define the data  $(F_a, C_a, G_a, D_a)$  of  $\mathcal{H}_a$  and  $(F_b, C_b, G_b, D_b)$  of  $\mathcal{H}_b$  as

$$F_a(x_a) = F_b(x_b, y_a) = 1, \quad G_a(x_a) = G_b(x_b, y_a) = 0, \quad C_a = [0, \bar{t}_a], \quad D_a = \{\bar{t}_a\}, \quad C_b = [0, \bar{t}_b] \times \mathbb{R}, \quad D_b = \{\bar{t}_b\} \times \mathbb{R} \quad (17)$$

From its initial condition in  $[0, \bar{t}_a]$ ,  $\mathcal{H}_a$  flows until it reaches  $\bar{t}_a$ , then jumps with  $x_a$  reset to 0, starts again flowing etc. As for  $\mathcal{H}_b$ , if it were not for the input  $y_a$ , it would behave in the same way, with period  $\bar{t}_b$ . But although the dynamics of  $\mathcal{H}_b$  are independent from the value of  $y_a$ , considering  $y_a$  as input means we need to apply Definition 4 to build solutions. In other words,  $\mathcal{H}_b$  is reset to zero when  $x_b$  reaches  $\bar{t}_b$ , but it also jumps (maybe trivially) when  $y_a = x_a$  jumps. To simulate such a behavior, we implement<sup>1</sup> Algorithm 1 using the function `HyEQsolver` from the Matlab Hybrid Toolbox<sup>24</sup>.

### 3.2.1 | Numerical implementation

Given an initial condition  $x_{a,0}$  of  $\mathcal{H}_a$ , `HyEQsolver` gives a solution  $x_a$  to  $\mathcal{H}_a$  on an horizon of time  $T_a$  chosen here equal to 10. Then, to build a solution to  $\mathcal{H}_b$ , we browse the domain of  $y_a = x_a$  as described by Algorithm 1.

More precisely, on each interval of flow  $I_u$  of  $x_a$ , `HyEQsolver` is called to produce a solution to  $\mathcal{H}_b$  on the horizon of time determined by  $I_u$ . This solution is appended to  $x_b$  and a reparametrization  $x_a^r$  of  $x_a$  is jointly built on  $I_u$  by adding trivial jumps to  $x_a$  whenever  $x_b$  jumps:  $x_a^r$  and  $x_b$  are defined on the same domain. If the end of the time interval  $I_u$  has not been reached by  $x_b$ , the algorithm stops. Otherwise, at the end of  $I_u$ , a jump is created in  $(x_b, x_a^r)$  with  $x_b$  reset either trivially or to  $0 = G_b(x_b, y_a)$ , according to  $G_e$  or  $G_e^0$  defined in Definition 4 (using  $(C_b, D_b, G_b)$  in place of  $(C, D, G)$  therein).

Actually, since numerically  $x_a$  is never exactly equal to  $\bar{t}_a$  and  $x_b$  is never exactly equal to  $\bar{t}_b$ , we enlarge  $D_a$  and  $D_b$  as

$$D_a = [\bar{t}_a, +\infty) \quad , \quad D_b = [\bar{t}_b, +\infty) \times \mathbb{R}$$

which give the same solutions as long as they are initialized in  $[0, \bar{t}_a]$  and  $[0, \bar{t}_b]$ . In the simulations below, we use  $\bar{t}_a = 1$  and  $\bar{t}_b = 0.5$ .

<sup>1</sup>Code available at <https://github.com/HybridSystemsLab/AlgorithmHSwithInputs>

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**Algorithm 1** Maximal solution to  $\mathcal{H}$  initialized in  $\mathcal{X}_0$  with hybrid input  $u$ 


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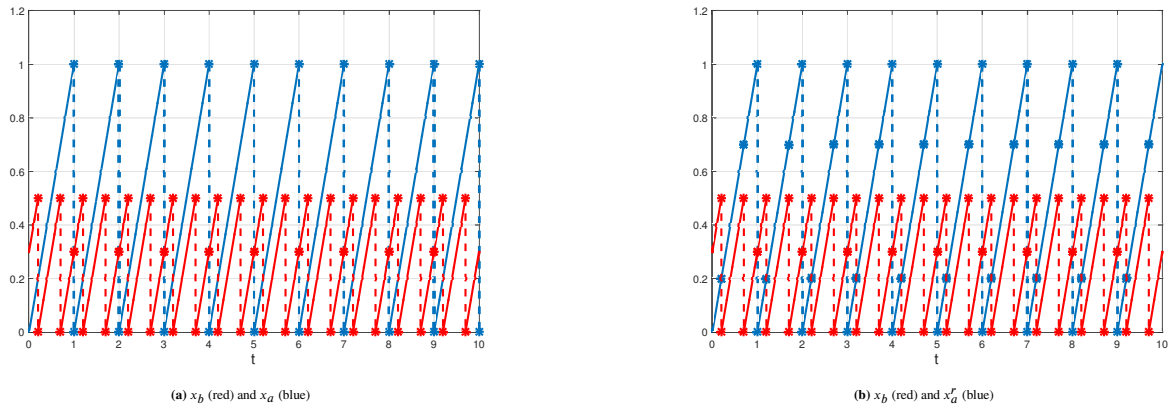
1:  $\mathcal{D}, x, y, u^r, \rho_u \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
2:  $j \leftarrow 0$ 
3:  $t_j \leftarrow 0$ 
4:  $j_u \leftarrow 0$ 
5:  $x_0 \in \mathcal{X}_0$ 
6:  $I_u \leftarrow \{t \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \mid (t, j_u) \in \text{dom } u\}$ 
7: while  $I_u \neq \emptyset$  do
8:    $u_{CT}(t - t_j) \leftarrow u(t, j_u) \quad \forall t \in I_u$ 
9:   if  $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}}(x_0; u_{CT}) = \emptyset$  then
10:     go to line 35
11:   else
12:     Pick  $\underline{x} \in \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}}(x_0; u_{CT})$  with output  $\underline{y}$ 
13:      $T_m \leftarrow T(\underline{x})$ 
14:      $j_m \leftarrow J(\underline{x})$ 
15:      $\mathcal{D} \leftarrow \mathcal{D} \cup \left( \{(t_j, j)\} + \text{dom } \underline{x} \right)$ 
16:      $x(t_j + \underline{t}, j + \underline{j}) \leftarrow \underline{x}(\underline{t}, \underline{j}) \quad \forall (\underline{t}, \underline{j}) \in \text{dom } \underline{x}$ 
17:      $y(t_j + \underline{t}, j + \underline{j}) \leftarrow \underline{y}(\underline{t}, \underline{j}) \quad \forall (\underline{t}, \underline{j}) \in \text{dom } \underline{x}$ 
18:      $u^r(t_j + \underline{t}, j + \underline{j}) \leftarrow u_{CT}(\underline{t}) \quad \forall (\underline{t}, \underline{j}) \in \text{dom } \underline{x}$ 
19:      $\rho_u(j + \underline{j}) \leftarrow \underline{j}_u \quad \forall \underline{j} \in \{0, 1, \dots, \underline{j}_m\} \cap \mathbb{N}$ 
20:     if  $T_m \notin \text{dom}_t \underline{x}$  or  $j_m = +\infty$  or  $T_m < T(u_{CT})$  or  $(\underline{x}(T_m, j_m), u_{CT}(T_m)) \notin \text{cl}(C) \cup D$  or  $(T_m > 0$  and
       $(\underline{x}(T_m, j_m), u_{CT}(T_m)) \notin C \cup D)$  then
21:       go to line 35
22:     else
23:        $t_j \leftarrow t_j + T_m$ 
24:        $j \leftarrow j + j_m + 1$ 
25:        $j_u \leftarrow j_u + 1$ 
26:        $I_u \leftarrow \{t \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \mid (t, j_u) \in \text{dom } u\}$ 
27:       if  $T_m > 0$  then
28:          $x_0 \in G_e^0(\underline{x}(T_m, j_m), u_{CT}(T_m))$ 
29:       else
30:          $x_0 \in G_e(\underline{x}(T_m, j_m), u_{CT}(T_m))$ 
31:       end if
32:     end if
33:   end if
34: end while
35:  $J \leftarrow \sup_j \mathcal{D}$  ▷ Convention :  $\sup \emptyset = -\infty$ 
36: if  $J \in [0, +\infty)$  then
37:    $\rho_u(j) \leftarrow \rho_u(J) \quad \forall j \in \mathbb{N} \mid j \geq J$ 
38: end if
39: return  $x, y, u^r, \rho_u$ 

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### 3.2.2 | Numerical solutions for non synchronized timers

We start by considering initial conditions  $x_{a,0} = 0$  and  $x_{b,0} = 0.3$  for which the two timers are never reset at the same time. Solutions are plotted on Figure 1. We see that  $\mathcal{H}_b$  is always in  $C_b \setminus D_b$  when  $\mathcal{H}_a$  jumps so that every jump of  $\mathcal{H}_a$  triggers a trivial jump of  $\mathcal{H}_b$ . This can be seen on Figure (1a). Then, on Figure (1b), we show the reparametrization  $x_a^r$  of  $x_a$  on the same domain as  $x_b$ . We see that trivial jumps have been added in  $x_a^r$  at every jump time of  $x_b$  where  $x_a$  does not jump.



**FIGURE 1** Trajectories of  $x_a$  solution to  $\mathcal{H}_a$  and  $(x_b, x_a^r)$  solution to  $\mathcal{H}_b$  with input  $x_a$  with  $(x_{a,0}, x_{b,0}) = (0, 0.3)$ .

### 3.2.3 | Numerical solutions for synchronized timers

Now consider the case where  $x_{b,0} = 0$ . Let us first see what should happen in theory. Due to the definition of the dynamics, and because  $\bar{t}_a = 2\bar{t}_b$ , at every jump of  $\mathcal{H}_a$ , we have  $x_b = \bar{t}_b$ , namely  $\mathcal{H}_b$  is in  $C_b \cap D_b$ . Therefore, according to the definition of  $G_e^0$ , we have the choice between a trivial reset of  $x_b$  or a reset to 0. In the former case,  $\mathcal{H}_b$  then performs another jump to be reset to 0. In other words, each jump of  $\mathcal{H}_a$  triggers one or two jumps in  $\mathcal{H}_b$ .

If we had chosen instead

$$C_b = [0, \bar{t}_b),$$

$\mathcal{H}_b$  would be in  $D_b \setminus C_b$  at the jumps of  $\mathcal{H}_a$ , and by definition of  $G_e^0$ ,  $x_b$  would be forced to be reset to 0, so that only one jump would happen. In other words,  $\mathcal{H}_a$  and  $\mathcal{H}_b$  would be perfectly synchronized.

In simulations now, the solutions are plotted on Figure 2. Although they appear perfectly synchronized, it turns out that the jumps of  $\mathcal{H}_a$  actually trigger one or two jumps in  $\mathcal{H}_b$ . In fact, due to numerical errors,  $x_b$  usually gets past  $\bar{t}_b$  slightly before or slightly after  $x_a$  gets past  $\bar{t}_a$ , resulting in a jump of  $\mathcal{H}_b$  slightly before or after the one of  $\mathcal{H}_a$ . And regarding the openness of  $C_b$ , the exact same results are obtained taking  $C_b$  open or closed because the jumps are rarely triggered at  $x_b = \bar{t}_b$  exactly, but rather for  $x_b > \bar{t}_b$  so that  $x_b$  is not in  $C_b$  whatever its definition. Since this cannot be seen on Figure 2, we plot on Figure 3 the jumps of  $x_a$  and  $x_b$ :  $x_a$  jumps 10 times from 1 to 0, whereas  $x_b$  jumps synchronously with  $x_a$  for the first 5 jumps and then has sometimes trivial jumps around 0.5 when it is slightly delayed with respect to  $\mathcal{H}_a$ .

We conclude that numerically speaking,

- the outer-semicontinuity of the map  $G_e$ , namely the choice between a jump along Id or  $G_b$  in Definition 4, accounts for the solutions where  $\mathcal{H}_b$  is slightly delayed with respect to its input resulting in consecutive jumps instead of simultaneous ones,
- when  $C_b$  is open, the distinction between  $G_e^0$  and  $G_e$  in Condition 4a) is not visible in simulations since the numerical errors make it impossible to exploit the solution in  $\partial C_b$ , namely we obtain the solutions corresponding to the closure of  $C_b$ .

This is coherent with the results obtained in<sup>21</sup> for standard hybrid systems, which say that robustness comes with outer-semicontinuity of the maps and closure of the sets.

Actually, more generally, we could also obtain simulations where  $\mathcal{H}_b$  jumps slightly ahead of  $\mathcal{H}_a$  due to numerical errors. Those solutions do not appear with Definition 4 since Condition 4) requires the jumps of the input (here  $x_a$ ) to be processed first and consecutively. In fact, those extra solutions would be covered by robustness of the definition if we chose Conditions 2') and 4') of Remark 1 instead of Condition 2) and 4). Indeed, in that case, the jump of  $x_a$  would be allowed to be processed after the reset of  $x_b$ . We will see in Example 8 in Section 4.1 how those extra solutions also appear when writing the cascade of  $\mathcal{H}_a$  and  $\mathcal{H}_b$  as a single extended hybrid system.

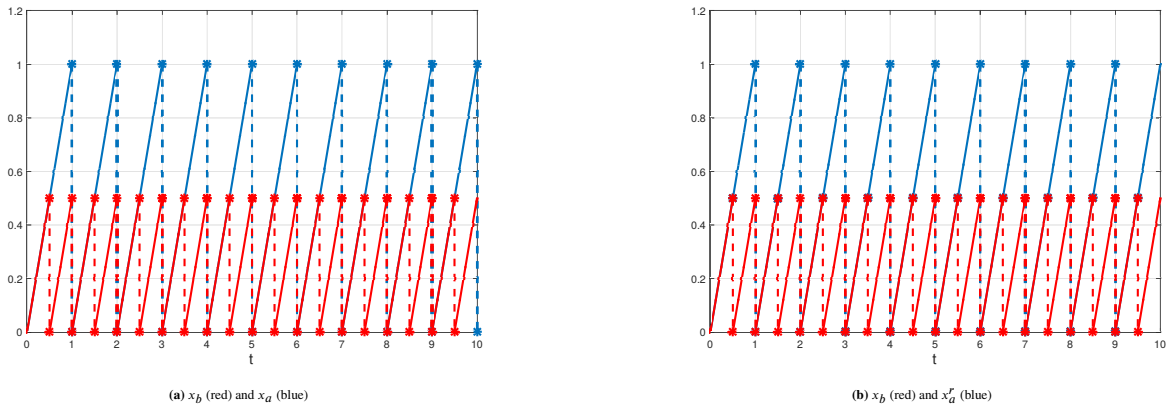


FIGURE 2 Trajectories of  $x_a$  solution to  $\mathcal{H}_a$  and  $(x_b, x'_a)$  solution to  $\mathcal{H}_b$  with input  $x_a$  with  $(x_{a,0}, x_{b,0}) = (0, 0)$ .

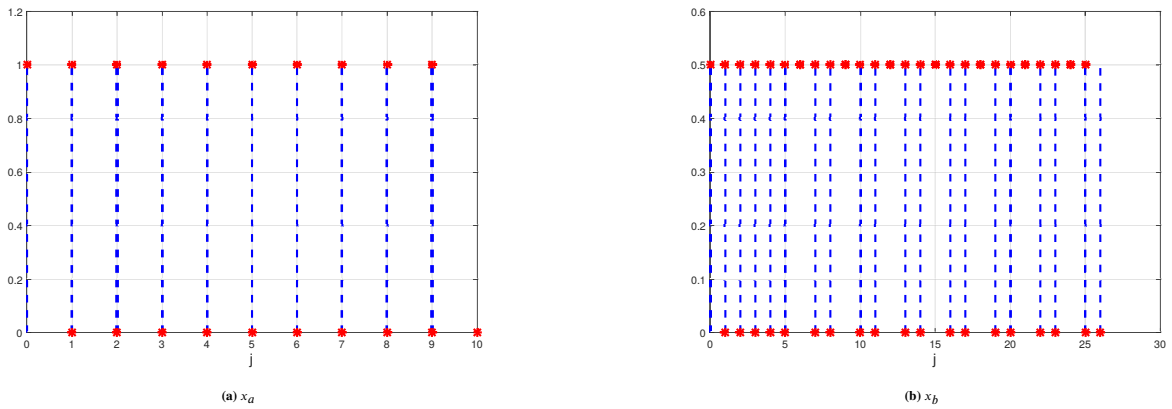


FIGURE 3 Jumps of  $x_a$  solution to  $\mathcal{H}_a$  and  $(x_b, x'_a)$  solution to  $\mathcal{H}_b$  with input  $x_a$  and with initial condition  $(x_{a,0}, x_{b,0}) = (0, 0)$ :the graphs represent the value of the hybrid arcs before and after each jump. We see that the first jumps of  $x_a$  trigger only one jump in  $x_b$ , while the following ones trigger two jumps in  $x_b$ , namely  $x_b$  is first trivially reset and then jumps to 0.

## 4 | APPLICATION TO INTERCONNECTIONS OF HYBRID SYSTEMS AND LINK TO CLOSED-LOOP SYSTEMS

The study of interconnected hybrid systems is crucial in multiple contexts, from reference tracking to observer design along with output-feedback. To facilitate this analysis and, in particular, in order to use Lyapunov tools, it is handy to generate solutions based on a single global hybrid system that captures the behavior of all the interconnected systems. Therefore, we investigate the link between solutions in the sense of Definition 4 and such a closed-loop system.

### 4.1 | Series Interconnections

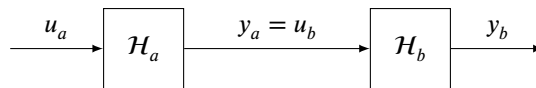


FIGURE 4 Series interconnection of two hybrid systems

In control theory, the input of a system is often the output of another system. For instance, in observer design the input of the observer is the output/measurement of the system we want to observe. The examples considered in the previous section also fall into that category. For two cascaded hybrid systems  $\mathcal{H}_a = (C_a, F_a, D_a, G_a, h_a)$  and  $\mathcal{H}_b = (C_b, F_b, D_b, G_b, h_b)$  with inputs  $u_a$  and  $u_b$  and outputs  $y_a$  and  $y_b$  such that  $y_a = u_b$  as in Figure 4, it is natural to consider the cascaded closed-loop system  $\mathcal{H}_{cl}$  (also denoted  $\mathcal{H}_a \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_b$ ) with input  $u_a$  and output  $y_b$  defined by

$$\mathcal{H}_{cl} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left( \begin{array}{l} \dot{x}_a \\ \dot{x}_b \end{array} \right) \in F_{cl}(x_a, x_b, u_a) \quad (x_a, x_b, u_a) \in C_{cl} \\ \left( \begin{array}{l} x_a^+ \\ x_b^+ \end{array} \right) \in G_{cl}(x_a, x_b, u_a) \quad (x_a, x_b, u_a) \in D_{cl} \end{array} \right. , \quad y_b = h_b(x_b, h_a(x_a, u_a)) \quad (18)$$

with

$$C_{cl} = \left\{ (x_a, x_b, u_a) \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{x_a}} \times \mathbb{R}^{d_{x_b}} \times \mathbb{R}^{d_{u_a}} : (x_a, u_a) \in C_a, (x_b, h_a(x_a, u_a)) \in C_b \right\} \quad (19)$$

$$D_{cl} = \left\{ (x_a, x_b, u_a) \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{x_a}} \times \mathbb{R}^{d_{x_b}} \times \mathbb{R}^{d_{u_a}} : (x_a, u_a) \in D_a, (x_b, h_a(x_a, u_a)) \in \text{cl}(C_b) \cup D_b \right\} \\ \cup \left\{ (x_a, x_b, u_a) \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{x_a}} \times \mathbb{R}^{d_{x_b}} \times \mathbb{R}^{d_{u_a}} : (x_a, u_a) \in \text{cl}(C_a) \cup D_a, (x_b, h_a(x_a, u_a)) \in D_b \right\} \quad (20)$$

and

$$F_{cl}(x_a, x_b, u_a) = \left( \begin{array}{c} F_a(x_a, u_a) \\ F_b(x_b, h_a(x_a, u_a)) \end{array} \right) \quad (21)$$

$$G_{cl}(x_a, x_b, u_a) = \left( \begin{array}{c} \underline{G}_a(x_a, u_a) \\ \underline{Id}_b(x_b) \end{array} \right) \cup \left( \begin{array}{c} \underline{Id}_a(x_a) \\ \underline{G}_b(x_b, h_a(x_a, u_a)) \end{array} \right) \cup \left( \begin{array}{c} \underline{G}_a(x_a, u_a) \\ \underline{G}_b(x_b, h_a(x_a, u_a)) \end{array} \right) \quad (22)$$

where we have denoted for  $i$  in  $\{a, b\}$

$$\underline{G}_i(x_i, u_i) = \begin{cases} G_i(x_i, u_i) & \text{if } (x_i, u_i) \in D_i \\ \emptyset & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} , \quad \underline{Id}_i(x_i) = \begin{cases} x_i & \text{if } x_i \in \text{cl}(C_i) \\ \emptyset & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} . \quad (23)$$

Similar closed-loop or *extended* systems have been introduced in the literature whenever it was needed to compare hybrid arcs with different domains, for instance in the context of reference tracking<sup>18</sup> or incremental stability<sup>19</sup>. The main difference with those references is that we allow here both  $x_a$  and  $x_b$  to jump simultaneously with  $G_a$  and  $G_b$ , whereas in<sup>18,19</sup> this kind of jump is decomposed into two successive jumps, one where  $x_a$  jumps with  $G_a$  and  $x_b$  is trivially reset, and vice versa for the second. In other words, the third jump map in (22) is absent. The main reasons for allowing simultaneous jumps here are:

- We want to recover the framework of discrete-time systems with  $C_i = \emptyset$ ;
- Due to the presence of  $u_a$ , one simultaneous jump of  $x_a$  and  $x_b$  cannot always be decomposed in two successive jumps of  $x_b$  and then  $x_a$ , because  $u_a$  may also jump in-between.

Thanks to the ‘‘simultaneous jump’’ part of  $\mathcal{H}_{cl}$ , it is sufficient to allow trivial jumps of  $x_i$  only on  $\text{cl}(C_i)$ , as can be seen on the definition of  $\underline{Id}_i$ . In other words, unlike in<sup>19</sup>,  $x_i$  is forced to jump with  $G_i$  on  $D_i \setminus \text{cl}(C_i)$ . Note that it is however not possible to replace  $\text{cl}(C_i)$  by  $C_i$  in the definition of  $\underline{Id}_i$ . Indeed,  $x_a$  could flow from  $\partial C_a$  at a time where  $x_b$  needs to jump, in which case a trivial jump of  $x_a$  should be allowed.

We would like to link the solutions of hybrid systems with hybrid inputs defined in the previous sections, to the solutions of the closed-loop (18). We are going to show in Lemma 1 that (roughly speaking) if  $x_a$  is a solution to  $\mathcal{H}_a$  with input  $u_a$  and output  $y_a$ , and  $x_b$  is a solution to  $\mathcal{H}_b$  with input  $u_b = y_a$ , then, ‘‘ $((x_a, x_b), u_a)$ ’’ (modulo some  $j$ -reparametrizations) is a solution to  $\mathcal{H}_{cl}$ . However, we will see in Lemma 1 that the set of solutions to  $\mathcal{H}_{cl}$  is larger, in the sense that the converse statement relating the solutions of  $\mathcal{H}_{cl}$  to solutions of  $\mathcal{H}_a$  and  $\mathcal{H}_b$  holds under the following additional conditions.

**Definition 8** (Converse Conditions). Take a solution  $\phi_{cl} = ((x_{a,cl}, x_{b,cl}), u_{a,cl})$  to system  $\mathcal{H}_{cl}$  with input  $u_a$ . Denote  $\rho_{u_a}$  the input  $j$ -reparametrization map from  $u_a$  to  $u_{a,cl}$ . For  $i = a, b$ , at a time  $t$  in  $\mathcal{T}(\phi_{cl})$  and a jump  $j \in \mathcal{J}_i(\phi_{cl})$ , we will say that  $x_{i,cl}$  verifies its jump condition if

- $(x_{i,cl}(t, j-1), u_{i,cl}(t, j-1)) \in D_i$
- $x_{i,cl}(t, j) \in G_i(x_{i,cl}(t, j-1), u_{i,cl}(t, j-1))$

where we denote  $u_{b,cl} = y_{a,cl} = h_a(x_{a,cl}, u_{a,cl})$ . Then,  $\phi_{cl}$  is said to verify the *Converse Conditions* (CCs) if for any  $t$  in  $\mathcal{T}(\phi_{cl})$ , denoting  $j_0 = \min \mathcal{J}_t(\phi_{cl})$  and  $n_{u_a} = \text{card}(\mathcal{J}_t(u_a))$ ,

CC.1) there exists an integer  $n_{x_a} \geq n_{u_a}$  such that for all  $j \in \mathcal{J}_t(\phi_{cl})$ , denoting  $y_{a,cl} = h_a(x_{a,cl}, u_{a,cl})$ ,

- if  $j < j_0 + n_{u_a}$ 
  - $\rho_{u_a}(j) = \rho_{u_a}(j-1) + 1$
- if  $j_0 + n_{u_a} \leq j < j_0 + n_{x_a}$ 
  - $\rho_{u_a}(j) = \rho_{u_a}(j-1)$
  - $x_{a,cl}$  verifies its jump condition
- if  $j \geq j_0 + n_{x_a}$ 
  - $\rho_{u_a}(j) = \rho_{u_a}(j-1)$
  - $x_{a,cl}$  does not verify its jump condition
  - $x_{b,cl}$  verifies its jump condition.

CC.2) if  $t > 0$  and  $n_{u_a} \geq 1$ ,

- $(x_{a,cl}(t, j_0 - 1), u_{a,cl}(t, j_0 - 1)) \in C_a \cup D_a$
- $x_{a,cl}(t, j_0) \in G_a(x_{a,cl}(t, j_0 - 1), u_{a,cl}(t, j_0 - 1))$  if  $(x_{a,cl}(t, j_0 - 1), u_{a,cl}(t, j_0 - 1)) \in D_a \setminus C_a$

CC.3) if  $t > 0$  and  $n_{x_a} \geq 1$ ,

- $(x_{b,cl}(t, j_0 - 1), y_{a,cl}(t, j_0 - 1)) \in C_b \cup D_b$
- $x_{b,cl}(t, j_0) \in G_b(x_{b,cl}(t, j_0 - 1), y_{a,cl}(t, j_0 - 1))$  if  $(x_{b,cl}(t, j_0 - 1), y_{a,cl}(t, j_0 - 1)) \in D_b \setminus C_b$

CC.4) if  $t \in \text{int dom}_t(\phi_{cl})$  and  $n_{x_a} = 0$ ,  $(x_{a,cl}(t, j), u_{a,cl}(t, j)) \in C_a$  for all  $j \in \mathcal{J}_t(\phi_{cl})$ .

CC.5) if  $t = T(\phi_{cl})$ , then  $n_{x_a} = \text{card } \mathcal{J}_t(\phi_{cl})$ .

△

*Remark 4.* The fact that  $u_a$  performs all its jumps consecutively before  $j < j_0 + n_{u_a}$  is already contained in the fact that  $\phi_{cl}$  is a solution to  $\mathcal{H}_{cl}$  according to Condition 4) in Definition 4. The additional constraints contained in the CCs of Definition 8 are:

- After removing the jumps of  $u_a$ , i.e., for  $j \geq j_0 + n_{u_a}$ ,  $x_a$  does all its jumps consecutively and right away. This is because it is going to play the role of input for  $\mathcal{H}_b$  and must therefore satisfy the constraint of consecutiveness of input jumps imposed by Condition 4) in Definition 4. This disappears if Condition 4) is replaced by Condition 4') defined in Remark 1.
- For the first jump of  $u_a$ ,  $(x_a, u_a)$  must be in  $C_a \cup D_a$  and  $x_a$  must jump according to  $G_a$  if  $(x_a, u_a)$  is in  $D_a \setminus C_a$ ; similarly, at the first jump of  $x_a$ ,  $(x_b, u_b)$  must be in  $C_b \cup D_b$  and  $x_b$  must jump according to  $G_b$ , if  $(x_b, u_b)$  is in  $D_b \setminus C_b$ . Those constraints disappear if  $C_i$  are closed (because then the corresponding states are necessarily in  $C_i$  after flow) or if we remove the constraint involving  $G_e^0$  at  $j = j_0$  in Condition 4a) of Definition 4.
- At times  $t$  in the interior of the domain,  $(x_a, u_a)$  must be in  $C_a$  if neither  $x_a$  nor  $u_a$  jumps at all at time  $t$  (this enables to ensure that when we remove the jumps due to  $x_b$  in  $x_{a,cl}$ , we obtain a hybrid arc  $x_a$  that is in  $C_a$  in the interior of the flow interval.). This constraint disappears if  $C_a$  is closed.
- Since  $x_a$  is going to play the role of input for  $\mathcal{H}_b$ ,  $x_b$  must stop whenever  $x_a$  does according to Condition 2) in Definition 4. This disappears if we take Condition 2') defined in Remark 1 instead.

In other words, the CCs would be automatically verified when  $C_a$  and  $C_b$  are closed if Conditions 2) and 4) of Definition 4 were replaced by Conditions 2') and 4') of Remark 1. Also, in the particular case where  $\phi_{cl}$  jumps if and only if  $u_a$  jumps, then  $n_{u_a} = \text{card } \mathcal{J}_t(\phi_{cl})$  at all jumps times, and CC.1,4,5) automatically hold, so that only CC.2,3) remain. This will be exploited for feedback interconnections in Lemma 2.

△



**Lemma 1** (Cascaded hybrid systems). Consider two hybrid systems  $\mathcal{H}_a = (C_a, F_a, D_a, G_a, h_a)$  and  $\mathcal{H}_b = (C_b, F_b, D_b, G_b, h_b)$  with inputs  $u_a$  and  $u_b$  and outputs  $y_a$  and  $y_b$  respectively, and the corresponding closed-loop system  $\mathcal{H}_{cl}$  defined in (18). Take any solution  $\phi_a = (x_a, u_a^r)$  to  $\mathcal{H}_a$  with input  $u_a$  and output  $y_a$ , and any solution  $\phi_b = (x_b, u_b^r)$  to  $\mathcal{H}_b$  with input  $u_b = y_a$  and output  $y_b$ . Denote  $\rho_b$  the  $j$ -reparametrization map from  $u_b$  to  $u_b^r$ . Then, considering the corresponding  $j$ -reparametrizations of  $x_a$  and  $u_a^r$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned} x_{a,cl}(t, j) &= x_a(t, \rho_b(j)) & \forall (t, j) \in \text{dom } x_b, \\ u_{a,cl}(t, j) &= u_a^r(t, \rho_b(j)) & \forall (t, j) \in \text{dom } x_b, \end{aligned}$$

$\phi_{cl} = ((x_{a,cl}, x_b), u_{a,cl})$  is solution to  $\mathcal{H}_{cl}$  with input  $u_a$  and output  $y_b$ , and satisfies CC.1,2,3,4). It also satisfies CC.5) if  $T(\phi_b) = T(\phi_a)$ .

Conversely, if  $\phi_{cl} = ((x_{a,cl}, x_{b,cl}), u_{a,cl})$  is a solution to the hybrid system  $\mathcal{H}_{cl}$  with input  $u_a$  satisfying the CCs, there exists a solution  $(x_a, u_a^r)$  to  $\mathcal{H}_a$  with input  $u_a$  and output  $y_a$  such that

- $(x_b, u_b^r)$  with  $x_b = x_{b,cl}$  and  $u_b^r = y_{a,cl} = h_a(x_{a,cl}, u_{a,cl})$ , is solution to  $\mathcal{H}_b$  with input  $u_b = y_a$
- $x_{a,cl}$  and  $u_{a,cl}$  are full  $j$ -reparametrizations of  $x_a$  and  $u_a^r$  respectively.

*Proof.* See Appendix. □

An important consequence of Lemma 1 is the following.

**Corollary 1** (Observer design). Consider two cascaded hybrid systems  $\mathcal{H}_a = (C_a, F_a, D_a, G_a, h_a)$  and  $\mathcal{H}_b = (C_b, F_b, D_b, G_b, h_b)$  as in (5) and the corresponding closed-loop system  $\mathcal{H}_{cl}$  defined in (18).  $\mathcal{H}_b$  is an observer for  $\mathcal{H}_a$  in the sense of Definition 5 if and only if for any maximal solution  $\phi_{cl} = (x_{a,cl}, x_b)$  to  $\mathcal{H}_{cl}$  (without  $u_a$ ) satisfying the CCs (see Definition 8),

- (a) either  $\phi_{cl}$  is complete, or  $x_{a,cl}$  explodes in finite time, or no flow nor jump is possible for  $x_{a,cl}$  from its final value.
- (b)  $\lim |(h_b(x_b(t, j)), x_{a,cl}(t, j))|_{\mathcal{A}} = 0$ .

*Proof.* Direct consequence from Lemma 1 once having noticed that the first condition means that  $\text{dom } \phi_{cl}$  is limited by  $x_{a,cl}$ , not by  $x_b$ , thus giving item (a) of Definition 5; and that the second condition corresponds to (6) in item (b) of Definition 5. □

This latter result is important because the analysis of  $\mathcal{H}_{cl}$  is handier and allows the use of Lyapunov tools.

**Example 6** (Jump triggering). Let's go back to Example 4 and compare the solutions of the series interconnection  $\mathcal{H}_a \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_b$ , with  $\mathcal{H}_a$  defined in (8) and  $\mathcal{H}_b$  defined in (5)-(9), to those produced by the corresponding closed-loop (18). The flow condition of  $\mathcal{H}_{cl}$  is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_a \\ \dot{x}_b \end{pmatrix} \in \begin{pmatrix} F_a(x_a) \\ F_b(x_b, h_a(x_a)) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{if } x_a \in C_a \text{ and } h_a(x_a) \notin Y_a$$

and the possibilities at jumps are

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_a^+ \\ x_b^+ \end{pmatrix} \in \begin{cases} \begin{pmatrix} G_a(x_a) \\ G_b(x_b, h_a(x_a)) \end{pmatrix} & \text{if } x_a \in D_a \quad (\Leftrightarrow h_a(x_a) \in Y_a) \\ \begin{pmatrix} G_a(x_a) \\ x_b \end{pmatrix} & \text{if } h_a(x_a) \in Y_a \setminus \text{int}(Y_a) \\ \begin{pmatrix} x_a \\ G_b(x_b, h_a(x_a)) \end{pmatrix} & \text{if } x_a \in \partial C_a \text{ and } h_a(x_a) \in Y_a \end{cases}$$

Indeed,  $x_a \in D_a \Leftrightarrow h_a(x_a) \in Y_a$  and  $(x_b, y_a) \in \text{cl}(C_b) \Leftrightarrow h_a(x_a) \in \text{cl}(\mathbb{R}^{d_{y_a}} \setminus Y_a)$ , which gives the second jump condition. Besides, the fact that no flow is possible from  $\text{cl}(C_a) \cap D_a$  implies that  $D_a \cap \text{int}(C_a) = \emptyset$ , which gives the third condition. It is easy to see that as planned by the first part of Lemma 1, the solutions found in Example 4 are indeed solutions to the closed loop system. However, notice that the closed-loop system also admits extra solutions: for instance if  $x_a \in \partial C_a$  and  $h_a(x_a) \in Y_a$ ,  $x_b$  can jump according to  $G_b$  any number of times without changing  $x_a$ , or  $x_a$  could jump with  $G_a$  and  $x_b$  trivially reset if  $h_a(x_a) \in Y_a \setminus \text{int}(Y_a)$  even at the first jumps of  $x_a$ . Let us show that those solutions are excluded by the CCs, thus confirming the converse part of Lemma 1.

- if at some point  $x_a \in \partial C_a$  and  $h_a(x_a) \in Y_a$ , then  $x_a \in D_a \cap \text{cl}(C_a)$ , then no flow is possible by assumption. Therefore, the solution jumps. Assume it jumps via the third jump map, namely  $x_a$  is trivially reset and  $x_b$  jumps via  $G_b$ . As long as this jump map is used,  $x_a$  is still in  $D_a \cap C_a$  and no flow is possible. So either  $x_a$  is reset infinitely many times trivially or the solution ends up using one of the other two jump maps where  $x_a$  is reset to  $G_a(x_a)$ . The first possibility is excluded by CC.5) since at the final time  $n_{x_a} < +\infty$ . The second possibility is excluded by CC.1) since  $x_a$  does not perform all its jumps with  $G_a$  consecutively. Therefore, solutions using the third jump map are excluded, meaning that  $x_a$  necessarily jumps according to  $G_a$  at every jump. Therefore, for any solution  $(x_a, x_b)$  of  $\mathcal{H}_{cl}$  satisfying the CCs,  $x_a$  is solution to  $\mathcal{H}_a$  and  $x_b$  inherits the domain of  $x_a$  as we saw above.
- Now let us study the jumps of  $x_b$ . Take a jump time of  $(x_a, x_b)$  and consider the first jump at this time. If  $t = 0$  and  $y_a(0, 0) \in Y_a \setminus \text{int}(Y_a)$ ,  $x_b$  can be trivially reset. Otherwise, if  $t > 0$ , the solution has just flowed so that it is in  $\text{cl}(C_{cl}) \cap D_{cl}$ , meaning that  $h_a(x_a) \in \partial Y_a$ , and therefore  $(x_b, y_a) \in D_b \setminus C_b$ . According to CC.3),  $x_b$  necessarily jumps according to  $G_b$ . At the following jumps,  $x_b$  could be trivially reset if  $h_a(x_a) \in Y_a \setminus \text{int}(Y_a)$ : we recover condition (10) to ensure that  $x_b$  always jumps according to  $G_b$ .

This illustrates the fact that  $\mathcal{H}_{cl}$  introduces new solutions, but keeping only the solutions of  $\mathcal{H}_{cl}$  that satisfy the CCs, enables to recover the solutions found in Example 4. In fact, in the particular context of jumps triggering where we want the jumps of  $\mathcal{H}_b$  to be synchronized with those of  $\mathcal{H}_a$ , we should rather consider the simple closed-loop system:

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_a \\ \dot{x}_b \end{pmatrix} &\in \begin{pmatrix} F_a(x_a) \\ F_b(x_b, h_a(x_a)) \end{pmatrix} & x_a \in C_a \\ \begin{pmatrix} x_a^+ \\ x_b^+ \end{pmatrix} &\in \begin{pmatrix} G_a(x_a) \\ G_b(x_b, h_a(x_a)) \end{pmatrix} & x_a \in D_a \end{aligned}$$

△

**Example 7** (Jump detection). Let us now go back to Example 5 and compare the solutions of the series interconnection  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_a \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_b$ , with  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_a$  defined in (14) and  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_b$  defined in (15)-(16), to those produced by the corresponding closed-loop (18). The flow condition of  $\mathcal{H}_{cl}$  is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_a \\ \dot{q} \\ \dot{x}_b \\ \dot{\hat{q}} \end{pmatrix} \in \begin{pmatrix} F_a(x_a) \\ 0 \\ F_b(x_b, h_a(x_a)) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{if } x_a \in C_a \text{ and } q = \hat{q}$$

and the possibilities at jumps are

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_a^+ \\ q^+ \\ x_b^+ \\ \hat{q}^+ \end{pmatrix} \in \begin{cases} \begin{pmatrix} G_a(x_a) \\ 1 - q \\ G_b(x_b, h_a(x_a)) \\ q \end{pmatrix} & \text{if } x_a \in D_a \text{ and } \hat{q} = 1 - q \\ \begin{pmatrix} G_a(x_a) \\ 1 - q \\ x_b \\ \hat{q} \end{pmatrix} & \text{if } x_a \in D_a \text{ and } \hat{q} = q \\ \begin{pmatrix} x_a \\ q \\ G_b(x_b, h_a(x_a)) \\ q \end{pmatrix} & \text{if } x_a \in \text{cl}(C_a) \cup D_a \text{ and } \hat{q} = 1 - q \end{cases}$$

It is easy to check that the solutions found in Example 5 are solutions to the closed-loop. Regarding the CCs,

- CC.1) requires that at each jump time of the solution,  $x_a$  performs all its jumps according to  $G_a$  right away and consecutively. Therefore, only the first two jump maps can be used, except maybe at the last jump (observing that the third jump map can be used only once)
- CC.2) is void because  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_a$  does not have an input

- CC.3) is automatically satisfied because  $C_b$  is closed (see Remark 4)
- at any jump time  $t > 0$ , the first jump necessarily follows the second jump map since  $\hat{q} = q$  after flow. Therefore,  $x_a$  jumps according to  $G_a$  and CC.4) is void.
- CC.5) only requires that if at some point the component  $x_a$  can no longer flow with  $F_a$  nor jump with  $G_a$ , the solution stops.

It is easy to see that any solution to  $\mathcal{H}_{cl}$  satisfying those CCs corresponds to a solution found in Example 5. Actually, the extra solutions to  $\mathcal{H}_{cl}$  are those which use alternatively the third and second jump maps instead of the first: this corresponds in fact to writing the first jump map as the composition of the third and second, namely first  $x_b$  is updated via  $G_b$  and then  $x_a$  via  $G_a$  instead of simultaneously. Therefore, those extra solutions have extra jumps but still model a jump detection. In fact, we could also model the jump detection simply with the jump map

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_a^+ \\ q^+ \\ x_b^+ \\ \hat{q}^+ \end{pmatrix} \in \begin{cases} \begin{pmatrix} G_a(x_a) \\ 1 - q \\ x_b \\ \hat{q} \end{pmatrix} & \text{if } x_a \in D_a \text{ and } \hat{q} = q \\ \begin{pmatrix} x_a \\ q \\ G_b(x_b, h_a(x_a)) \\ q \end{pmatrix} & \text{if } x_a \in \text{cl}(C_a) \cup D_a \text{ and } \hat{q} = 1 - q \end{cases}$$

△

**Example 8** (Cascade of timers). We finally revisit the numerical example of Section 3.2 made of the series interconnection of two timers. In this case, the equivalent closed-loop system (18) has flow dynamics given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_a \\ \dot{x}_b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{if } x_a \in C_a \text{ and } x_b \in C_b$$

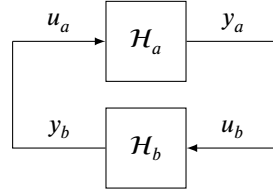
and the possibilities at jumps are

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_a^+ \\ x_b^+ \end{pmatrix} \in \begin{cases} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & \text{if } x_a = \bar{t}_a \text{ and } x_b = \bar{t}_b \\ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ x_b \end{pmatrix} & \text{if } x_a = \bar{t}_a \text{ and } x_b \in [0, \bar{t}_b] \\ \begin{pmatrix} x_a \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & \text{if } x_a \in [0, \bar{t}_a] \text{ and } x_b = \bar{t}_b \end{cases}$$

We observe that when  $x_a$  and  $x_b$  reach  $\bar{t}_a$  and  $\bar{t}_b$  respectively at the same time, they can either both be reset to 0 in a single jump or one after the other in two jumps. The solution where  $x_a$  is first reset to 0 while  $x_b$  jumps trivially, was predicted by Definition 4 in the case where  $C_b$  is closed, and was observed numerically on Figure 3b. On the other hand, the solution where  $x_b$  is first reset to 0 (before  $x_a$ ) did not appear. This is because Condition 4) of Definition 4 requires to process all the jumps of the input (here  $x_a$ ) right away. In fact, CC.1) is not satisfied for those solutions. It turns out however that those solutions can appear on simulations, when, due to numerical errors,  $x_b$  jumps slightly ahead of  $x_a$ . In this sense, the closed-loop extended system (18) models a larger class of solutions (as predicted by Lemma 1) and can therefore offer more robustness to a control/observer design. △

## 4.2 | Feedback Interconnections

In the previous section, we have studied the series interconnection of  $\mathcal{H}_a = (C_a, F_a, D_a, G_a, h_a)$  and  $\mathcal{H}_b = (C_b, F_b, D_b, G_b, h_b)$  with  $u_b = y_a$ . We now consider the case of feedback where also  $u_a = y_b$  as in Figure 5, for instance if  $\mathcal{H}_b$  is an observer-controller for  $\mathcal{H}_a$ . We have seen that by connecting  $\mathcal{H}_b$  with  $\mathcal{H}_a$ ,  $\mathcal{H}_b$  jumps whenever  $\mathcal{H}_a$  does. Now that  $\mathcal{H}_a$  is also connected with  $\mathcal{H}_b$ , we have that  $\mathcal{H}_a$  jumps whenever  $\mathcal{H}_b$  does, so that the solutions are defined on a common time domain containing the jumps



**FIGURE 5** Feedback interconnection of hybrid systems

of both  $\mathcal{H}_a$  and  $\mathcal{H}_b$ . In fact, in that case, the construction of solutions is not sequential but simultaneous so it is natural to build them at the same time through the closed-loop  $\mathcal{H}_a \rightleftharpoons \mathcal{H}_b$  defined by

$$\mathcal{H}_{cl} \begin{cases} \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_a \\ \dot{x}_b \end{pmatrix} \in F_{cl}(x_a, x_b) & (x_a, x_b) \in C_{cl} \\ \begin{pmatrix} x_a^+ \\ x_b^+ \end{pmatrix} \in G_{cl}(x_a, x_b) & (x_a, x_b) \in D_{cl} \end{cases} \quad (24)$$

with

$$C_{cl} = \left\{ (x_a, x_b) \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{x_a}} \times \mathbb{R}^{d_{x_b}} : (x_a, h_b(x_b)) \in C_a, (x_b, h_a(x_a)) \in C_b \right\} \quad (25)$$

$$D_{cl} = \left\{ (x_a, x_b) \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{x_a}} \times \mathbb{R}^{d_{x_b}} : (x_a, h_b(x_b)) \in D_a, (x_b, h_a(x_a)) \in \text{cl}(C_b) \cup D_b \right\} \\ \cup \left\{ (x_a, x_b) \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{x_a}} \times \mathbb{R}^{d_{x_b}} : (x_a, h_b(x_b)) \in \text{cl}(C_a) \cup D_a, (x_b, h_a(x_a)) \in D_b \right\} \quad (26)$$

and

$$F_{cl}(x_a, x_b) = \begin{pmatrix} F_a(x_a, h_b(x_b)) \\ F_b(x_b, h_a(x_a)) \end{pmatrix} \quad (27)$$

$$G_{cl}(x_a, x_b) = \begin{pmatrix} \underline{G}_a(x_a, h_b(x_b)) \\ \underline{\text{Id}}_b(x_b) \end{pmatrix} \cup \begin{pmatrix} \underline{\text{Id}}_a(x_a) \\ \underline{G}_b(x_b, h_a(x_a)) \end{pmatrix} \cup \begin{pmatrix} \underline{G}_a(x_a, h_b(x_b)) \\ \underline{G}_b(x_b, h_a(x_a)) \end{pmatrix} \quad (28)$$

with  $\underline{\text{Id}}_i$  and  $\underline{G}_i$  defined in (23). Here again, allowing for a simultaneous jump of  $x_a$  and  $x_b$  in  $G_{cl}$  is crucial because unlike in <sup>18,19</sup>,  $G_a$  and  $G_b$  depend on both  $x_a$  and  $x_b$ , so that one simultaneous jump cannot be decomposed into sequential jumps of  $x_a$  first and then  $x_b$ , or vice-versa.

**Lemma 2.** Consider two hybrid systems  $\mathcal{H}_a = (C_a, F_a, D_a, G_a, h_a)$  and  $\mathcal{H}_b = (C_b, F_b, D_b, G_b, h_b)$  with  $h_a : \mathbb{R}^{d_{x_a}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d_{y_a}}$  and  $h_b : \mathbb{R}^{d_{x_b}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d_{y_b}}$ . Take a solution  $\phi_{cl} = (x_a, x_b)$  to (24). If for all  $t \in \mathcal{T}(\phi_{cl}) \cap \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ , denoting  $j_0 = \min \mathcal{J}_t(\phi_{cl})$ ,

- $(x_a(t, j_0 - 1), y_b(t, j_0 - 1)) \in C_a \cup D_a$
- $x_a(t, j_0) \in G_a(x_a(t, j_0 - 1), y_b(t, j_0 - 1))$  if  $(x_a(t, j_0 - 1), y_b(t, j_0 - 1)) \in D_a \setminus C_a$
- $(x_b(t, j_0 - 1), y_a(t, j_0 - 1)) \in C_b \cup D_b$
- $x_b(t, j_0) \in G_b(x_b(t, j_0 - 1), y_a(t, j_0 - 1))$  if  $(x_b(t, j_0 - 1), y_a(t, j_0 - 1)) \in D_b \setminus C_b$

then,  $\phi_a = (x_a, h_b(x_b))$  is solution to  $\mathcal{H}_a$  with input  $h_b(x_b)$  and  $\phi_b = (x_b, h_a(x_a))$  is solution to  $\mathcal{H}_b$  with input  $h_a(x_a)$ .

This extra condition is added to ensure that  $G_e^0$  is used instead of  $G_e$  at the first jumps of the input in Condition 4 of Definition 4. It corresponds to CC.2,3) in Definition 8 and is always satisfied if  $C_a$  and  $C_b$  are closed. As planned in Remark 4, the other CCs have disappeared because they are automatically satisfied thanks to the fact that  $\phi_a$ ,  $\phi_b$  and  $\phi_{cl}$  share the same domain.

**Corollary 2.** Consider two hybrid systems  $\mathcal{H}_a = (C_a, F_a, D_a, G_a, h_a)$  and  $\mathcal{H}_b = (C_b, F_b, D_b, G_b, h_b)$  with  $h_a : \mathbb{R}^{d_{x_a}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d_{y_a}}$  and  $h_b : \mathbb{R}^{d_{x_b}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d_{y_b}}$ . Assume  $C_a$  and  $C_b$  are closed. Then, for any solution  $\phi_{cl} = (x_a, x_b)$  to (24),  $\phi_a = (x_a, h_b(x_b))$  is solution to  $\mathcal{H}_a$  with input  $h_b(x_b)$  and  $\phi_b = (x_b, h_a(x_a))$  is solution to  $\mathcal{H}_b$  with input  $h_a(x_a)$ .

## 5 | CONCLUSION

We have shown how solutions to hybrid systems with inputs can be defined when the input is an hybrid arc whose domain does not match that of the solution. A novel definition was proposed and discussed that relies on a reparametrization of the input jumps, along with an explicit algorithm for the construction of solutions. Those notions were applied to the important cases of series or feedback interconnections of two hybrid systems, for which the link to a closed-loop system was investigated.

This work is instrumental in defining and studying observers for hybrid systems. Ongoing work involve defining notions of detectability that should be intrinsically necessary for the existence of an observer. Similarly to the context of incremental stability<sup>19</sup>, detectability requires to compare hybrid trajectories that do not share the same domain. Therefore, in the same spirit as this paper, such trajectories first need to be reparametrized onto a common domain. Applications to tracking and output-feedback can of course also be studied following the concepts of this paper.

Future work also involve the extension of the code for the numerical implementation of Algorithm 1 to general hybrid systems with hybrid inputs. The case where the input does not impact the dynamics of the system, as in the example of Section 3.2, was a first step<sup>2</sup>, and a complete toolbox for the simulation of interconnected hybrid systems should now be developed.

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<sup>2</sup>Code available at <https://github.com/HybridSystemsLab/AlgorithmHSwithInputs>

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## APPENDIX

We prove here Lemma 1.

*Proof.* To show that  $((x_{a,cl}, x_b), u_{a,cl})$  is solution to  $\mathcal{H}_{cl}$  with input  $u_a$ , we are going to check every condition of Definition 4.

1.  $\text{dom } \phi_{cl} = \text{dom}(x_{a,cl}, x_b) = \text{dom } x_b = \text{dom } u_{a,cl}$
2.  $u_{a,cl}$  is a  $j$ -reparametrization of  $u_a^r$  (with reparametrization map  $\rho_b$ ) which is a  $j$ -reparametrization of  $u_a$  according to the Condition 2) of Definition 4 with reparametrization map  $\rho_a$ . So  $u_{a,cl}$  is a  $j$ -reparametrization of  $u_a$  with reparametrization map  $\rho_u = \rho_a \circ \rho_b$ . Besides, if  $u_{a,cl}$  is a full-reparametrization of  $u_a$ ,  $u_a^r$  necessarily is too. Denoting  $T := T(u_a) = T(\phi_a) = T(\phi_{cl})$ , according to Condition 2) applied to  $\phi_a$ ,  $\text{card } \mathcal{J}_T(u_a) = \text{card } \mathcal{J}_T(\phi_a)$ . Now, applying Condition 2) to  $\phi_b$ , we get  $\text{card } \mathcal{J}_T(\phi_b) = \text{card } \mathcal{J}_T(y_a) = \mathcal{J}_T(\phi_a)$ . Since  $\text{card } \mathcal{J}_T(\phi_b) = \text{card } \mathcal{J}_T(\phi_{cl})$  by definition, we deduce  $\text{card } \mathcal{J}_T(u_a) = \text{card } \mathcal{J}_T(\phi_{cl})$ .

3. From the Condition 1) of Definition 4,  $u_b^r$  is a  $j$ -reparametrization of  $u_b = y_a$  and

$$u_b^r(t, j) = u_b(t, \rho_b(j)) = h_a(x_{a,cl}(t, j), u_{a,cl}(t, j)) \quad \forall (t, j) \in \text{dom } \phi_{cl}$$

so that

$$(x_b(t, j), h_a(x_{a,cl}(t, j), u_{a,cl}(t, j))) = (x_b(t, j), u_b^r(t, j)) = \phi_b(t, j) \quad \forall (t, j) \in \text{dom } \phi_{cl}.$$

We have also

$$(x_{a,cl}(t, j), u_{a,cl}(t, j)) = (x_a(t, \rho_b(j)), u_a^r(t, \rho_b(j))) = \phi_a(t, \rho_b(j)) \quad \forall (t, j) \in \text{dom } \phi_{cl}.$$

So for all  $j$ ,  $\text{int } \mathcal{I}_j(\phi_{cl}) \subseteq \text{int } \mathcal{I}_{\rho_b(j)}(\phi_a)$ ,  $\text{int } \mathcal{I}_j(\phi_{cl}) = \text{int } \mathcal{I}_j(\phi_b)$ , and, applying Condition 3) of Definition 4 to  $\phi_a$  and  $\phi_b$ , we get that Condition 3) is verified for  $\phi_{cl}$ .

4. Let  $t$  in  $\mathcal{T}(\phi_{cl}) = \mathcal{T}(\phi_b)$  and  $j_0 = \min \mathcal{J}_t(\phi_{cl}) = \min \mathcal{J}_t(\phi_b)$ . According to Condition 4) of Definition 4 applied to  $\phi_b$ , there exists  $n_{u_b}$  such that for all  $j \in \mathcal{J}_t(\phi_b)$ ,  $\rho_b(j) = \rho_b(j-1) + 1$  if  $j < j_0 + n_{u_b}$ , and  $\rho_b(j) = \rho_b(j-1)$  if  $j \geq j_0 + n_{u_b}$ . By definition of the  $j$ -reparametrization,

$$\mathcal{J}_t(\phi_a) = \{\rho_b(j) : j \in \mathcal{J}_t(\phi_b)\}$$

According to Condition 4) of Definition 4 applied to  $\phi_a$ , there exists  $n_{u_a}$  such that for all  $j \in \mathcal{J}_t(\phi_a)$ ,  $\rho_a(j) = \rho_a(j-1) + 1$  if  $j < \rho_b(j_0) + n_{u_a}$ , and  $\rho_a(j) = \rho_a(j-1)$  if  $j \geq \rho_b(j_0) + n_{u_a}$ . Therefore, the reparametrization map  $\rho_u = \rho_a \circ \rho_b$  from  $u_a$  to  $u_{a,cl}$  verifies : for all  $j \in \mathcal{J}_t(\phi_{cl})$ ,  $\rho_u(j) = \rho_u(j-1) + 1$  if  $j < j_0 + n_{u_a}$ , and  $\rho_u(j) = \rho_u(j-1)$  if  $j \geq j_0 + n_{u_a}$ . The rest of Condition 4) follows in a tedious yet straightforward way from Condition 4) of Definition 4 applied to  $\phi_a$  and  $\phi_b$ .

5. The Condition 5) is clear from the definition of  $y_b$ .

The prioritized input jumps conditions follows from the following remarks:

- CC.1) the fact that  $u_a$  performs all its jumps consecutively before  $j < j_0 + n_{u_a}$  is contained in the fact that  $\phi_{cl}$  is a solution to  $\mathcal{H}_{cl}$  according to item 4) in Definition 4. After removing the jumps of  $u_a$ , i.e., for  $j \geq j_0 + n_{u_a}$ ,  $x_a$  does all its jumps consecutively (up to  $j_0 + n_{u_b} = j_0 + n_{x_a}$ ) according to item 4) in Definition 4, because it is an input for  $\mathcal{H}_b$ .
- CC.2) at  $j = j_0$ , if  $t > 0$ , and  $u_a$  jumps ( $n_{u_a} \geq 1$ ),  $(x_a, u_a)$  is necessarily in  $C_a \cup D_a$ , and  $x_a$  jumps according to  $G_a$  if  $(x_a, u_a)$  is in  $D_a \setminus C_a$  from the definition of  $G_e^0$  in item 4) of Definition 4 applied to  $\phi_a$ .
- CC.3) similarly, if  $t > 0$ , and  $x_a$  jumps ( $n_{x_a} \geq 1$ ), the input to  $\mathcal{H}_b$  jumps, thus giving a similar condition on  $x_b$  at the first jump.
- CC.4) if  $t$  is in the interior of  $\text{dom}_t \phi_{cl}$  and if  $x_a$  does not jump ( $n_{x_a} = 0$ ),  $t$  is necessarily in the interior of a flow interval of  $x_a$ , and therefore, by item 3) of the definition 4,  $(x_a, u_a) \in C_a$ .
- CC.5) if  $T(\phi_{cl}) = T(\phi_a)$  and  $T := T(\phi_{cl}) \in \mathcal{T}(\phi_{cl})$ , either the full domain of  $\phi_a$  is browsed in  $\phi_b$  (and thus in  $\phi_{cl}$ ) and from Condition 2) applied to  $\phi_b$ ,  $\text{card } \mathcal{J}_T(\phi_b) = \text{card } \mathcal{J}_T(y_a)$  and with CC.1),  $n_{x_a} = \text{card } \mathcal{J}_T(\phi_a) = \text{card } \mathcal{J}_T(y_a)$ , so that  $\text{card } \mathcal{J}_T(\phi_{cl}) = \text{card } \mathcal{J}_T(\phi_b) = n_{x_a}$ ; or the full domain of  $\phi_a$  is not browsed in  $\phi_b$ , meaning that  $\phi_b$  stops jumping before  $\phi_a$  at time  $T$ , and therefore also  $\text{card } \mathcal{J}_T(\phi_{cl}) = n_{x_a}$ . In other words, the third item of CC.1) is empty.

Conversely, take a solution  $\phi_{cl} = ((x_{a,cl}, x_{b,cl}), u_{a,cl})$  to system  $\mathcal{H}_{cl}$  with input  $u_a$  verifying CC.1,2,3,4). Denote  $\rho_u$  the  $j$ -reparametrization map between  $u_a$  and  $u_{a,cl}$ . We build hybrid arcs  $x_a$  and  $u_a^r$  in the following way :

- start with  $D_a = \mathcal{I}_0(\phi_{cl}) \times \{0\}$ ,  $x_a \equiv x_{a,cl}|_{D_a}$ ,  $u_a^r \equiv u_{a,cl}|_{D_a}$ ,  $j_a = 0$ ,  $j_u = 0$ ,  $\rho_a(0) = 0$ ,  $\rho_b(0) = 0$ .
- for  $j$  from 1 to  $J(\phi_{cl})$  do (we denote  $t_j = t_j(\phi^r)$  to simplify the notations) :
  - if  $\rho_u(j) = \rho_u(j-1) + 1$ , then  $j_u \leftarrow j_u + 1$ .
  - if either  $\rho_u(j) = \rho_u(j-1) + 1$ , or  $x_{a,cl}$  verifies its jump condition, then  $j_a \leftarrow j_a + 1$ .
  - $D_a \leftarrow D_a \cup (\mathcal{I}_j(\phi_{cl}) \times \{j_a\})$
  - $x_a(t, j_a) \leftarrow x_{a,cl}(t, j)$  for all  $t$  in  $\mathcal{I}_j(\phi_{cl})$
  - $u_a^r(t, j_a) \leftarrow u_{a,cl}(t, j)$  for all  $t$  in  $\mathcal{I}_j(\phi_{cl})$
  - $\rho_a(j_a) \leftarrow j_u$

- $\rho_b(j) \leftarrow j_a$

Then, we take  $y_a = h_a(x_a, u_a^r)$ . Let us prove that  $\phi_a = (x_a, u_a^r)$  is solution to  $\mathcal{H}_a$  with input  $u_a$  and output  $y_a$ .

1.  $\text{dom } x_a = \text{dom } u_a^r = D_a$  which is a hybrid time domain by construction (since  $\phi_{cl}$  is an hybrid arc)
2.  $u_a^r$  is a  $j$ -reparametrization of  $u_a$  with reparametrization map  $\rho_a$ . Indeed, if at a given iteration  $j_a$  does not change,  $j_u$  does not change either, so that taking  $\rho_a(j_a) \leftarrow j_u$  does not change anything ; a change of  $j_u$  corresponding to an actual jump of  $u_a$  according to the definition of  $\rho_u$ ,  $\rho_a$  stays constant as long as  $u_a$  does not jump and is increased by one when  $u_a$  jumps. Besides, since  $u_a^r$  is built from  $u_{a,cl}$ , if  $u_a^r$  is a full  $j$ -reparametrization of  $u_a$ ,  $u_{a,cl}$  is too. By Condition 2) applied to  $\phi_{a,cl}$ , we deduce that  $\text{card } \mathcal{J}_T(\phi_{cl}) = \text{card } \mathcal{J}_T(u_a)$ , and since the jumps in  $\phi_a$  are extracted from those of  $\phi_{cl}$ ,  $\text{card } \mathcal{J}_T(\phi_a) \leq \text{card } \mathcal{J}_T(\phi_{cl})$ , so that necessarily to have a full reparametrization,  $\text{card } \mathcal{J}_T(\phi_a) = \text{card } \mathcal{J}_T(u_a)$ .
3. for all  $j_a$  in  $\text{dom}_j \phi_a$ , there exist positive integers  $j_1, j_2, \dots, j_k$  such that

$$\mathcal{I}_{j_a}(\phi_a) = \mathcal{I}_{j_1}(\phi_{cl}) \cup \dots \cup \mathcal{I}_{j_k}(\phi_{cl})$$

and  $j_2, \dots, j_{k-1}$  correspond to jumps of  $\phi_{cl}$  where  $(x_{a,cl}, u_{a,cl})$  is constant, and in  $C_a$  if the corresponding jumps times are in the interior of the interval according to CC.4). Therefore,  $x_a$  and  $u_a^r$  are absolutely continuous on  $\mathcal{I}_{j_a}(\phi_a)$ , for almost all  $t$  in  $\mathcal{I}_{j_a}(\phi_a)$ ,  $\dot{x}_a \in F_a(x_a(t, j_a), u_a^r(t, j_a))$ , and for all  $t$  in  $\text{int } \mathcal{I}_{j_a}(\phi_a)$ ,  $(x_a(t, j_a), u_a^r(t, j_a)) \in C_a$ .

4. Take  $t \in \mathcal{T}(\phi_a)$ , denote  $j_0 = \min \mathcal{J}_t(\phi_a)$  and  $n_u = \text{card } \mathcal{J}_t(u_a)$ , we have for all  $j \in \mathcal{J}_t(\phi_a)$  :
  - (a) for  $j < j_0 + n_u$ ,  $\rho_u(j) = \rho_u(j-1) + 1$ , and from the definition of  $G_{cl}$ ,  $(x_a(t, j-1), u_a^r(t, j-1)) \in \text{cl}(C_a) \cup D_a$  and  $x_a(t, j) \in G_e(x_a(t, j-1), u_a^r(t, j-1))$ . More precisely, from CC.2), if  $t > 0$ ,  $(x_a(t, j_0-1), u_a^r(t, j_0-1)) \in C_a \cup D_a$  and  $x_a(t, j_0-1)$  jumps according to  $G_a$  if  $(x_a(t, j_0-1), u_a^r(t, j_0-1)) \in D_a \setminus C_a$ . Necessarily,  $x_a(t, j_0) \in G_e^0(x_a(t, j_0-1), u_a^r(t, j_0-1))$ .
  - (b) for  $j \geq j_0 + n_u$ ,  $\rho_u(j) = \rho_u(j-1)$  and necessarily  $(x_{a,cl}(t_j, j-1), u_{a,cl}(t_j, j-1)) \in D_a$  and  $x_{a,cl}(t, j) \in G_a(x_{a,cl}(t_j, j-1), u_{a,cl}(t_j, j-1))$  from the construction of  $\phi_a$ .
5.  $y_a = h_a(x_a, u_a^r)$  by definition.

Now let us prove that  $(x_b, u_b^r)$  with  $x_b = x_{b,cl}$  and  $u_b^r = y_{a,cl} = h_a(x_{a,cl}, u_{a,cl})$  is solution to  $\mathcal{H}_b$  with input  $u_b = y_a$ .

1.  $\text{dom } x_b = \text{dom } u_b^r$  by definition.
2.  $x_{a,cl}$  and  $u_{a,cl}$  are  $j$ -reparametrizations of  $x_a$  and  $u_a^r$  with reparametrization map  $\rho_b$  by construction. Besides, since  $x_a$  and  $u_a^r$  are built from  $x_{a,cl}$  and  $u_{a,cl}$  only, the corresponding  $j$ -reparametrizations are full. Therefore,  $\text{dom}_t \phi_{cl} = \text{dom}_t x_a = \text{dom}_t y_a$  and in particular,  $T(\phi_{cl}) = T(y_a)$ . From CC.5), we get  $\text{card } \mathcal{J}_{T(\phi_{cl})}(\phi_{cl}) = \text{card } \mathcal{J}_{T(y_a)}(y_a)$  by observing that by construction  $\text{card } \mathcal{J}_{T(y_a)}(y_a) = n_{x_a}$ .
3. The flow condition holds by definition of  $C_{cl}$  and  $F_{cl}$ .
4. As for the jump condition, item 4) is given by the definition of  $D_{cl}$  and  $G_{cl}$ , by CC.1) which imposes that the jumps of  $u_b = y_a$  happen successively for  $j < j_0 + n_{x_a}$ , and by CC.3) at  $j = j_0$  when  $t > 0$ .
5.  $y_b = h_b(x_b, u_b^r)$  by definition.

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