

# Modelica Modelling Tutorial

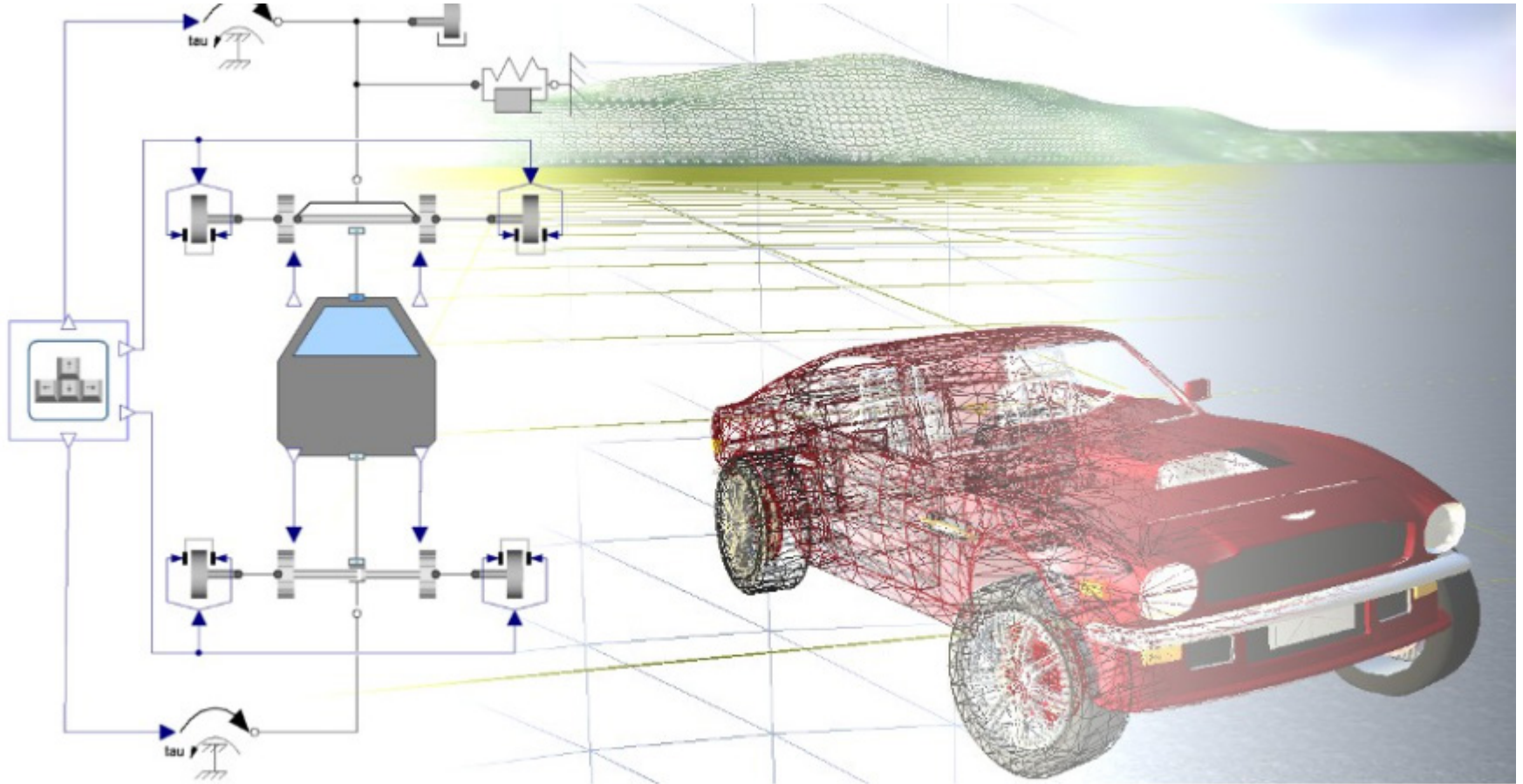
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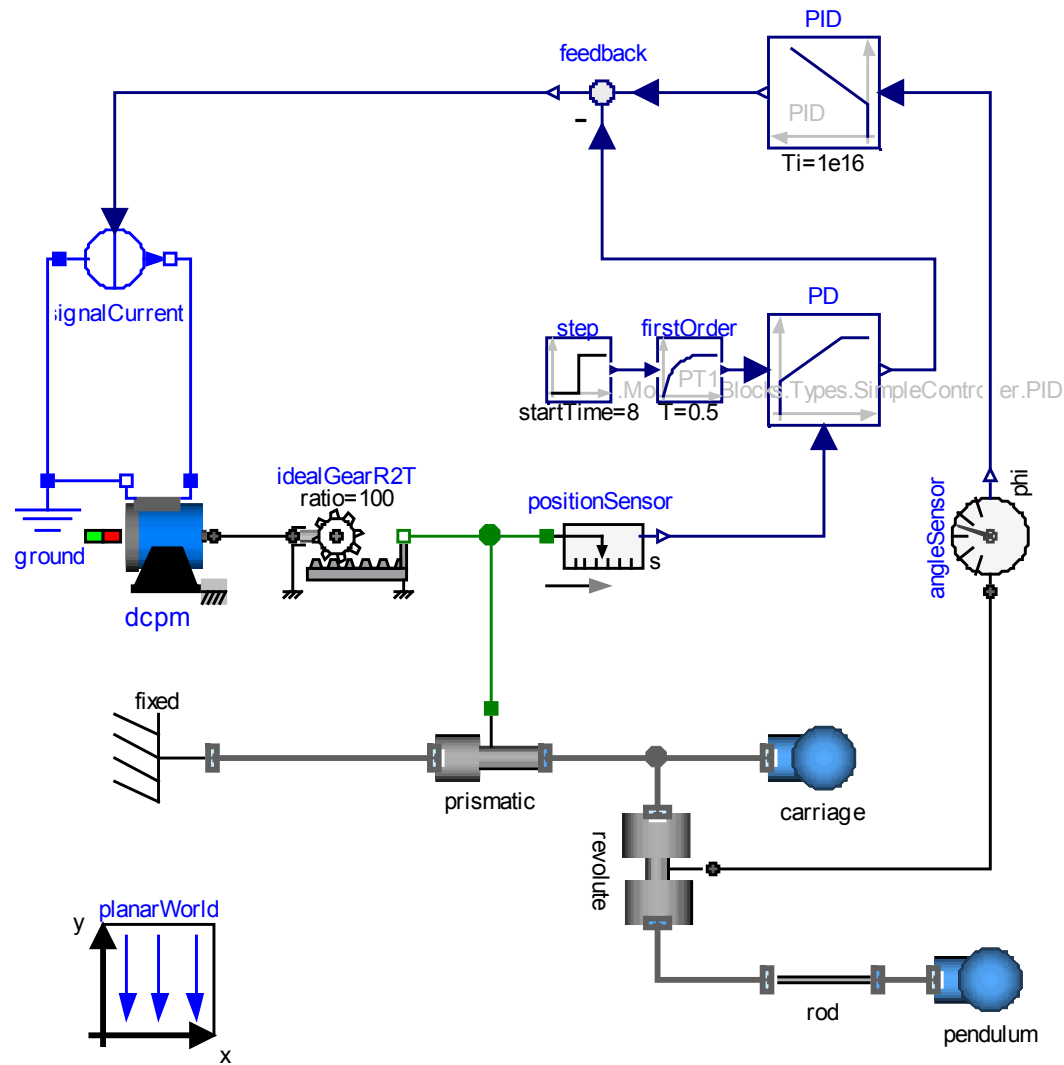


# Teaching Modelica

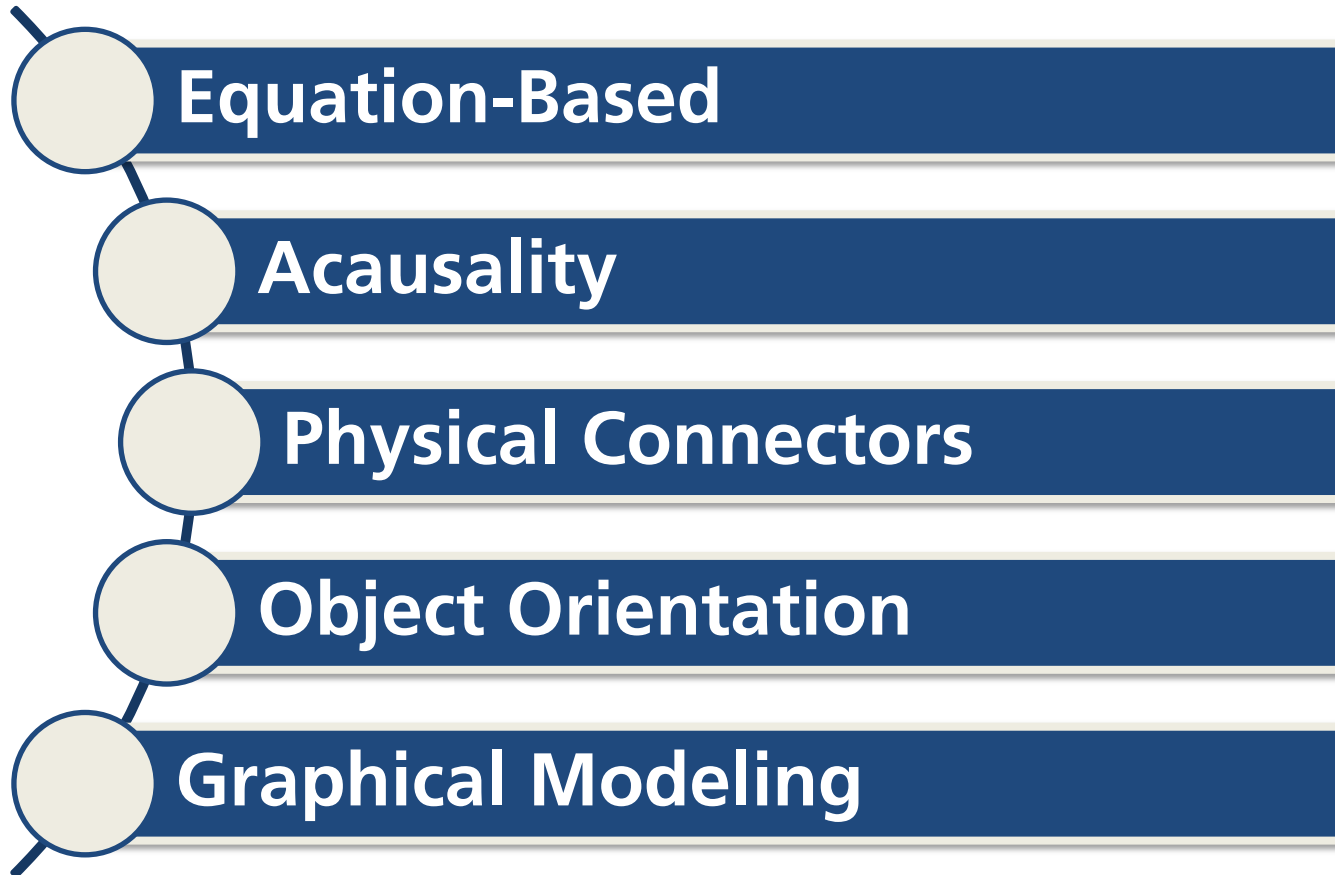


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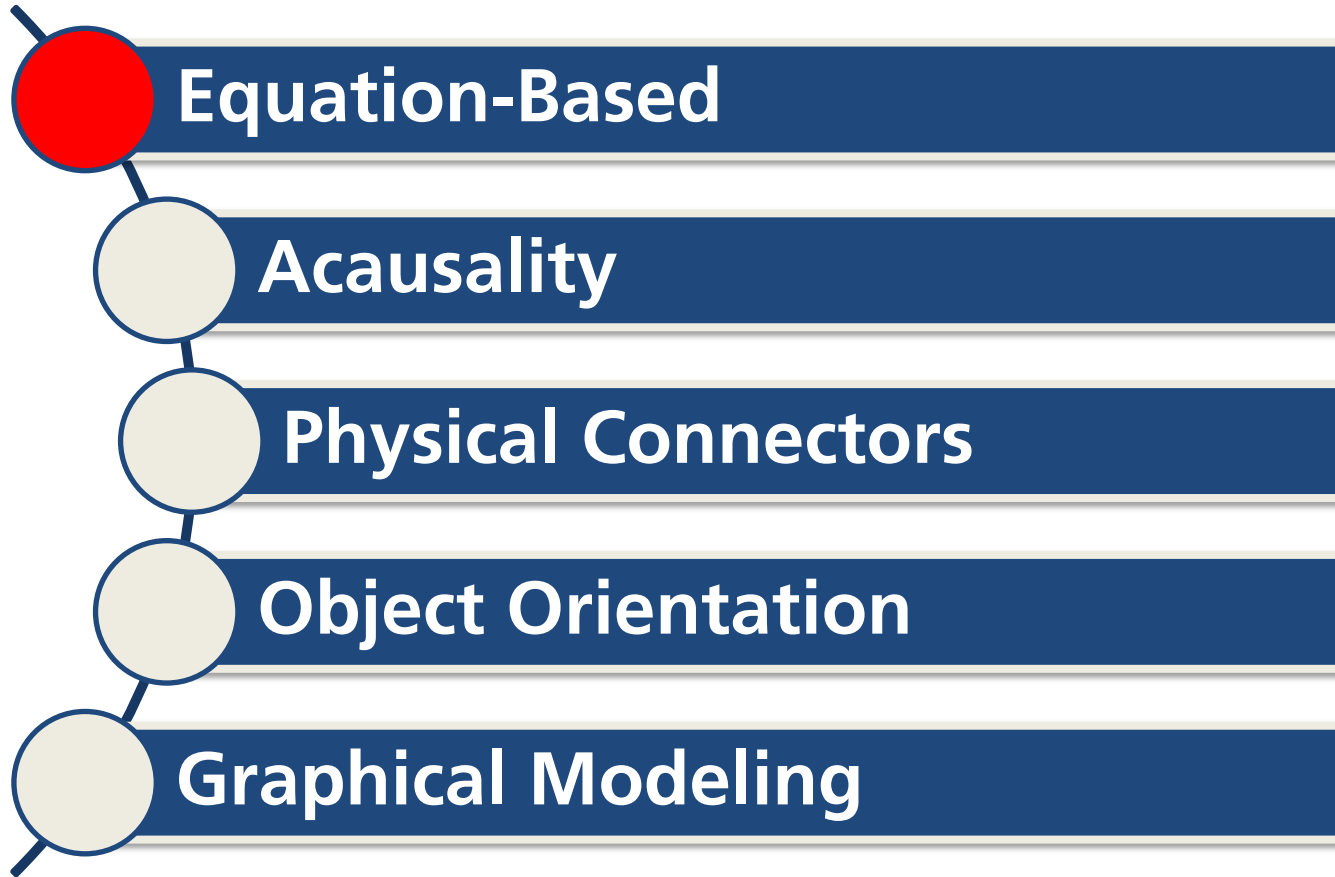
# Demonstration of Modelica



## 5 Basic Principles of Modelica



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## Principle 1: Equation-Based Modelling

For this simple circuit, we can still derive all equations by hand, even in a very compact form.

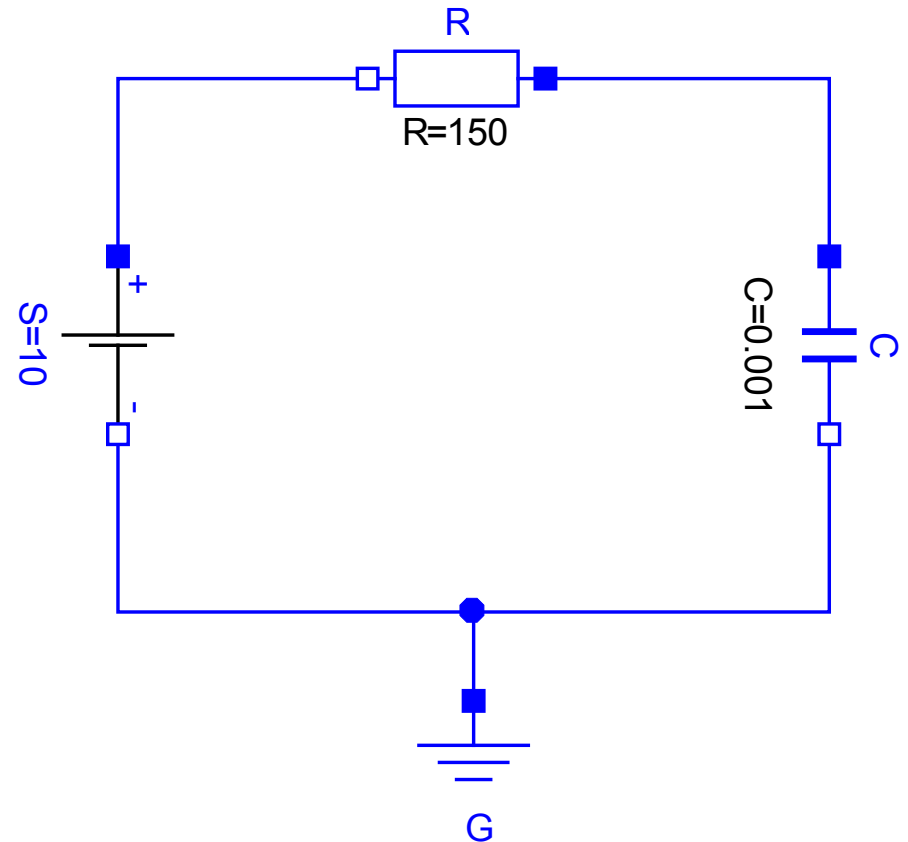
- The current is determined by:

$$10 - u_C = R \cdot i$$

- And the capacitor voltage is state of the system:

$$du_C/dt \cdot C = i$$

- Let us punch that into the computer by using Modelica





# Principle 1: Equation-Based Modelling

```
model SimpleCircuit
```

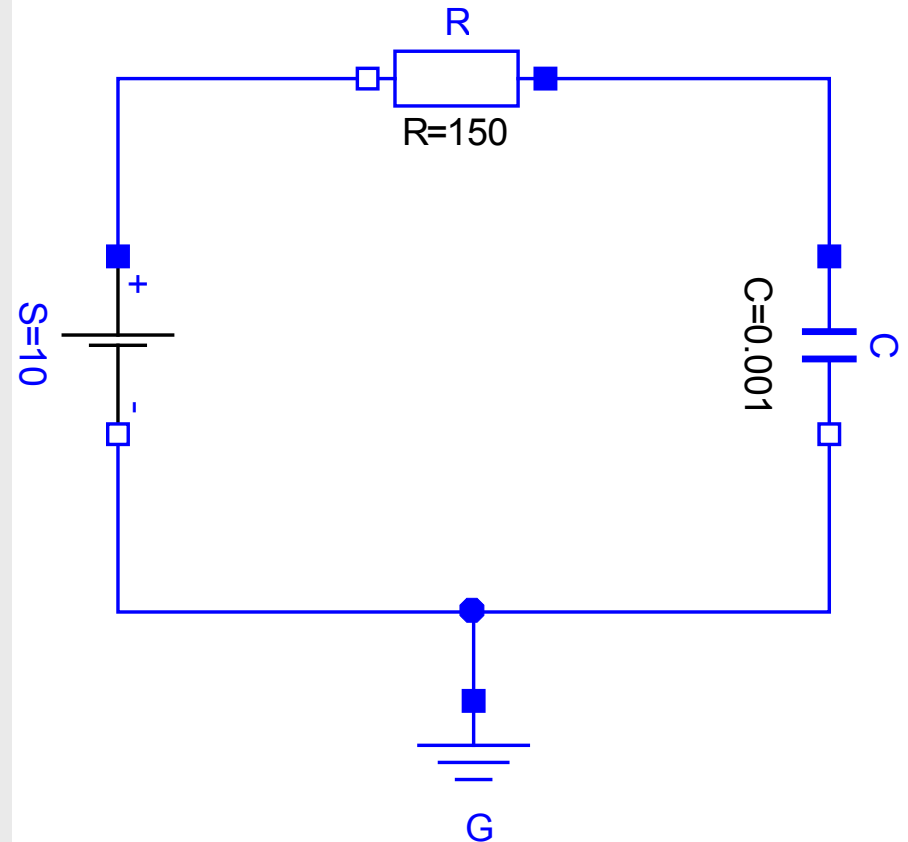
```
  parameter Real C;  
  parameter Real R;  
  parameter Real V0;
```

```
  Real i;  
  Real uC;
```

```
equations
```

```
  V0-uC = R*i;  
  der(uC)*C = i;
```

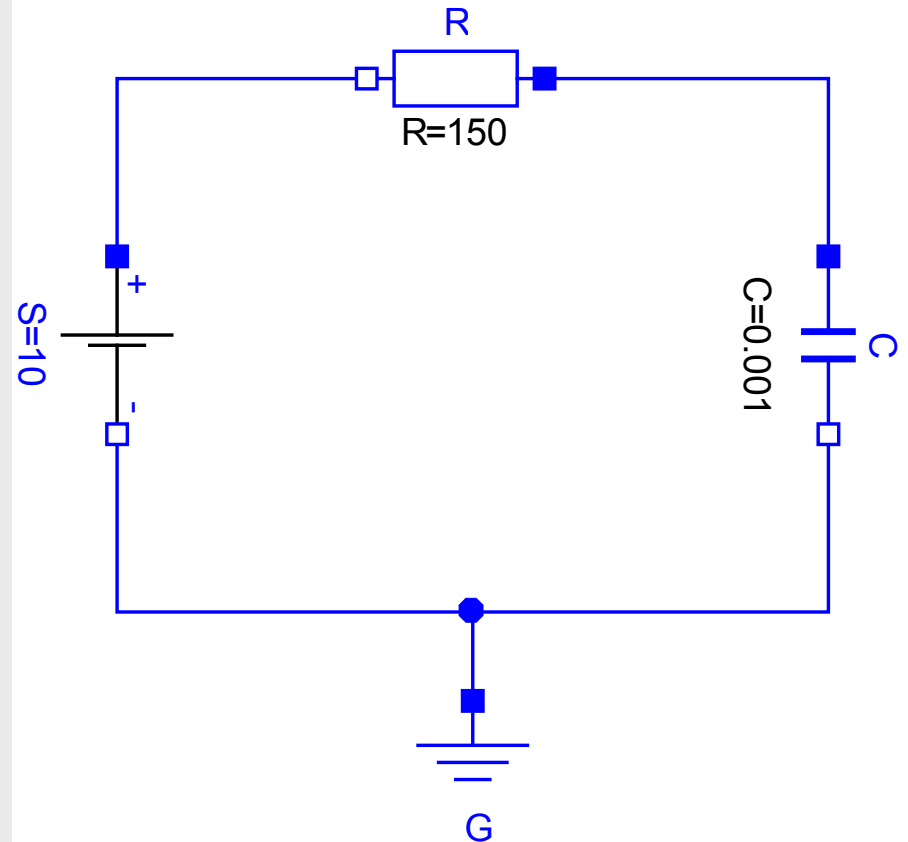
```
end SimpleCircuit;
```



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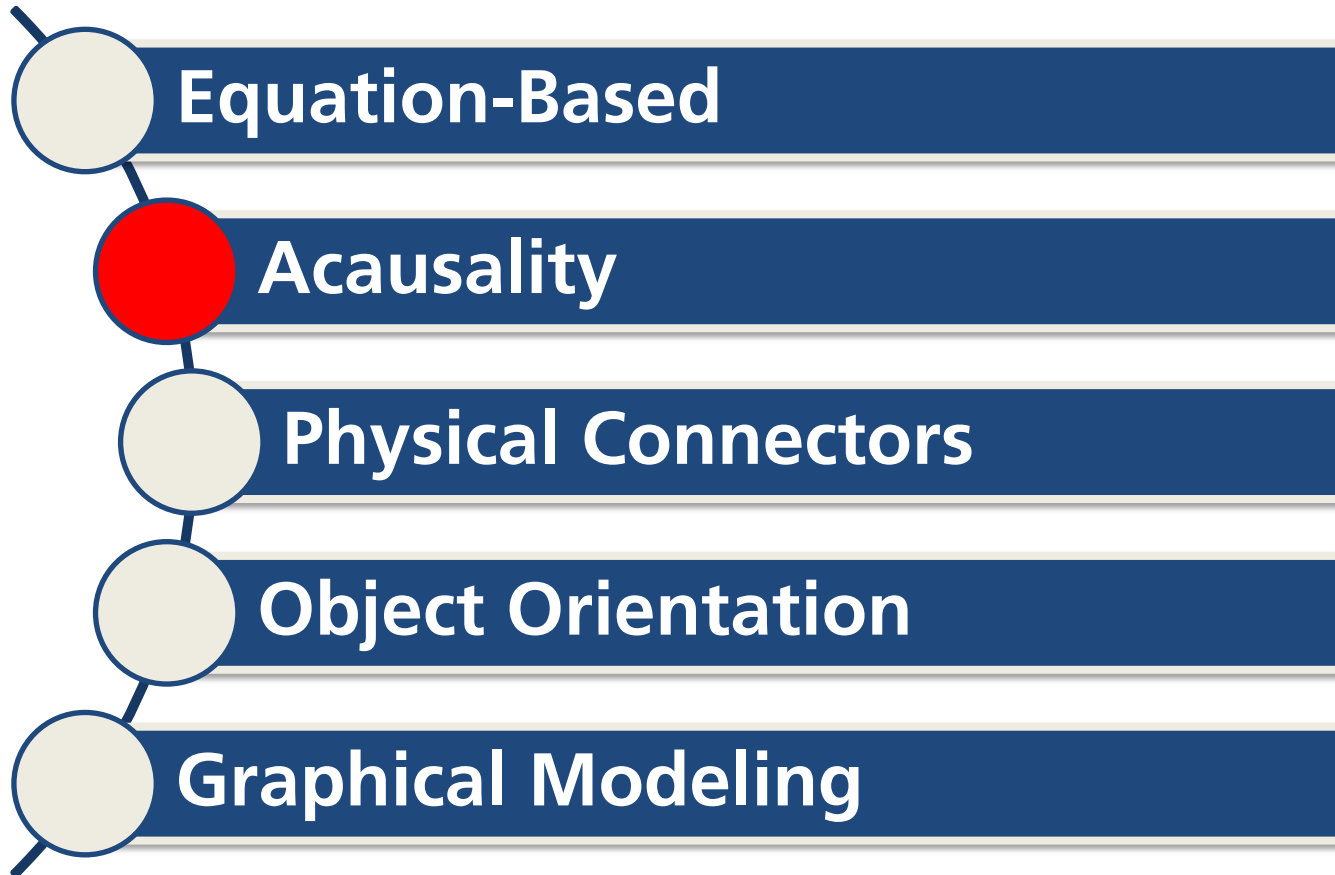
```
model SimpleCircuit
  "A simple RC circuit"
  import SI = Modelica.SIunits;
  parameter SI.Capacitance C=0.001
    "Capacity";
  parameter SI.Resistance R = 100
    "Resistance";
  parameter SI.Voltage V0 = 10
    "Source Voltage";
  SI.Current i "Current" ;
  SI.Voltage uC "Capacitor Voltage";

  initial equation
    uC = 0;
  equations
    V0-uC = R*i;
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  end SimpleCircuit;
```





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## Principle 2: Acausality

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### initial equation

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### equations

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end SimpleCircuit;
```

Equations are non-causal:

I can write:

$$V0 - uC = R * i;$$

or

$$uC + R * i = V0;$$

or

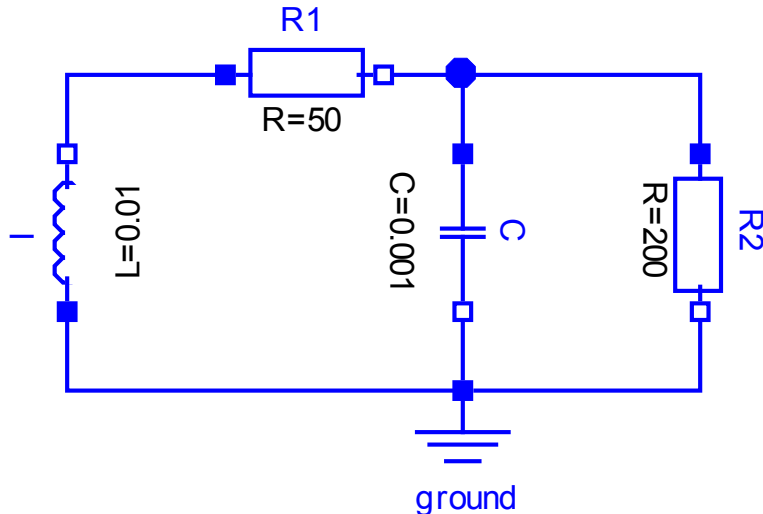
$$(uC - V0) / R = -i;$$

It expresses the same relation  
between uC and i



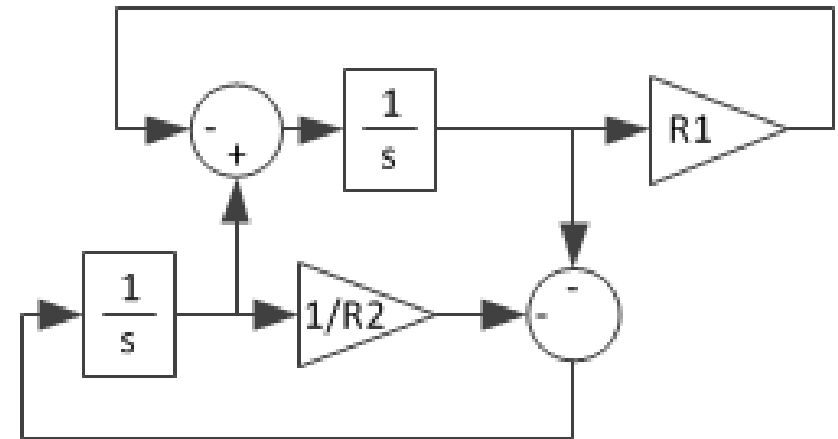
## Principle 2: Acausality

### Modelica



- In R1, the causality is:  $u := R \cdot i$
- In R2, the causality is:  $i := u/R$
- In Modelica, one can use the same, non-causal equation  $u = R \cdot i$  for both resistor components.

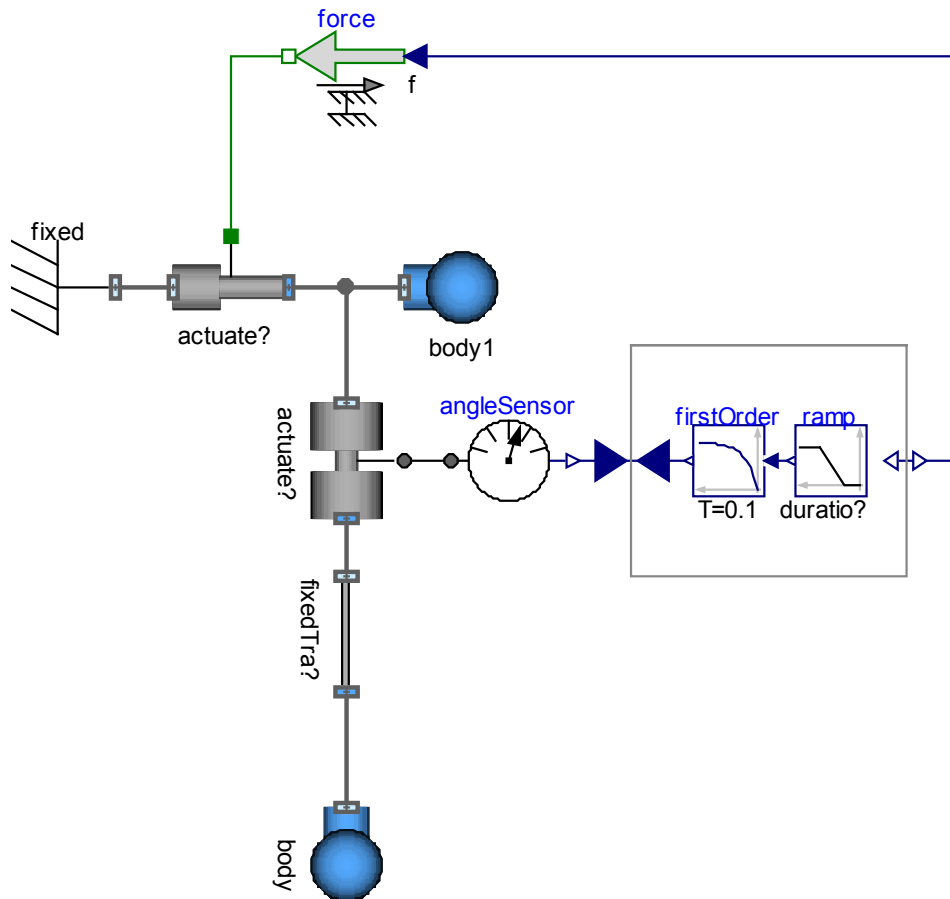
### Simulink



- R1 is a gain factor
- R2 is a divisor
- In Simulink, I have causal signal flow and have to use different assignments for differently used resistors



## Principle 2: Acausality



- Acausality is very powerful
- Instead of prescribing the forces and computing the motion...
- ...I can prescribe the motion and compute the required force.



## Principle 2: Acausality

- A Modelica Compiler typically transforms the model-equations from the implicit DAE Form:

$$\mathbf{0} = F(\mathbf{x}_p, d\mathbf{x}_p/dt, \mathbf{u}, t)$$

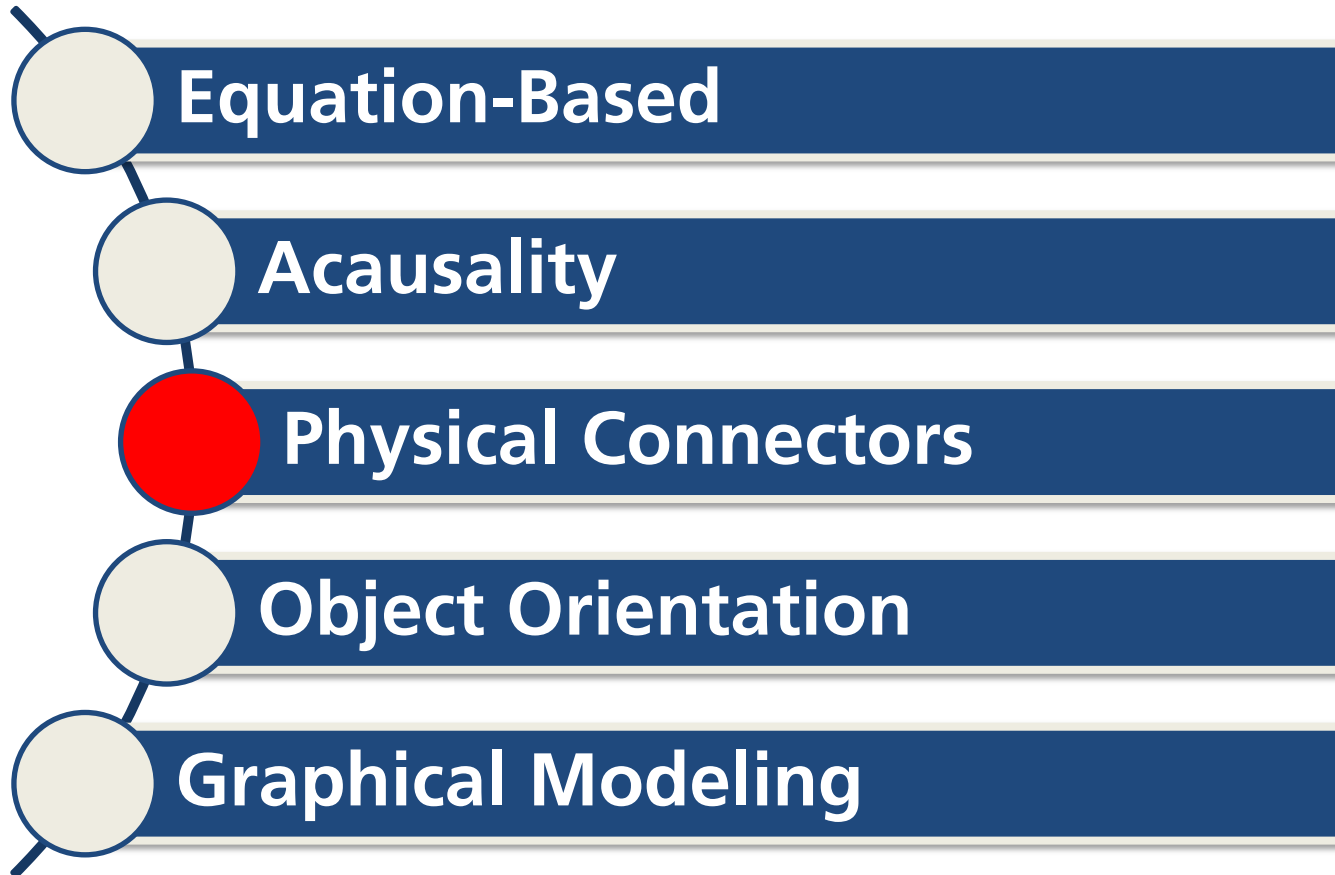
- to the explicit ODE form

$$d\mathbf{x}/dt = f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}, t) \text{ with } \mathbf{x} \subseteq \mathbf{x}_p$$

- This transformation is called index-reduction and involves
  - Differentiation of constraint equation (Pantelides)
  - Generation of BLT Form (Maximum Matching, Tarjan)
  - Identification of iteration (aka tearing) variables (Heuristics...)
  - ...

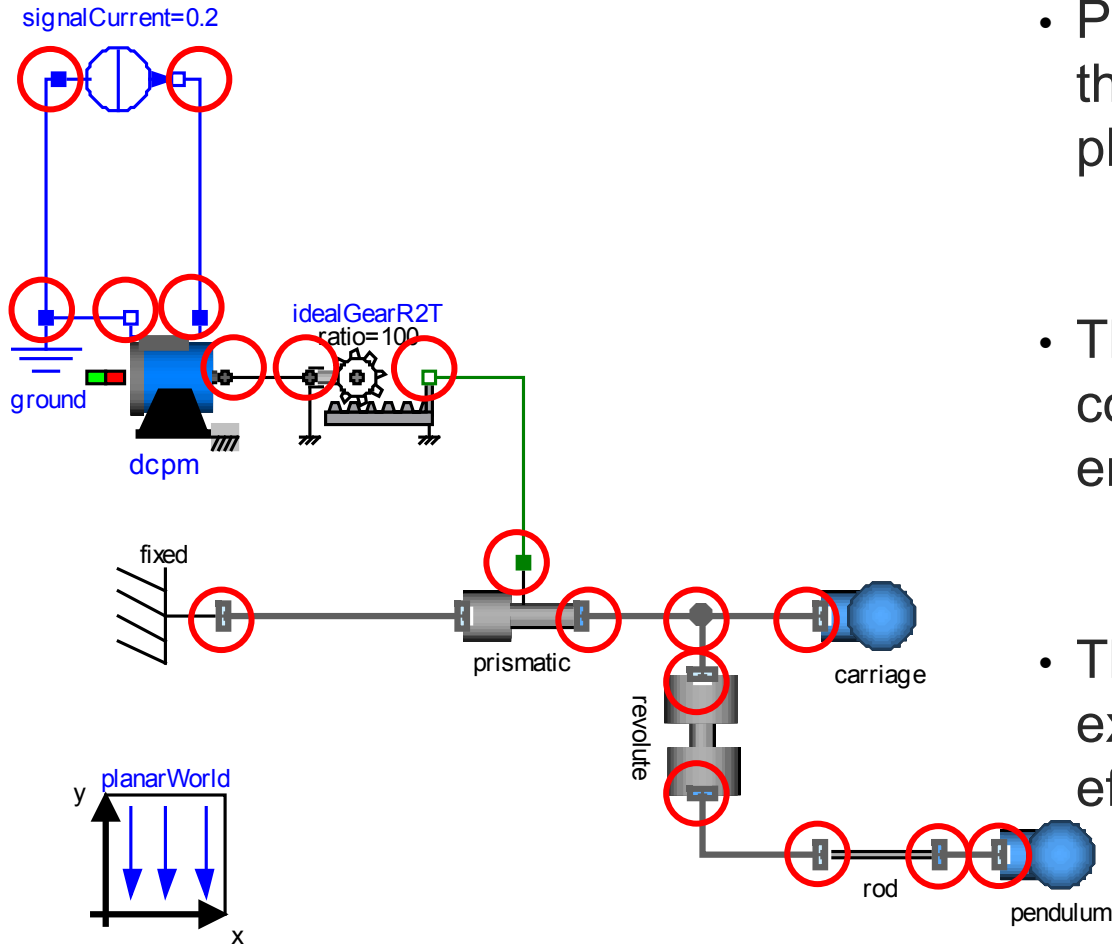


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## Principle 3: Physical Connectors



- Physical Connectors express the boundaries between physical components
- Through each of the connectors there is a flow of energy.
- This flow of energy can be expressed as a product of an effort and a flow variable....



## Principle 3: Physical Connectors

For each physical domain, there is a specific pair of effort / flow variables

Domain	Potential	Flow
Translational Mechanics	Velocity: $v$ [m/s]	Force: $f$ [N]
Rotational Mechanics	Angular Velocity: $\omega$ [1/s]	Torque: $\tau$ [Nm]
Electrics	Voltage Potential $v$ [V]	Current $i$ [A]
Magnetics	Magnetomotive Force: $\Theta$ [A]	Time-derivative of Magnetic Flux: $\Phi$ [V]
Hydraulics	Pressure $p$ [Pa]	Volume flow rate $\dot{V}$ [m <sup>3</sup> /s]
Thermal	Temperature $T$ [K]	Entropy Flow Rate $\dot{S}$ [J/Ks]
Chemical	Chemical Potential: $\mu$ [J/mol]	Molar Flow Rate $\dot{v}$ [mol/s]



## Principle 3: Physical Connectors

```
connector Pin
```

```
    SI.Voltage v "Potential at the pin";
```

```
    flow SI.Current i "Current flowing into the pin";
```

```
end Pin;
```

- This is the definition of the corresponding connector.
- It consists in a set of variables.
- These variables can be declared to be...
  - potential variables:           SI.Voltage v
  - flow variables:               **flow** SI.Current i



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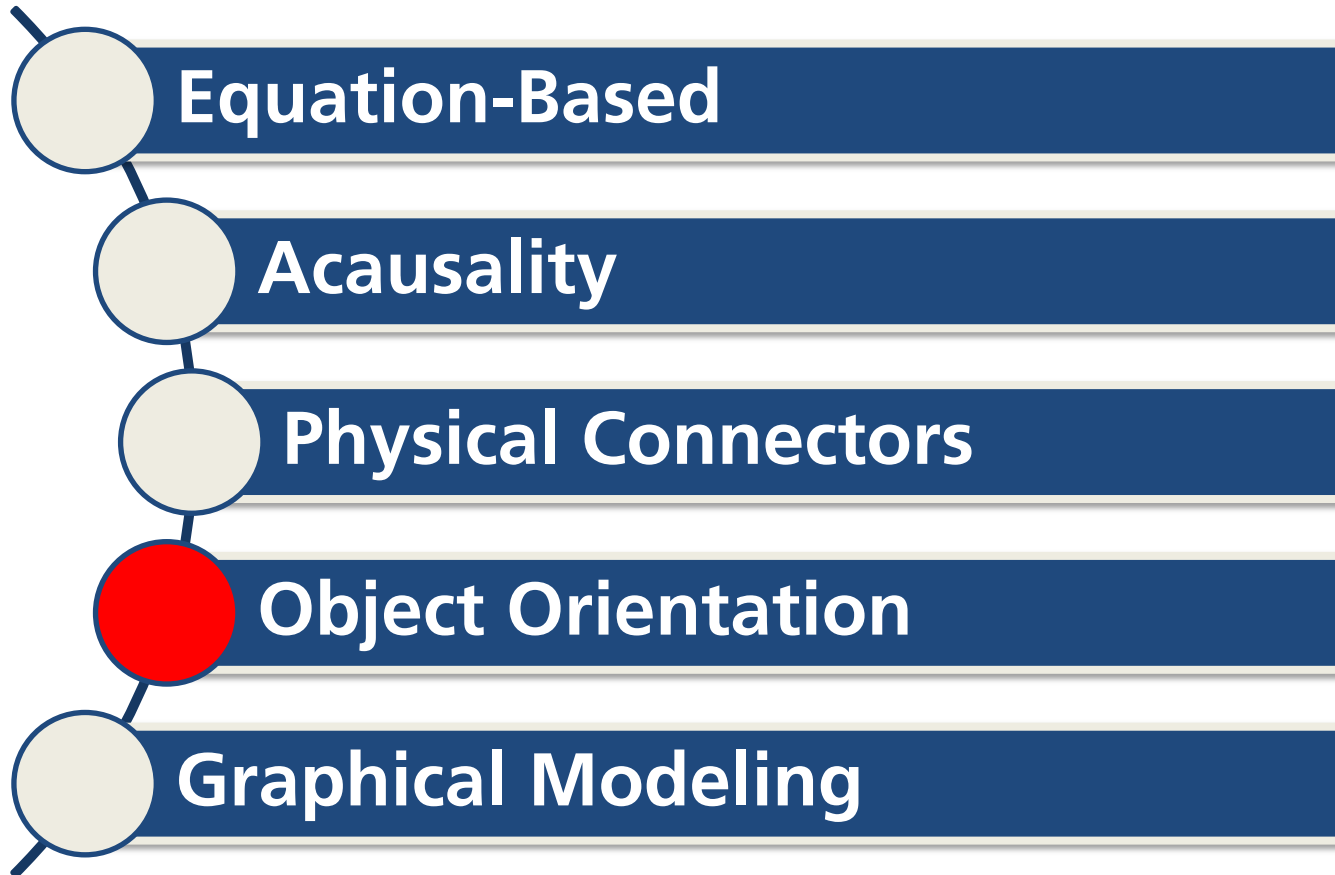
- We can link two or more pins by using the connect statement.

<pre><b>connect</b>(pin1, pin2)</pre>	}	<pre>pin1.v = pin2.v</pre>
<pre><b>connect</b>(pin1, pin3)</pre>		<pre>pin1.v = pin3.v</pre>
		<pre>pin1.i + pin2.i + pin3.i = 0</pre>

- The equations are generated in dependence on the declaration
- Connections form a graph that represents a world and that is component relevant and structure irrelevant.



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## Principle 4: Object Orientation

```
model Resistor
  "Resistor Model"

  parameter SI.Resistance R;
  Pin n;
  Pin p;

  SI.Current i;
  SI.Voltage u;

equations

  u = p.v - n.v;
  n.i + p.i = 0;
  i = p.i;
  u = R*i;

end Resistor;
```

- Models are created for components
- These contain an incomplete set of equations.
- These components models can then be composed to a complete system.





## Principle 4: Object Orientation

```
package Electrics
  "Basic Electric Elements"

  model Ground
    ...
  end Ground;

  model Resistor
    ...
  end Resistor;

  model Capacitor
    ...
  end Capacitor;

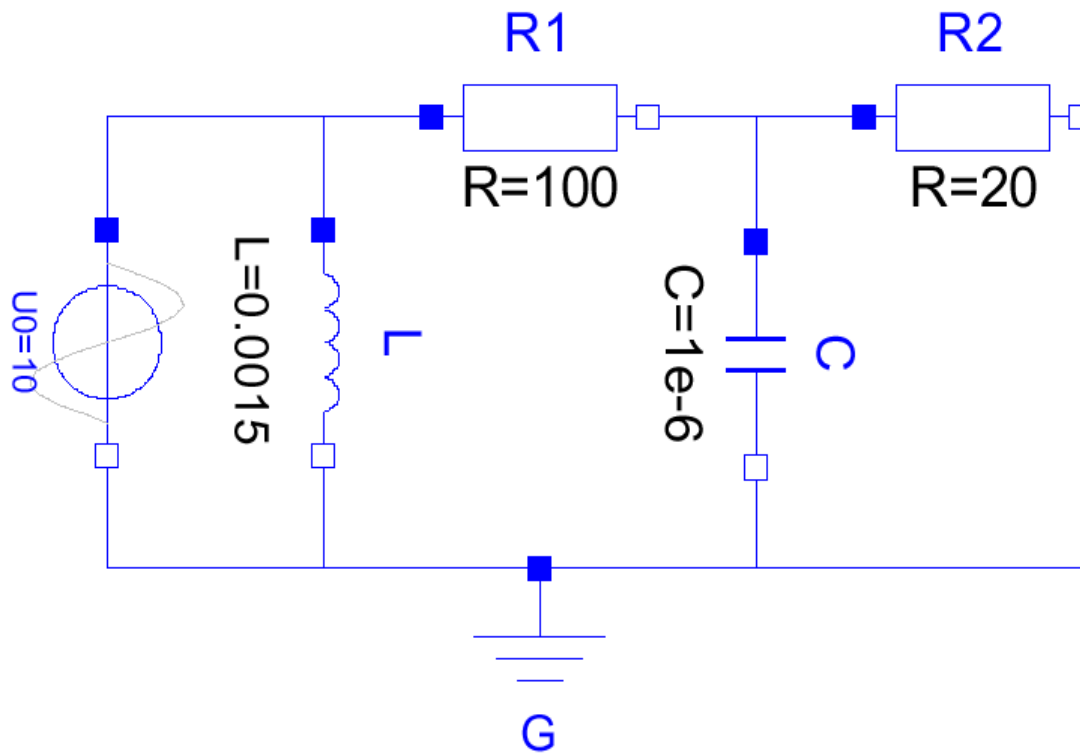
  ...

end Electrics;
```

- All these models can be collected in a Modelica package
- A package can contain arbitrary classes, also sub-packages.



## Principle 4: Object Orientation



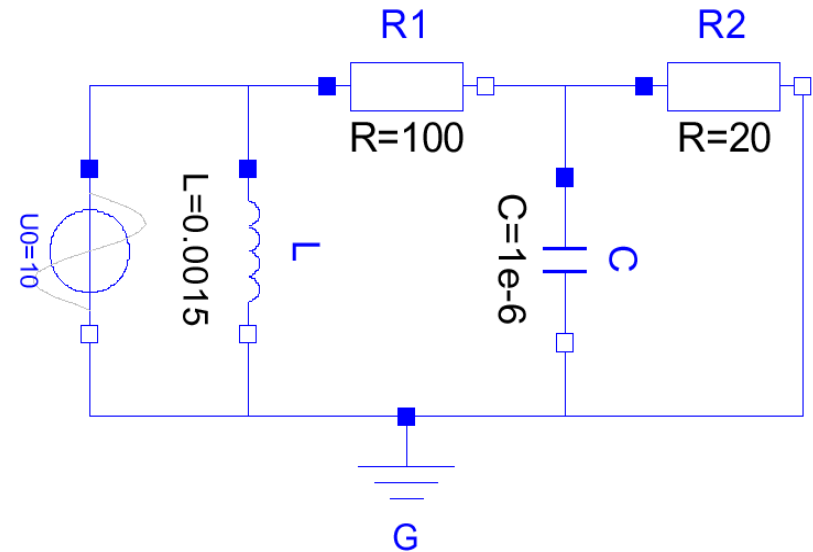
## Principle 4: Object Orientation

### **model** Circuit

```
Resistor R1(R=100);  
Resistor R2(R=20);  
Capacitor C(C=1e-6);  
Inductor L(L=0.0015);  
SineVSource S(Ampl=15, Freq=50);  
Ground G;
```

### **equations**

```
connect (G.p, S.n)  
connect (G.p, L.n)  
connect (G.p, R2.n)  
connect (G.p, C.n)  
  
connect (S.p, R1.p)  
connect (S.p, L.p)  
  
connect (R1.n, R2.p)  
connect (R1.n, C.p)  
end Circuit;
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connect (R1.n, R2.p)  
connect (R1.n, C.p)  
end Circuit;
```

$$5 \cdot 4 + 1 \cdot 1 = 21$$

component equ.

$$5 \cdot 6 + 1 \cdot 2 = 32$$

unknowns

32 equations

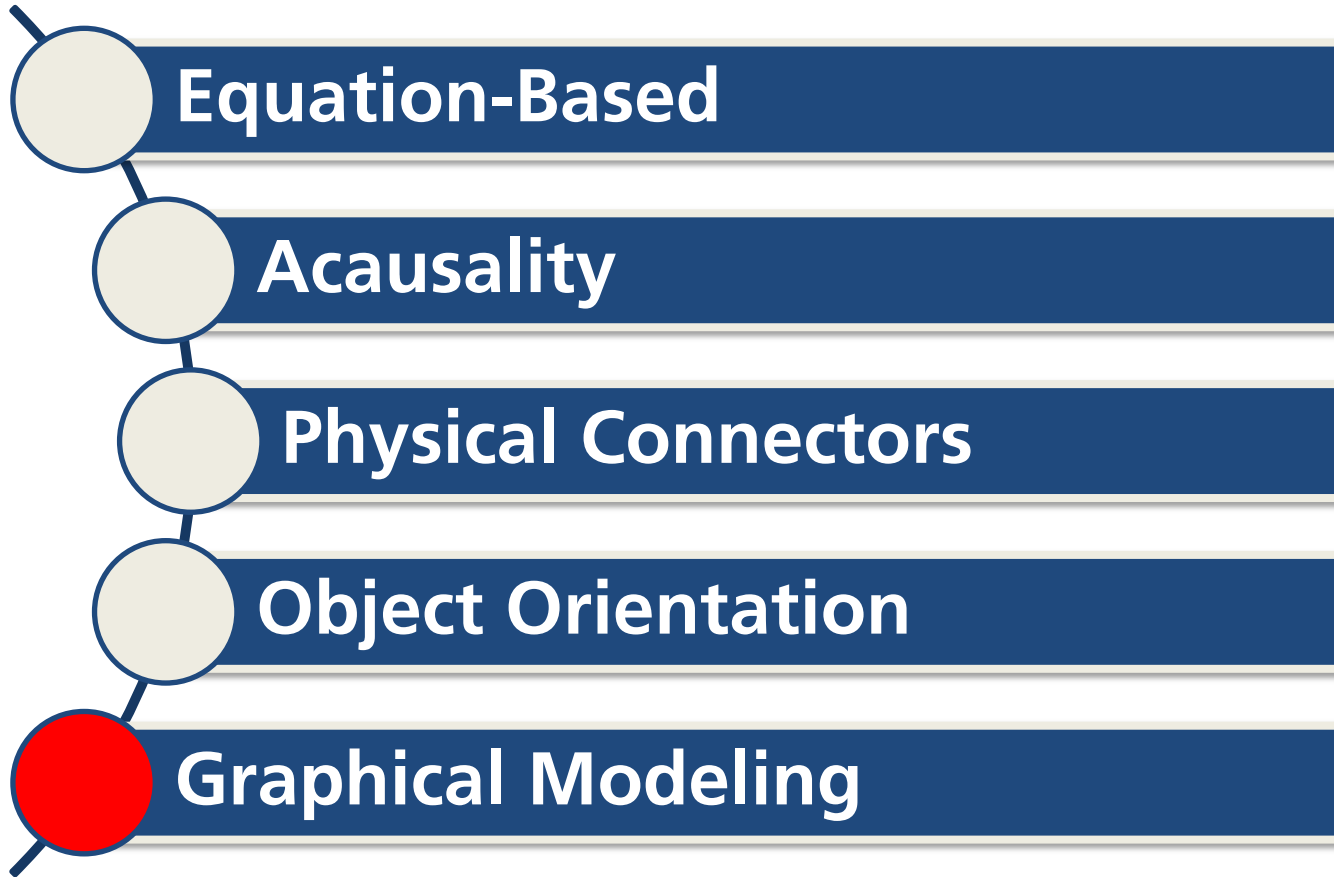
32 unknowns

8 potential equations

3 flow equations



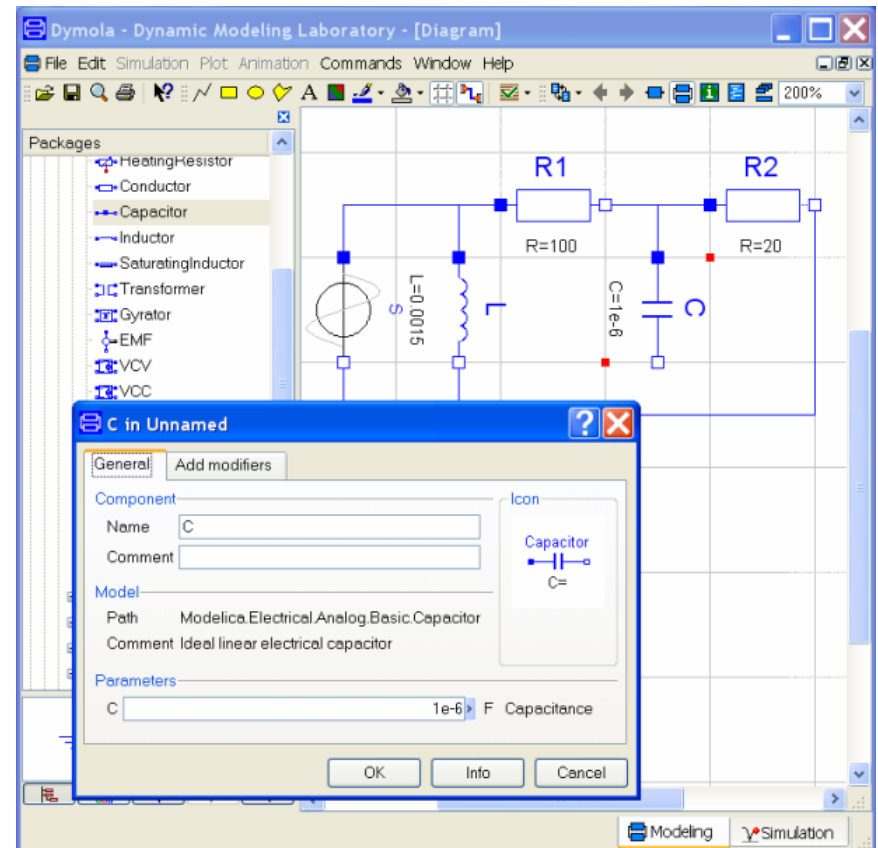
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# Graphical Modeling

So far, we have only looked at the textual side of modeling.

- Using a modern modeling environment like Dymola, most modeling is performed graphically.
- Textual modeling is only done for the lower level tasks.

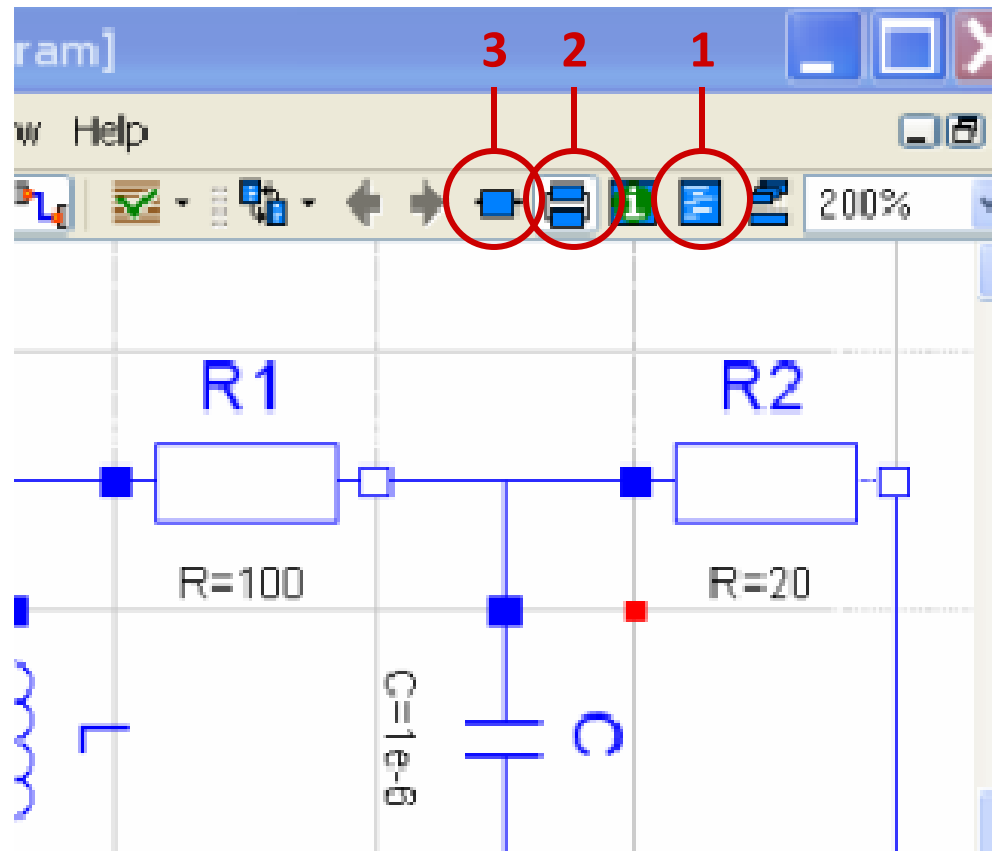




# Graphical Modeling

To this end, Dymola offers three distinct modeling layers.

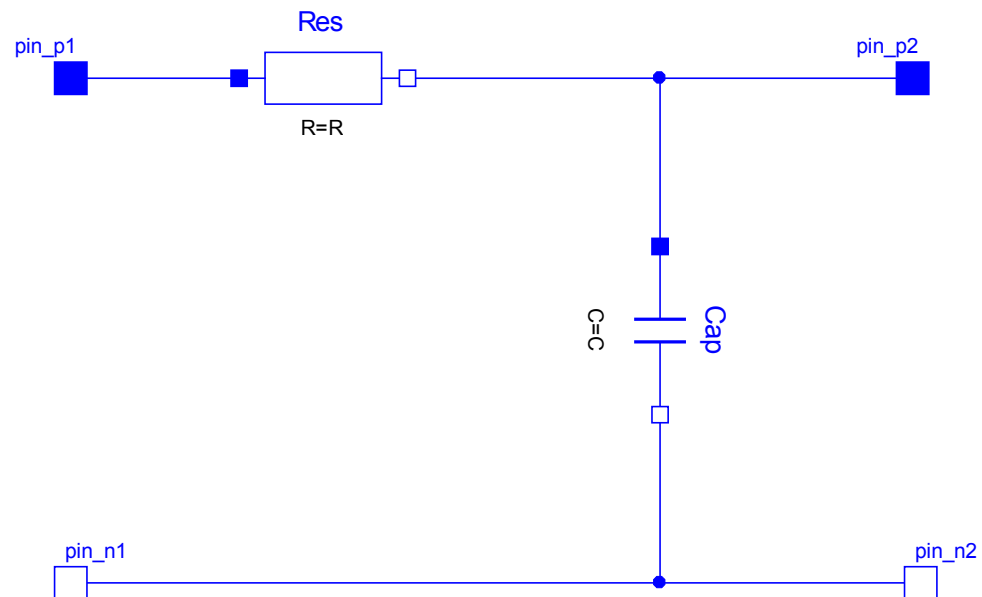
- The inner textual representation (1)
- The inner graphical representation (2)
- The outer graphical representation (3)



# Graphical Modeling

Let us model an RC-Filter.

- We start with the inner graphical representation.
- Here we model the actual sub-circuit



# Graphical Modeling

Let us model an RC-Filter.

- On the textual layer, we provide two parameters for the resistor and the capacitor

```
model RCFilter
  import SI = Modelica.SIunits;
  parameter SI.Resistance R = 100;
  parameter SI.Capacitance C = 1e-3;

  Modelica...Resistor Res(R=R);
  Modelica...Capacitor Cap(C=C);
  Modelica...NegativePin pin_n1;
  Modelica...NegativePin pin_n2;
  Modelica...PositivePin pin_p1;
  Modelica...PositivePin pin_p2;

  equation
    connect(pin_p1, Res.p);
    connect(Res.n, pin_p2);
    connect(Cap.p, Res.n);
    connect(Cap.n, pin_n2);
    connect(pin_n1, pin_n2);
end RCFilter;
```



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    connect(Cap.p, Res.n) a;
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    connect(pin_n1, pin_n2) a;
end RCFilter;
```

- How is the graphical information stored within the model.
- Modelica uses annotations for this purpose.
- Dymola typically hides annotations and represents them by the symbol: **a**
- The visibility of annotations can be enabled in the Dymola Editor.



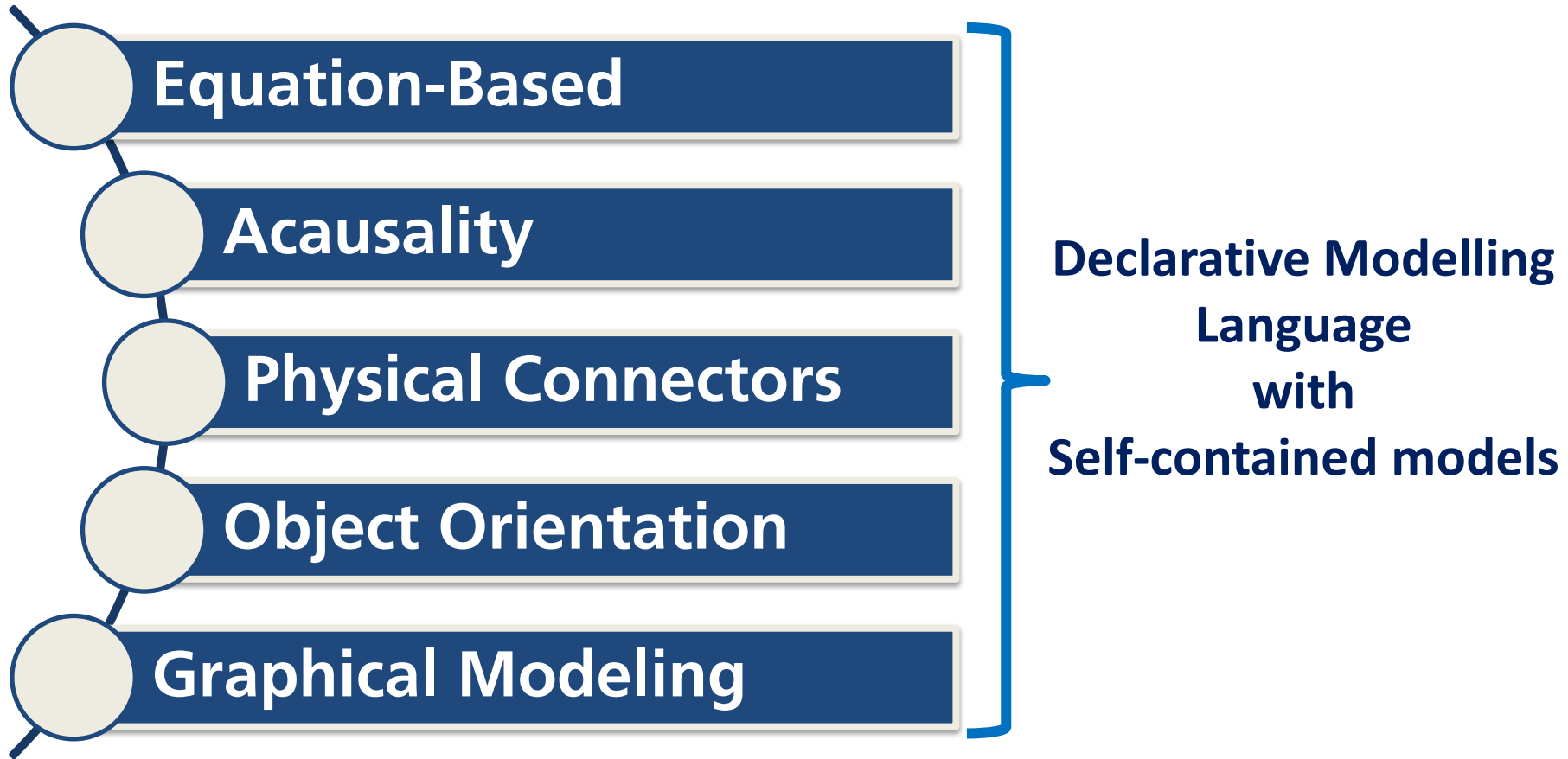
# Graphical Modeling

```
annotation (Icon (graphics={
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    fillPattern=FillPattern.Solid),
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    points={{-90,60},{-60,60},
            {-60,-60},{-90,-60}},
    color={0,0,255},
    smooth=Smooth.None),
  Line ( points={{90,60},{60,60},
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  ...
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## The holy trinity of Modelica

**The Modelica  
Language**



**The Modelica Standard  
Library**

**The Modelica Association**  
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# Questions?

