

# Modelica Tutorial – Modeling and Simulation with OpenModelica and MathModelica

**A Servo Mechanism Model**  
- a more complete example of a full system

1 Introduction  
A servo mechanism will be modeled in this tutorial. The servo mechanism consists of a DC motor, a gear train, and a load. The servo mechanism is used to convert an electrical signal into a mechanical signal.

2 DC Motor  
The DC motor is modeled as a mechanical system. The motor's torque is proportional to the current through the motor. The motor's angular velocity is proportional to the motor's torque.

3 Gear Train  
The gear train is modeled as a mechanical system. The gear train's angular velocity is proportional to the motor's angular velocity. The gear train's torque is proportional to the motor's torque.

4 Load  
The load is modeled as a mechanical system. The load's angular velocity is proportional to the gear train's angular velocity. The load's torque is proportional to the gear train's torque.

5 Simulation  
The servo mechanism is simulated. The simulation results show the motor's current, the motor's angular velocity, the gear train's angular velocity, and the load's angular velocity over time.

$$\tau_2 = \frac{1}{k_2} \tau_1$$

$$e = \omega_{ref} - \omega_{out}$$

$$u = K \left( e + \frac{1}{T_I} \int_0^t e dt \right)$$

$$v = u \quad u_R = R i \quad u_{emf} = k_1 \omega_{emf}$$

$$v - u_R - u_L - u_{emf} = 0$$

$$u_{emf} = k_1 \omega_{emf} \quad i = \frac{1}{k_1} \tau_{emf} \quad \tau_2 = \frac{1}{k_2} \tau_1$$

$$\frac{J_1 - J_2 k_2^2}{k_2} \frac{d^2 \theta_2}{dt^2} = \tau_{emf} - k_2 \tau_3$$

$$J_1 \frac{d^2 \theta_1}{dt^2} = \tau_{emf} + \tau_1$$

$$J_2 \frac{d^2 \theta_2}{dt^2} = \tau_2 + \tau_3$$

$$J_3 \frac{d^2 \theta_3}{dt^2} = -\tau_4 - \tau_{load}$$

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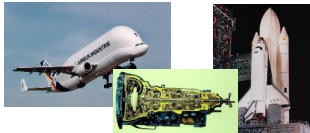
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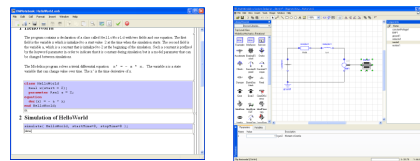
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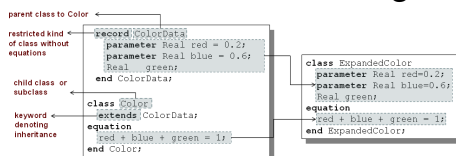
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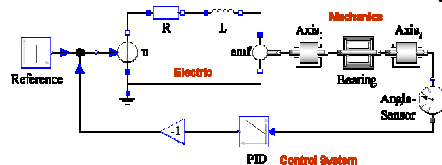
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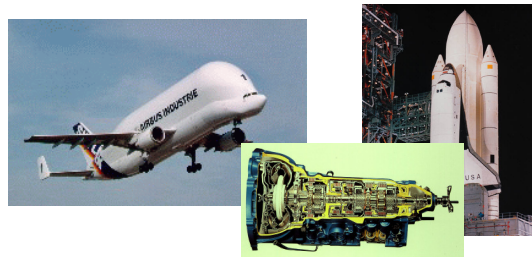
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## Introduction to Modelica and a demo example



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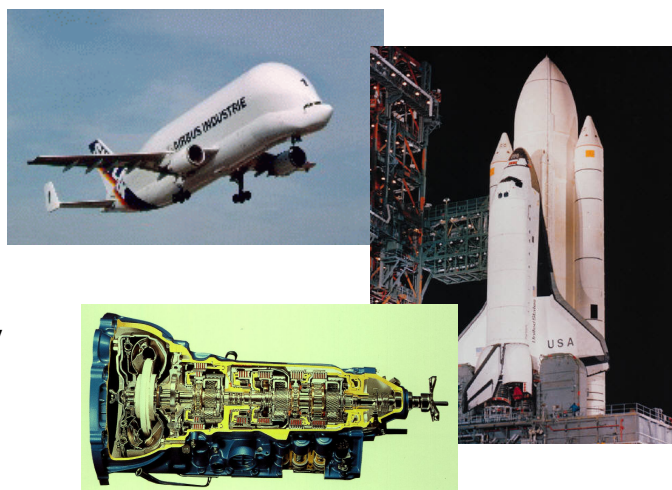


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# What is Modelica?

A language for modeling of **complex physical systems**

- Robotics
- Automotive
- Aircrafts
- Satellites
- Power plants
- Systems biology



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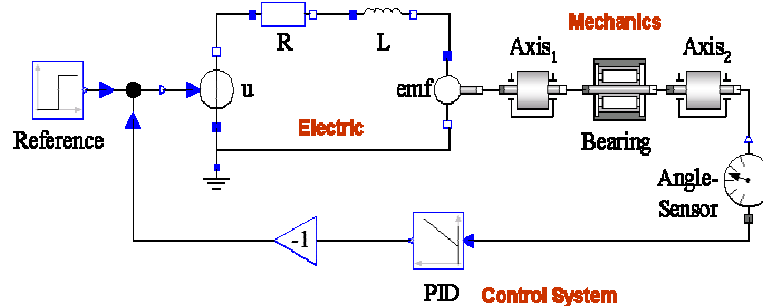
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# What is Modelica?

A language for **modeling** of complex physical systems



Primary designed for **simulation**, but there are also other usages of models, e.g. optimization.

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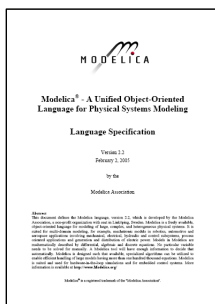


# What is Modelica?

A language for modeling of complex physical systems

i.e., Modelica is **not** a tool

Free, open language specification:



**There exist several free and commercial tools, for example:**

- OpenModelica from OSMC
- MathModelica by MathCore
- Dymola by Dassault systems / Dynasim
- SimulationX by ITI
- MapleSim by MapleSoft

Available at: [www.modelica.org](http://www.modelica.org)

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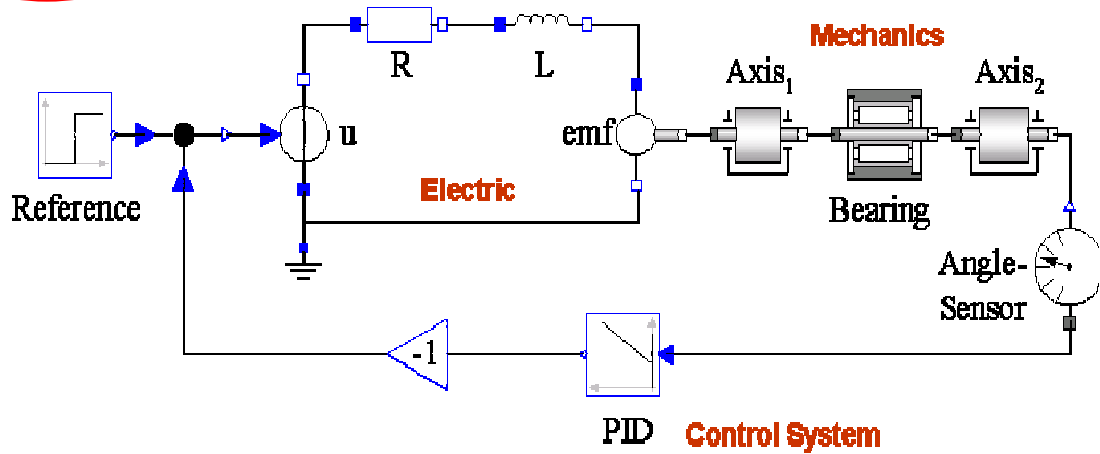
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# What is special about Modelica?

**Multi-Domain Modeling**



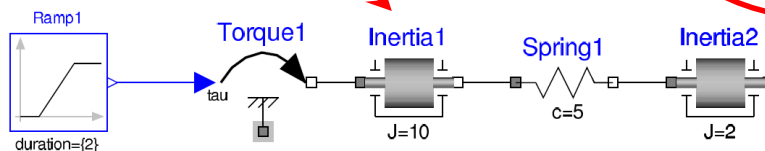
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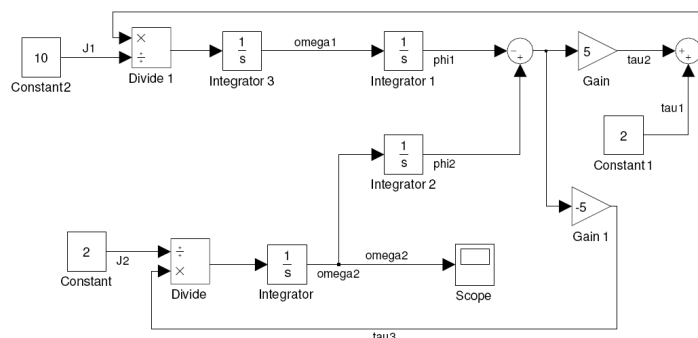
**Visual Acausal Component Modeling**

Keeps the physical structure

**Acausal model (Modelica)**



**Causal block-based model (Simulink)**

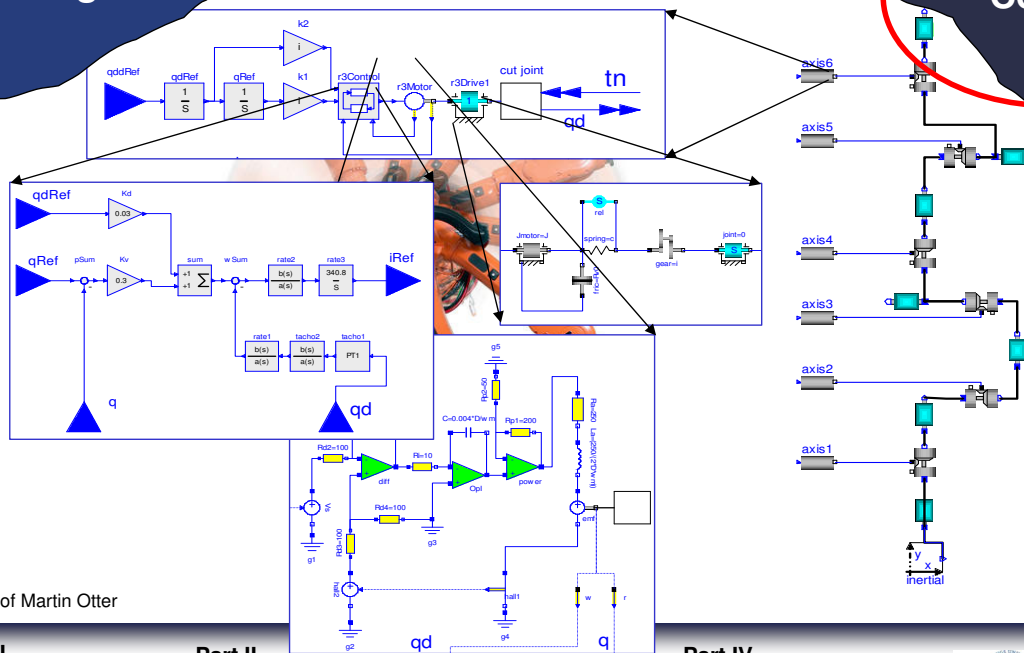


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Multi-Domain Modeling

Hierarchical system modeling

Visual Acausal Component Modeling



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# What is special about Modelica?

Multi-Domain Modeling

A textual *class-based* language  
OO primary used for as a structuring concept

Visual Acausal Component Modeling

**Behaviour described declaratively using**

- Differential algebraic equations (DAE) (continuous-time)
- Event triggers (discrete-time)

Typed Declarative Textual Language

Variable declarations

```
class VanDerPol "Van der Pol oscillator model"
  Real x(start = 1) "Descriptive string for x";
  Real y(start = 1) "y coordinate";
  parameter Real lambda = 0.3;
  equation
    der(x) = y;
    der(y) = -x + lambda*(1 - x*x)*y;
end VanDerPol;
```

Differential equations

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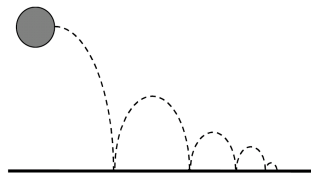
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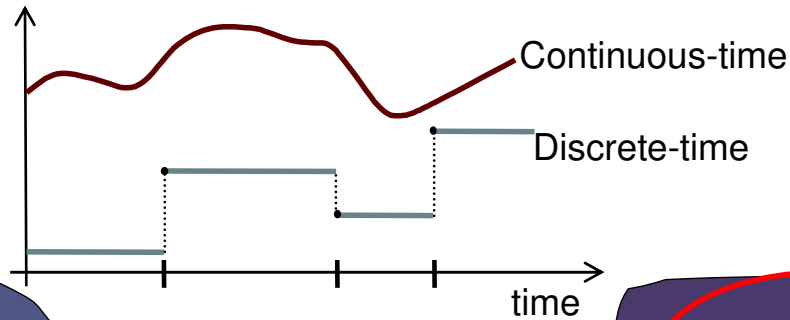
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Hybrid modeling =  
continuous-time + discrete-time modeling



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Declarative  
Textual Language

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# Coming up in part III

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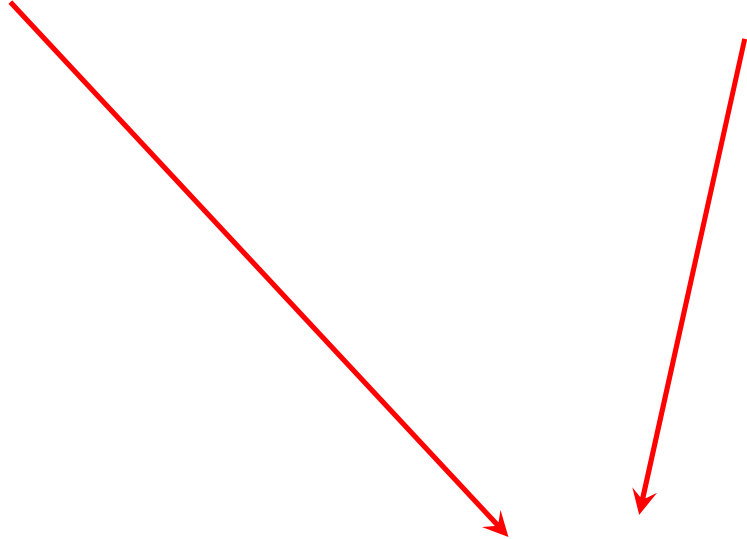
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# Brief Modelica History

## Modelica design group meetings

- First meeting in fall 1996
- International group of people with expert knowledge in both language design and physical modeling
- Industry and academia

## Modelica Language Versions

- v1.0 (1997), v2.0 (2002) v.2.2 (2005)
- 3.0 released September 2007 (latest)

## Modelica Association established 2000

- Open, non-profit organization

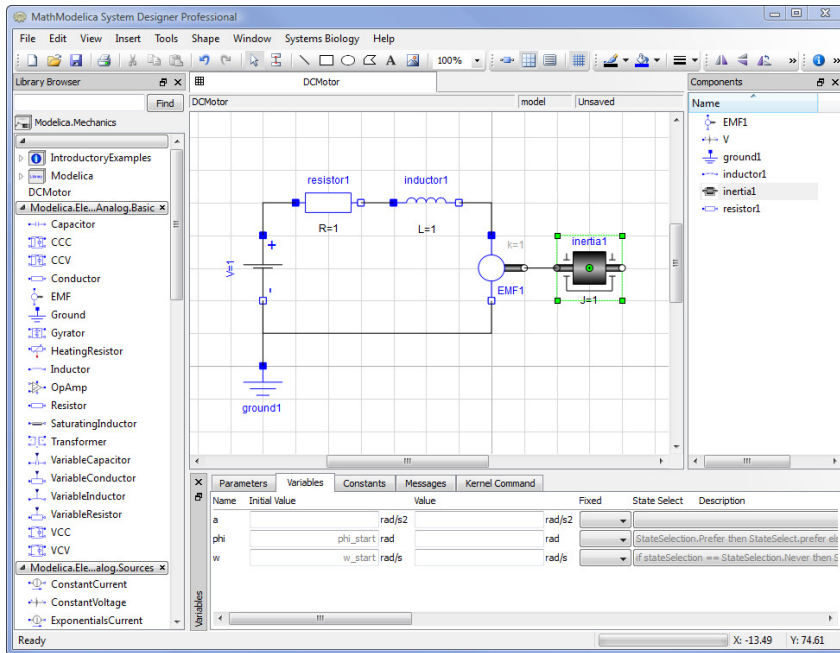
## Modelica Conferences




- 6 international conferences (2000-2008)
- The 7<sup>th</sup> International Modelica conference September 20-22, Como, Italy





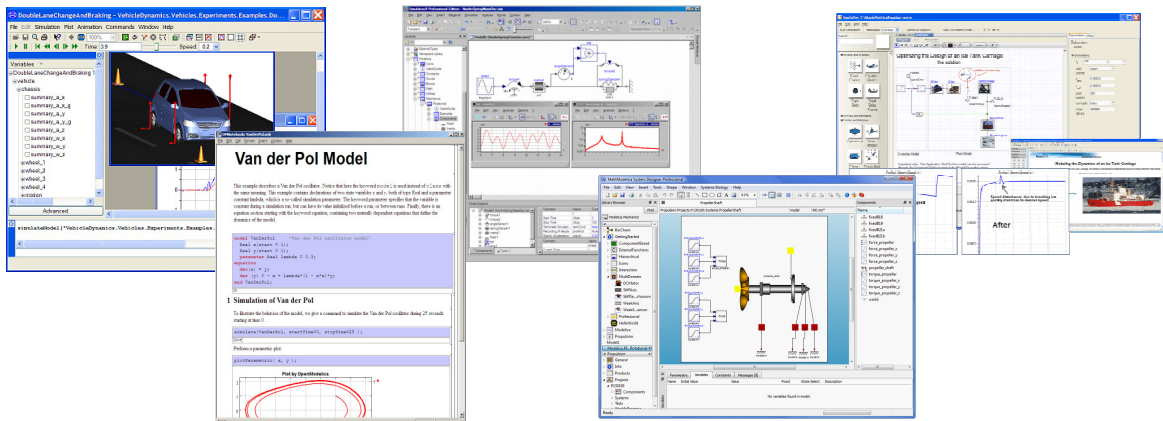
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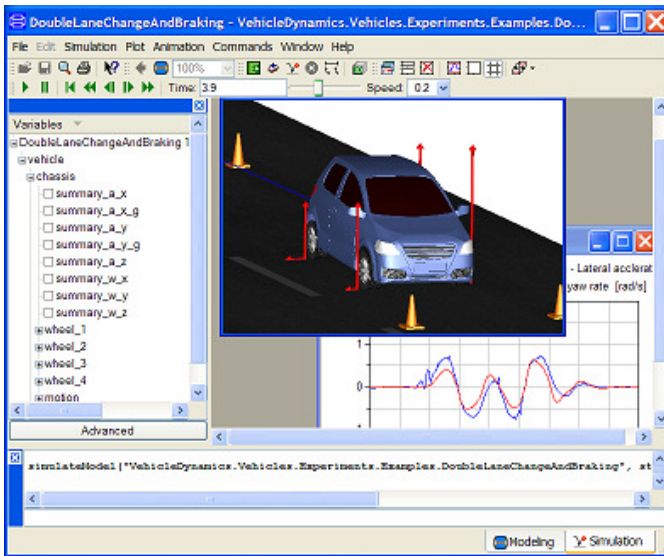
# Modelica environments



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# Dymola



- Dynasim (Dassault Systemes)
- Sweden
- First Modelica tool on the market
- Main focus on automotive industry
- [www.dynasim.com](http://www.dynasim.com)

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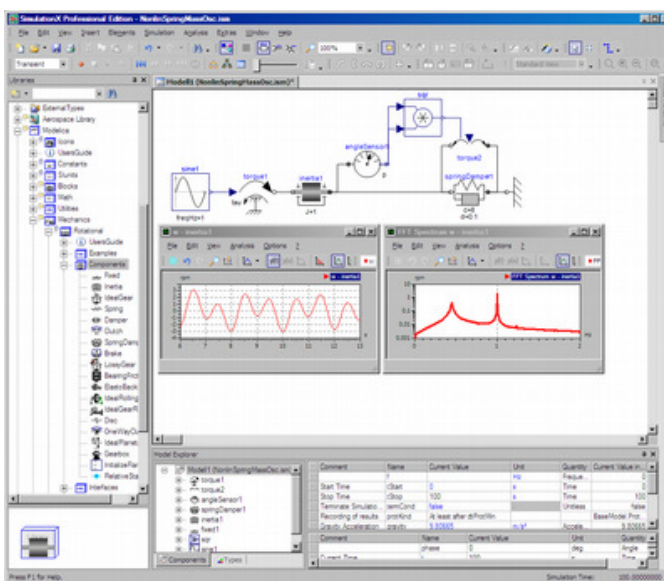
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# Simulation X



- ITI
- Germany
- Mechatronic systems
- [www.simulationx.com](http://www.simulationx.com)

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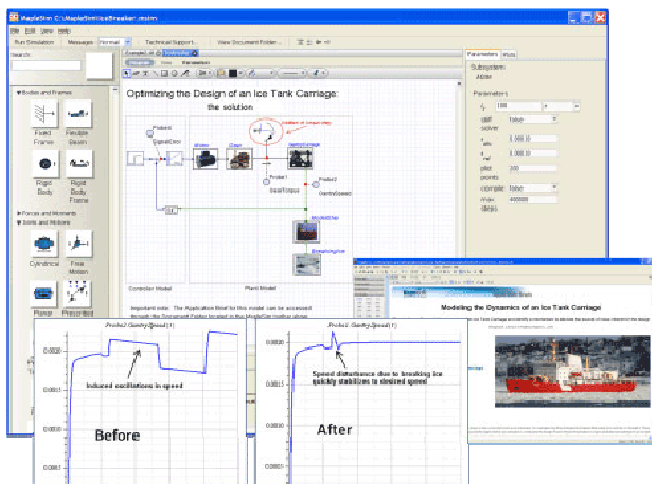
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# MapleSim

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- Maplesoft
- Canada
- Latest Modelica tool on the market
- Integrated with Maple
- [www.maplesoft.com](http://www.maplesoft.com)

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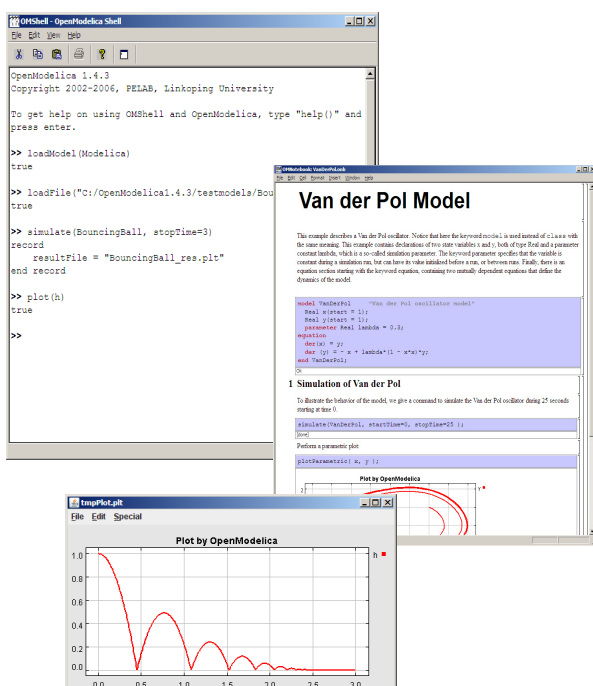
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# OpenModelica

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- Open Source Modelica Consortium (OSMC)
- Sweden
- Open source
- [www.openmodelica.org](http://www.openmodelica.org)

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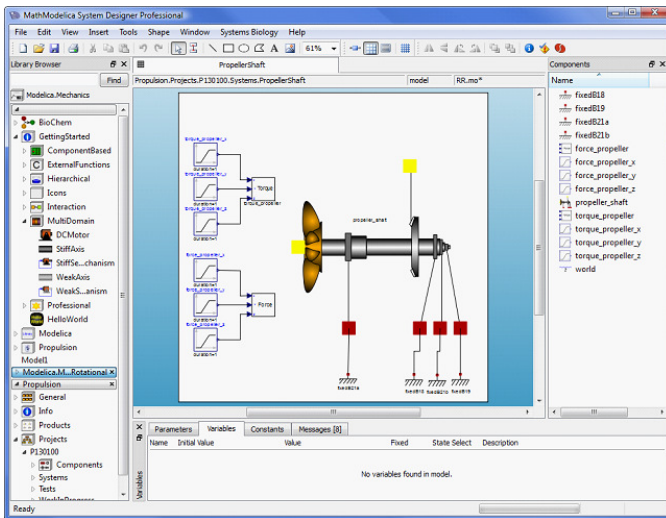
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# MathModelica



- MathCore
- Sweden
- Released 2006
- General purpose
- Mathematica connection
- www.mathcore.com

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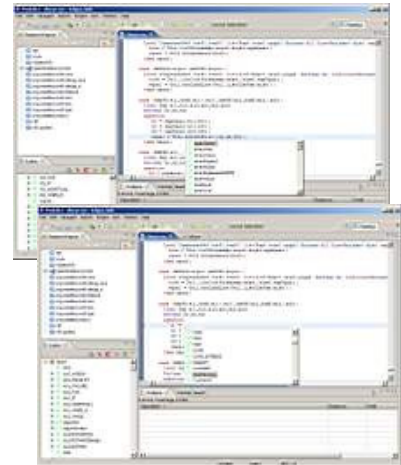
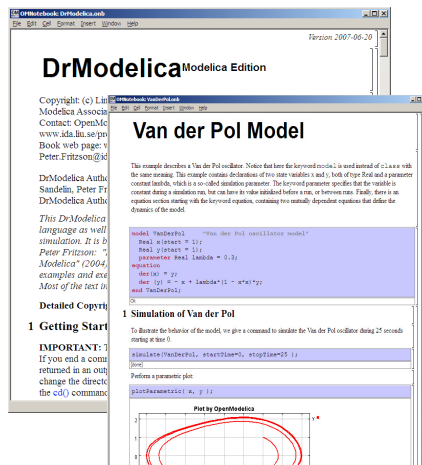
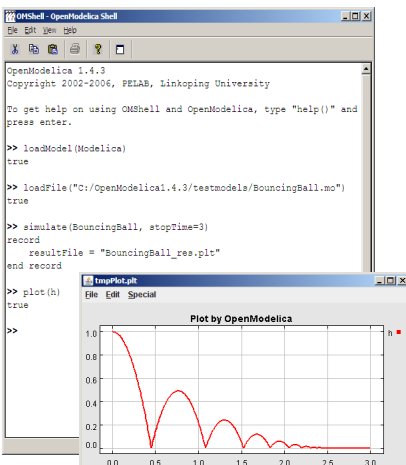
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# OpenModelica

- **Advanced Interactive Modelica compiler (OMC)**
  - Supports parts of the Modelica Language
- **Basic environment for creating models**
  - OMShell – an interactive command handler
  - OMNotebook – a literate programming notebook
  - MDT – an advanced textual environment in Eclipse



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# Open Source Modelica Consortium

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## Open-source community services

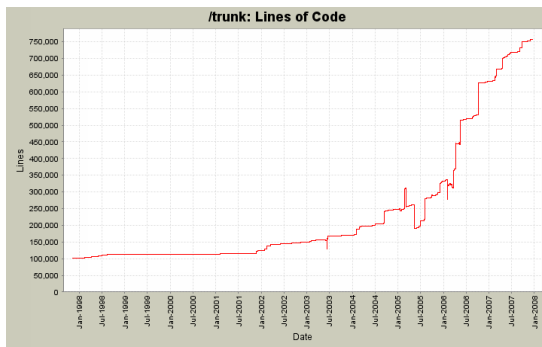
- Website and Support Forum
- Version-controlled source base
- Bug database
- Development courses
- www.openmodelica.org

## Founded Dec 4, 2007

## Industrial members

- Bosch-Rexroth AG, Germany
- ABB Corporate Research AB, Sweden
- Siemens Industrial Turbomachinery, Sweden
- Equa Simulation AB, Sweden
- TLK Thermo, Germany
- VTT, Finland
- MottforWater, Belgium
- MapleSoft, Canada,
- Emmeskey Inc., USA
- IFP, Paris, France
- MathCore Engineering AB

## Code Statistics



## Academic members

- Linköping University, Sweden
- Technical Univ of Hamburg-Harburg, Germany
- Technical Univ of Braunschweig, Germany
- Université Laval, Canada
- University of Queensland, Australia
- Griffith University, Australia
- Politecnico di Milano, Italy

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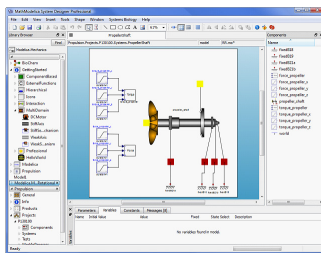
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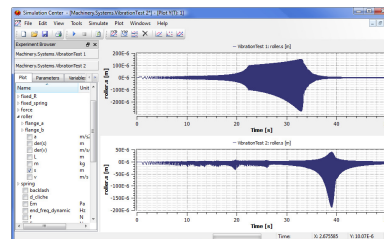
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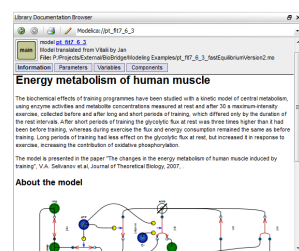
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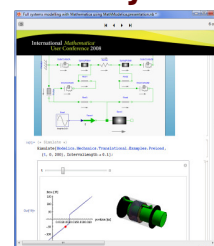
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## Documentation



## Analysis



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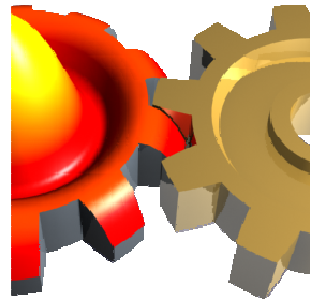


# MathModelica Editions

## Lite

**Ideal for small student projects.** It is free for academic and personal use, but not available for industry.

Runs with, but is not part of OpenModelica



## System Designer

Suited for **modeling and simulation projects** in industry and academia.

Stand-alone

## System Designer Professional

Targeted at **research in industry and academia**, offering unparalleled possibilities for analyzing results.

Includes a tight Mathematica connection

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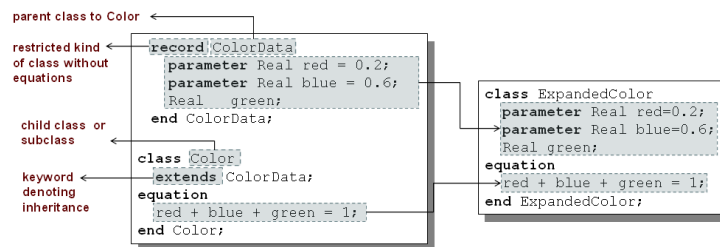
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Typed Declarative Textual Language

Hybrid Modeling

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# Acausal Modeling

## The order of computations is not decided at modeling time

	<b>Acausal</b>	<b>Causal</b>
<b>Visual Component Level</b>		
<b>Equation Level</b>	<p>A resistor <i>equation</i>:</p> $R \cdot i = v;$	<p>Causal possibilities:</p> $i := v/R;$ $v := R \cdot i;$ $R := v/i;$

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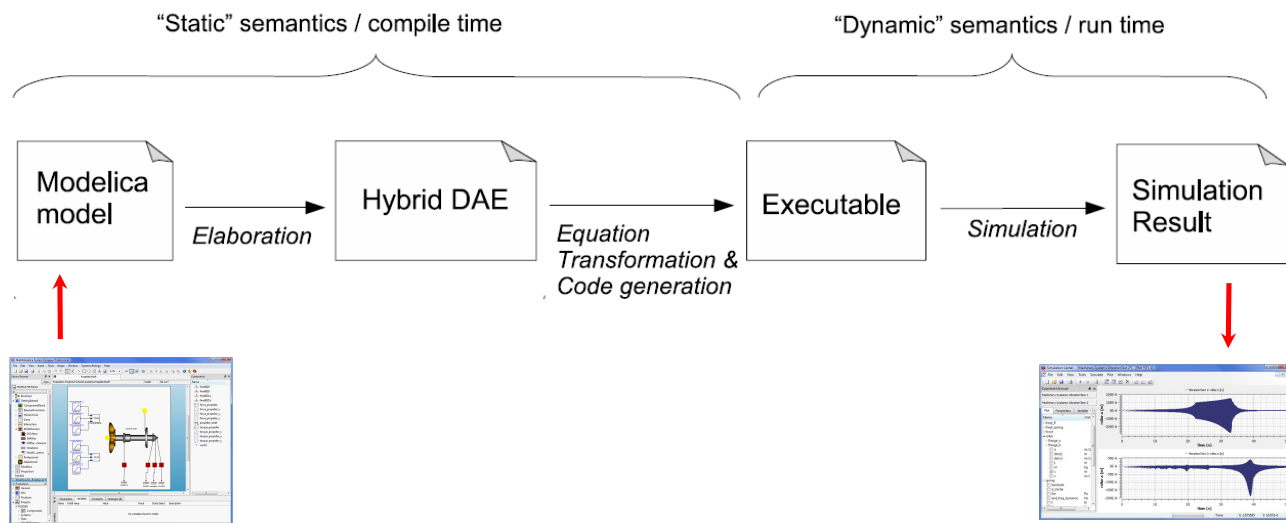


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# Typical Simulation Process



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# Simple model - Hello World!

Equation:  $x' = -x$   
Initial condition:  $x(0) = 1$

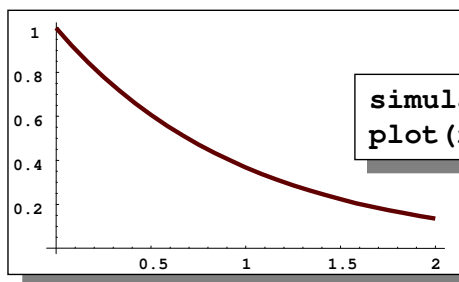
Continuous-time variable  
Parameter, constant during simulation

Name of model Initial condition

```
model HelloWorld "A simple equation"
  Real x(start=1);
  parameter Real a = -1;
  equation
    der(x) = a*x;
  end HelloWorld;
```

## Simulation in OpenModelica environment

Differential equation



```
simulate(HelloWorld, stopTime = 2)
plot(x)
```

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# Differential Algebraic Equations

Informally: ODE + algebraic equations = DAE

General representation of DAEs:

$$0 = f(t, \dot{x}(t), x(t), y(t), u(t), p)$$

- $t$  time
- $\dot{x}(t)$  vector of differentiated state variables
- $x(t)$  vector of state variables
- $y(t)$  vector of algebraic variables
- $u(t)$  vector of input variables
- $p$  vector of parameters and/or constants

Algebraic variable

Differentiated variable

Algebraic equation

Force it to be the start value

```
model DAEexample
  Real x(start=0.9, fixed=true);
  Real y;
  equation
    der(y) + sin(x) = sin(time);
    x - y = exp(-0.9*x) * cos(y);
  end DAEexample;
```

Built-in functions and global time variable

Typically, the compiler transforms the DAE to an ODE before simulation, sometimes using an *index reduction* algorithms.

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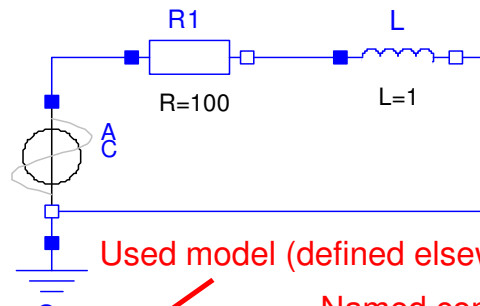
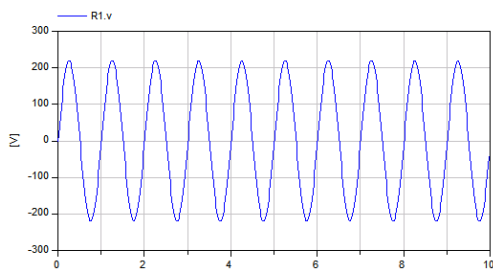
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# Textual and Graphical Models



Enables later modification of component

Connect equations

```

model Circuit
protected
  replaceable Resistor R1(R=10);
  replaceable Inductor L(L=0.1);
  VsourceAC AC;
  Ground G;
  equation
    connect(AC.p, R1.p);
    connect(R1.n, L.p);
    connect(L.n, AC.n);
    connect(AC.n, G.p);
  end Circuit;
    
```

Used model (defined elsewhere)

Named component = model instance

Modification of parameter value

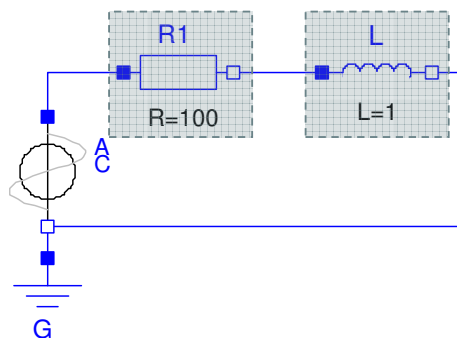
# Equations and Inheritance

```

model TwoPin
  Pin p;
  Pin n;
  Real v;
  Real i;
  equation
    v = p.v - n.v;
    0 = p.i + n.i;
    i = p.i;
  end TwoPin;
    
```

Pin p, n and Reals v and i are copied to the subclass

Equations are copied as well.



```

model Resistor
  extends TwoPin;
  Real R = 100;
  equation
    R*i = v;
  end Resistor;
    
```

Inherits equations and components from TwoPin

Differential equation

Algebraic equation

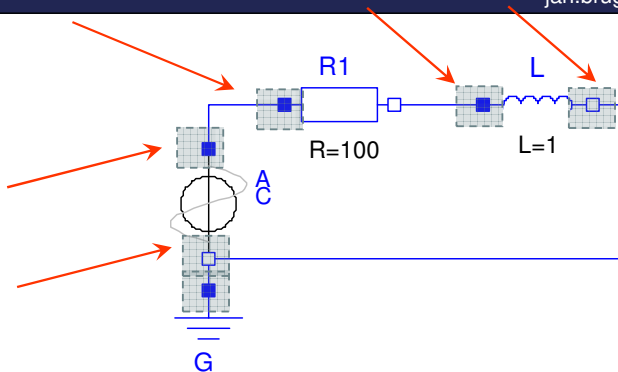
```

model Inductor
  extends TwoPin;
  Real L = 1;
  equation
    L*der(i) = v;
  end Inductor;
    
```

# Connectors (Ports)

```

model TwoPin
  Pin p;
  Pin n;
  Real v;
  Real i;
  equation
    v = p.v - n.v;
    0 = p.i + n.i;
    i = p.i;
  end TwoPin;
    
```



Connectors are instances of a connector class.

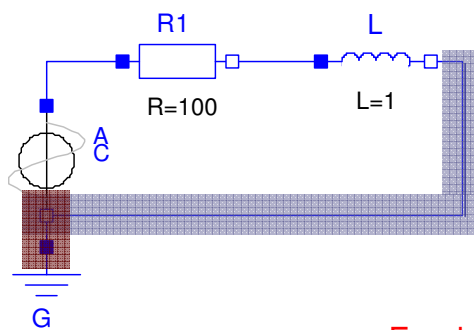
```

connector Pin
  Real v;
  flow Real i;
end Pin;
    
```

# Connections and Flow Variables

```

model Circuit
protected
  replaceable Resistor R1(R=10);
  replaceable Inductor L(L=0.1);
  VsourceAC AC;
  Ground G;
  equation
    connect(AC.p, R1.p);
    connect(R1.n, L.p);
    connect(L.n, AC.n);
    connect(AC.n, G.p);
  end Circuit;
    
```



```

connector Pin
  Real v;
  flow Real i;
end Pin;
    
```

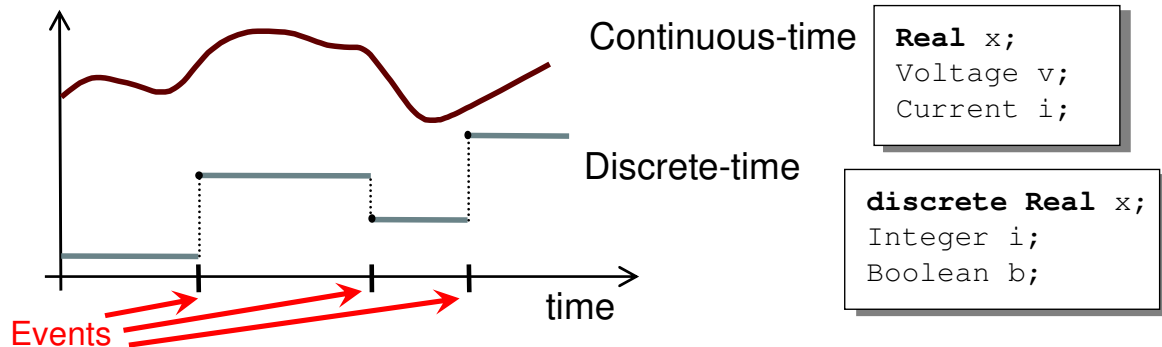
Equations from **potential** variables:  
 $L.n.v = AC.n.v$   
 $AC.n.v = G.p.v$

Equation from **flow** variables:  
 $L.n.i + AC.n.i + G.p.i = 0$

Fundamental concept making acausal modeling work (simplified)

# Hybrid Modeling

Hybrid modeling = continuous-time + discrete-time modeling



- A *point* in time that is instantaneous, i.e., has zero duration
- An *event condition* so that the event can take place
- A set of *variables* that are associated with the event
- Some *behavior* associated with the event, e.g. *conditional equations* that become active or are deactivated at the event

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## Event creation – if

*if-equations, if-statements, and if-expressions*

```
if <condition> then
  <equations>
elseif <condition> then
  <equations>
else
  <equations>
end if;
```

```
model Diode "Ideal diode"
  extends TwoPin;
  Real s;
  Boolean off;
equation
  off = s < 0;
  if off then
    v=s
  else
    v=0;
  end if;
  i = if off then 0 else s;
end Diode;
```

False if  $s < 0$

If-equation choosing  
equation for  $v$

If-expression

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# Event creation – when

## when-equations

```
when <conditions> then
  <equations>
end when;
```



Equations only active at event times

### Time event

```
when time >= 10.0 then
  ...
end when;
```

Only dependent on time, can be scheduled in advance

### State event

```
when sin(x) > 0.5 then
  ...
end when;
```

Related to a state. Check for zero-crossing

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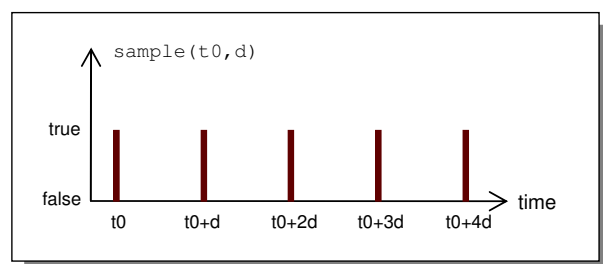
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# Generating Repeated Events

The call `sample(t0, d)` returns true and triggers events at times  $t_0 + i \cdot d$ , where  $i = 0, 1, \dots$

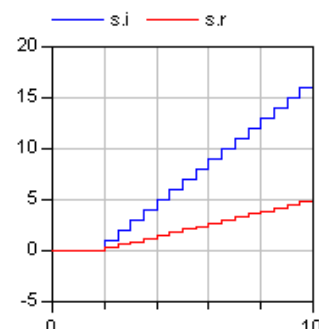


Variables need to be discrete

```
model SamplingClock
  Integer i;
  discrete Real r;
equation
  when sample(2, 0.5) then
    i = pre(i)+1;
    r = pre(r)+0.3;
  end when;
end SamplingClock;
```

Creates an event after 2 s, then each 0.5 s

pre(...) takes the previous value before the event.



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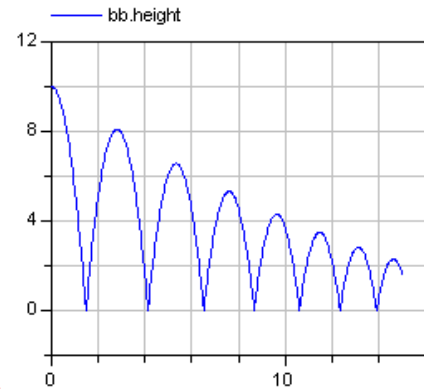
# Reinit - discontinuous changes

The value of a *continuous-time* state variable can be instantaneously changed by a `reinit`-equation within a `when`-equation

```

model BouncingBall "the bouncing ball model"
  parameter Real g=9.81; //gravitational acc.
  parameter Real c=0.90; //elasticity constant
  Real height(start=10), velocity(start=0);
equation
  der(height) = velocity;
  der(velocity)=-g;
  when height<0 then
    reinit(velocity, -c*velocity);
  end when;
end BouncingBall;

```



Initial conditions

Reinit "assigns"  
continuous-time variable  
velocity a new value

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# Modelica – large and complex

We have just “scratched on the surface of the language”

Examples of the features which has not been covered

- Functions and algorithm sections
- Arrays and matrices
- Inner / outer variables (lookup in instance hierarchy)
- Annotations
- Loop constructs
- Partial classes
- Packages, blocks...

And much more...



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## Exercise 2.1 Simulate Bouncing Ball

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- Open OpenModelica OMNotebook
- Open file "bouncingball.onb"
- Each cell is evaluated by first clicking on an input cell and then pressing <shift>-<enter>. Do this in order for each of the cells below. When the final cell is evaluated a plot of the height variable should be shown in the notebook.
- b) Change the gravitational acceleration to the one on the moon. Change the simulation time to 25 seconds. Evaluate each cell again and plot the result.

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## Exercise 2.2 Bouncing Ball with Stairs

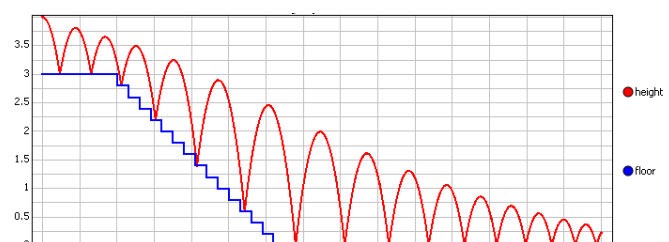
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- Move the the model back to earth again...
- Assume that we shall simulate a ball falling down a staircase in a house.
- Each step has a height of 0.2m and a length of 0.3m. The ball is moving in the x direction with a constant speed of 1 m/s. The height between the groundfloor and the first floor is 3m. The ball is dropped 1m above the first floor and 2m from the staircase.

**Task :** After how long time does the ball first hit the groundfloor?

Tips: Plot two variables  $x$  and  $y$ :

```
plot({x,y});
```



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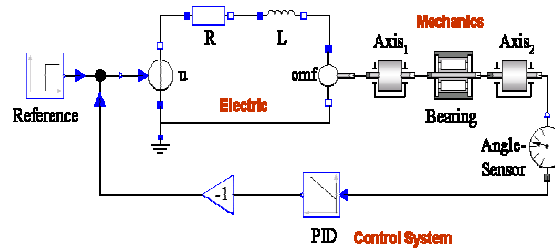
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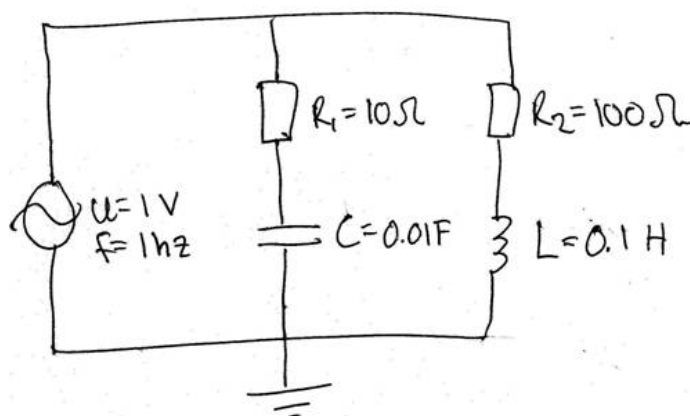
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# Building an Electric Circuit



$$u(t) = R_1 i_1(t) + \frac{1}{C} \int i_1(t) dt$$

$$u(t) = R_2 i_2(t) + L \frac{di_2(t)}{dt}$$

$$i(t) = i_1(t) + i_2(t)$$

$$i_1(t) = \frac{1}{R_1} \left( u(t) - \frac{1}{C} \int i_1(t) dt \right)$$

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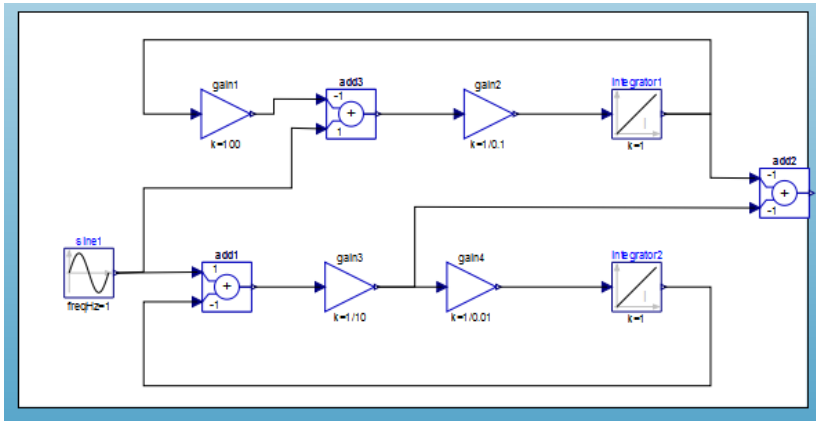


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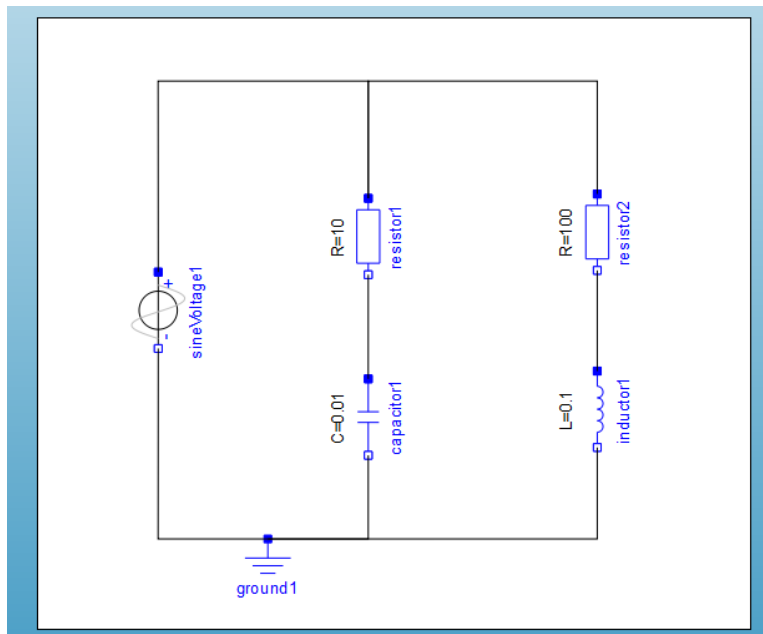
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# Some Other Domains

Domain Type	Potential	Flow	Carrier	Modelica Library
Electrical	Voltage	Current	Charge	Electrical. Analog
Translational	Position	Force	Linear momentum	Mechanical. Translational
Rotational	Angle	Torque	Angular momentum	Mechanical. Rotational
Magnetic	Magnetic potential	Magnetic flux rate	Magnetic flux	
Hydraulic	Pressure	Volume flow	Volume	HyLibLight
Heat	Temperature	Heat flow	Heat	HeatFlow1D
Chemical	Chemical potential	Particle flow	Particles	Under construction
Pneumatic	Pressure	Mass flow	Air	PneuLibLight

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# Modelica Standard Library

1D and 3D mechanics	analog and digital electrical circuits, electrical machines	heat transfer, fluid systems	cont., discrete logical blocks, state machines

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  - Blocks
  - Constants
  - Electrical
  - Icons
  - Math
  - Mechanics
  - Slunits
  - StateGraph
  - Thermal

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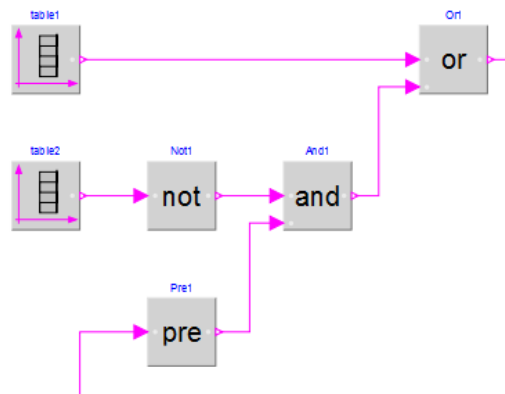


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# Blocks

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  - Blocks
    - Continuous
    - Discrete
    - Examples
    - Interfaces
    - Logical
    - Math
    - Nonlinear
    - Routing
    - Sources
    - Tables
    - Types
  - Constants
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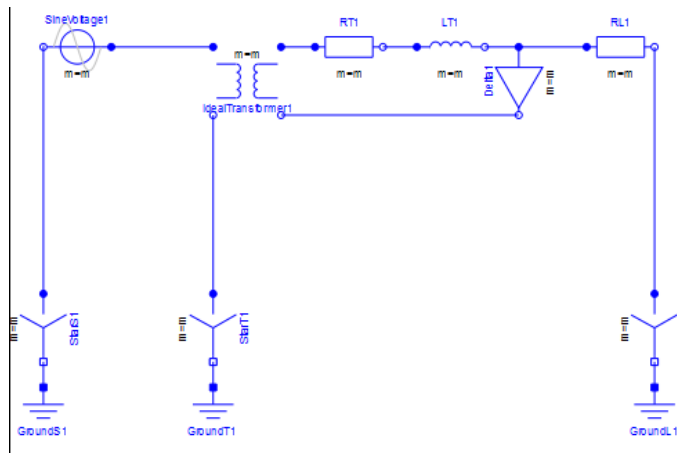


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# Electrical

- Modelica
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  - Electrical
    - Analog
      - Basic
      - Examples
      - Ideal
      - Interfaces
      - Lines
      - Semiconductors
      - Sensors
      - Sources
    - MultiPhase
      - Basic
      - Examples
      - Ideal
      - Interfaces
      - Sensors
      - Sources
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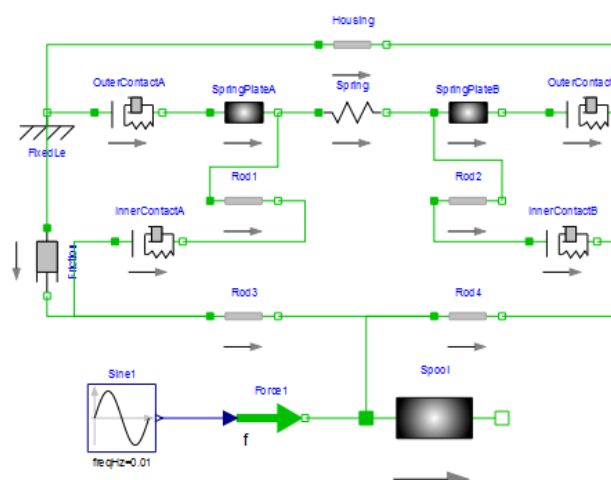


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  - Mechanics
    - Rotational
    - Translational
      - Examples
      - Interfaces
      - Sensors
      - Accelerate
      - Damper
      - ElastoGap
      - Fixed
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      - Move
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      - RelativeStates
      - Rod
      - SlidingMass
      - Speed
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      - Stop



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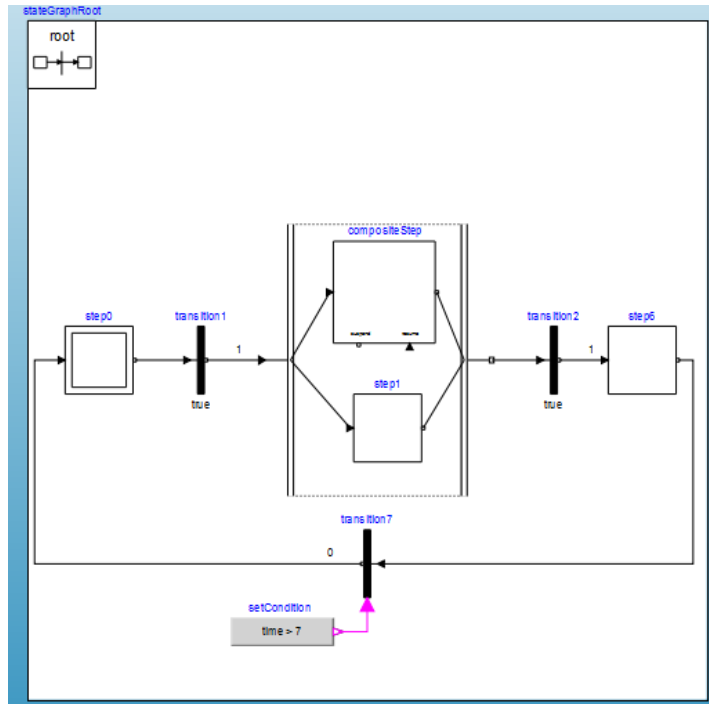


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  - StateGraph
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    - Interfaces
    - Temporary
    - UsersGuide
      - Alternative
      - InitialStep
      - InitialStepWithSignal
      - Parallel
      - PartialCompositeStep
      - StateGraphRoot
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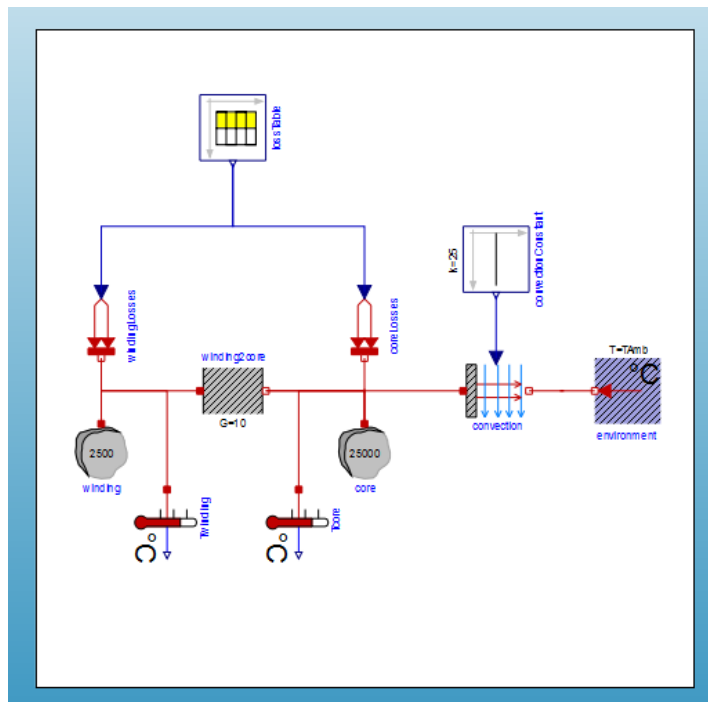


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- Thermal
  - FluidHeatFlow
    - Components
    - Examples
    - Interfaces
    - Media
    - Sensors
    - Sources
  - HeatTransfer
    - Celsius
    - Examples
    - Fahrenheit
    - Interfaces
    - Rankine
      - BodyRadiation
      - Convection
      - FixedHeatFlow
      - FixedTemperature
      - HeatCapacitor
      - HeatFlowSensor
      - PrescribedHeatFlow
      - PrescribedTemperature
      - RelTem...Sensor
      - Temper...Sensor
      - ThermalConductor



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# Other Libraries

- Bond graphs
- Magnetic
- Systems biology
- Hydraulics
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- Powertrain
- Petri Nets
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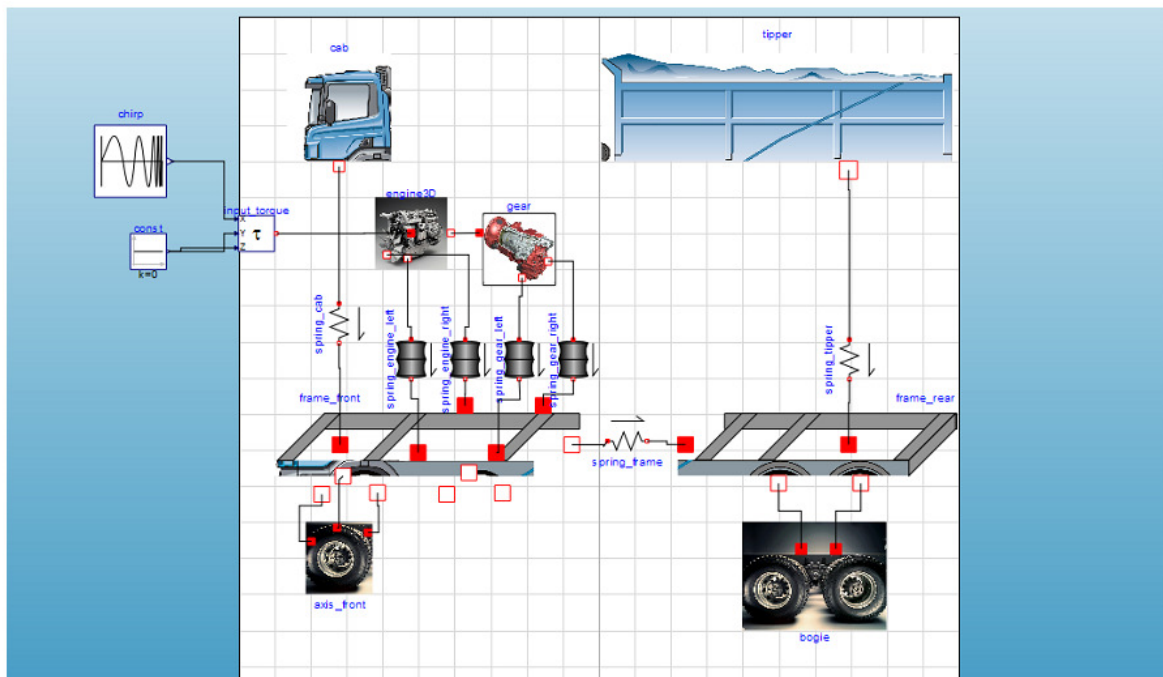
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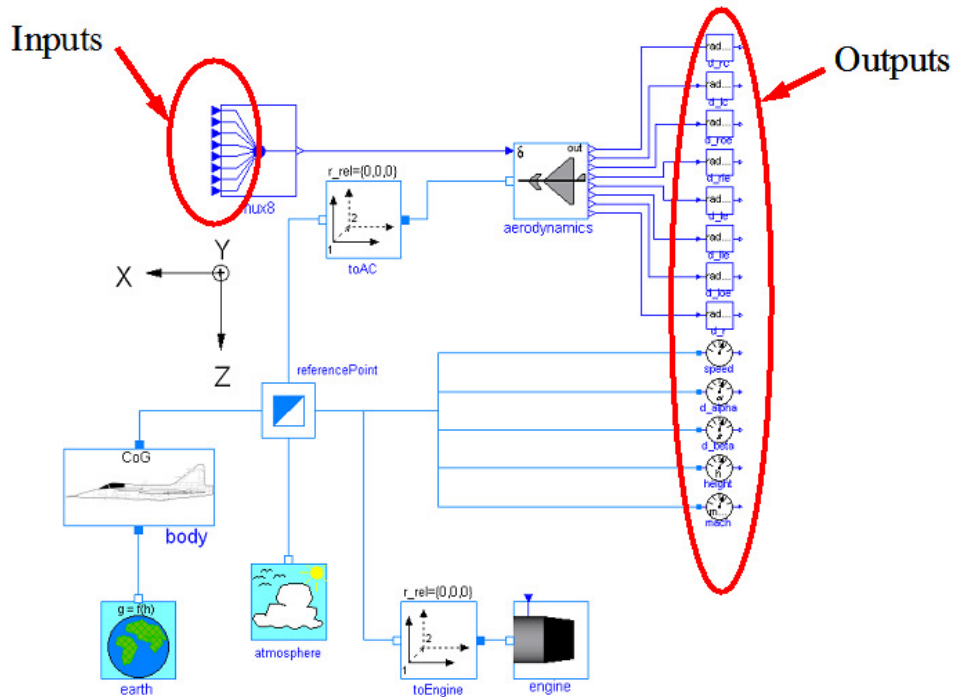
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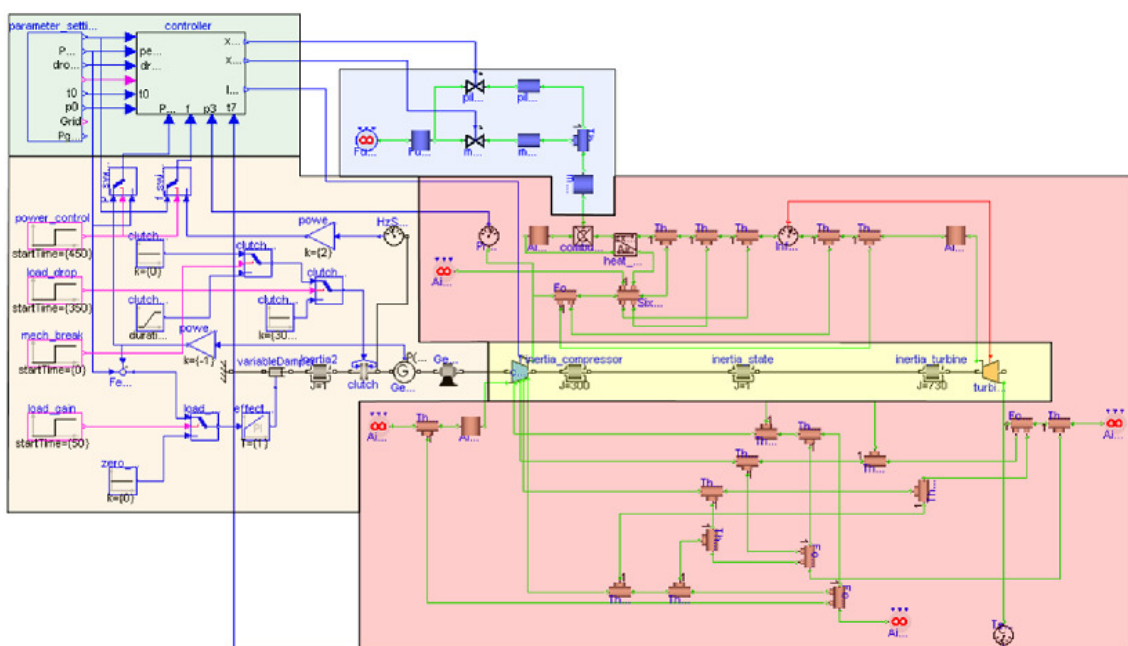
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# Modelica in Power Generation



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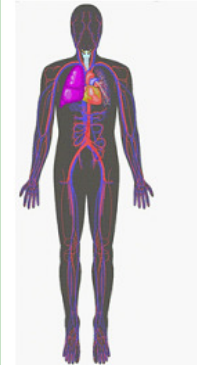
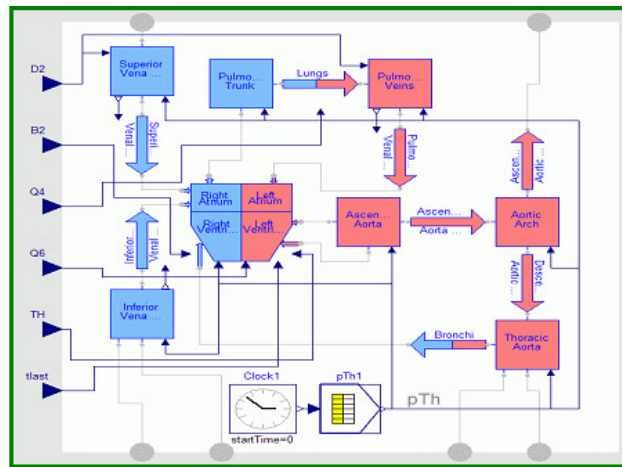


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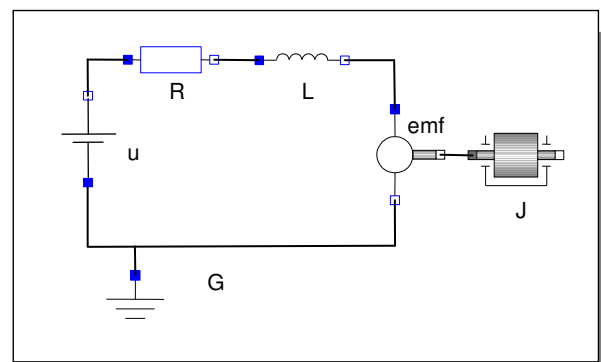
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## Exercise 3.1

- Draw the DCMotor model using the graphic connection editor using models from the following Modelica libraries:  
Mechanics.Rotational,  
Electrical.Analog.Basic,  
Electrical.Analog.Sources

- Simulate it for 15s and plot the variables for the outgoing rotational speed on the inertia axis and the voltage on the voltage source (denoted  $u$  in the figure) in the same plot.



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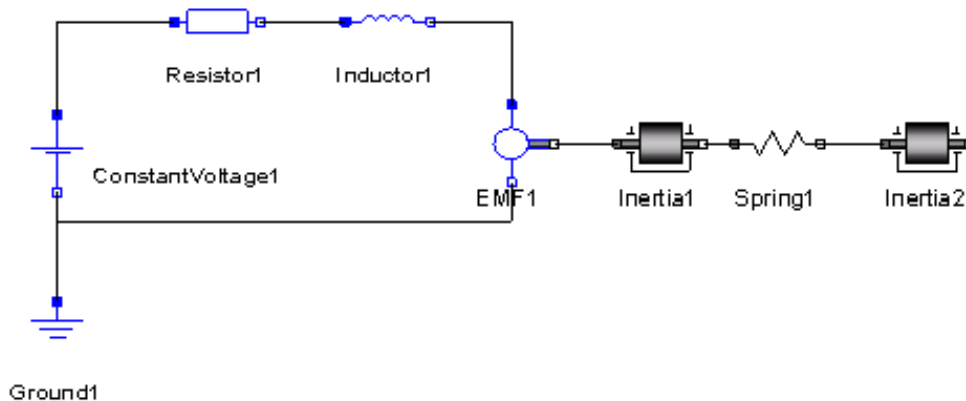


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## Optional Exercise 3.2

- If there is enough time: Add a torsional spring to the outgoing shaft and another inertia element. Simulate again and see the results. Adjust some parameters to make a rather stiff spring.



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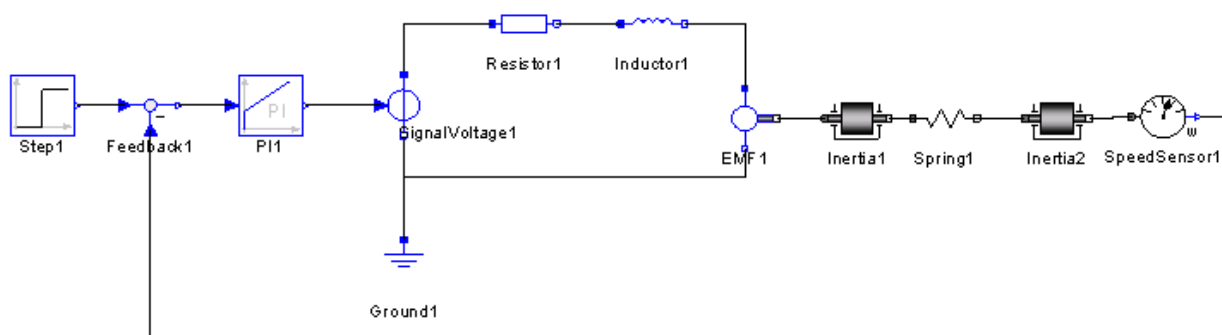
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## Optional Exercise 3.3

- If there is enough time: Add a PI controller to the system and try to control the rotational speed of the outgoing shaft. Verify the result using a step signal for input. Tune the PI controller by changing its parameters in MathModelica.



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# Live example

- Building a component with icon

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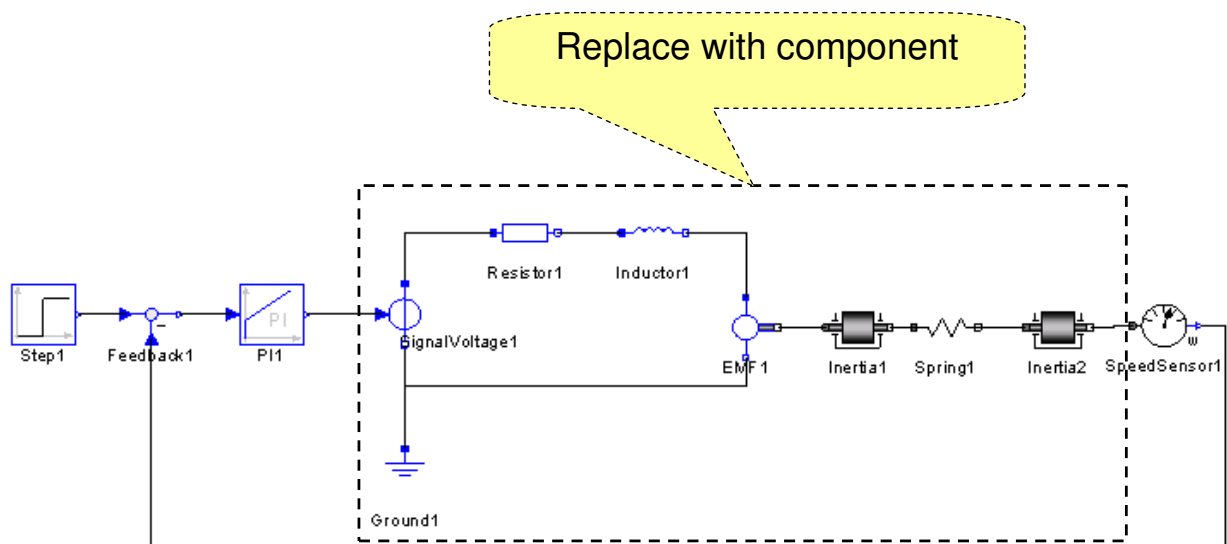


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# Optional Exercise 3.4

- Make a component of the model in Exercise 2.2, and use it when building the model in exercise 2.3.



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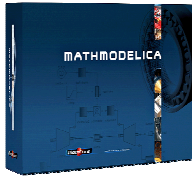


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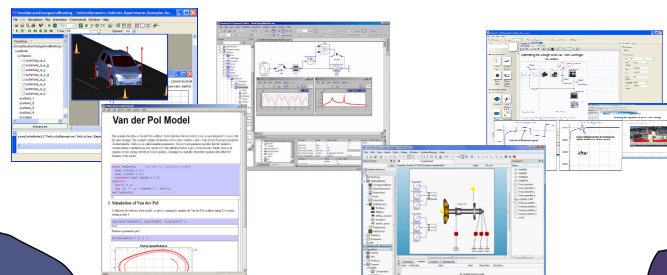
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Visual Acausal Component Modeling



Typed Declarative Textual Language

Hybrid Modeling



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