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Two current projects

1. Heat emitters with low temperature domestic heat pump systems

2. Thermal stores and domestic heating systems
Hypotheses

1. Heat emitters

- The introduction of low temperature heat emitters will change people’s:
  - experience of heat and their derived thermal comfort experiences
  - use of their heating systems

- People’s requirements for ‘future’ heat emitters that operate at low temperatures will differ to the requirements met by current heat emitters

- People’s expectations for heat and consequent thermal comfort will change as their perception/understanding of energy production and storage change
Hypotheses

2. Thermal stores

- The introduction of a store as a central part of a future heating and hot water system will change people's:
  - views/understanding of energy from an infinite resource to a finite resource
  - use of their heating and hot water systems

- People's requirements for heating and hot water will change as their perception/understanding of energy production and storage change

- People's requirements for ‘future’ thermal stores will differ to the requirements met by current thermal stores
Aims

1. Heat emitters with low temperature domestic heat pump systems
   - To understand the user requirements for future low temperature heat emitters for domestic heating
   - To explore potential changes in behaviour that may result from the introduction of new low temperature systems
   - To ascertain the practicalities of retrofitting new low temperature systems into the existing housing stock

2. Thermal stores and domestic heating systems
   - To understand the user requirements for future thermal stores for domestic heating and hot water systems
## Methods

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Co-design and context mapping

The methods that we employ will taken us from collecting ‘surface’ data to more in-depth information enabling us to explore future designs/concepts.

Progress

1. Heat emitters

- Literature review for thermal comfort and heat emitters – on going
- Technologies review – on going
  - Preliminary review of ‘Fan assisted radiators’- First Draft submitted Oct 2013
  - Review of ‘Heat emitter guide for domestic heat pumps’ – conducted Nov 2014
- End user questionnaire – to be distributed Feb 2015
  - Distribution ‘Purposive sample’ – end users of different types of heat emitters- can we also get a list of potential participants from Glen Dimplex / HP association?
- Context of use - In-depth interviews / walkthrough - Mar 2015 onwards
Progress

2. Thermal stores

- Technologies review – Current and future – on going
- Background and filter questionnaire for co-design participation – to be distributed May/June 2015
- Co-design and context mapping (Generative sessions) – to be conducted July/August 2015
  - Initial visits (sensitisation and immersion) in participants homes – informal interviews / walk through
  - Second visit - present ‘Future scenarios’
- Regular discussions with ‘Hothouse’ to avoid overlap and identify synergies
Thank you

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