



CalPlug Workshop Series #9

IOT OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES AND INTELLIGENT ENERGY
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“Family Room Lamp”

For example...

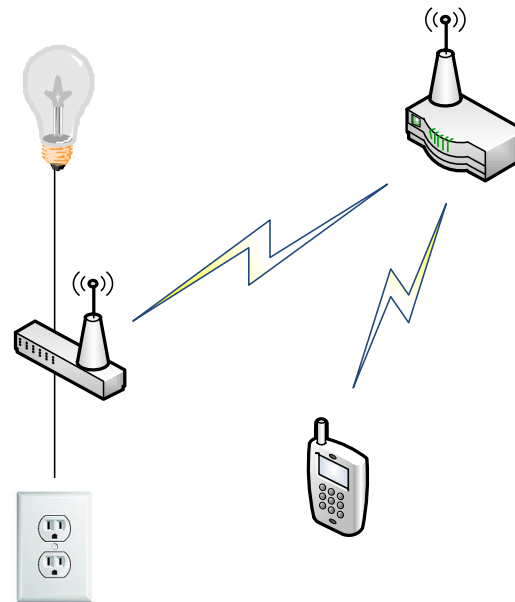
Before IoT Plug Load Controller

On = 10W
Off = 0W



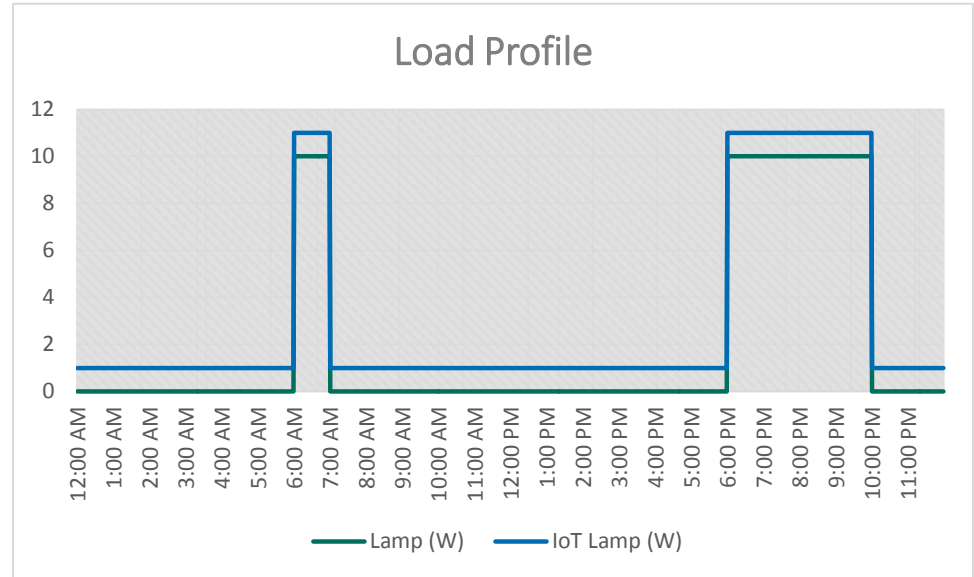
After IoT Plug Load Controller

On = 10W
Off = 1W + 10W



Hypothetically...

- The Regular LED Lamp uses 0.050 kWh per day
- The IoT LED Lamp uses 0.074 kWh per day
- Assume that this happens every day of the year.
 - Regular LED Lamp uses 18.25 kWh per year
 - IoT LED Lamp uses 27.01 kWh per year
 - That's 8.76 kWh a year per plug load control device



- Now if there are at least 4 of these devices per home and about 12.8 Million homes in California.
 - The result is about in an annual energy increase 448 GWh
- This hypothetical example assumes you started with a 10W LED Lamp
- Instead start with a 13W CFL Lamp
 - Just switching to a 10W LED Lamp results in 23% Savings
 - But switching to a 11W IoT LED Lamp results in just a 15% Savings

Other devices to consider

- **Within the household:**

- What other devices are there?
- What is the standby load?
- What about the hub? How much does that use? 10W?
 - One hub could connect to multiple devices

- **Beyond the household:**

- The hub connects to the cloud...what impact will this have on the need for data centers?



Data, Data and more Data

- The promise of IoT enabled devices

- Connectivity gives us more control
- Allows us to make smarter decisions
- Has the potential to make us more efficient energy consumers
 - I can now connect to my washer to start the wash cycle after 6pm provided I loaded my laundry earlier in the day
 - I can now lock and unlock my front door remotely
 - I can remotely control my thermostat
 - I can track my energy use throughout my house

- To do all this requires Data

- Data is very valuable
- Having historical data can help predict future energy use
- The data can change behavior

- Behavior

- Having more data can improve decision making
- We can prioritize tasks and change our habits

The needs of the many...

- We need to understand what devices are being used, when they are used and how they are being used.
- What are usage profiles for Mobile devices (aka – Chargers)?
 - What know profiles for Appliances and to some extent home entertainment equipment
 - What about my 10W tablet charger(s)?
 - Do you charge every day?
 - Do you charge while using it?
 - How many do you charge?
- We need to ask ourselves whether we are using the connectivity in the best way.
 - Is speaking to a device to turn something off really faster than flipping a physical switch?
 - Is knowing how much energy you used in the past really of interest to change someone's habits?
 - What's the right amount of Data?
 - How difficult is it to connect your devices? Do they all speak the same language? Is it easy to setup?

Thank you!

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