

Responsible Retrofit Guidance Wheel

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The guidance tool is intended as a decision-making aid not as a primary information source, but may lead the user to further support content.

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Excerpt from Design Proposal v1p1

The aim of the tool is to provide an interface for exploring:

- the measures (e.g. fit secondary glazing) available when retrofitting a traditional building
- the risks associated with measure/context combinations e.g. fitting double glazing presents heritage concerns
- the interactions between measures e.g. if draughtproofing is being considered, ventilation should be considered too

The tool must be engaging and playful and mustn't drown the user in too many technicalities. Its primary purpose is to educate users that retrofitting a traditional building is not a simple fix, that measures are heavily interdependent and that there is a lack of research knowledge in some areas.

Although not primarily an informational tool, ideally the tool will allow the user to find further technical content should they wish.

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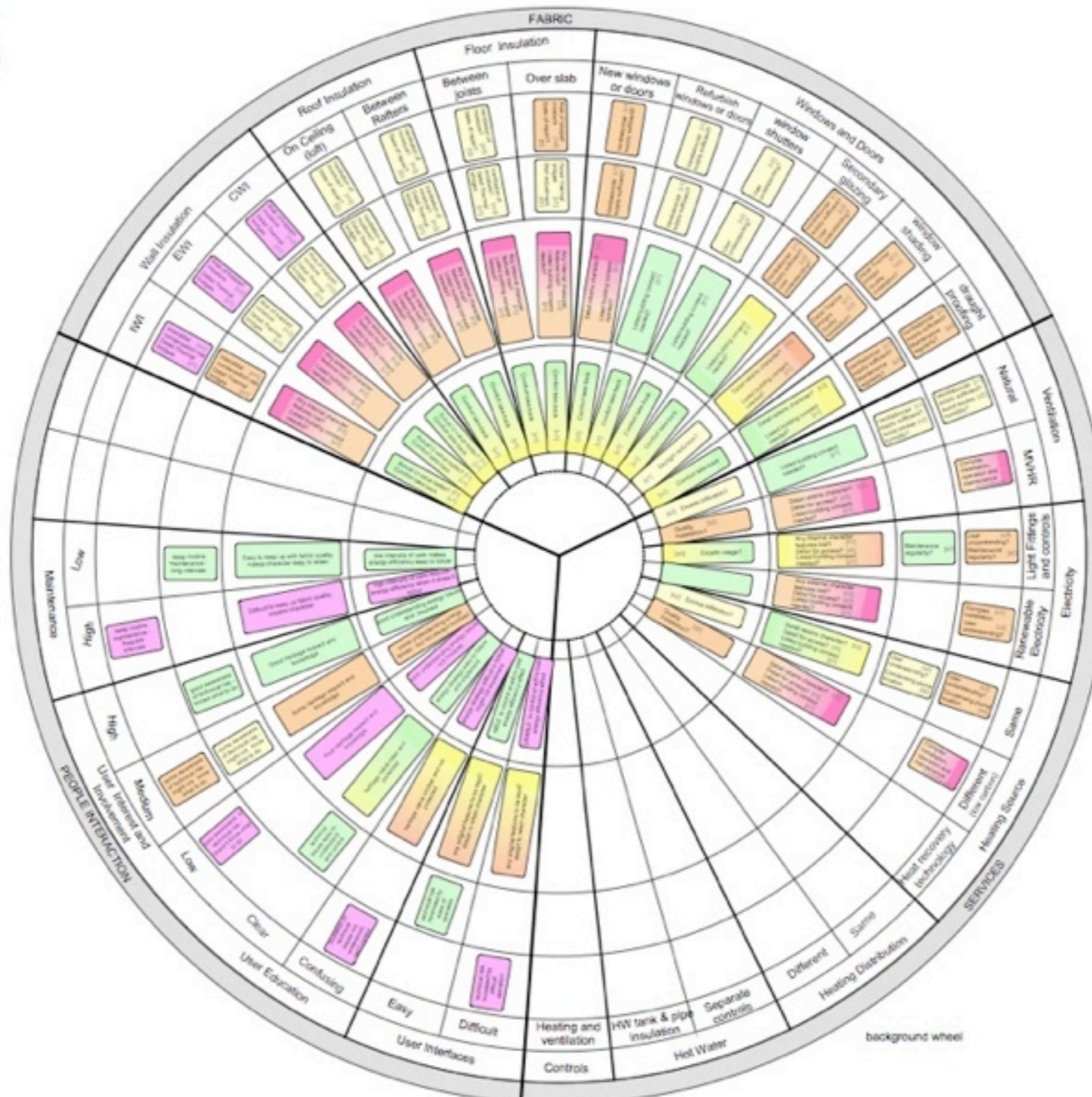
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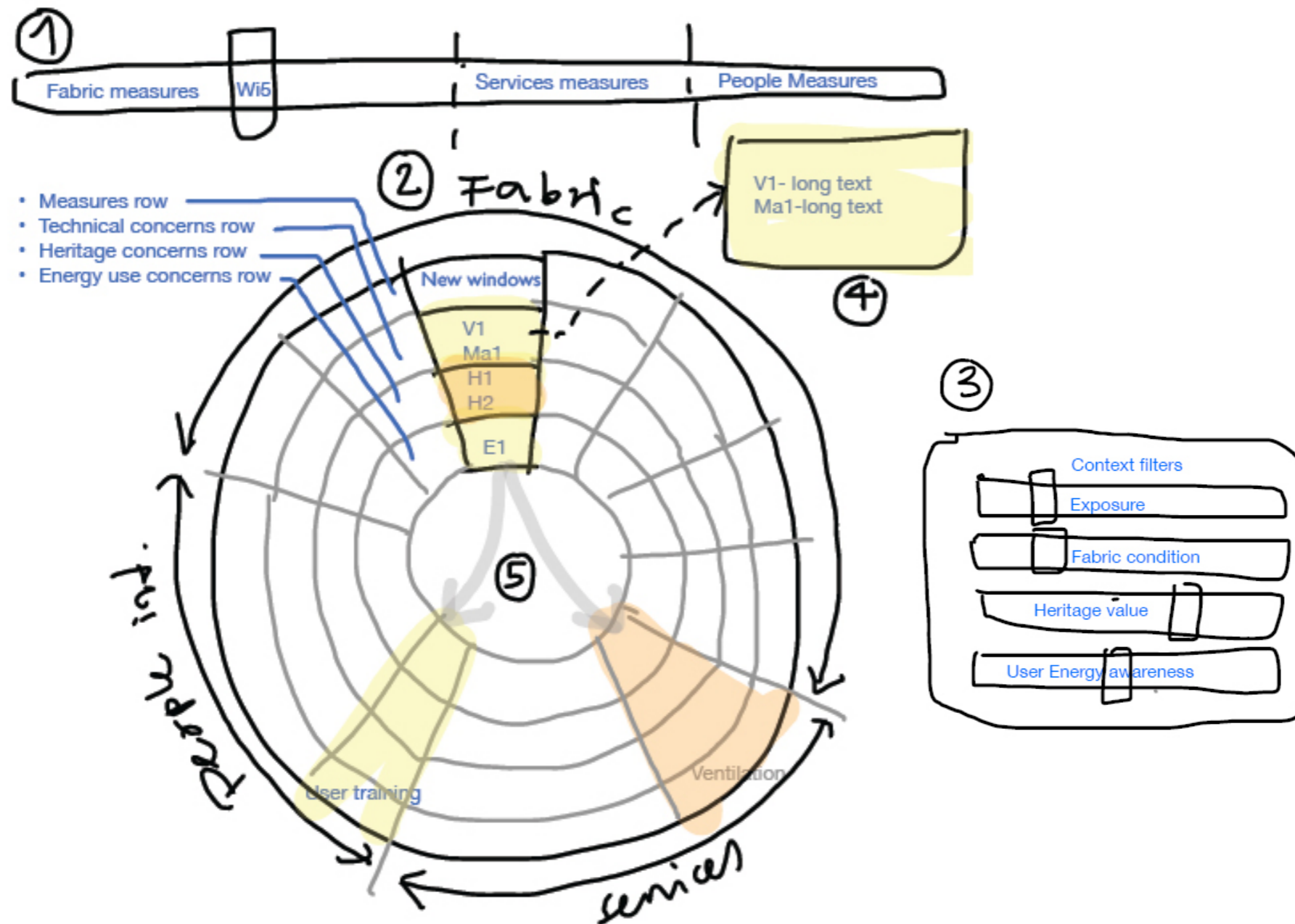
The idea #2 Physical mock-up (shows second layer)

- M** = Moisture Risk
- M¹** = Interstitial Condensation
- M²** = Moisture Ingress and/or trapped
- M³** = Moisture Out - Ventilation needed
- D** = Detail Care needed
- D¹** = Thermal Bridges
- D²** = Stair adjustment
- D³** = Detail for access
- D⁴** = Condensing plume location
- F** = Fabric uncertainty
- F¹** = Actual U-value?
- F²** = State of repair?
- V** = Ventilation sufficient?
- V¹** = Air supply for normal use
- V²** = Avoiding excess humidity
- V³** = Avoiding excess heat
- E** = Energy implication
- E¹** = Daylight reduction?
- E²** = Excess infiltration?
- E³** = Excess usage?
- A** = Aftercare needed
- A¹** = Handover to user
- A²** = Maintenance regularity
- A³** = Monitoring (and feedback)
- U** = User aspects
- U¹** = Comfort take back
- U²** = User understanding
- U³** = Space limitations

- C** = Complexity
- C¹** = complex installation
- C²** = complex operation
- C³** = complex maintenance
- H** = Heritage risk
- H¹** = Original Internal detail lost
- H²** = Original External detail lost
- H³** = Detail retains character?
- P** = Permissions needed
- P¹** = Listed Building consent
- P²** = Planning consent within conservation area
- P³** = Planning consent outside conservation area
- Q** = Quality needed
- Q¹** = Product quality
- Q²** = Installation quality
- Q³** = Commissioning quality



The idea #3 Digital concept



1. Select measure using slider bar
2. Wheel rotates to show selected measure on top segment. Other measures greyed out (but see 5 below) Technical/Heritage/Energy rows show short text Concerns and risk colour.
3. Context filters allow to adjust for various context options. Row colours adjust for context
4. On click, window with long text appears - could have links and more info?
5. Related measures are highlighted (various degrees of intensity?)

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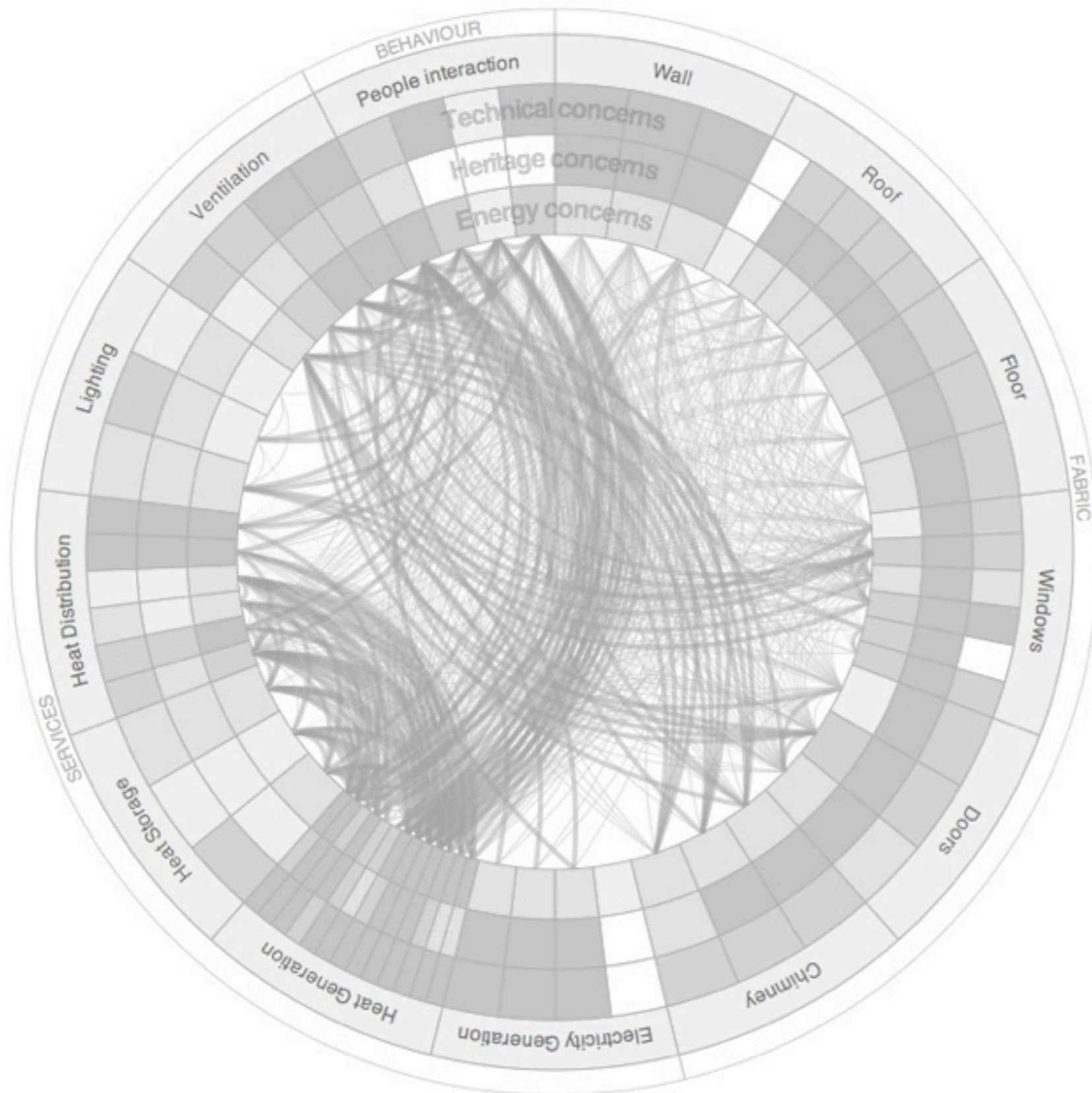
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Version 1p1 #1 Opening screen



Context

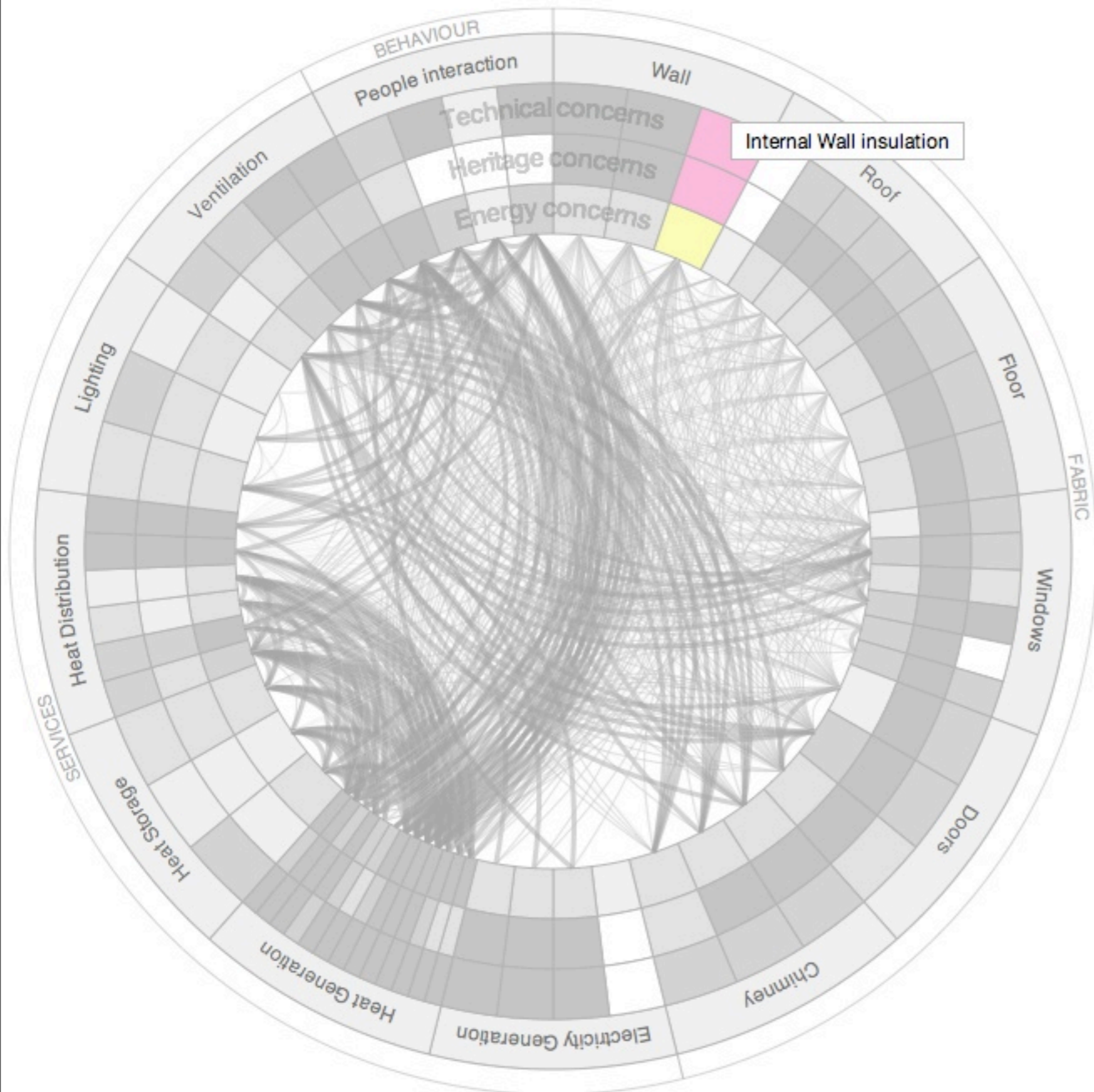
Heritage

Exposure

Energy User Type

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Version 1p1 #3 Measures are segments



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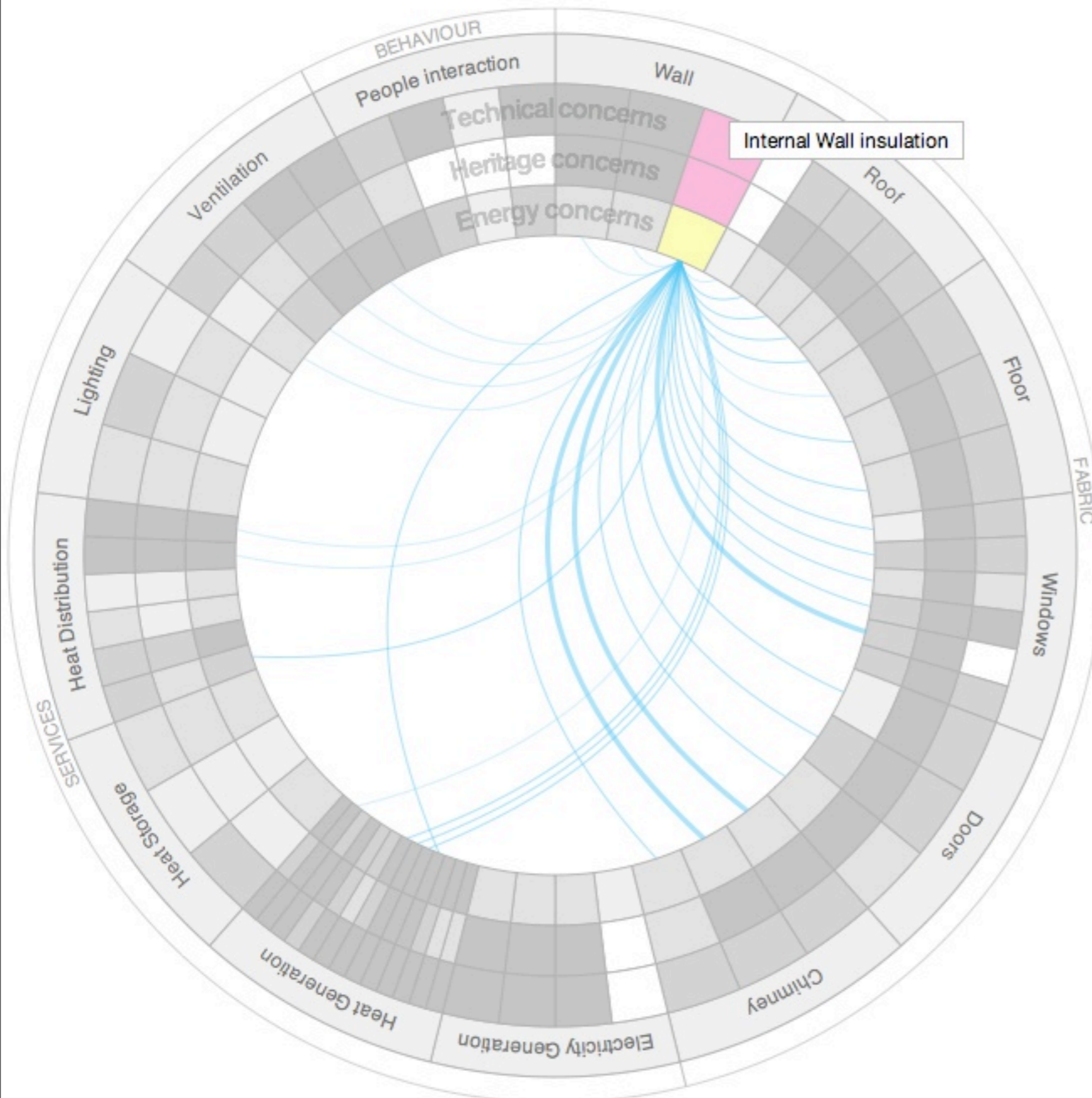
Heritage
Listed – Exceptional

Exposure
Very Severe

Energy User Type
Frugal user

User interest and involvement In Operation
User with good motivation and

Version 1pl #4 Interactions



Context

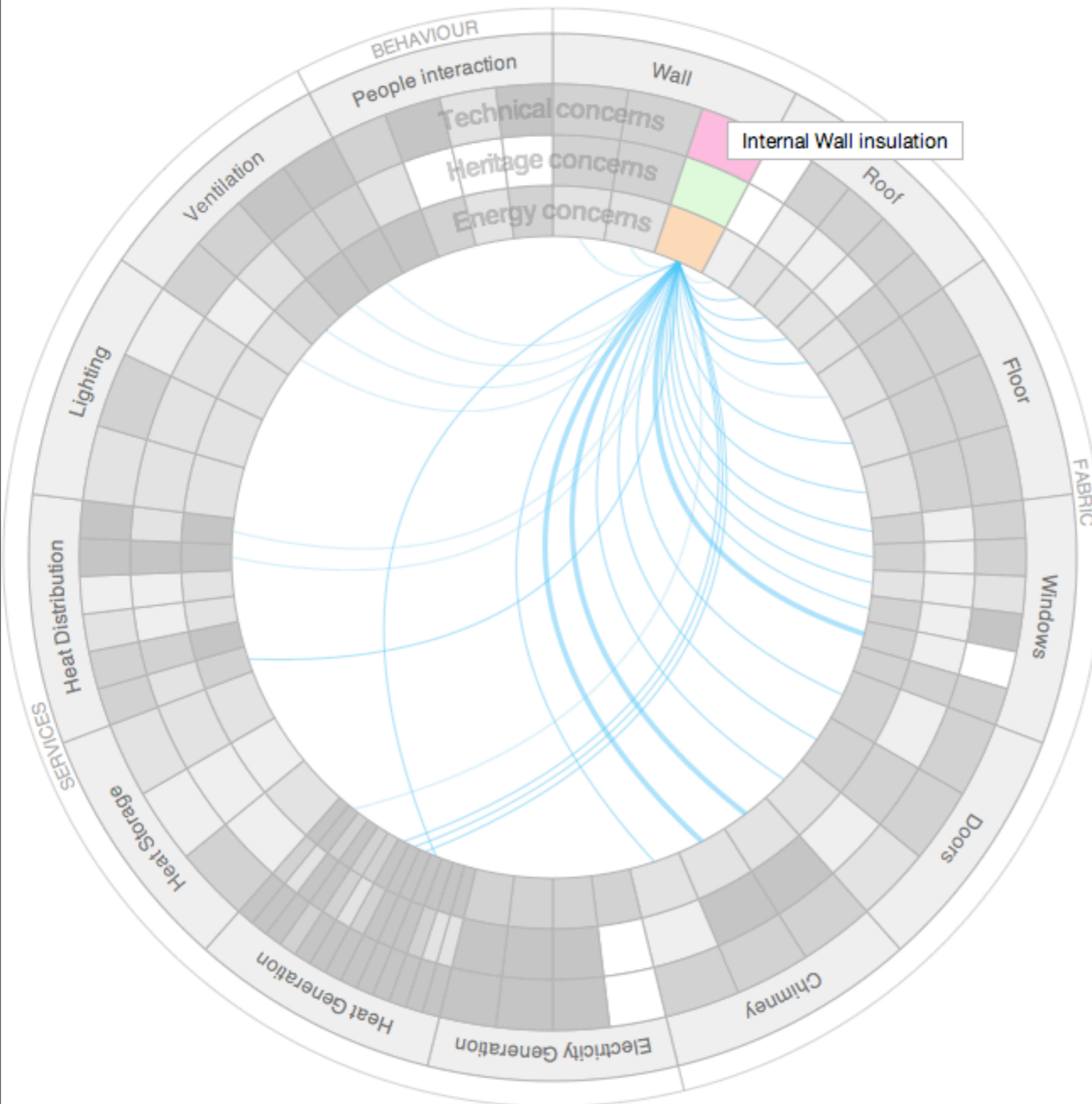
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Version Ipl #5 Context changed



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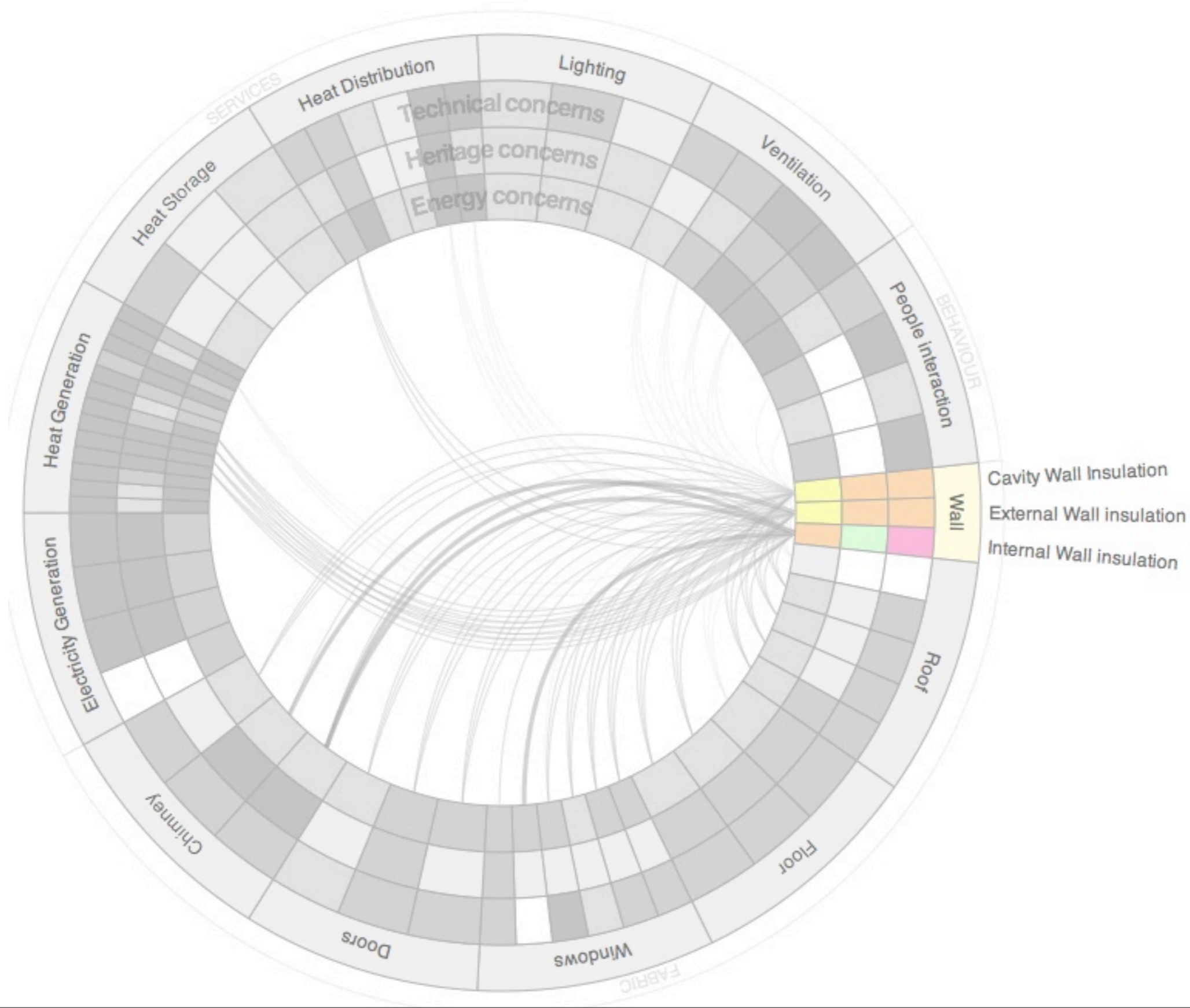
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Version 1p1 #6 More detail on Walls



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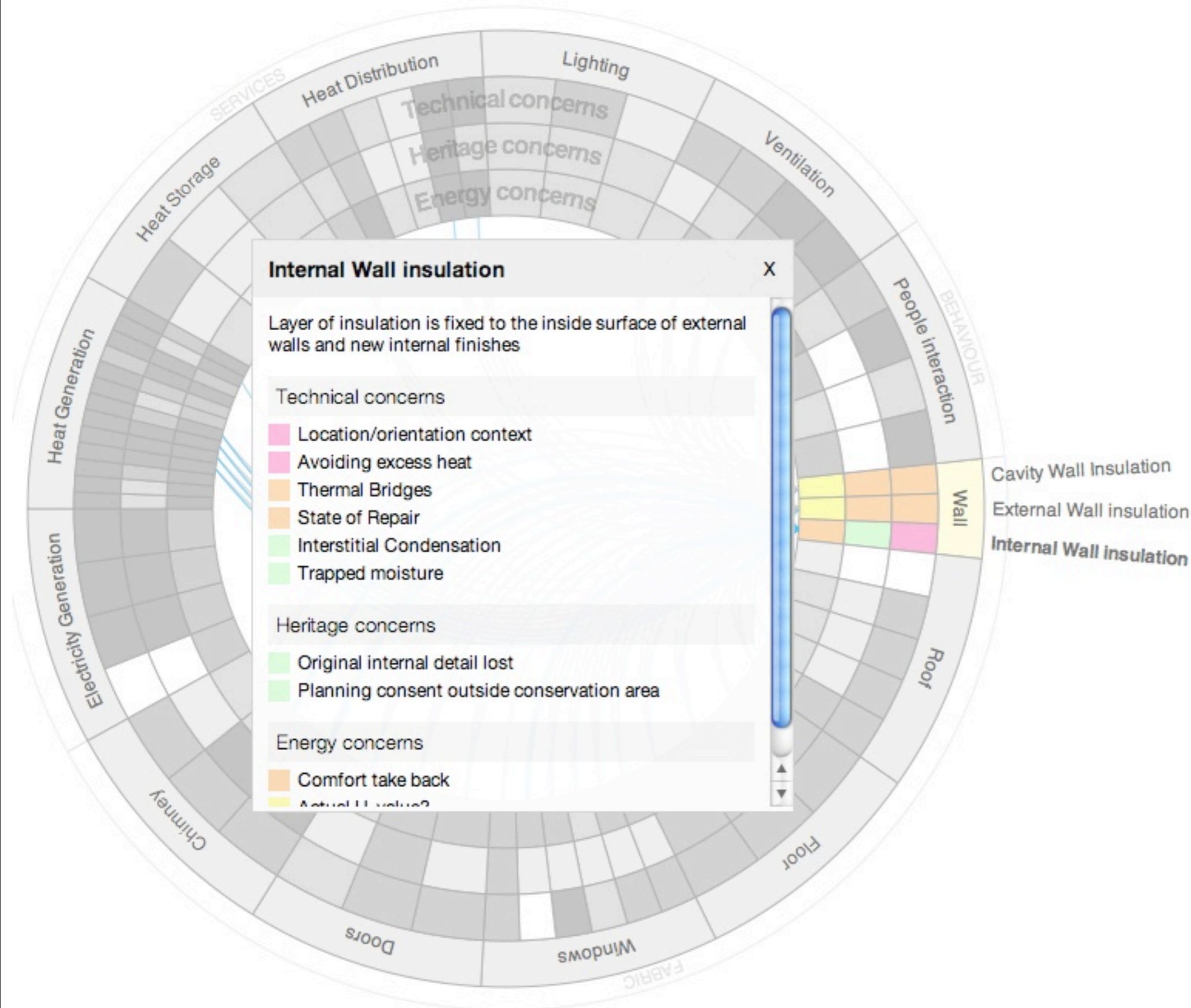
Heritage
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Exposure
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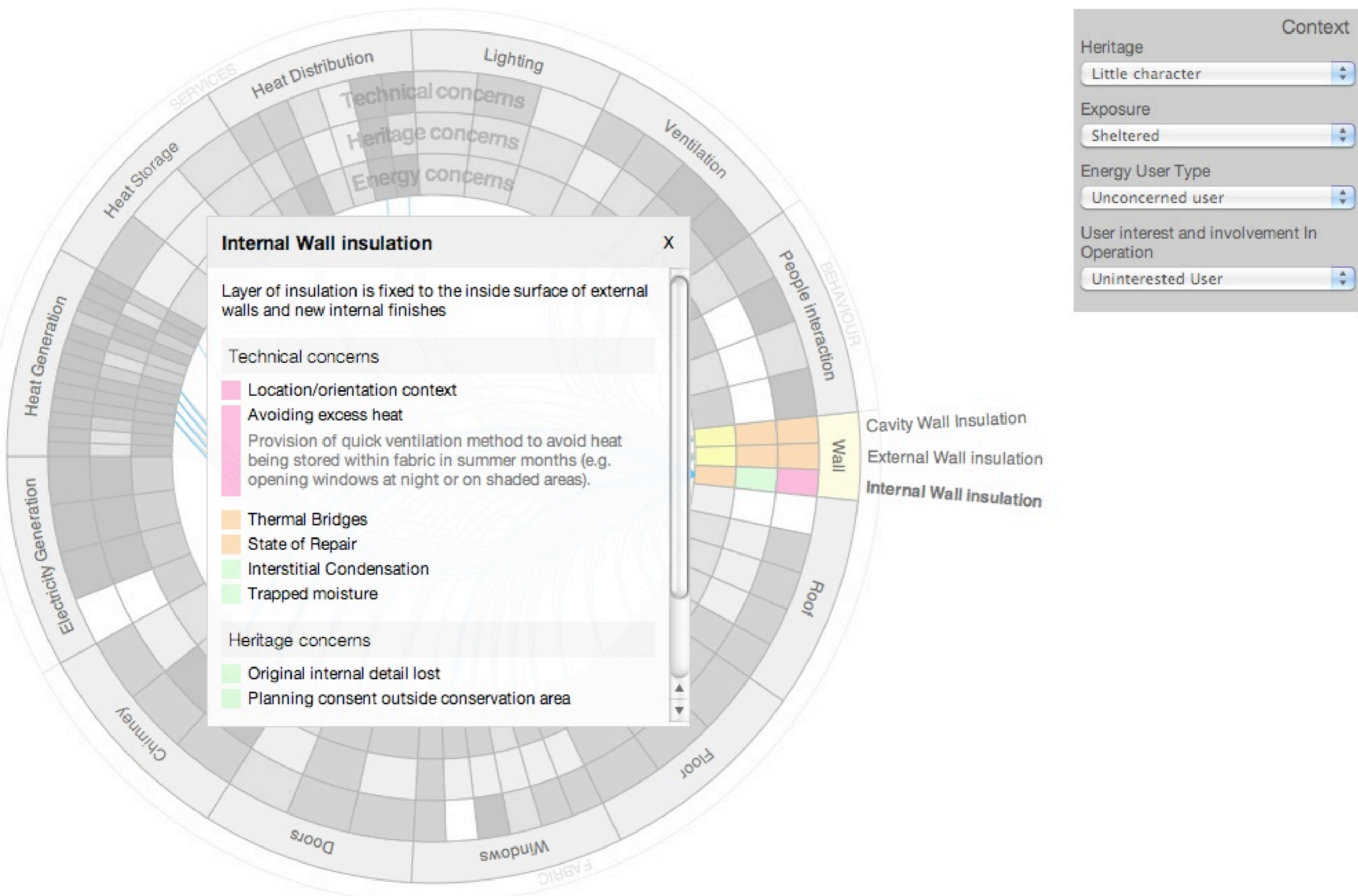
Energy User Type
Unconcerned user

User interest and involvement In Operation
Uninterested User

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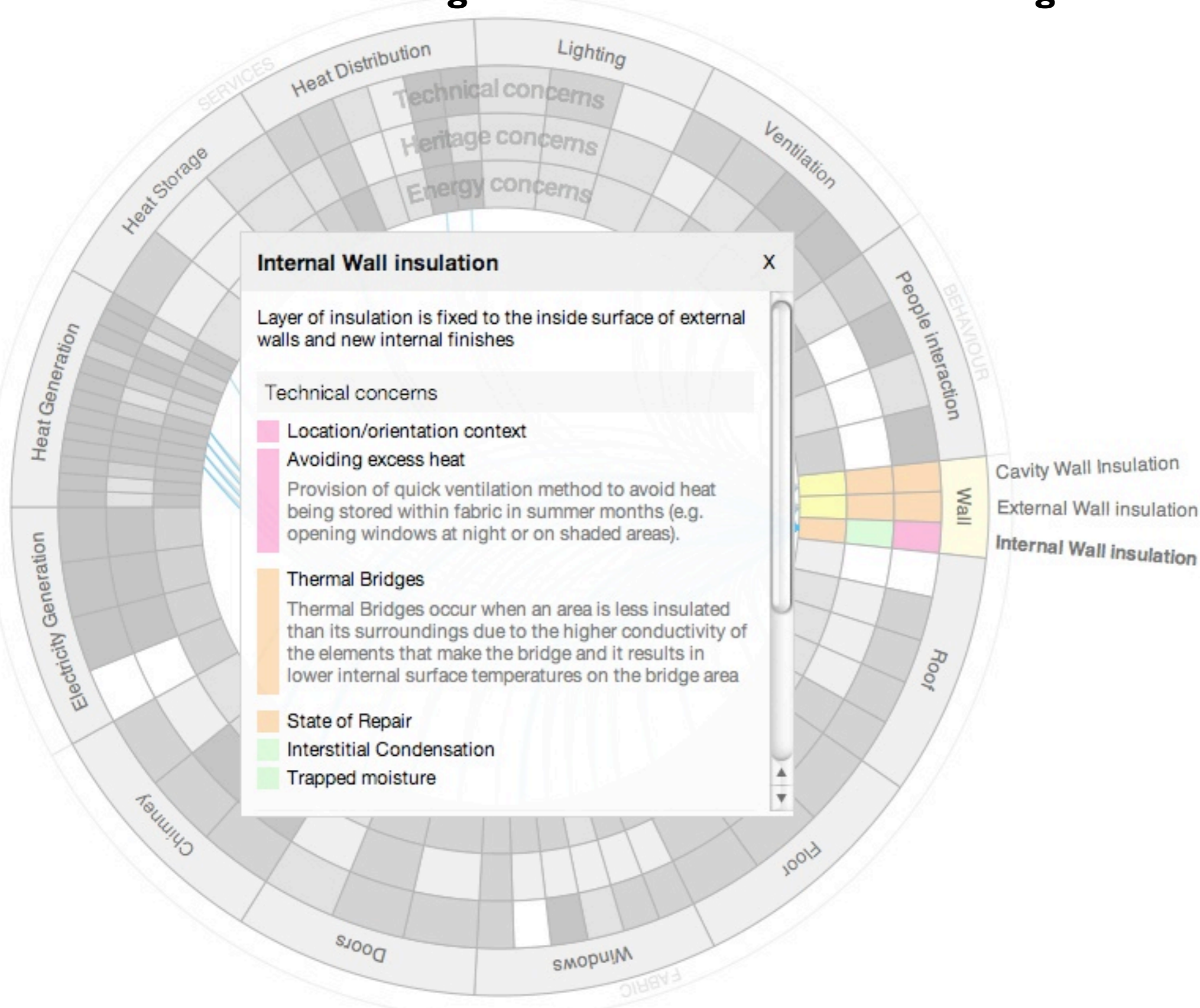


Version 1p1 #8 More detail on Avoiding excess heat



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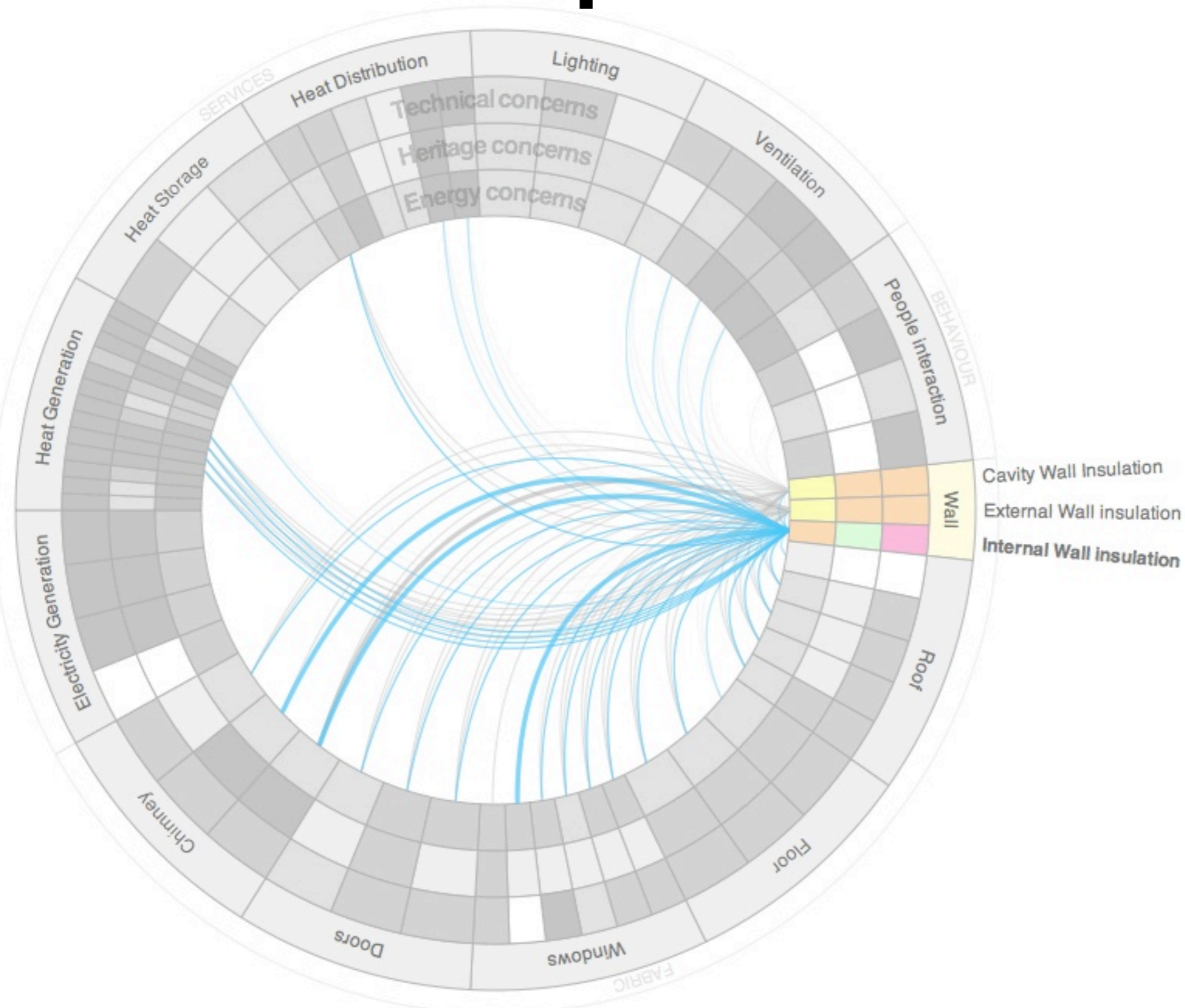
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Version 1p1 #9 Interactions for Walls



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Version lpl #10 Possible combinations

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