# **CalPlug Demo and Education**



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# **1KWH CHALLENGE**

- Why
  - Accessible to the community
- Design process
  - Room size: 28'x30'
  - Teams: 6 months to create the first version of the 1kwh challenge
  - Audience: UCI graduates and Undergraduates
  - Outreach: media, school fairs and emails







# **1KWH CHALLENGE**







#### 1kwh Challenge Summer14

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE CONSENT TO ACT AS A HUMAN RESEARCH SUBJECT

1 kWh Challenge: Promoting Energy Efficient Behavior

You are being asked to participate in a research study. Participation is completely voluntary. Please read the information below and ask questions about anything you do not understand. Email: <a href="mailto:melissavaldez@calpluq.org">melissavaldez@calpluq.org</a>.

\* Required

The purpose of this research study is to educate participants about









# Numbers



PARTICIPANTS FROM 12 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES



1 DEVICES, 1 HOUR, 4 PARTICIPANTS. 1 CHALLENGE



684 Successful Ping-Pong Shots





# **1KWH CHALLENGE 2.0**

- The challenge will be open to all 30,000 UC Irvine graduate and undergraduate students on campus and off.
- 600 registered campus organizations at our disposal.
- The challenge is designed to be promoted by social media with over 100 group pages affiliated to UCI on Facebook.







# Questions and Comments?





## **The Wall of Power**



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### What is Wall of Power?

- Interface to help users to improve **Energy Efficient** at home.

### Main goals

- Maximize energy consumption awareness.
- Advise on the purchase and search for more efficient technologies.







### Main Interface Features

- Monitor plug loads and their energy consumption on the wall or mobile device.
- Check the total accumulated consumption.
- Check the current energy price being used based on user's location and time.
- Remote interface to display and control plug load devices.
- Provide a new database to find top energy efficient products.









### Main features to provide personal advice (under development)

- based on current setup features
  - Compare features to suggest better operation or more efficient products
- based on user's preference to purchase new products
  - List top products according user's preferences based on price, performance and energy efficiency.

- based on user's behavior
  - Provide tips to avoid wasting habits or to acquire more su







# **Questions and comments**





# **The Energy Channel**



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# **Seamless Integration with Home Entertainment**



# **Smart Meter Data on TV**







## **Getting the Message Across**

- To build a channel that connects Smart Meter Energy Info with utility customers
- Fast and convenient delivery of demand response info (incentive programs) and tips/alerts
- Multiple interfaces (mobile, tablet, web)







# Questions and Comments?





## Prototec



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- **Bio**:
  - Linyi Xia, UCI BSEE 2014, Jr. Research Specialist
  - Emphasis on Embedded systems design, 3<sup>rd</sup> year in the field.
- Roles and Projects:
  - Rapid prototyping, and product developments for various project
    - focusing on energy efficiency.
  - Recognizing and introducing emerging technologies to take the research to the next level.





# **Solar Decathlon**

- 17 teams of world wide universities.
- Design, build and operate solar-powered houses that are cost-effective, energy-efficient, and attractive.
- Serves and advise students on electrical system design.





# **SIM Home**

- Demonstrate the newest technology in house
  - GaN technology infused inverter design.
  - Energy Smart
  - Energy Measuring/Monitoring (Mingfeng)
  - Many more
- Showcase:
  - Manufactures' newest and greatest products and technologies.
  - Trending in home plug load appliances
- Future Goals:
  - Expand beyond just the home seting
  - Evolve with the market and potential opportunities.





# Smart Power for the Smart Home: Inverter Controls, Power Factor corrections, and Peak Demand Reductions



- Inverter-integrated active power factor correction
- Load signature analysis for wireless load monitoring and control
- Integrated design and control of HVAC and storage for shifting peak demand (UCD)





# Questions and Comments?





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Bench-top Test



SIM Office







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# **SIM Lab Test**



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## Collaborators













# Questions and Comments?



