

# TOSSIM

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# What is TOSSIM?

Discrete event simulator

ns2



# Alternatives

## Cycle-accurate simulators

Avrora, MSPSim



# Two directions

## Port

*make PC a supported platform*

TOSSIM  
in tinynos-1.x

## Virtualize

*simulate one of the supported platforms*

TOSSIM  
in tinynos-2.x



# Features

- Simulates a MicaZ mote
  - ATmega128L (128KB ROM, 4KB RAM)
  - CC2420
- Uses CPM to model the radio noise
- Supports two programming interfaces:
  - Python
  - C++



# Anatomy

## TOSSIM

```
tos/lib/tossim  
tos/chips/atm128/sim  
tos/chips/atm128/pins/sim  
tos/chips/atm128/timer/sim  
tos/chips/atm128/spi/sim  
tos/platforms/mica/sim  
tos/platforms/micaz/sim  
tos/platforms/micaz/chips/cc2420/sim
```

## Application

```
Makefile  
*.nc  
*.h
```

## Simulation Driver

```
*.py | *.cc
```

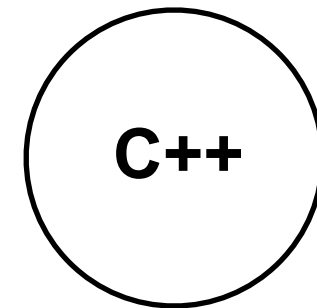
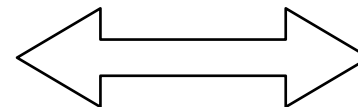
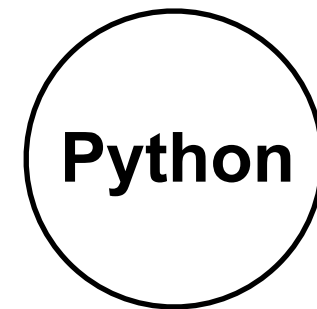
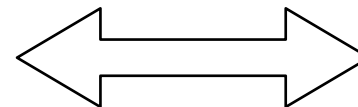
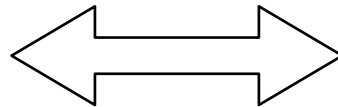
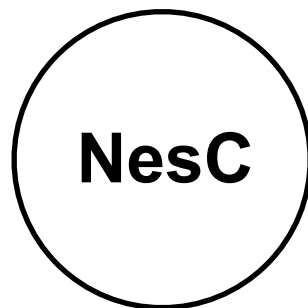


# Quick Overview

Application

Simulation

Glue



# The Building Process

```
$ make micaz sim
```

1. Generate an XML schema

*app.xml*

2. Compile the application

*sim.o*

3. Compile the Python support

*pytossim.o*  
*tossim.o*  
*c-support.o*

4. Build a share object

*\_TOSSIMmodule.o*

5. Copying the Python support

*TOSSIM.py*

```
$ ./sim.py
```





# TOSSIM.py

Tossim

Radio

Mote

Packet

Mac



# TOSSIM.Tossim

.getNode() → TOSSIM.Mote  
.radio() → TOSSIM.Radio  
.newPacket() → TOSSIM.Packet  
.mac() → TOSSIM.Mac  
  
.runNextEvent()  
.ticksPerSecond()  
.time()

# 10 seconds

```
from TOSSIM import *  
  
t = Tossim([])  
  
...  
  
while t.time() < 10*t.ticksPerSecond():  
    t.runNextEvent()
```

# dbg

## Syntax

```
dbg(tag, format, arg1, arg2, ...);
```

## Example

```
dbg("Trickle", "Starting time with time %u.\n", timerVal);
```

## Python

```
t = Tossim([])  
t.addChannel("Trickle", sys.stdout)
```

# Useful Functions

*char\**            `sim_time_string()`  
*sim\_time\_t*    `sim_time()`  
*int*             `sim_random()`  
*sim\_time\_t*    `sim_ticks_per_sec()`

`typedef long long int sim_time_t;`

# Radio Model

## Closest-fit Pattern Matching (CPM)

**Improving Wireless Simulation Through Noise Modeling**

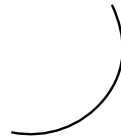
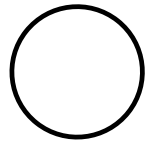
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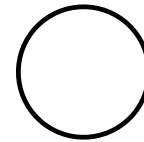


# Radio Model

Sender

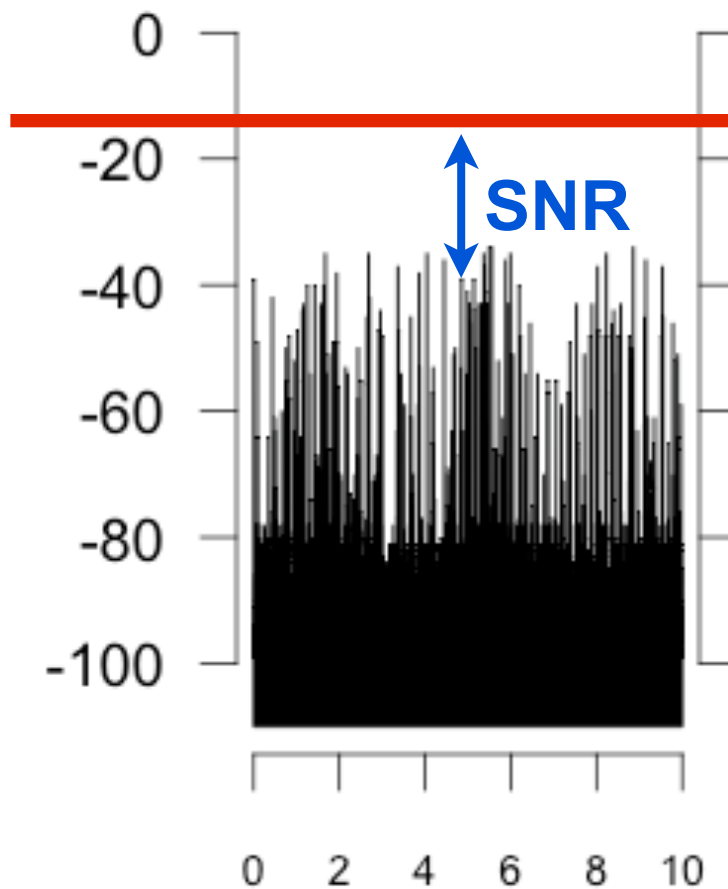


Receiver

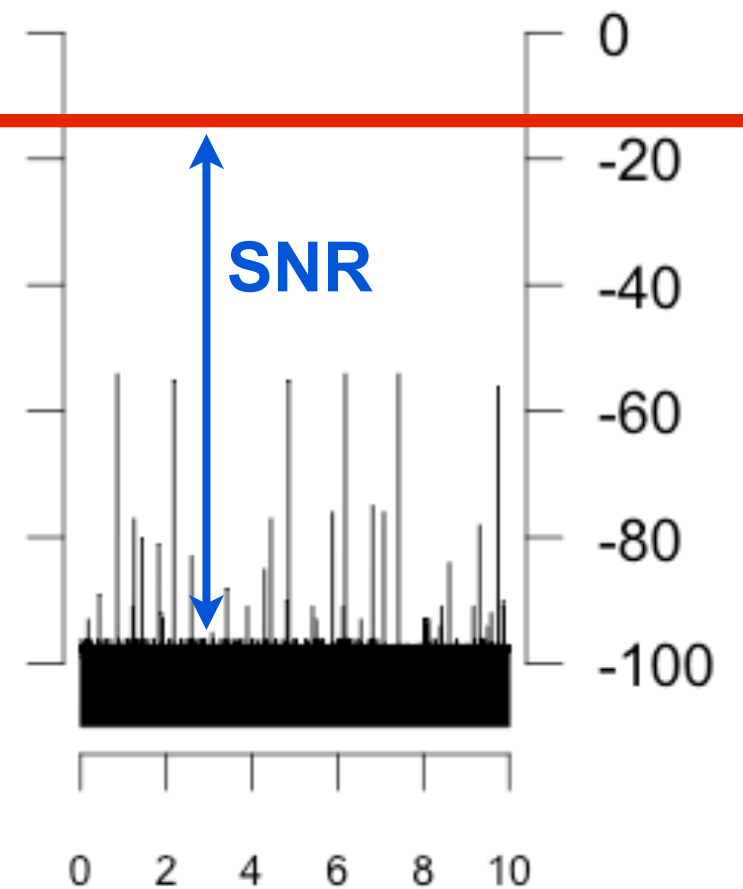


# Noise Level

Meyer Heavy

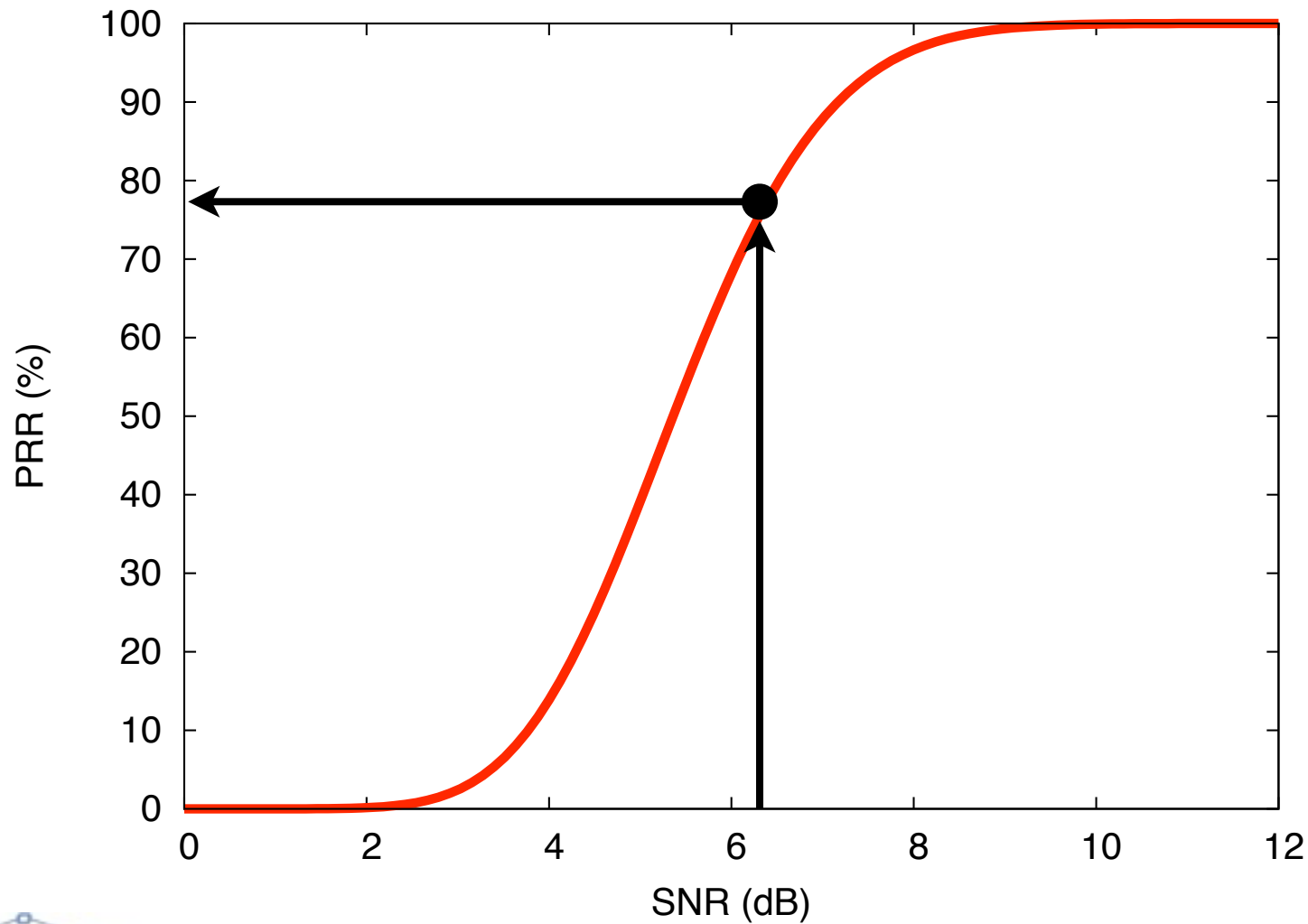


Casino Lab





# CC2420 SNR/PRR



# TOSSIM.Radio

`.add(source, destination, gain)`

`.connected(source, destination)` → True/False

`.gain(source, destination)`

# TOSSIM.Mote

.bootAtTime(*time*)

.addNoiseTraceReading(*noise*)

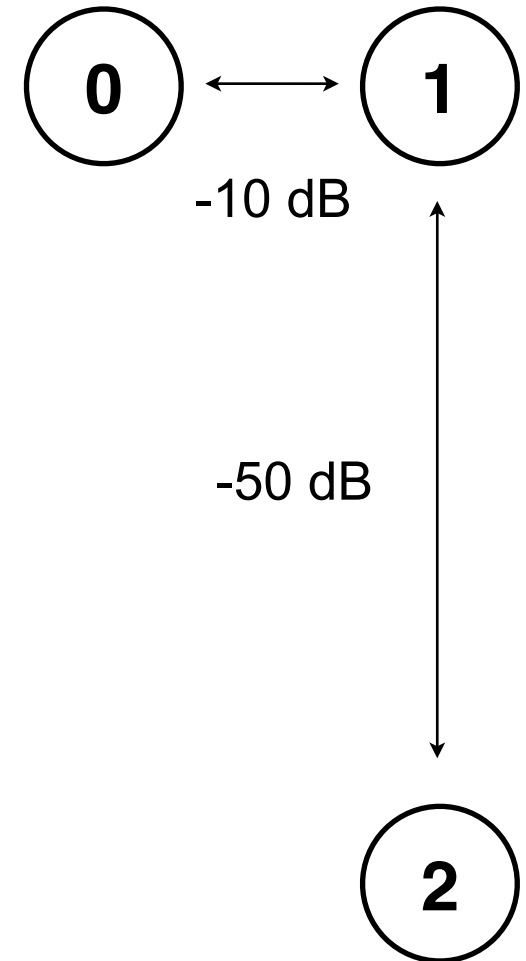
.createNoiseModel()

.isOn() → True/False

.turnOn()/.turnOff()

# Example

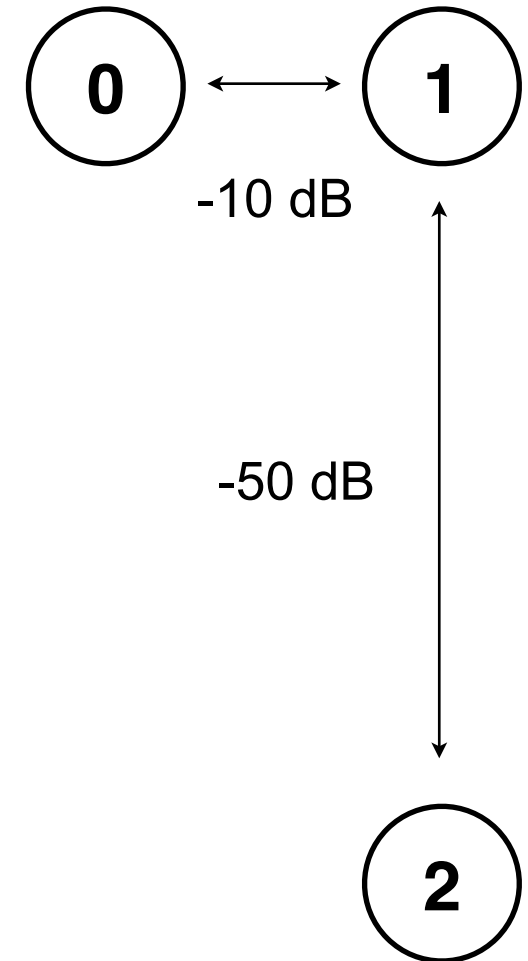
```
from TOSSIM import *  
t = Tossim([])  
r = t.Radio()  
  
mote0 = t.getNode(0)  
mote1 = t.getNode(1)  
mote2 = t.getNode(2)  
  
r.add(0, 1, -10)  
r.add(1, 0, -10)  
r.add(1, 2, -50)  
r.add(2, 1, -50)
```



# Example (cont)

```
noise = file("meyer-short.txt")
lines = noise.readlines()
for line in lines:
    str = line.strip()
    if (str != ""):
        val = int(str)
        for m in [mote0, mote1, mote2]:
            m.addNoiseTraceReading(val)

for m in [mote0, mote1, mote2]:
    m.createNoiseModel()
```



# Other Features

- Injecting packets
- Inspecting internal variables
- C++ interface
- Debugging using gdb

# Improvements

- **TossimLive**
  - SerialActiveMessageC
- **CC2420sim**
  - Multiple channels
  - PacketLink
  - CC2420Packet: .getRSSI(), .getLQI()
  - ReadRssi()
  - Flash support

# Future

Parametrized the PRR/SNR curve  
based on packet size (*in progress*)

Support for multiple binary images  
(*harder*)



# Next **Safe TinyOS**

