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Through an interpretation of Greeno's model of the domains of problem-solving and the application of the theory of cognitive load, this paper shows why linking representations through a model aids understanding. The use of a drawing can help physics students to translate more easily between the abstract, concrete and symbolic representations of a physics problem. Physics teachers may find that an awareness of these theoretical underpinnings and their importance in assisting movement between representations informs the way in which they scaffold learning activities.

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