

Physical modeling in Julia

For those about to control

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Outline

- X Differential equations
- Equation-based modeling
 - Symbolics
 - ModelingToolkit (MTK)
 - Tools on top of MTK
- MTK Standard library
- Current status
- Project ideas

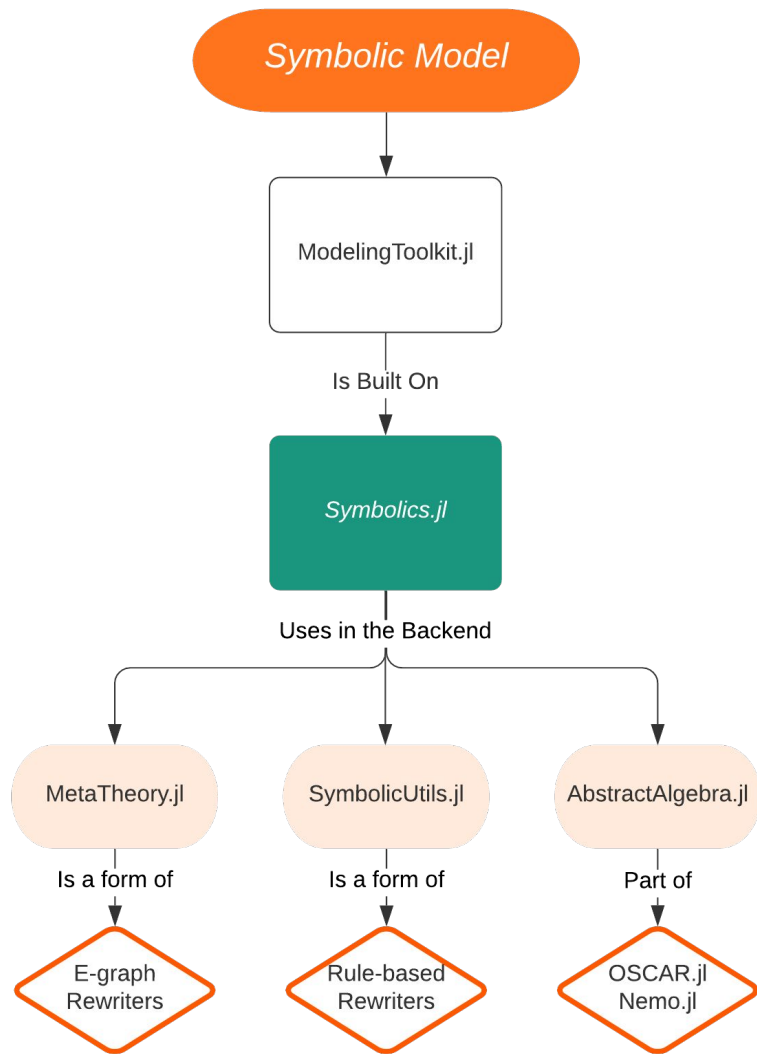
Differential equations code demo

Modeling controlled systems using DifferentialEquations.jl

- Incorporating input data
- State-feedback controller with ZoH

Equation-based modeling

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- Tools on top of MTK



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DiffEq

Symbolics is a Type-Based Computer Algebra System (CAS)

```
using Symbolics
@variables a # equivalent to a::Real, symtype(a) == Sym{Real}
@variables b[1:2,1:2] # symtype(b) == SymArr{Real}
@variables c::Complex # symtype(c) == Complex{Sym{Real}}
```

The algebra and symbolic simplification rules are type-dependent

Two Worlds of Rewrite Systems Working Together

Rule-Based Rewriter: SymbolicUtils.jl

```
PLUS_RULES = [  
  @rule(~x::isnotflat(+) => flatten_term(+, ~x))  
  @rule(~x::needs_sorting(+) => sort_args(+, ~x))  
  @ordered_acrule(~a::is_literal_number + ~b::is_literal_number => ~a + ~b)  
  
  @acrule(*(~x) + *(~β, ~x) => *(1 + ~β, (~x)...))  
  @acrule(*(~α, ~x) + *(~β, ~x) => *(~α + ~β, (~x)...))  
  @acrule(*(~x, ~α) + *(~x, ~β) => *(~α + ~β, (~x)...))  
  
  @acrule(~x + *(~β, ~x) => *(1 + ~β, ~x))  
  @acrule(*(~α::is_literal_number, ~x) + ~x => *(~α + 1, ~x))  
  @rule(+(~x::hasrepeats) => +(merge_repeats(*, ~x)...))  
  
  @ordered_acrule((~z::iszero + ~x) => ~x)  
  @rule(+(~x) => ~x)  
]
```

Pros: Fast, automatically parallelized, and uses standard rules
Cons: Simplification result is dependent on rule application order!

E-Graph Based Rewriter: MetaTheory.jl

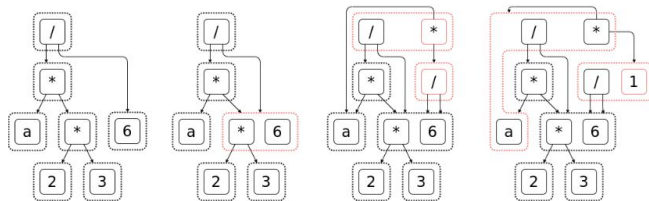


Figure 1: Equality saturation constructs the e-graph from a set of rules applied to an input expression. The four depicted e-graphs represent the process of equality saturation for the equivalent ways to write $a * (2 * 3) / 6$. The dashed boxes represent equivalence classes, and regular boxes represent e-nodes.

Pros: Deterministic result based on a cost function
Cons: Requires a separate rule set

High Performance Codegen With Symbolics

```
jac = ModelingToolkit.sparsejacobian(vec(du),vec(u))  
fjac = ModelingToolkit.build_function(jac,u,  
    parallel=ModelingToolkit.MultithreadedForm())[2]
```



```
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begin  
  Threads.@spawn begin  
    (var"##MTIIPVar#255").nzval[1] = (getproperty(Base, :+))(-400.0, (getproperty(Base, :*))(-  
    (var"##MTIIPVar#255").nzval[2] = 100.0  
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    (var"##MTIIPVar#255").nzval[4] = (getproperty(Base, :*))(-1, u1.1.2)  
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Linear indexing
of the in-place
operations on a
sparse matrix

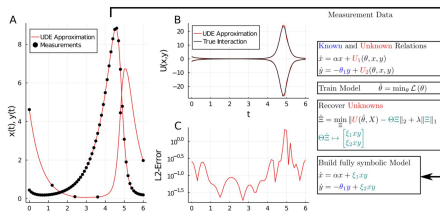
Reduction of
computed
operations
via simplify

Automatically
spawns threads
based on the number
of non-zeroes in the
sparse Jacobian and
the number of CPU
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Symbolics code demo

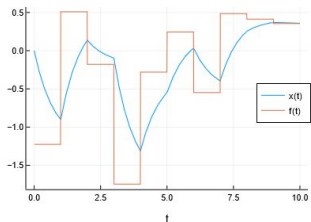
What is ModelingToolkit?

A symbolic language and compilers for models.



1. MTK is the symbolic side of SciML

Symbolic modeling for all numerical simulation

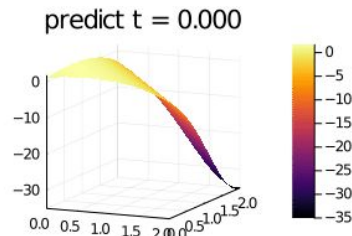


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Automatically optimize code for ODE solvers



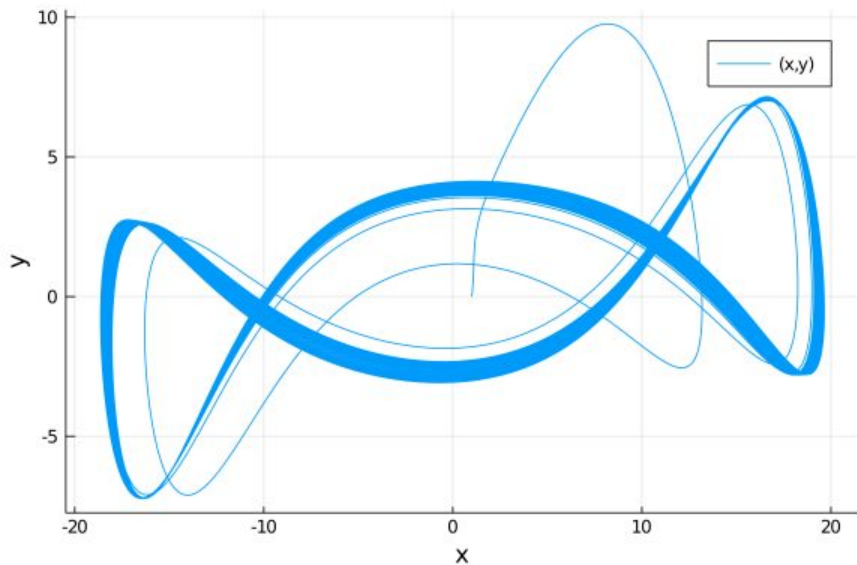
4. MTK is a DSL building tool

Catalyst.jl, PDE interfaces, Optimal control etc.

What sets MTK apart from alternatives?

- Acausal, equation based
- Open source
- Julia all the way down
- Exposes symbolic language to the user
- Very wide scope
 - ODE, PDE, ... all kinds of DE
 - Optimization
 - Deep learning
 - Anything that benefits from symbolic modeling
- Differentiable

ModelingToolkit.jl – The Modeling Frontend to a Symbolic Ecosystem



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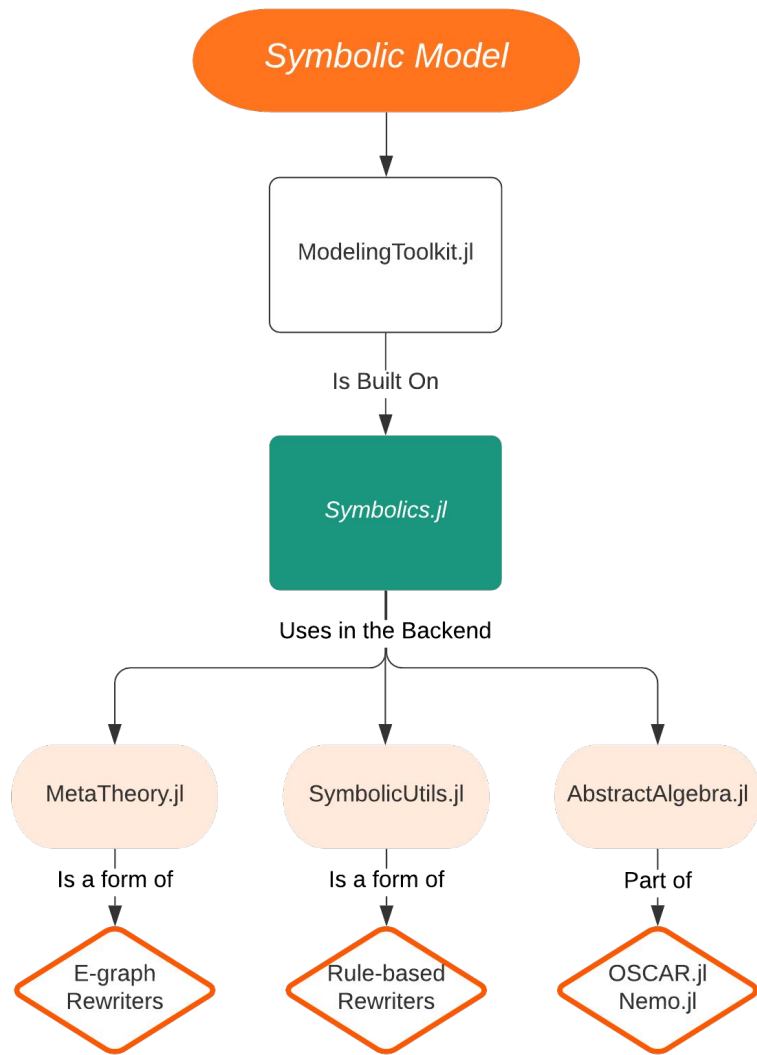
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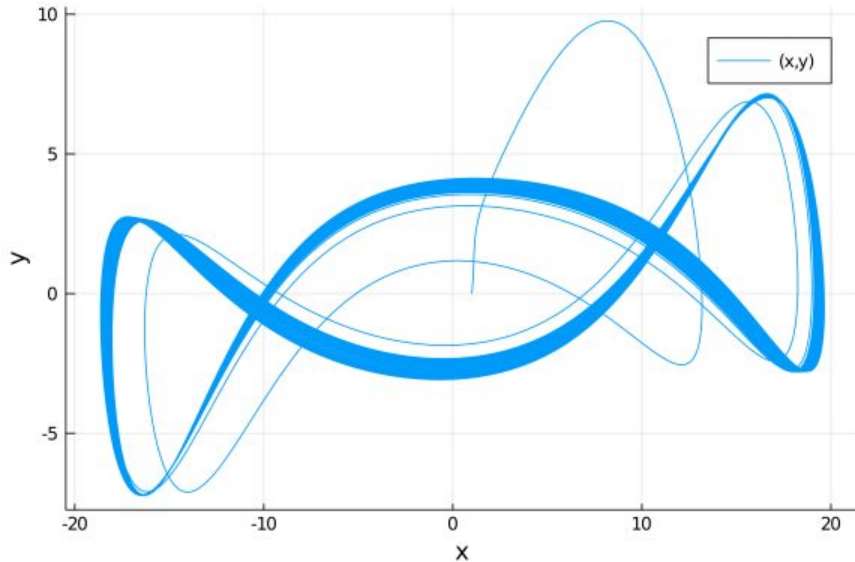
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Specified

Solved for

Dynamics

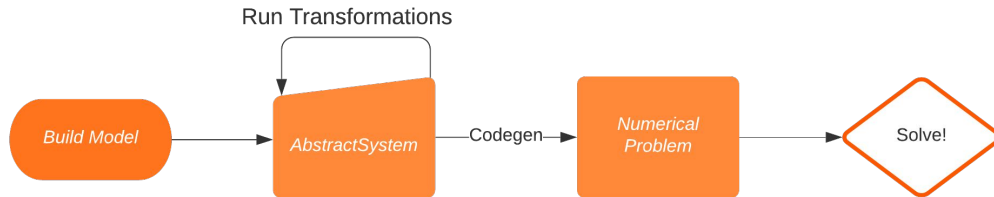
Specify params

ModelingToolkit is “Actually” About Stable Transformations of Models

$$u'' = f(u)$$



$$u' = x$$
$$x' = f(u)$$



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What is a compiler?

- Transforms code to other code
 - C to assembly
 - Julia to LLVM, LLVM to assembly
 - Complicated model to simple model
- A compiler has one or many *compiler passes*
 - Dead-code elimination
 - Expression rewriting
 - Symbolic simplification $X+0 \rightarrow x$
- MTK model compiler is implemented in Julia
 - Alias elimination, index reduction, tearing, order lowering
 - *You* can write an MTK compiler pass

What Kinds of Transformations Do You Get?

- Analytically calculate Jacobians, Hessians, etc.
- Automatically determine sparsity patterns
- Automatically parallelize the generated code
- Automatically simplify the model and eliminate redundant variables
- Automatically transform equations to require positivity
- Etc...

```
using DifferentialEquations, ModelingToolkit, Plots

@variables t x(t) RHS(t) # independent and dependent variables
@parameters τ # parameters
D = Differential(t) # define an operator for the differentiation w.

# your first ODE, consisting of a single equation, indicated by ~
@named fol_separate = ODESystem([ RHS ~ (1 - x)/τ,
                                  D(x) ~ RHS ])

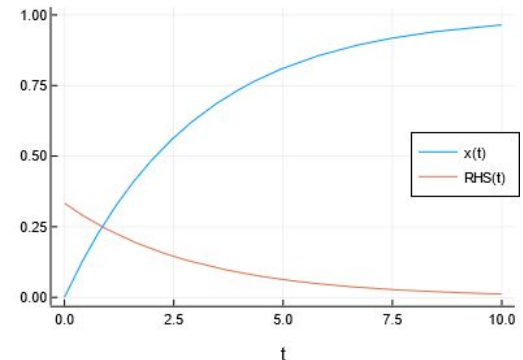
simplesys = structural_simplify(fol_separate)
print(equations(simplesys))
#[Differential(t)(x(t)) ~ (τ^-1)*(1 - x(t))]

prob = ODEProblem(structural_simplify(fol_separate), [x => 0.0],
                  (0.0,10.0), [τ => 3.0])

sol = solve(prob)
plot(sol, vars=[x,RHS])
```

Removes One Equation!

structural_simplify:
The typical Modelica
Transforms + more



What Kinds of Transformations Do You Get? DAE Index Reduction

```
using DifferentialEquations, ModelingToolkit
using LinearAlgebra, Plots

function pendulum!(du, u, p, t)
    x, dx, y, dy, T = u
    g, L = p
    du[1] = dx
    du[2] = T*x
    du[3] = dy
    du[4] = T*y - g
    du[5] = x^2 + y^2 - L^2
    return nothing
end

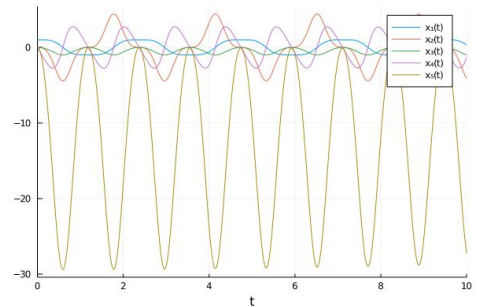
pendulum_fun! = ODEFunction(pendulum!,
                           mass_matrix=Diagonal([1,1,1,1,0]))

u0 = [1.0, 0, 0, 0, 0]
p = [9.8, 1]
tspan = (0, 10.0)
pendulum_prob = ODEProblem(pendulum_fun!, u0, tspan, p)
sol = solve(pendulum_prob)
```

Let me fix that for you...

```
@named traced_sys = modelingtoolkitize(pendulum_prob)
pendulum_sys = structural_simplify(traced_sys)
prob = ODAEProblem(pendulum_sys, [], tspan)
sol = solve(prob, Tsit5(), abstol=1e-8, reltol=1e-8)
plot(sol, vars=states(traced_sys))
```

structural_simplify:
The typical Modelica
transforms



```
[ Warning: dt <= dtmin. Aborting. There is either an error in your model specification or the true solution is unstable.
@ SciMLBase C:\Users\accou\.julia\packages\SciMLBase\A0oIW\src\integrator_interface.jl:345
```

What Kinds of Transformations Do You Get? DAE Index Reduction

$$\begin{aligned}x' &= v_x \\v'_x &= Tx \\y' &= v_y \\v'_y &= Ty - g \\0 &= x^2 + y^2 - L^2\end{aligned}$$

Not solvable by standard numerical solvers!



Differentiate the last equation twice, do a few substitutions...

$$\begin{aligned}x' &= v_x \\v'_x &= xT \\y' &= v_y \\v'_y &= yT - g \\0 &= 2(v_x^2 + v_y^2 + y(yT - g) + Tx^2)\end{aligned}$$

Easy to solve!

Composable (Acausal) Modeling via Subsystems

```
using JuliaSim
```

```
R = 1.0
```

```
C = 1.0
```

```
V = 1.0
```

```
@named resistor = Resistor(R=R)
```

```
@named capacitor = Capacitor(C=C)
```

```
@named source = ConstantVoltage(V=V)
```

```
@named ground = Ground()
```

```
rc_eqs = [ Describe how the subsystems relate
            connect(source.p, resistor.p)
            connect(resistor.n, capacitor.p)
            connect(capacitor.n, source.n, ground.g)
          ]
```

```
@named rc_model = ODESystem(rc_eqs,
                             systems=[resistor, capacitor, source, ground])
```

```
julia> equations(rc_model)
16-element Vector{Equation}:
 0 ~ resistor.p+i(t) + source.p+i(t)
 source.p+v(t) ~ resistor.p+v(t)
 0 ~ capacitor.p+i(t) + resistor.n+i(t)
 resistor.n+v(t) ~ capacitor.p+v(t)
 ⋮
 Differential(t)(capacitor.v(t)) ~ capacitor.p+i(t)*(capacitor.C^-1)
 source.V ~ source.p+v(t) - source.n+v(t)
 0 ~ source.n+i(t) + source.p+i(t)
 ground.g+v(t) ~ 0
```

structural_simplify:
Contains main model transforms

```
sys = structural_simplify(rc_model)
```

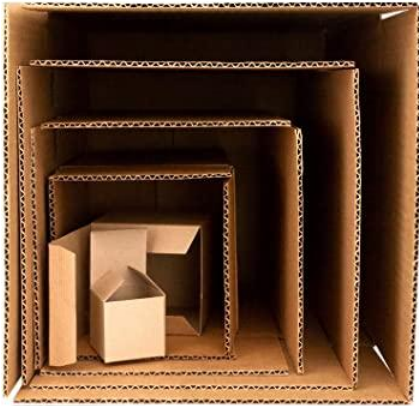
```
julia> equations(sys)
2-element Vector{Equation}:
 0 ~ capacitor.v(t) + resistor.R*capacitor.p+i(t) - source.V
 Differential(t)(capacitor.v(t)) ~ capacitor.p+i(t)*(capacitor.C^-1)
```

Build a system of subsystems!

Compose vs. extend

compose

Place an instance of a sub-system into an outer system



extend

Copy the *contents* of sub-system into inheriting system



Compose vs. extend

compose

```
function Inertia(;name, J=1.0, phi_start=0.0, w_start=0.0, a_start=0.0)
    @named flange_a = Flange()
    @named flange_b = Flange()
    @parameters J=J
    sts = @variables begin
        phi(t)=phi_start
        w(t)=w_start
        a(t)=a_start
    end
    eqs = [
        phi ~ flange_a.phi
        phi ~ flange_b.phi
        D(phi) ~ w
        D(w) ~ a
        J*a ~ flange_a.tau + flange_b.tau
    ]
    return compose(ODESystem(eqs, t, sts, [J]; name=name), flange_a, flange_b)
end
julia> @named J = Inertia(J=1)
Model J with 5 equations
States (7):
  phi(t) [defaults to 0.0]
  w(t) [defaults to 0.0]
  a(t) [defaults to 0.0]
  flange_a.phi(t) [defaults to 0.0]
  flange_a.tau(t) [defaults to 0.0]
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Parameters (1):
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```

extend

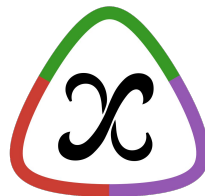
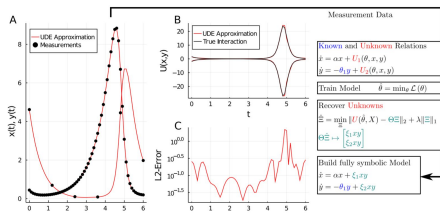
```
function Resistor(;name, R=1.0)
    @named oneport = OnePort()
    @unpack v, i = oneport
    pars = @parameters R=R
    eqs = [
        v ~ i * R
    ]
    extend(ODESystem(eqs, t, [], pars; name=name), oneport)
End

julia> @named R = Resistor(R=1)
Model R with 4 equations
States (6):
  v(t) [defaults to 0.0]
  i(t) [defaults to 0.0]
  p+v(t) [defaults to 1.0]
  p+i(t) [defaults to 1.0]
  n+v(t) [defaults to 1.0]
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Parameters (1):
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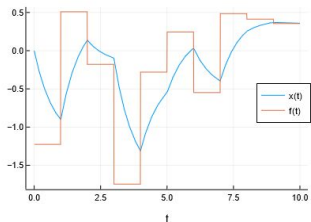
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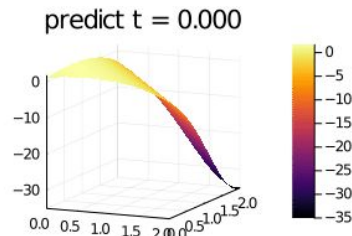


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Catalyst.jl, PDE interfaces, optimal control

ModelingToolkit has System Types Matching Each SciML Numerical Domain

LinearSolve.jl: Unified Linear Solver Interface

$$A(p)x = b$$

NonlinearSolve.jl: Unified Nonlinear Solver Interface

$$f(u, p) = 0$$

DifferentialEquations.jl: Unified Interface for all Differential Equations

$$u' = f(u, p, t)$$
$$du = f(u, p, t)dt + g(u, p, t)dW_t$$

⋮

GalacticOptim.jl: Unified Optimization Interface

$$\text{minimize } f(u, p)$$
$$\text{subject to } g(u, p) \leq 0, h(u, p) = 0$$

Quadrature.jl: Unified Quadrature Interface

$$\int_{lb}^{ub} f(t, p)dt$$

Unified Partial Differential Equation Interface

$$u_t = u_{xx} + f(u)$$
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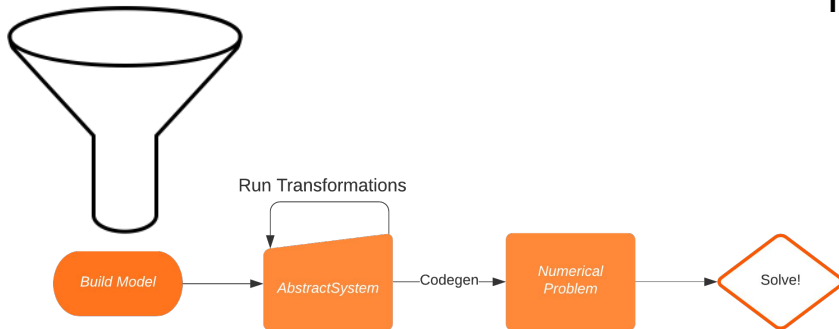


The SciML Common Interface for Julia Equation Solvers

<https://scimlbase.sciml.ai/dev/>

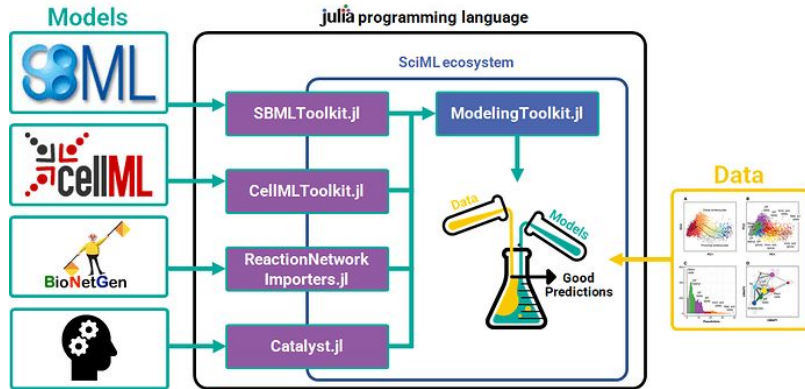
Models Can Come From DSLs

- Pumas.jl
- Catalyst.jl
- OrbitalTrajectories.jl
- AstrodynamicalModels.jl
- BlockSystems.jl
- Conductor.jl
- PowerSystemsDynamics.jl
- ⋮

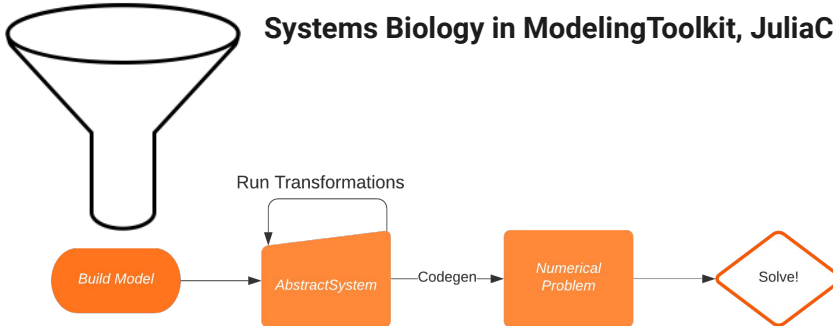


A growing ecosystem of DSLs all feed into ModelingToolkit systems.

Models Can Come From External File Formats



Systems Biology in ModelingToolkit, JuliaCon 2021



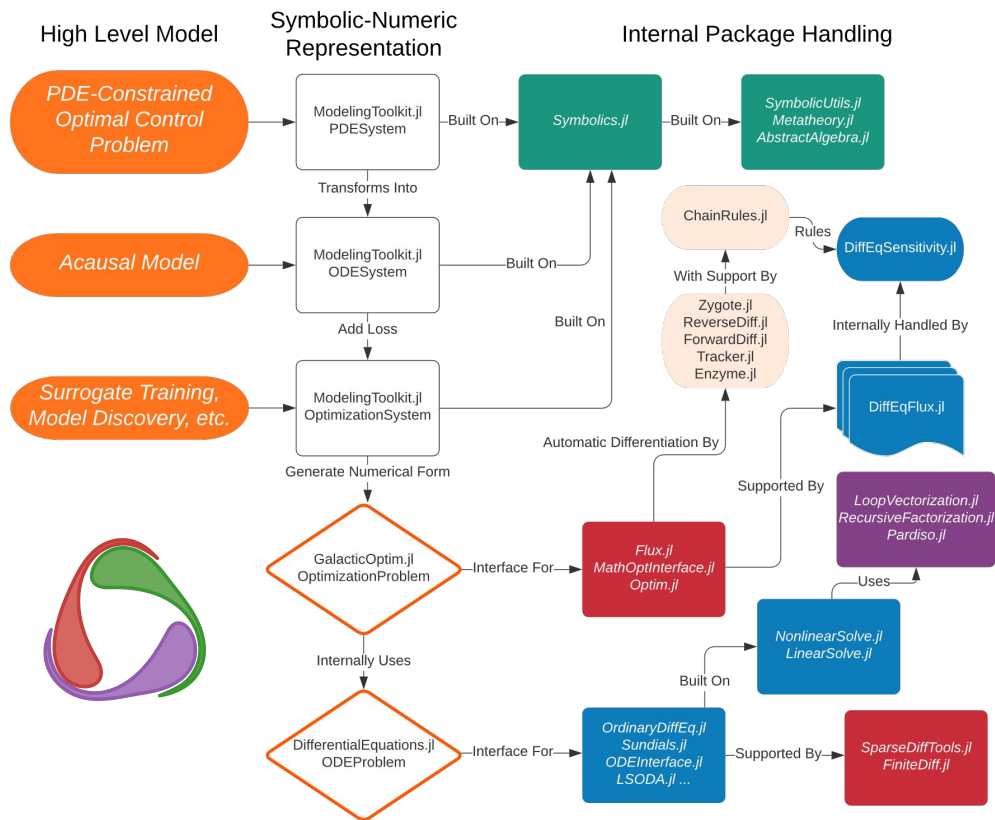
SciML's Modeling Ecosystem: ModelingToolkit's Numerical Counterpart

SciML's Common Interface:

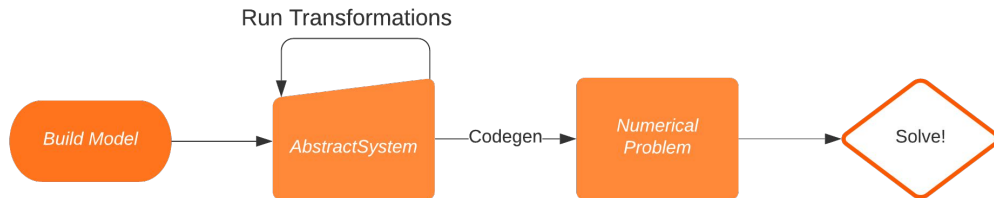
- Consistent interface for all numerics
- Symbolic modeling for all forms
- Automated inverse problems and adjoints
- Composes across the whole package ecosystem
- Generic and composable programming
- Uses and embraces the work of other developers



The SciML Common Interface, Oversimplified



Machine Learning Surrogates as Approximate Transformations



If you build a machine learning method that outputs differential-algebraic equations, then it qualifies as an “approximate” stable transformation

- Take in a differential equation and the outputs to surrogate over
- Create a new differential equation system that is approximately the same input/output mapping (dimensionality reduction)
- Represent that system as an MTK model

Because it's approximate, it needs user-intervention.

We developed the continuous-time echo state network as a surrogate method which is robust to stiffness and has these properties.

```
using JuliaSim

sys = ODESystem(...)
prob = ODEProblem(sys, u0, tspan, p)
param_space = [...]
surralg = LPCTESN(1000, output_function = (u,t) -> u[1:3])
sim = DEProblemSimulation(prob, reltol = 1e-12, abstol = 1e-12)

odesurrogate = JuliaSimSurrogates.surrogate(
    sim,param_space,
    surralg,100 # n_sample_pts
)

newsys = ODESystem(odesurrogate)
```

PDE

ModelingToolkit's General PDE Specifications

```
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import ModelingToolkit: Interval, infimum, supremum

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$$\frac{\partial^2 u(x,y)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u(x,y)}{\partial y^2} = -\sin(\pi x) * \sin(\pi y)$$

with the boundary conditions:

$$\begin{aligned}u(0, y) &= 0 \\u(1, y) &= -\sin(\pi) * \sin(\pi y) \\u(x, 0) &= 0, \\u(x, 1) &= -\sin(\pi x) * \sin(\pi)\end{aligned}$$

on the space domain:

$$x \in [0, 1], y \in [0, 1]$$

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Solving PDEs is generally about transforming mathematical equations into other forms.

See “Solving Partial Differential Equations in Julia”, JuliaCon 2018

ModelingToolkit's General PDE Solver: Finite Difference Method

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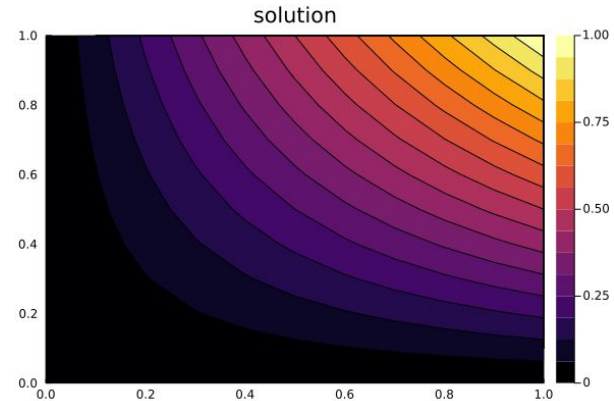
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```
# Transform it into a symbolic NonlinearSystem via Finite Differences
discretization = MOLFiniteDifference([x=>dx,y=>dy], nothing, centered_order=2)

prob = discretize(pdesys,discretization)
sol = solve(prob)

using Plots
xs,ys = [infimum(d.domain):dx:supremum(d.domain) for d in domains]
u_sol = reshape(sol.u, (length(xs),length(ys)))
plot(xs, ys, u_sol, linetype=:contourf,title = "solution")
```



ModelingToolkit's General PDE Solver: Physics-Informed Neural Networks

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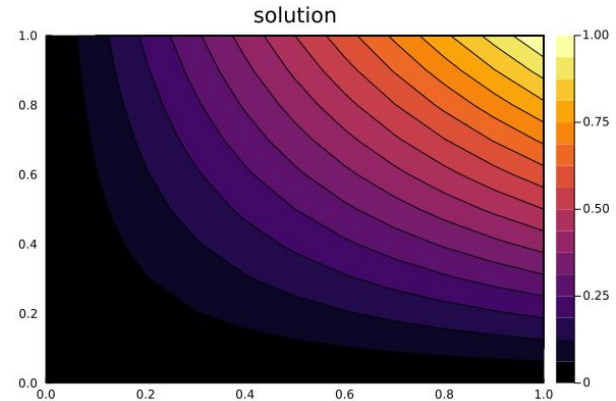
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Easy and Customizable PINN PDE Solving with NeuralPDE.jl, JuliaCon 2021

```
# Neural network
dim = 2 # number of dimensions
chain = FastChain(FastDense(dim,16,Flux.σ),
                 FastDense(16,16,Flux.σ),FastDense(16,1))
# Discretization
dx = 0.05
discretization = PhysicsInformedNN(chain,GridTraining(dx))
prob = discretize(pde_system,discretization)
#Optimizer
opt = Optim.BFGS()
res = GalacticOptim.solve(prob, opt, maxiters=1000)
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Coming soon:

Finite Volume methods
Spectral methods
Finite element methods

...

All PDE solving with unified interface

Looking to collaborate with all Julia PDE developers to make this a reality.

ModelingToolkitStandardLibrary

Modeled after Modelica stdlib

- Blocks
 - PID
 - StateSpace
 - FirstOrder
 - ...
- Mechanical
 - Rotational
- Electrical
- Magnetic
- Thermal

MTK: Work in progress-Current status

Solid

- Standard compiler transforms
- Composable modeling in continuous time

Basic functionality

- Symbolic events
- Component library
- Units

Needs more work

- Discrete time
- General events
- Documentation
- Optimization problems
 - Optimal control
- Helpful error messages
- Array variables
- Input-output
- Linearization
- Trimming
- Inverting models
- GUI

Project ideas

- Model validity checker
 - Add metadata to model (<https://github.com/SciML/ModelingToolkit.jl/pull/1560>)
 - Post hoc solution validation?
 - Online solution validation as callback?
- Composable code callbacks
 - Symbolic callbacks supported
 - How about non-symbolic callbacks?
- Bayesian estimation of model parameters
 - Prior-metadata for parameters
 - Code-gen for likelihood evaluation