

# California Plug Load Research Center

## Set Top Box Energy Efficiency Workshop

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# Purpose of the CalPlug Center

- **Help California and U.S. improve energy efficiency in appliances and electronic devices**
- **In the residential and commercial sectors**
- **Through research, demonstration, education**
- **About engineering, incentives, codes and standards, and behavior**

# Scopes of Work

## ➤ **Broadest Term:**

All electric appliances and electronic devices, residential and commercial – the “plug load” considered for the first time as one unit, previously thought of as a “remainder”

## ➤ **Near Term:**

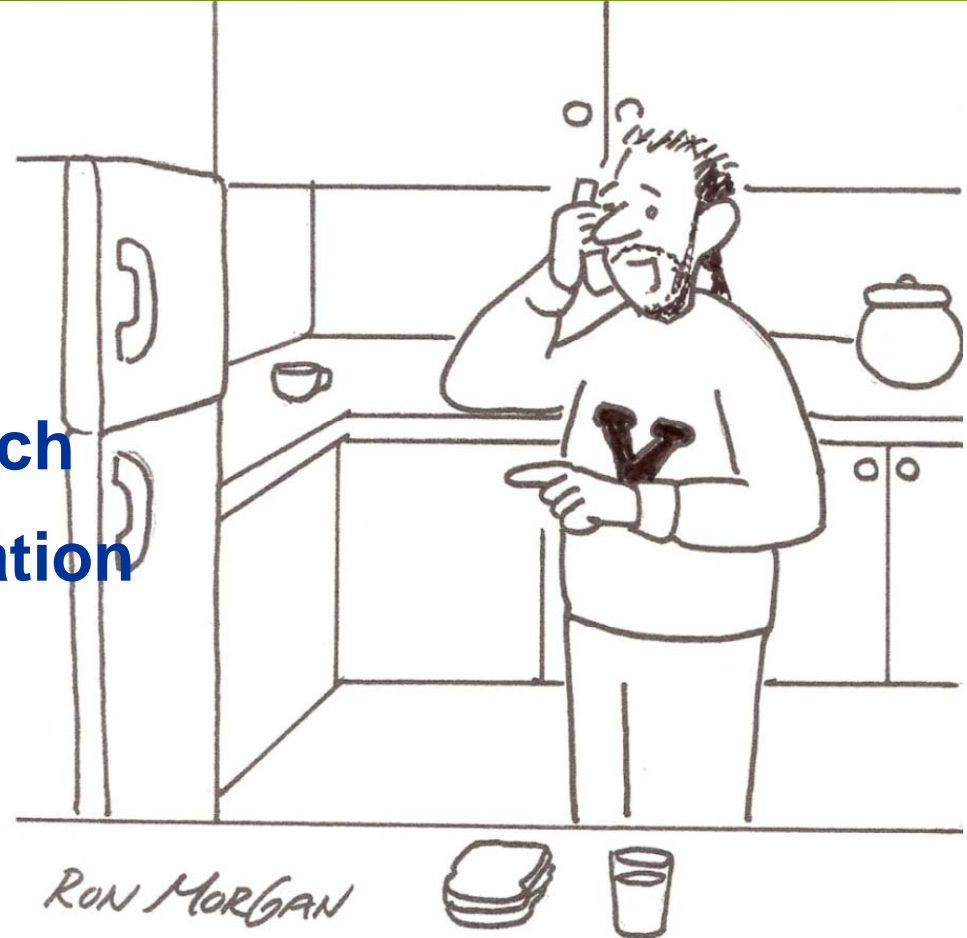
Electronic devices, residential and commercial - Scope of choice based on need and on UCI's relative strengths

## ➤ **First Project:**

Set-top box energy efficiency

# A Holistic Approach

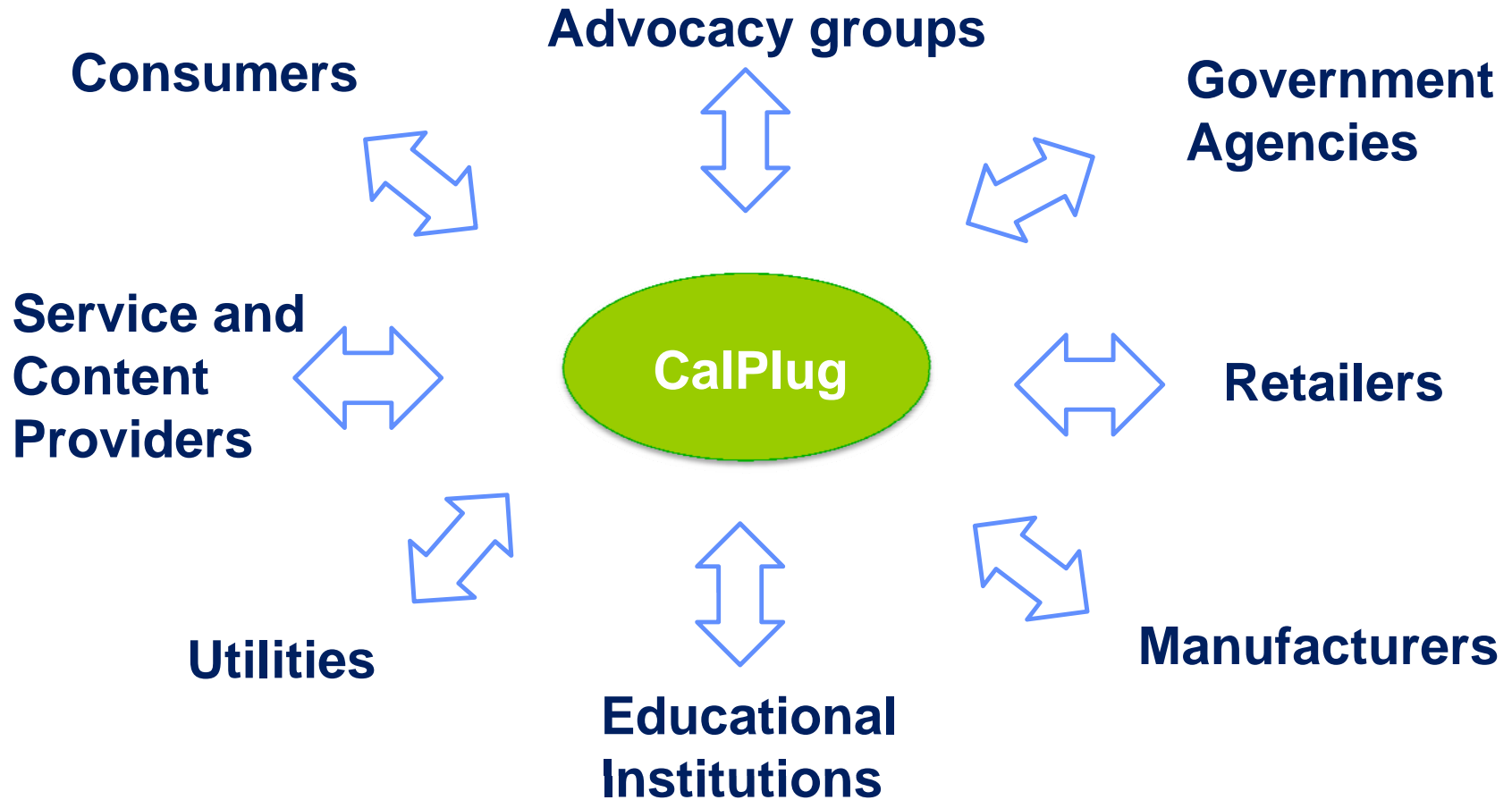
- Engineering Research
- Market/Behavior Research
- Organizational Coordination
- Education Outreach



"We don't have energy-efficient appliances but the food in the 'fridge has gone green."

# Center Interactions with Key Partners

Neutral playing ground for diverse groups with various challenges and approaches to explore common objectives and goals with the ultimate goal of energy efficiency.



# Set-Top Box Workshop

## ➤ **Goal:**

**To accelerate energy efficiency in STBs (box and network) by all means including innovation in STB hardware and software, codes and standards, and incentives and rebates**

## ➤ **Anticipated outcome:**

**To create an energy efficiency working group for strong collaborations among players including research centers, manufacturers, service/content providers, utilities and government agencies**

# Set Top Box Workshop

- **Morning** is to ground us with current STB technology, market, testing procedure and standards. Will also cover advanced energy efficient STB technology and service trends in cable and satellite TV industry.
- Demos / Student projects
- **Afternoon** is to consider possible paths forward via technology innovation, overcoming “soft” barriers, identifying alternative business models and deriving action plans.

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**We welcome  
opportunities for  
collaboration.  
Thank you!**