

# Sensors 2

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# Before we start...

- Some ?s from last time about the lock/power interface - why is this useful, etc?
- Some context: Programming an ATmega note

# Sample AtMega Code

```
/*  
 * ms_sleep() - delay for ms milliseconds  
 */  
void ms_sleep(uint16_t ms)  
{  
    TCNT0 = 0;  
    ms_count = 0;  
    while (ms_count != ms)  
        ;  
}
```

```
SIGNAL(SIG_OUTPUT_COMPARE0)  
{  
    ms_count++;  
}
```

Timer

```
int main(void)  
{  
    init_timer();  
    sei(); /* Enable interrupts */  
    DDRB = 0x01; /* enable PORTB 1 as an output */  
    while (1) {  
        ms_sleep(512); /* wait 0.5 seconds */  
        PORTB ^= 0x01; /* toggle LED */  
    }  
}
```

```
configuration BlinkAppC{  
}  
implementation {  
    components MainC, BlinkC, LedsC;  
    components new TimerMilliC()  
        as Timer0;  
  
    BlinkC -> MainC.Boot;  
  
    BlinkC.BlTimer -> Timer0;  
    BlinkC.Leds -> LedsC;  
  
}  
  
module BlinkC {  
    uses interface Timer<TMilli>  
        as BlTimer;  
    uses interface Leds;  
    uses interface Boot;  
}  
implementation{  
    event void Boot.booted() {  
        call BlTimer.startPeriodic(1000);  
    }  
    event void BlTimer.fired() {  
        call Leds.ledToggle();  
    }  
}
```

Slide credit: Nicolas Burri

# Profiling and Simulation

- We'll return to this issue a bit later - PowerSCOPE, etc., provide tools for monitoring power consumption and attributing it to a system component
- For now: Think about toolbox of analysis methods (useful for projects.)
  - Cycle-accurate sim (Atemu; Bochs); Native code sim (TOSSIM; VMWare); Implementation on real h/w; hardware-assisted sim (maybe later - for high-perf arch).

# TOSSIM

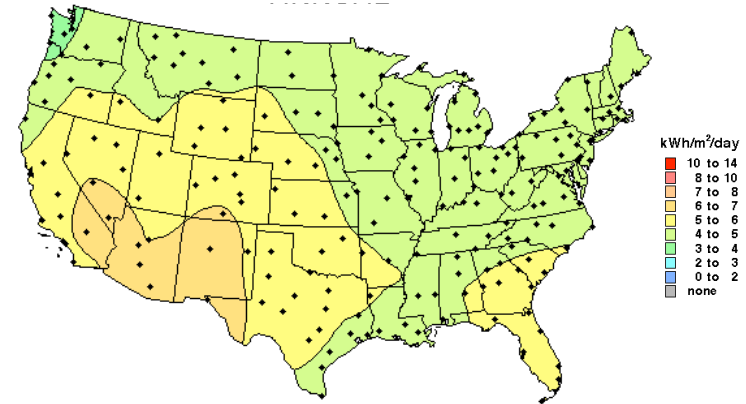
- More value from OS abstractions
  - calling `Leds.redOn()` easier to simulate than inferring that, for particular h/w,
  - `PORTB ^= 0x01` (flip bit 1 on PORTB register, which activates output foo, iff PORTB set to output, and, ...)
- But for power - had to do basic-block analysis to *estimate* cycle counts.
- May not account for unanticipated h/w quirks
  - Pretty good sim, and very useful, but beware
  - Rod Brooks: "Simulation is doomed to succeed."

# Capturing Solar

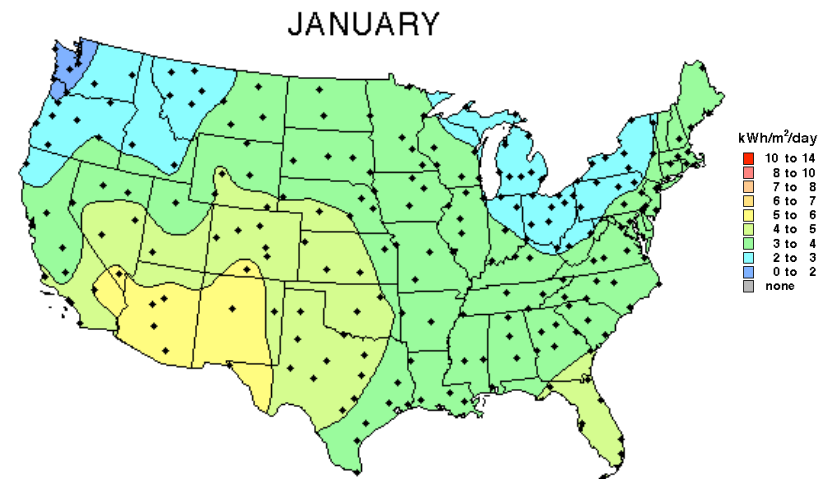
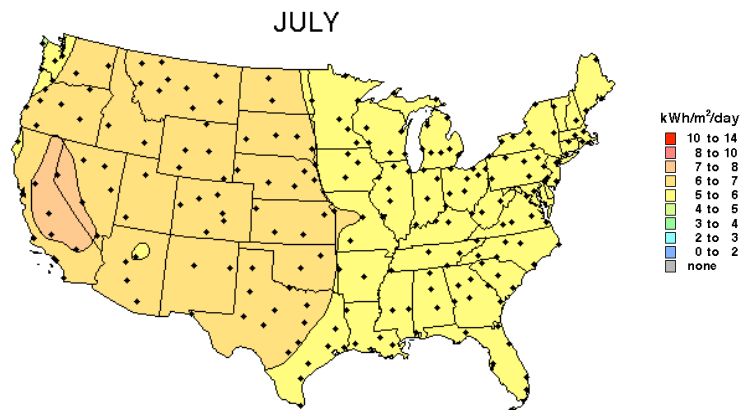
- 1) Amount of solar radiation
- 2) Efficiency of solar cell
- 3) Angle of solar cell
- 4) Area of solar cell

# How much solar?

- Solar cell efficiency: ~16-28%, varies by cost/weight. (Thin-film - ~16, polysilicon ~25).
- Sun-tracking? Nah - too much work for little sensors... so we lose angle of incidence. Lose about 30-40% of efficiency -> 10-18% ish



Average Solar radiation - flat plate tilted south



## Three Scenarios Three Groups. :)

- Meraki Mini wireless repeater
  - 200mW radio, ~2W average draw, ~7W max (e.g., when downloading & writing new OS to flash and SHA-1'ing it, etc.)
- Wireless temperature monitoring - taking measurements 2x per second and reporting them every 5.
- Wireless web cam takes photo every 2 minutes and uploads via 802.11.

## Process

- Those workloads are vague.  
Ask for clarifications and/or state assumptions.  
Cost? Where deployed? Lifetime? Achievable duty cycle (what factors in?); etc.
- Design & analyze - solar feasible? y/n; size of cells? size of battery? capacitor? changes to workload?
- Present! Describe scenario w/assumptions, results
- Critique - the other groups' solutions. :)

## How Much Solar?

- Solar radiation received, avg, Pittsburgh in January:
  - 2-3 kWh / m<sup>2</sup> / day
- At 10% efficiency... 250 Wh per square meter per day.
- 50mW sensor: 1 Wh per day.
  - 2 foot x 2 foot panel. (!)
- Rats. Still need to sleep...
  - Ex from paper 1: 20% duty cycle (200 mWh / day)
  - 30cm x 30cm would do it (paper used 16cm x 10cm)

## Example: Meraki Solar

- Meraki Mini wireless mesh node
- Really handy to be able to deploy with no installation effort -- it's already wireless...

# Meraki Solar



- 200mW radio
- 7W max / 2W typical power draw
- 24 hours / day: ~50Wh
- Cloudy days in pgh...
  - 40W panel: 25" x 22" x 1.4"
  - \$1497. (!)