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Formal System Concepts

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Overview

System and Meta-System Applications

- Functional & Construction Rules in Design & Discovery (Simpson & Simpson)
- An Applied Science to Solve Complex Problems (Hall)
- System Complexity Management & Control (Warfield)

Sequential Forms

- Moore
- Wymore

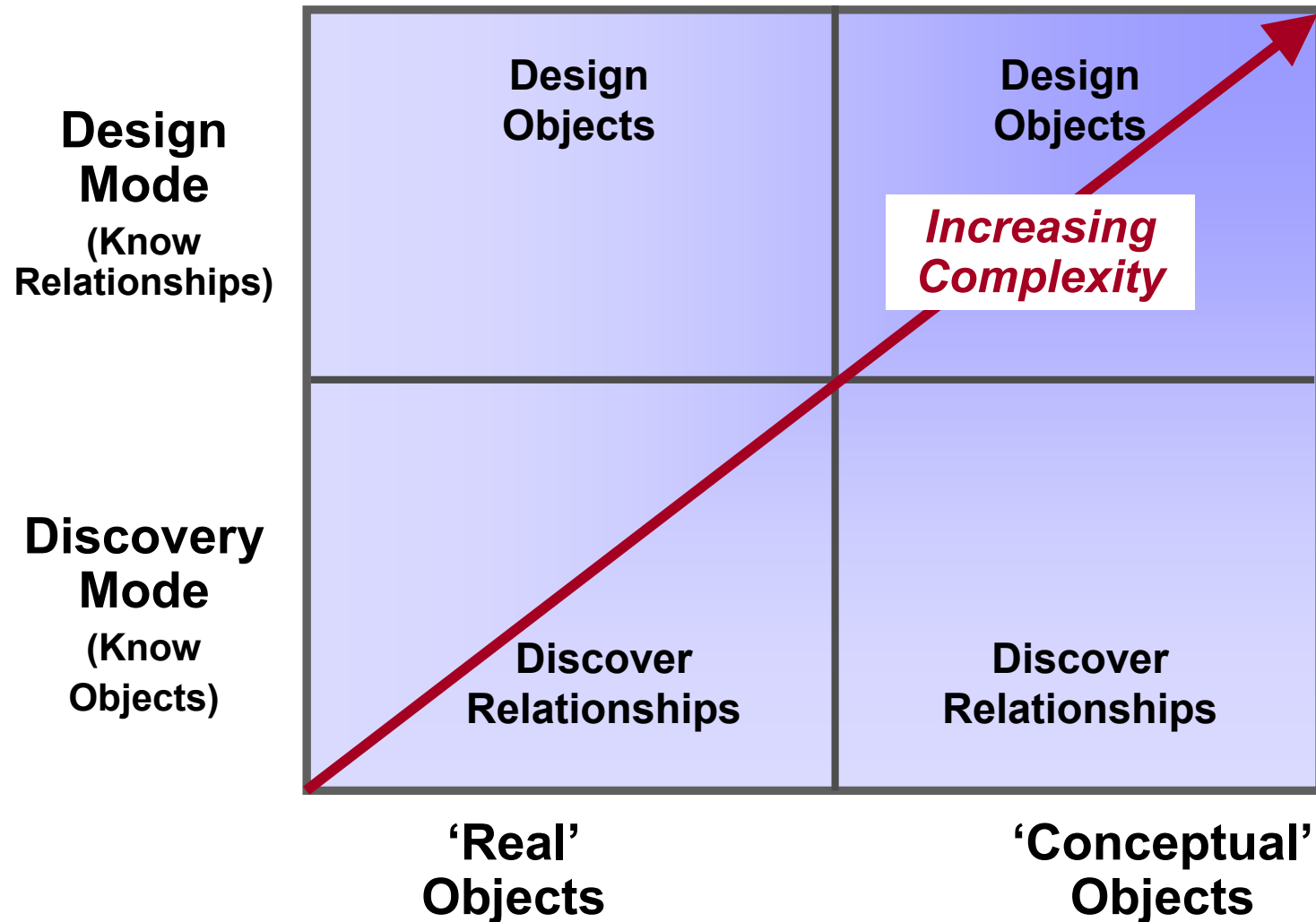
Abstraction Frames

Abstraction Stacks

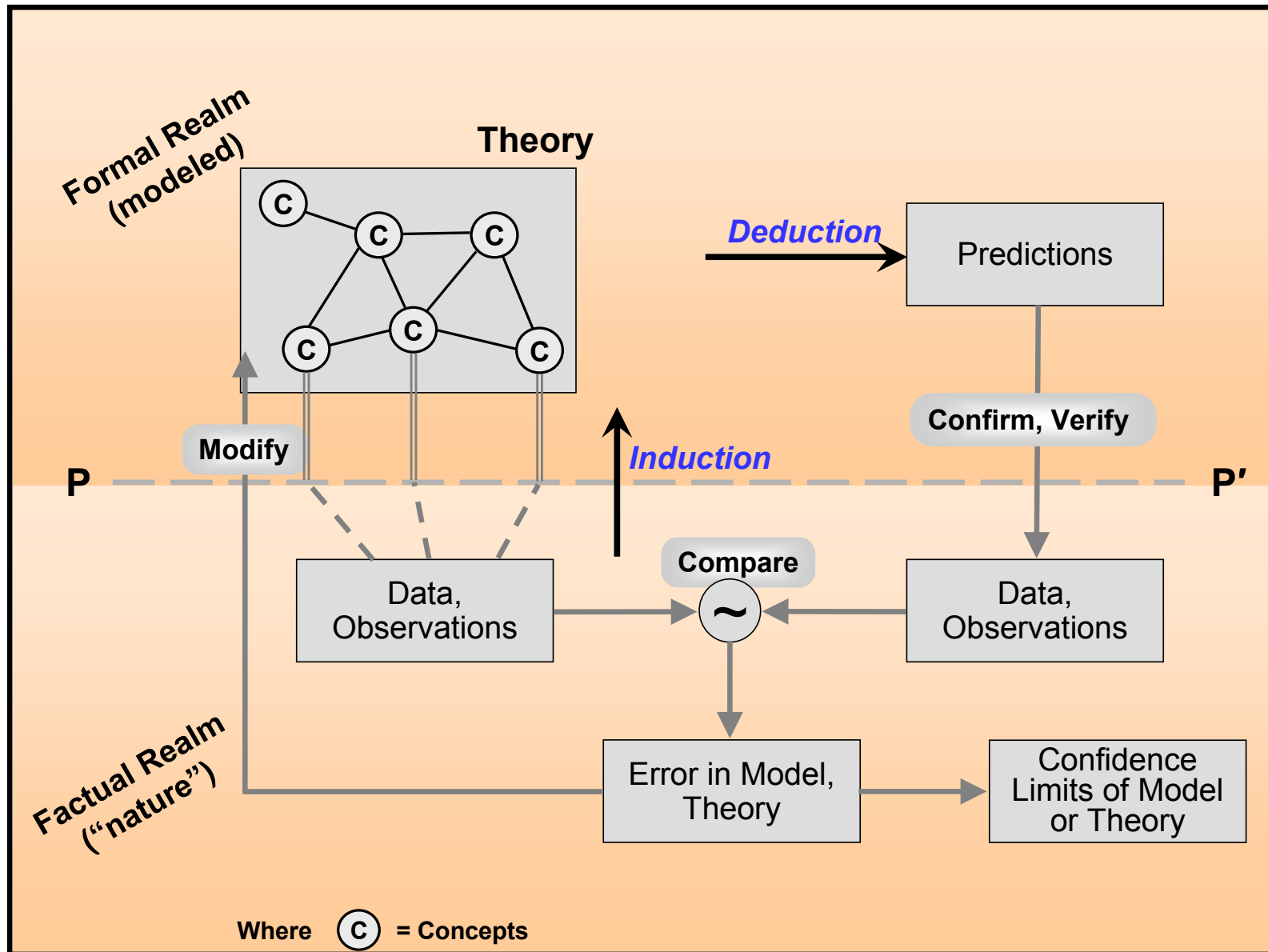
Summary

System Modes

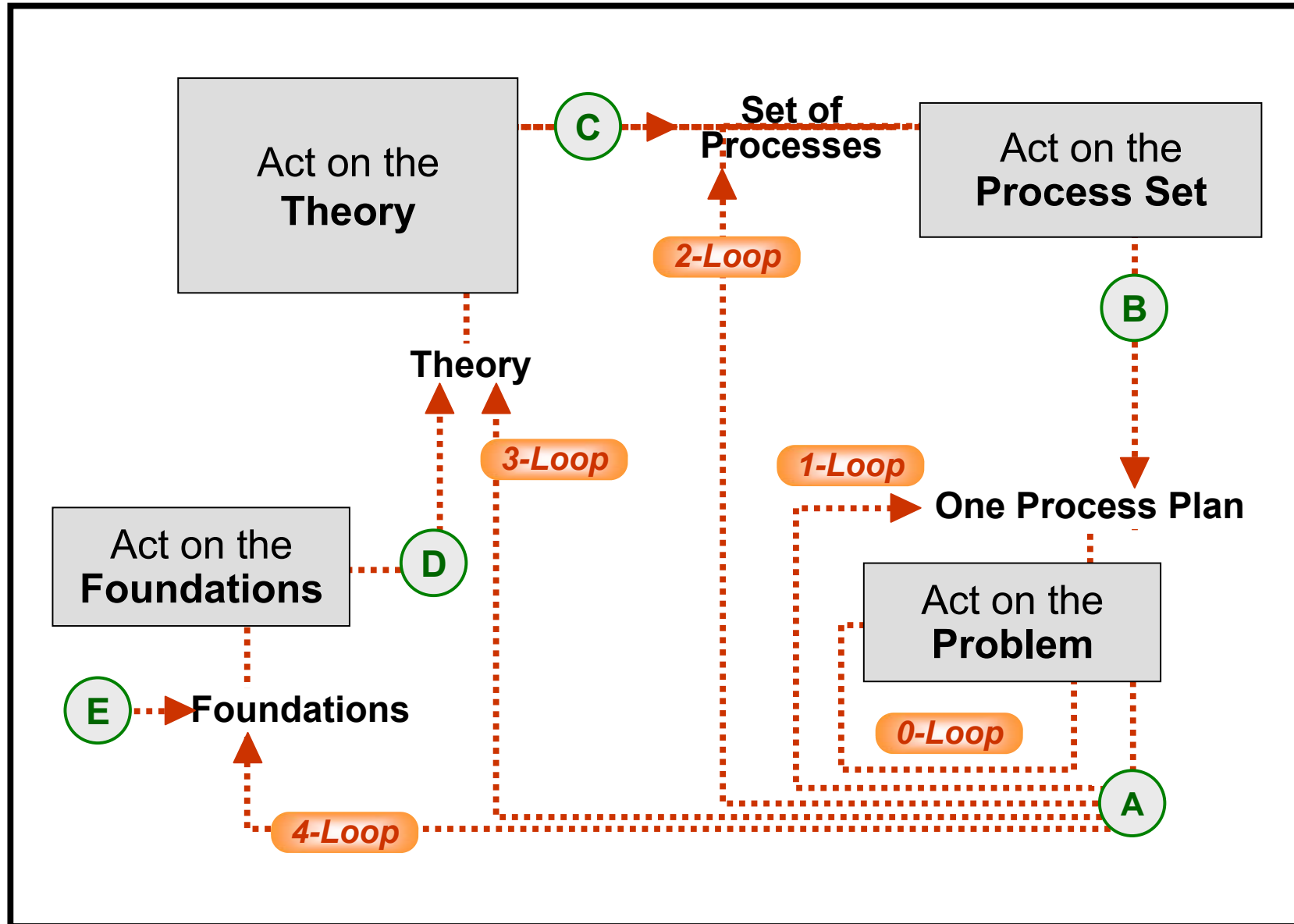
A Mapping Context for Complexity (Does Not Address System Boundary Directly)



A.D. Hall, Cycle for Scientific Method, Model Building

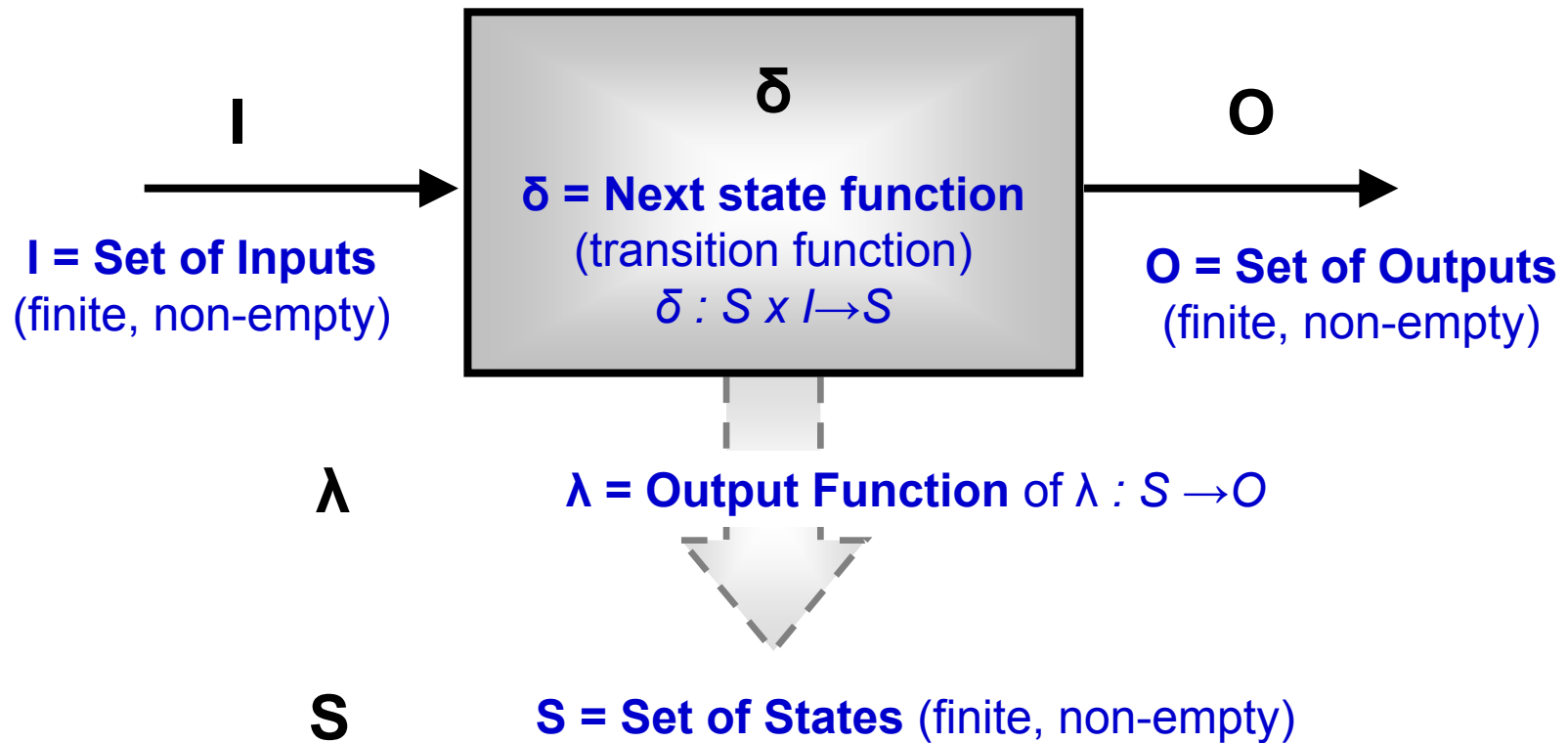


Warfield – Poly-Loop Model

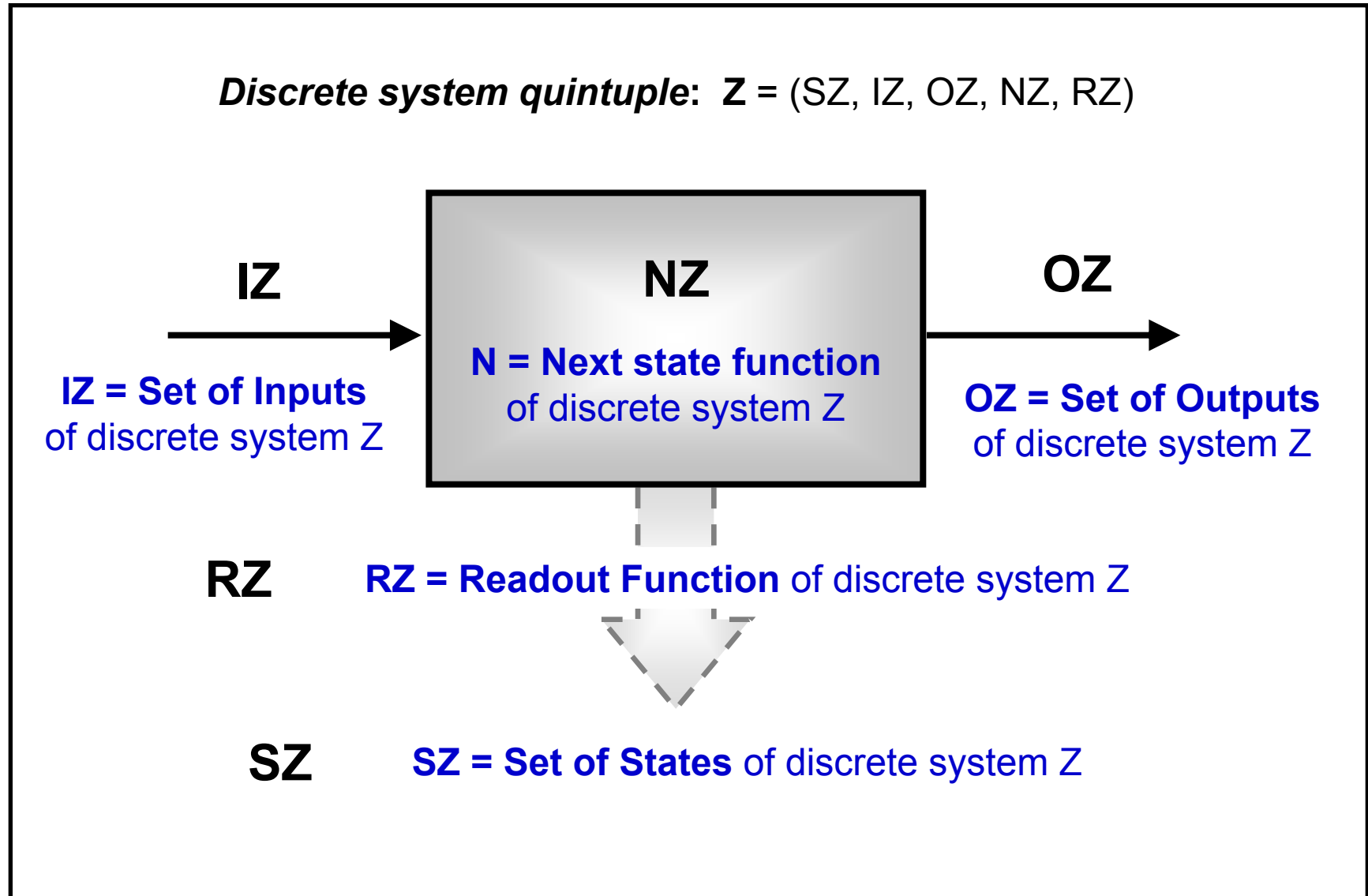


Moore Type Sequential Machine

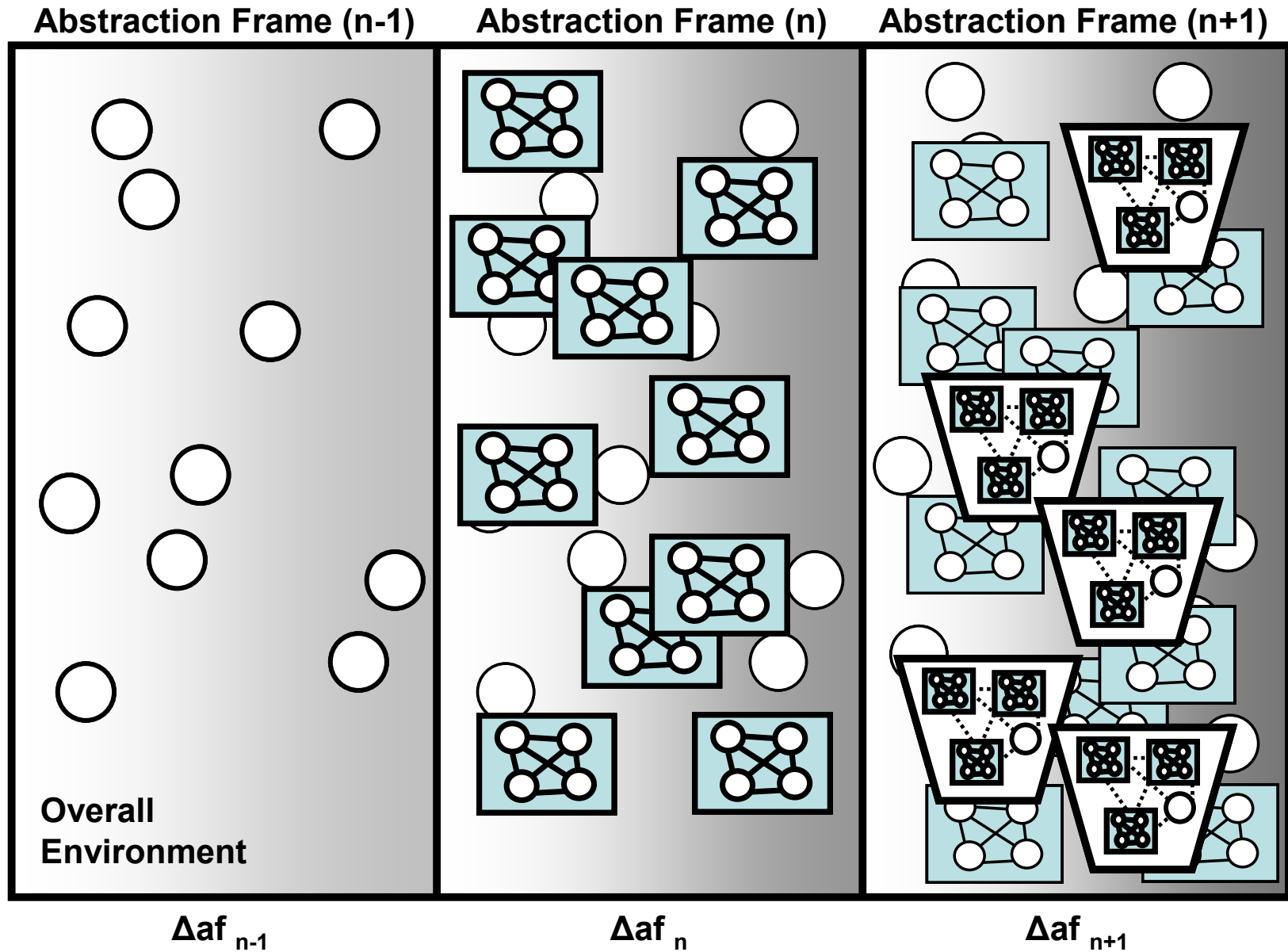
Moore type sequential machine quintuple: $M = (S, I, O, \delta, \lambda)$



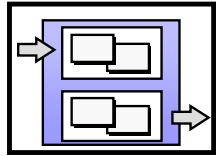
Wymore – Model-Based Systems Engineering



Abstraction Frame Sequencing



CCFRAT Approach – Phases, Hierarchies, Content



**Meta
Process**

Applies to:

Content

- Technical
- Management
- Programmatic

Phases

- Over time
- Over products
- Over events

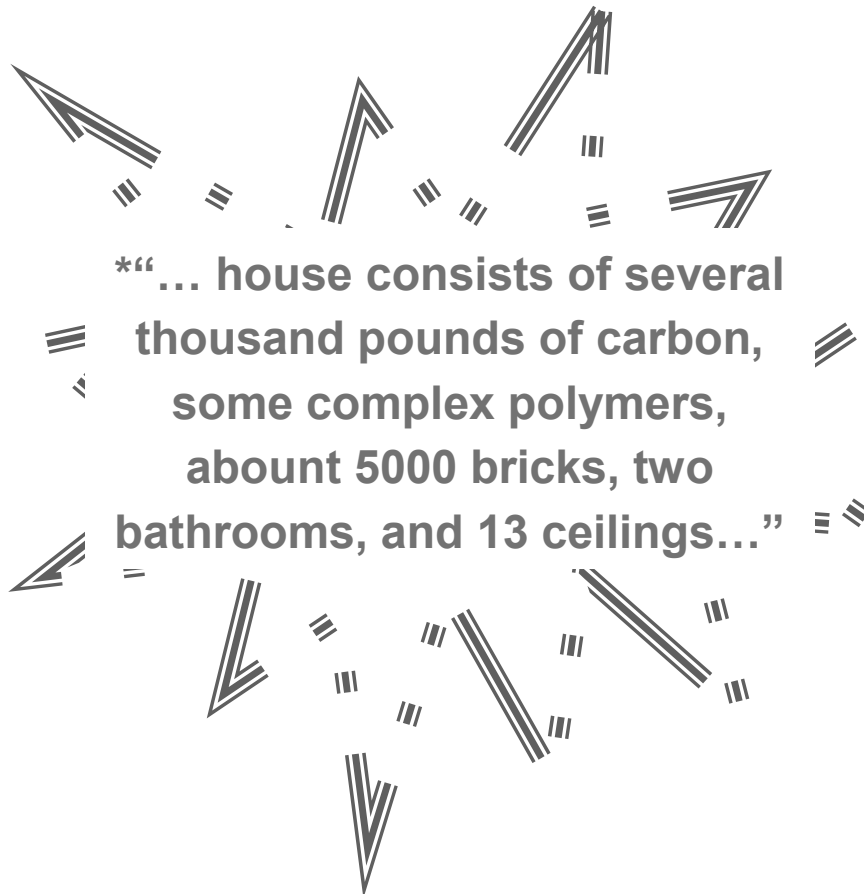
Hierarchies

- Abstraction
- Meta-levels
- Levels of detail

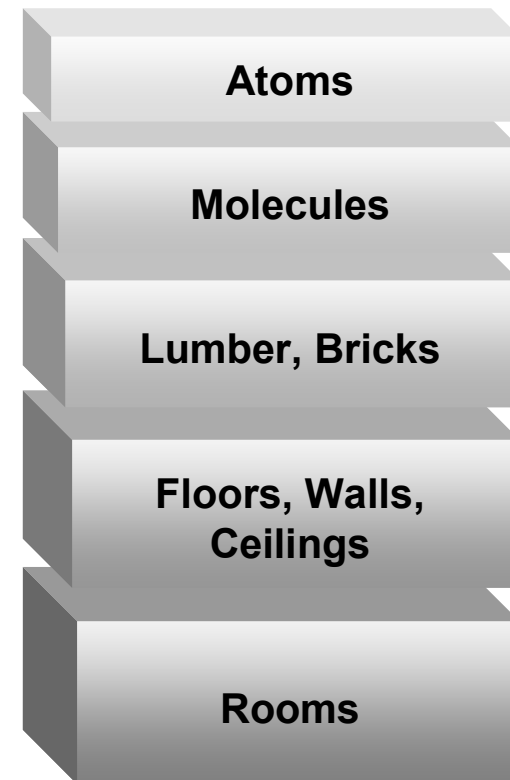
Pick One Aspect from Each Axis

Abstraction Stacks

A House Consists of:

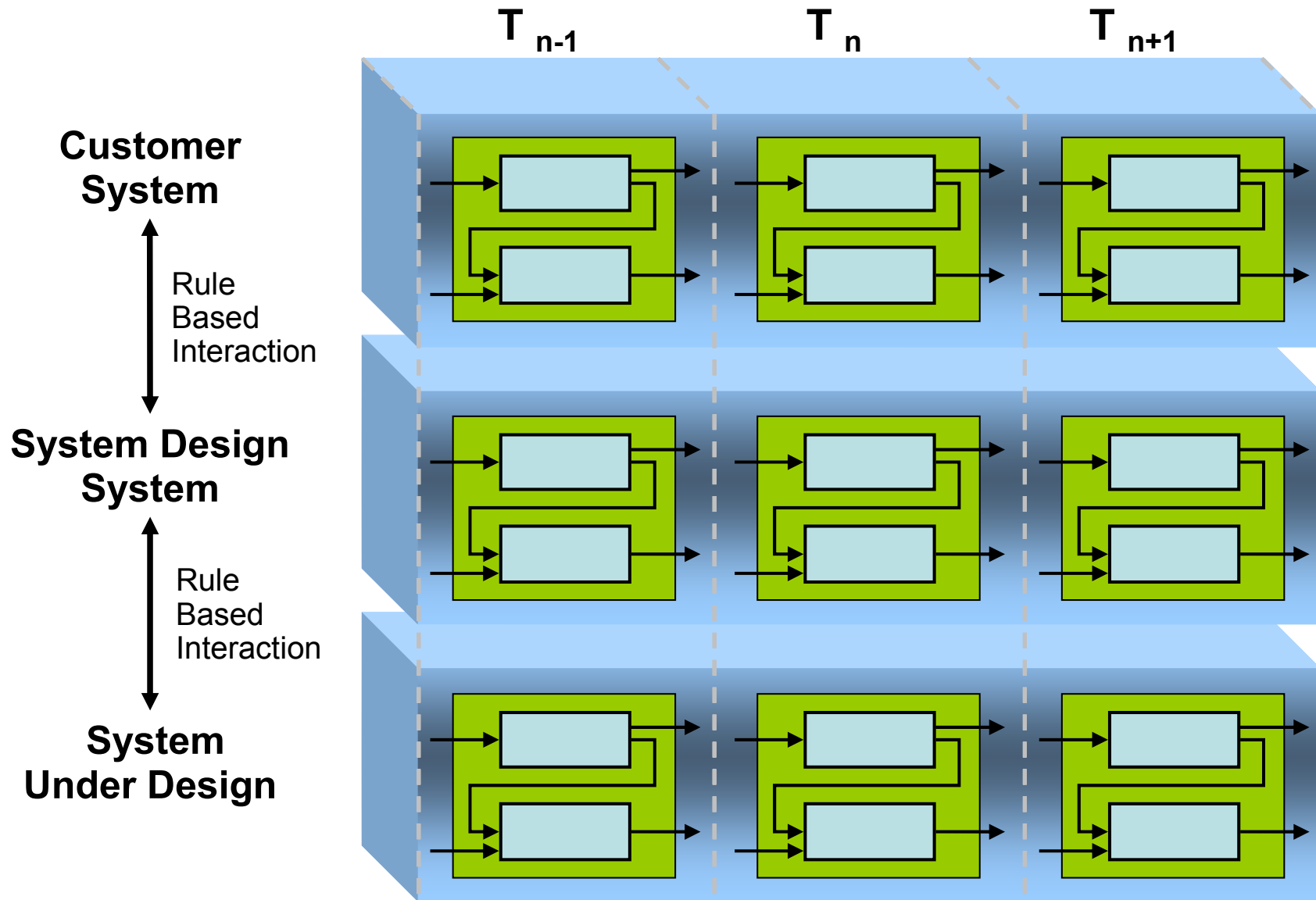


Use Abstraction ‘Stacks’



* From Chapter 12, What do Classes Represent?, *The C++ Programming Language, 2nd Edition*, Bjarne Stroustrup, 1991.

Systems Engineering Conceptual Context



Summary

Sequential machines and systems provide a **powerful conceptual pattern** for system description and design.

When **vectors/groups of systems** are used as **inputs** into a “**sequential system,**” **each system abstraction level must be clearly defined.**

System abstraction frames and system abstraction stacks are used to help **define and control system levels.**

The combination of **meta-systems**, system abstraction **frames** and system abstraction **stacks** provide the necessary **context for** the development of an **executable systems engineering and design language.**

- **Provides context for objects and operations.**
- **Provides framework for inter-relationship mapping**



Questions