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24 **Abstract:**

25 As the demonstration of eco-communities, energy planning becomes more and more  
26 important for university campus and hence the full understanding of energy use  
27 characteristics and demand load features of campus buildings usually provide the  
28 basic support for energy planning. In this research, a methodology is developed to  
29 fully reveal the energy use characteristics of campus buildings from the demand side,  
30 and a case study of a Norwegian university campus was analyzed based on this  
31 methodology. Both the long-term and real-time data of the electricity, heating, and  
32 water usage of the campus buildings were analyzed by the descriptive statistics. On  
33 this base, coincidence characteristics of energy and water usage of the entire campus  
34 were analyzed, and individual coincidental rates to the campus were also quantified  
35 accordingly. The coincidence factors were calculated to be at high levels, which  
36 implied that the campus buildings' usage of energy was quite similar to that of water.  
37 Finally, the individual coincidental contribution to total campus energy use was  
38 analyzed by the cluster analysis, to identify those buildings with the large potential of  
39 operation optimization. The results from this study could be used for the energy  
40 planning of cities and other urban energy systems.

41 **Keywords:** University campus; building complex; energy use; coincidence factor;  
42 energy plan; case study

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44 **1. Introduction**

45 In recent decades, there has been a growing interest in reducing energy use and  
46 related greenhouse gas emissions in the building sector. Playing an important role in  
47 learning about the efficient energy planning of future urban energy systems and smart

48 cities, many university campus buildings aroused various increased concerns about  
49 policy, education, the technologies of environment and energy conservation, and other  
50 related issues, as in [1-4]. Remarkably, the significant increased interest in the energy  
51 sustainability of university campuses has arisen since the release of the European  
52 Directive on Energy Performance of Buildings (EPBD) [5].

53 Understanding the energy use of university campuses other than individual  
54 educational or research buildings is an important precondition of understanding how  
55 to improve the energy efficiency and make a good energy planning of campus  
56 building complexes [2, 6]. Bonnet et al. (2002) developed a tool allowing the diversity  
57 of activities and end-uses of electricity and water to be addressed when analyzing  
58 energy demand and the environmental impact on a campus. [7]. Through a case study,  
59 Ó Gallachóir et al. (2007) explored the use of simple performance indicators, energy  
60 trends and in particular the assessment of building energy performance [8]. Agarwal  
61 et al. (2009) presented data collected from four selected diverse buildings from  
62 residence halls to data centers, and indicated that ‘mixed-use’ buildings with the  
63 energy use of IT equipment accounted for more than a quarter of the total energy use  
64 [9]. Hong et al. (2011) selected the sixth largest energy consuming university in  
65 Korea and analyzed its energy use pattern. An optimized limitation of future energy  
66 use by forecasting the trend of growing use was established after examining the kinds  
67 and quantities of energy installations being utilized in campus buildings [10].  
68 Hawkins et al. (2012) used an artificial neural network (ANN) method for analyzing a  
69 wider range of energy use determinants on London university buildings. The  
70 electricity use was found to be generally high and heating fuel use was low relative to  
71 the Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers (CIBSE) TM46 benchmarks  
72 for the university campus category for University Occupied Buildings (UOB) [11].  
73 Deshko et al. (2013) demonstrated the possibilities and problems of using certification  
74 to determine the university campuses’ (UCs) energy efficiency measures [12]. Zhou et  
75 al. (2013) carried out a detailed investigation in the form of questionnaire for the  
76 energy use of colleges and universities in Guangdong Province of China, including  
77 electricity, water, gas, and cooling energy use over six years. The survey indicated

78 that there is a great difference in per unit energy use between different types of  
79 universities classified by schools' discipline, nature, and level [13]. Escobedo et al.  
80 (2014) estimated energy use and related GHG emissions for the buildings and  
81 facilities of the main university campus at the National Autonomous University of  
82 Mexico (UNAM). A scenario analysis for 2020 was also developed, estimating  
83 baseline and mitigation scenarios that included energy efficiency technologies and  
84 solar water heating [14]. Chung et al. (2014) conducted an on-site survey of existing  
85 university buildings to determine their current energy use patterns and energy saving  
86 strategies for improving their energy efficiencies [15].

87 Although these studies have been useful to understand the energy use  
88 characteristics of actual campuses and individual buildings, both long-term and  
89 real-time energy use data of the campus buildings are insufficient to analyze the  
90 saving potentials under actual conditions (e.g. building stock size, building floor area,  
91 single or multi-function individual buildings, and occupancy level) from the  
92 perspective of the energy planning of the entire campus. The important features of  
93 energy planning of the entire campus, such as coincidence factor were not  
94 investigated in depth, which need to be taken into considerations accordingly. More  
95 importantly, for the purpose of optimizing the energy planning strategies of the entire  
96 university campus, the contributions of individual buildings to the energy peak load of  
97 the entire campus need to be figured out to build proper evaluation and prediction  
98 models based on the abundant monitoring data.

99 For this purpose, a preliminary method in this study was developed to analyze  
100 energy use of campus buildings to better understand the energy planning of building  
101 complexes or even city. A case study of a Norwegian university campus was analyzed  
102 based on this methodology.

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## 104 **2. The methodology**

105 The energy use characteristics of campus buildings are the fundamental information  
106 and also serve as the base for a good campus energy planning. In order to make a  
107 comprehensive understanding of energy use of campus buildings from the demand

108 side, a research methodology is developed, in order to elaborate the features of energy  
109 use and demand load of campus buildings in the following three main aspects, as  
110 shown in Fig.1.

111 It is the first step to fully master the actual energy use situation of entire campus  
112 and individual buildings. In order to realize this, both the long-term and real-time  
113 energy use of entire campus and each type of campus buildings should be analyzed,  
114 besides the building characteristics. Descriptive statistics and comparative analysis are  
115 the useful approach to achieve this.

116 On this base, coincidental characteristics of entire campus and individuals are the  
117 important targets, which can provide a good evidence for a reasonable design of the  
118 capacity of electric network, and the optimal operation of the energy supply system as  
119 well. Coincidence factors for the entire campus and coincidental rates of individual  
120 buildings to the campus peak loads are the main parameters to reveal the campus load  
121 characteristics.

122 Finally, the identification of individual coincidental contribution to total campus  
123 energy use is suggested to be conducted, as it is very helpful for the identification of  
124 those buildings with the large potential of operation optimization. The cluster analysis  
125 is used to identify all the individual buildings in terms of their actual coincidental  
126 contributions to the campus' energy usage.

127 Based on the analysis in the above three aspects, a comprehensive understanding of  
128 the characteristics of both energy use and demand load can be achieved in the demand  
129 side, which provides a good support for the energy planning.

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### 131 **3. Energy and water usage characteristics of campus buildings**

#### 132 ***3.1 Basic information of the targeted campus***

133 In this paper, the energy use characteristics of the campus building complex were  
134 analyzed by means of a case study on a Norwegian university campus. The campus  
135 consists of 35 buildings, with a total area of approximately 300 000 m<sup>2</sup>. Within the  
136 university the following main building types were included: office, education,  
137 laboratory, and sport facilities. Most of them are multi-functional buildings. Among

138 them, these research buildings could be categorized into two sub-types by discipline:  
139 Engineering & Technology (E&T) buildings and Art & Science (A&S) buildings.  
140 Table 1 shows the basic information of the 24 targeted buildings, including building  
141 number, construction age, main function, and gross area. It can be noted that most of  
142 the buildings have laboratories, which might indicate possible high energy use [7].  
143 Most buildings were built before the year 2000. This fact might indicate that many of  
144 these buildings fail to comply with current building energy use regulations.

145 The campus is supplied with three main energy resources: 1) heating for space  
146 heating and domestic hot water, 2) electricity, and 3) fresh water. In this study, the  
147 first two parts were discussed as primary energy supply resources on this campus. In  
148 the meantime, as the third part, fresh water use, mostly supplied for domestic water  
149 (such as sanitary cold and hot water demand), could be one possible indicator of  
150 occupants' activities and analyzed as a contrast of potential energy use  
151 characteristics .

152 Building Energy Management System (BEMS) and a web-based Energy  
153 Monitoring System (Schneider Electric, Germany) were utilized for collection of the  
154 data on the building system and operation. Besides the total energy and water usage of  
155 the entire campus, the real-time data of electricity, heating and fresh water of 24  
156 buildings were intensively monitored in this study. Forty-six heating meters, 79  
157 electricity meters and 43 water meters were installed on the campus. Hourly data of  
158 electricity, heating and water usage could be collected online via a web-based Energy  
159 Monitoring System. Six-year data from the years of 2008-2013 were collected for  
160 analysis in this paper.

### 161 ***3.2 Energy and water usage of the entire campus***

162 Table 2 illustrates the total annual specific energy and water usage of the entire  
163 campus in six recent years (2008-2013). The average values of annual energy use  
164 were 30 343 MWh for heating, 60 070 MWh for electricity, and 120 129 m<sup>3</sup> for fresh  
165 water. Consequently, annual energy use per building area was calculated to be 99±14  
166 kWh/(m<sup>2</sup> a) for heating, 197±9 kWh/(m<sup>2</sup> a) for electricity and 0.39±0.03 m<sup>3</sup>/(m<sup>2</sup> a).  
167 This indicates that the total annual electricity and water usage were at slightly

168 elevated levels over time, potentially due to occupants' increasing demand. In contrast,  
169 the total annual heating use evidently decreased since the district heating network had  
170 been retrofitted in 2011.

171 Fig. 2 shows the monthly variation of the campus energy and water usage in six  
172 recent years (2008-2013). It indicates that electricity, heating and water usage was  
173 significantly lower in the summer (e.g. July and August) than in other seasons.  
174 However, the distinct decrease of energy and water usage in July might be attributed  
175 to lower occupancy, because there were no courses and few laboratory activities took  
176 place during these two months. Note that there was distinctly low heating use needed  
177 at this period due to seasonal factors. In contrast, the peak values of heating use only  
178 occurred in winter, especially in December and January. It seems mostly due to the  
179 seasonal impact on heating use.

180 Fig. 3 further shows the comparison of the campus total daily energy and water  
181 usage on weekdays and at weekends. The monthly peak values of energy and water  
182 usage in 2013 were considered in this example. A logarithmic coordinate was  
183 introduced for the Y axis to present electricity, heating, and water usage in the same  
184 plot. All daily data sets for electricity, heating, and water usage in the observed month  
185 were collected, respectively. The results in Fig. 3 indicate that there were more  
186 evident differences between workdays and weekends for water usage due to the  
187 largest relative differences and the least deviations compared to electricity and heating  
188 usage. It could be inferred that high occupancy in weekdays might contribute to the  
189 high water usage rates of the campus. For electricity use, similar operation patterns  
190 for electric facilities between weekdays and weekends could be found, which might  
191 be attributed to most of the laboratory-type of facilities being operated continuously in  
192 general. Furthermore, notice that facilities in public areas such as lights, coffee  
193 machines and other service devices, which were always kept under operation, also  
194 contributed to the small difference between weekdays and weekends. In contrast,  
195 heating use both on weekdays and at weekends varied distinctly, while the difference  
196 between total daily heating use on weekdays and weekends was found to be  
197 negligible. Further continuous operation patterns of heating facilities on weekdays

198 and at weekends might contribute mostly to the less difference of the total daily  
199 heating use for the demands of laboratories and indoor thermal comfort.

200 For more details, Fig. 4 shows the comparison of the hourly profiles of energy and  
201 water usage for the entire campus, including variations within one typical month. The  
202 hourly data sets for electricity, heating, and water usage in November 2013 were  
203 selected in this example as always one typical month of each year. It indicates that  
204 higher electricity and water usage commonly occurred in working hours (from 8:00  
205 am to 6:00 pm) than those in non-working hours (from 6:00pm to 8:00 am). Notice  
206 that there was remarkable variation of heating use both in working days and hours in  
207 Figs. 3 and 4. This indicates that the campus' heating use varied within one month and  
208 even one day, which might largely be attributed to the dispersive occupancy of  
209 laboratory facilities and the occupants' demand for heat all the time on weekdays and  
210 at weekends. In contrast, Fig. 4 also illustrates that electricity and water usage  
211 consistently showed fewer changes ( $RSD$  (relative standard deviation) $\leq 25\%$ ) in the  
212 lesser occupancy during the non-working hours of workdays and weekends.  
213 Accordingly, it can be inferred that the baseline of electricity and water usage at lesser  
214 occupancy could be obtained so as to maintain the basic operation of this campus.

### 215 ***3.3 Energy and water usage of individual buildings***

216 Fig. 5 shows the main frequency contribution of energy and water usage of all the  
217 targeted individual buildings. The heating, electricity, and water usage of those  
218 buildings ( $N=24$ ) were included during the years of 2011-2013. The main distribution  
219 commonly varied at levels of 100-150 kWh/(m<sup>2</sup> a) for electricity, 50-100 kWh/(m<sup>2</sup> a)  
220 for heating, and 0-0.5 m<sup>3</sup>/(m<sup>2</sup> a) for fresh water. Fig. 6 further shows the specific  
221 electricity, heating, and water usage of all the targeted campus buildings by floor area.  
222 The majority of the buildings had an area under 20 000 m<sup>2</sup>, and the specific heating  
223 and electricity usage was lower than 300 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> with the exception of a few  
224 buildings with laboratories, such as Buildings 8# and 10#; see Table 1. In contrast, the  
225 specific water usage was commonly below 2 m<sup>3</sup>/(m<sup>2</sup> a), except for Building 4# (2 215  
226 m<sup>2</sup>), which, for education and research in the metallurgy discipline, was served by  
227 some high water-use laboratory facilities. It seems that above specific buildings with



228 high energy or water usage could be considered to have considerable potential for  
229 energy or water savings, which is further discussed in this paper. Higher energy or  
230 water usage might be attributed to increased capacities for ventilation, sanitary water  
231 or other specific demands, typically for laboratory facilities. Furthermore, for a few  
232 buildings with abnormally large area, such as Building 24# (52 773 m<sup>2</sup>), the energy  
233 and water usage was not significantly higher. It seems that large floor area did not  
234 greatly contribute to the energy and water usage of individual buildings.

235 For further impact analysis on the energy and water usage of individual buildings,  
236 four buildings (1#, 8#, 16# and 19#) were chosen from the main building types  
237 including an office and education building, an office and laboratory building, and a  
238 sports building. Of these four buildings, Buildings 8# and 16, as office buildings with  
239 laboratories, were categorized into two sub-types by discipline: Engineering and  
240 Technology (E&T) buildings and Art and Science (A&S) buildings, respectively.  
241 These four buildings presented high energy and water usage levels likewise. Fig. 7  
242 shows the monthly energy and water usage of these buildings in the years from 2011  
243 to 2013. The results indicated that, similar to the entire campus, the electricity and  
244 water usage of these individual buildings was present both at the highest level in  
245 winter and the lowest level in summer. It was evident that there was more significant  
246 variation in the heating usage than in the electricity and water usage. In contrast, the  
247 energy and water usage consistently remained at lower levels in July. It was inferred  
248 that there was significant seasonal impact on heating use, but much less occupancy in  
249 summer period might contribute to the lower levels of electricity and water usage of  
250 individual buildings. Furthermore, in opposition to these buildings, it could be found  
251 that the building with the highest electricity and heating usage was 8#, which was an  
252 office building with laboratories, and the lowest one was 19#, which was a sports  
253 building. As for water use, the highest was 8#, but the lowest was 1#, which was an  
254 office building for administration affairs. It was inferred that much of the difference in  
255 energy and water usage among these four buildings might be attributed to the  
256 characteristics of the building type.

257 In addition, the above four individual buildings were chosen for further contrast  
258 analysis of daily electricity, heating, and water usage at working time and  
259 non-working time, respectively, shown in Figs. 8, 9 and 10. The energy and water  
260 usage of these buildings in one typical month was compared on weekdays and at  
261 weekends, respectively. The results indicated that the values of energy and water  
262 usage on weekdays were slightly larger than those at weekends, especially for  
263 electricity and water usage during working hours (8:00-18:00); see Figs. 8 and 10. It  
264 indicated that occupancy had a significant impact on electricity and water usage. In  
265 contrast, the heating use might remain little changed over a 24-hour period, mostly  
266 due to the steady demand supplied by the district heating system; see Fig. 9.  
267 Furthermore, the building with the highest values of daily energy and water usage was  
268 8#, the lowest one for energy use was 19#, but the lowest one for water use was 1#;  
269 these results were similar to those of the monthly data for these individual buildings.  
270 However, notice that there was a larger fluctuation of heating use, especially at  
271 working hours of weekdays. It indicates much different heating use at the same period  
272 of different days.

273 The potential in energy savings was estimated for the university campus. For  
274 individual buildings, it is hard to estimate the potential in terms of saving energy and  
275 water due to the limitation of information for the individual buildings. However, a  
276 look at the standard deviations shows a large variation, and it should be possible to  
277 cluster toward the “good” individual building. This information on the standard  
278 deviation in the energy and water usage among different individual buildings was  
279 utilized to estimate the energy savings potential. The difference between the average  
280 worst third energy or water usage and the total average value could be a qualitative  
281 indicator for estimating the potential tendency of individual energy or water usage in  
282 a building of the same type. In this discussion, special attention is paid to the energy  
283 and water usage of research buildings, with that sector being the most significant in  
284 terms of resource use and annual growth [7]. Table 3 shows the potential for energy  
285 efficiency improvement in the individual research buildings (N=21) including E&T  
286 buildings and A&S buildings, which comprised the main energy and water usage of

287 the campus. The average better half, average best third, average middle third, average  
288 worst third of energy, and water usage of individual buildings were calculated. The  
289 bolded values in Table 3 showing the difference between the worst third and the total  
290 average indicate the energy savings potential in the third worst part of the campus  
291 buildings. The results indicated that the average energy and water usage for the worst  
292 third was very high and definitely needed to be reduced. The difference between the  
293 averages of the middle and the best third was not that large. Therefore, it seems  
294 reasonable to try to lower the energy and water usage of the worst third to the level of  
295 the middle third. Furthermore, notice that there might be evidence that E&T buildings  
296 have a different potential tendency due to their higher absolute values of difference  
297 than those of A&S buildings. However, more detailed information of laboratory  
298 facilities in the individual buildings needed to be involved if the quantitative potential  
299 of energy and water usage of these individual buildings was to be analyzed. Overall,  
300 potential analysis of the individual buildings in the campus was an insight of the  
301 energy use characteristics of the building complex with different functions, which  
302 could be a reference of further cluster analysis of the individual buildings on the  
303 campus.

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#### 305 **4. Coincidental analysis of campus buildings**

##### 306 ***4.1 Coincidence factor of the entire campus***

307 For further analysis of the usage of electricity, heating, and water, the coincidence  
308 factors of the campus were calculated by the following equation:

$$309 \quad S = \frac{P_{tot,max}}{\sum_{i=1}^n P_{i,max}} \quad (1)$$

310 where

311  $S$  - the coincidence factor of total campus energy or water use at observed years

312  $P_{i,max}$  - the maximum electrical power, heat rate, or water flow rate of building  $i$

313  $P_{tot,max}$  - the maximum electrical power, heat rate, or water flow rate of the total  
314 campus use

315  $n$  - the number of targeted buildings

316 From the above equation, this parameter reflects the conformance of energy and  
317 water usage of all individual buildings to the campus. Coincidence factors which are  
318 below 1.0 indicate that the individual maximum power, heat rate, or water flow rate  
319 do not appear at the same time. Based on hourly data of all the individual buildings in  
320 three recent years (2011-2013), the maximums of annual coincidence factors were  
321 averaged to be 78.8% for electricity, 79.4% for heating, and 40.3% for fresh water  
322 usage. The higher coincidence factors of electricity and heating usage indicated the  
323 energy usage of individual buildings had a better conformance to the entire campus  
324 because most of the research buildings were located on the campus. However, it also  
325 implied that higher total energy use peak might be aroused accordingly, which was  
326 adverse for energy planning of the campus. For water use, the lower coincidence  
327 factor indicated the comparatively dispersive water use of individual buildings on this  
328 campus.

329 Fig. 11 shows calculations of daily coincidence factors of the campus energy and  
330 water usage. The hourly data within a month when monthly maximums of energy and  
331 water usage for each year occurred were used for the calculation of daily coincidence  
332 factors. The minimum, 25%, 50%, average, 75% and maximum of coincidence factors  
333 were presented by ordination analysis, respectively. The results indicated that the  
334 daily average values were 96% for electricity use, 88% for heating use and 79% for  
335 water use. It could be concluded that the buildings on the campus were quite similar  
336 in use, due to the high daily coincidence factors of energy and water usage in this  
337 month with energy and water use peaks. Furthermore, the maximums of coincidence  
338 factors for electricity, heating and water usage were 98.8%, 95.9% and 90.4%,  
339 respectively. However, most of the time, coincidence factors commonly varied,  
340 ranging mainly from 25% to 75% in sorted order, namely 95%-97% for electricity,  
341 85%-91% for heating and 76%-83% for fresh water. It was also inferred that there  
342 were energy saving potentials for electricity and heating usage for the entire campus  
343 peak due to their large coincidence factors, which could be useful for the planning of  
344 other similar complexes.

345 Fig. 12 shows the comparison of daily coincidence factors for campus energy and  
346 water usage on weekdays and at weekends within one typical month with peak values  
347 of each year from 2011 to 2013. The maximum values on weekdays and at weekends  
348 for 2011-2013 were averaged for this comparison. The values on weekdays and at  
349 weekends were 0.98 and 0.97 for electricity, 0.95 and 0.91 for heating, and 0.89 and  
350 0.82 for water, respectively. This indicated that, different from the energy and water  
351 use levels, the usage patterns of all these individual buildings were quite similar to  
352 those of the entire campus both on weekdays and at weekends. Compared to energy  
353 use, the water usage rates of all individual buildings on weekdays were relatively  
354 higher than those at weekends. This might be due to the fact that most of the research  
355 buildings with facilities for high energy use were kept in continuous operation all the  
356 time.

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#### 358 ***4.2 Coincidental contribution of individual buildings***

359 To analyze any building's proportional contribution to the entire campus peak, the  
360 coincidental rate of the individual building to the total energy use of the entire campus  
361 peak can be defined by the following equation [16]:

$$362 \quad S_i = \frac{P_i}{P_{i,max}} \quad (2)$$

363 where

364  $P_i$  - a building's energy use at the time of the campus peak

365  $S_i$  - coincidental rate of Building  $i$  to the campus peak at observed years. Higher  
366 coincidental rate of one building implies better conformance of energy use to the  
367 entire campus.

368 Table 4 shows the calculation of the coincidental rates of each building by Equation  
369 (2). The results imply that these buildings with higher coincidental rate had better  
370 consistency with the campus peak. However, notice that some individual buildings  
371 with higher coincidental rate alone, such as Building 1# (office building), instead  
372 contribute less to the campus peak due to the lower energy use. Likewise, some  
373 individual buildings with lower coincidental rate alone, such as Building 2# (research

374 building) contribute more to the campus peak due to the higher energy use. Thus, it  
375 can be concluded that the coincidental contribution of individual buildings to the  
376 entire campus peak depends on two aspects including coincidental rate and energy  
377 usage amount according to the definition.

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## 379 **5. Identification of individual coincidental contribution to total campus energy** 380 **use**

381 To better understand the energy planning of the entire campus building complex,  
382 some individual buildings with high coincidental contribution to the total electricity,  
383 heating, and water usage of the campus needed to be identified in a more concise way.  
384 In that case, a cluster model was applied to classify the existing similarities of each  
385 individual coincidental contribution. The key independent variables used in this  
386 analytic model refer to building floor area of the individual buildings, annual energy  
387 or water use per building floor area, and individual coincidental rate. The individual  
388 coincidental contribution to total energy and water usage of the campus was taken as  
389 the dependent variable. Hierarchical Cluster and Wards Method were applied for  
390 cluster analysis in this case. Significance difference of above three continuous  
391 variables between groups was identified by using ANOVA analysis (Sig.<0.001). The  
392 software, Statistical Program for Social Sciences (SPSS, IBM Inc.), was used for the  
393 calculation.

394 Table 5 shows the classification of all the 24 individual buildings, which were  
395 categorized into three groups by cluster model. It indicates that, for electricity, four  
396 individual buildings (i.e. Buildings 8#, 18#, 20#, 24#) were clustered into Cluster III,  
397 with average values of 21 277 m<sup>2</sup> for building floor area, 309 kWh/(m<sup>2</sup> a) for  
398 electricity use, and 0.845 for individual coincidental rate, which indicates the highest  
399 contribution to campus peak values due to the higher electricity use and individual  
400 coincidental rate than the other two clusters. It was also inferred that these four  
401 individuals in Cluster III were identified as having the largest potential for peak load  
402 shifting of the campus electricity load. Likewise, for heating, Cluster III with the  
403 highest contribution to campus peak values, was categorized with average values of

404 52 773 m<sup>2</sup>, 279 kWh/(m<sup>2</sup> a), and 0.913 for building floor area, heating use, and  
405 individual coincidental rate, respectively. One individual building (i.e. Building 24#)  
406 in Cluster III was identified as having the largest potential for peak load shifting of  
407 campus heating plan.

408 In contrast, for water, Cluster III with the highest contribution to campus peak was  
409 categorized with average values of 2 215 m<sup>2</sup>, 9.180 m<sup>3</sup>/(m<sup>2</sup> a), and 0.243 for building  
410 floor area, water use, and individual coincidental rate, respectively. Only one  
411 individual building (i.e. Building 4#) in Cluster III was identified as having the largest  
412 potential to peak load shifting of campus water plan due to the higher water usage  
413 amount and individual coincidental rate compared to other clusters. Notice that this  
414 building in Cluster III had distinctly large water use per floor area and a relatively  
415 high individual coincidental rate despite the small floor area.

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## 417 **6. Discussion and conclusions**

418 This study aims to understand the characteristics of energy and water usage in one  
419 case study for the better energy planning of university campuses and building  
420 complexes. Long-term and real-time electricity, heating, and water in one university  
421 campus were monitored online and analyzed by statistical methods. Coincidental  
422 characteristics of individuals to the entire campus were emphasized from the  
423 perspective of energy planning of the campus. The individual buildings with the  
424 largest coincidental contribution were identified to shift peak load of campus energy  
425 and water plan. These results could also be a reference of energy planning of  
426 newly-built university campuses or other similar building stock.

427 However, control strategies regarding how to optimize the energy and water usage  
428 of the individual buildings to facilitate more individual coincidental contribution to  
429 the total energy and water usage of the campus were not covered in this study, which  
430 will be specially discussed in future work. More information on facility usage features,  
431 such as energy usage amount and working time of each facility, needs to be further  
432 quantified accordingly. In addition, for the individual buildings, the energy  
433 performance of each building could not be discussed in more detail due to the survey

434 limitation. Sub-metering needs to be applied on each facility with high energy and  
435 water usage in order to obtain more detailed information; this was not involved in this  
436 study.

437 The following conclusions are drawn from this study:

438 1) The annual energy and fresh water use of the campus were present at slightly  
439 elevated levels over time, with average values of  $99\pm 14$  kWh/(m<sup>2</sup> a) for heating,  
440  $197\pm 9$  kWh/(m<sup>2</sup> a) for electricity, and  $0.39\pm 0.03$  m<sup>3</sup>/(m<sup>2</sup> a) for water in six recent  
441 years.

442 2) Energy and water usage of all individual buildings mainly varied at the levels of  
443 50-100 kWh/(m<sup>2</sup> a) for heating, 100-150 kWh/(m<sup>2</sup> a) for electricity, and 0-0.5 m<sup>3</sup>/(m<sup>2</sup>  
444 a) for fresh water.

445 3) Occupancy had a much higher influence on the electricity and water usage of the  
446 campus and the individual buildings than the seasonal factor, but the reverse was the  
447 case for the heating use.

448 4) The coincidence characteristics of energy and water usage of the entire campus  
449 and the individual coincidental rates to the campus were quantified, and the high  
450 coincidence factors of this campus's energy usage verified that the campus buildings  
451 were quite similar in use.

452 5) The individual coincidental contribution to total campus energy use was  
453 analyzed by the cluster method, to identify those buildings with the large potential of  
454 operation optimization. The results from this study could be used for the energy  
455 planning of cities and other urban energy systems.

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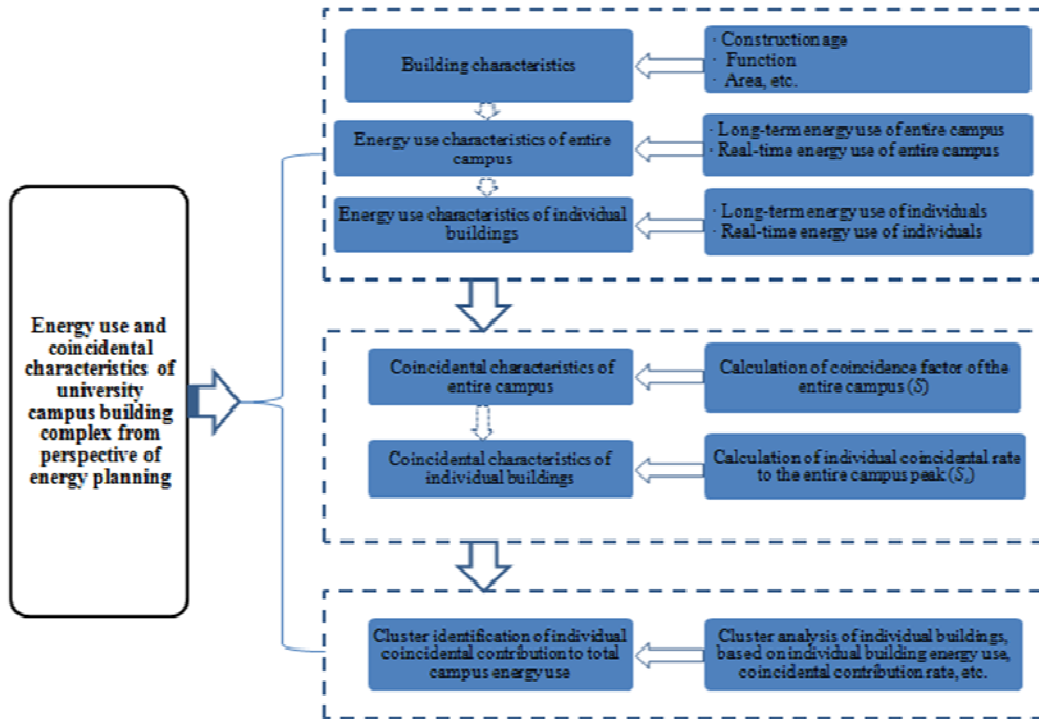
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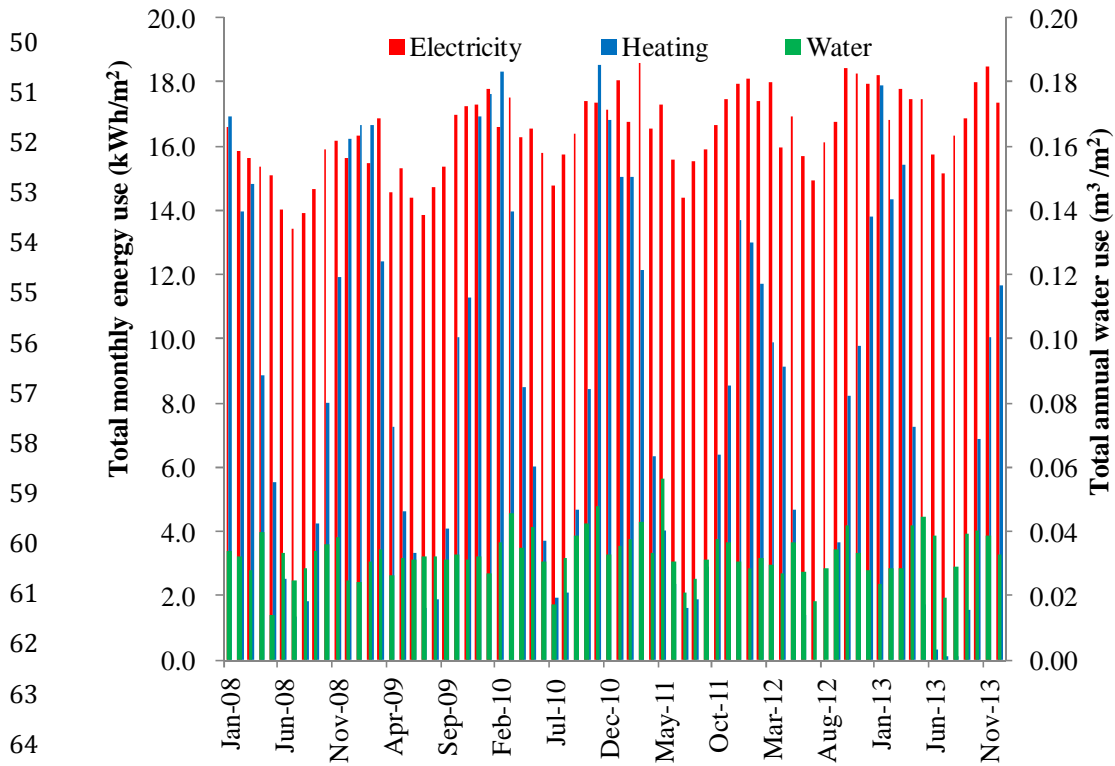
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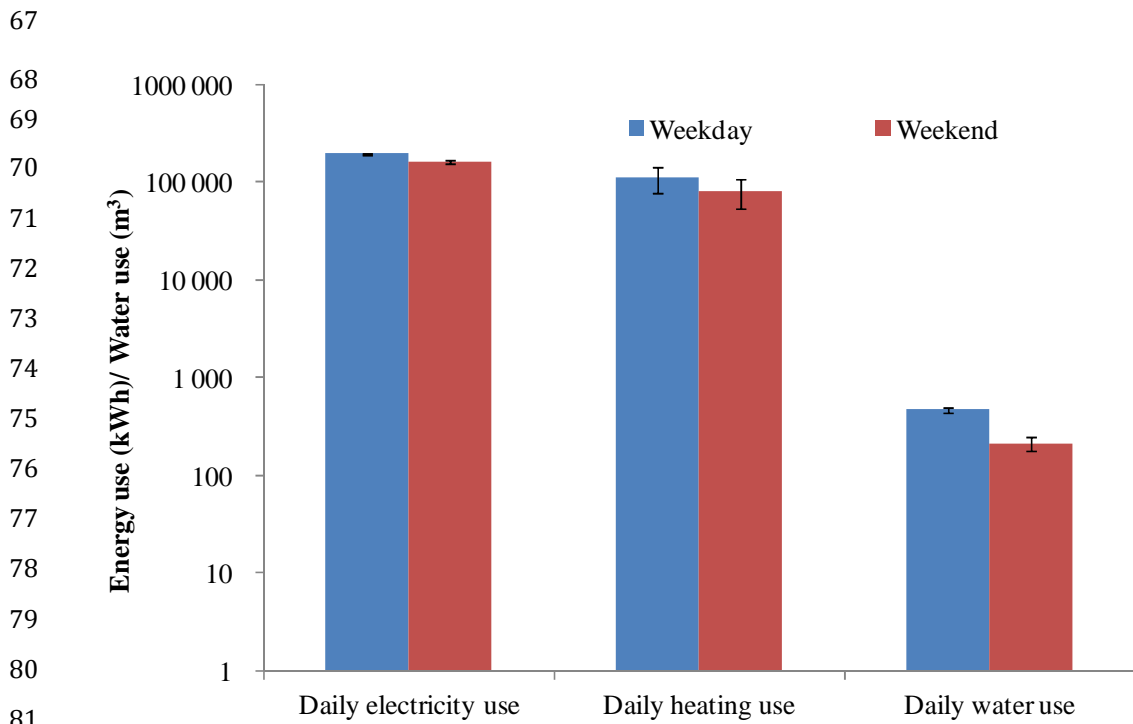
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65 **Fig. 2.** The monthly variation of energy and water usage of the campus in six recent  
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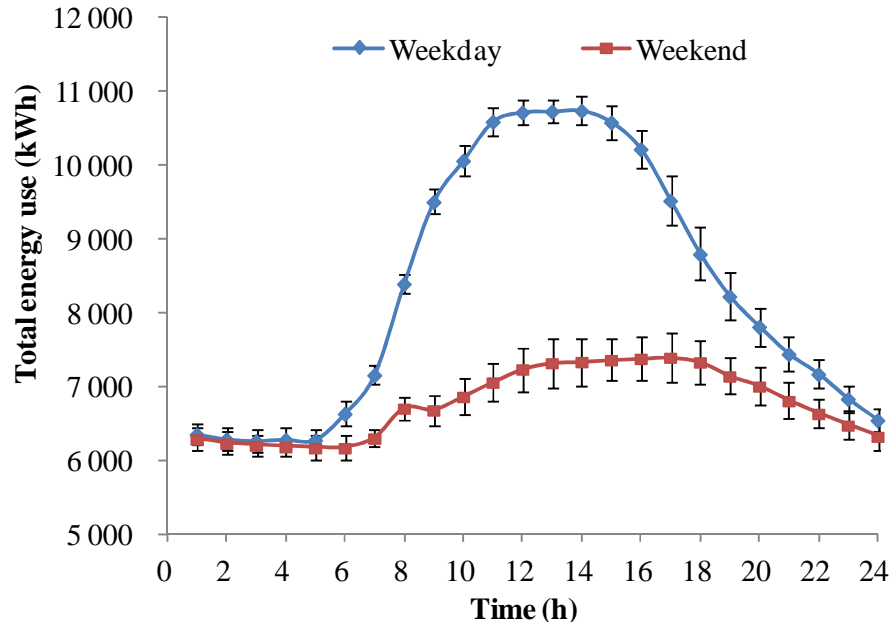


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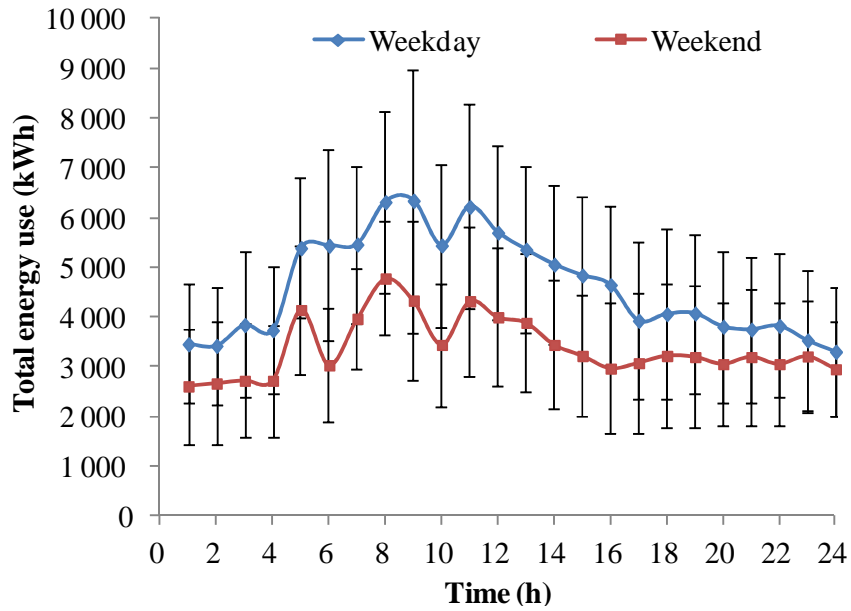


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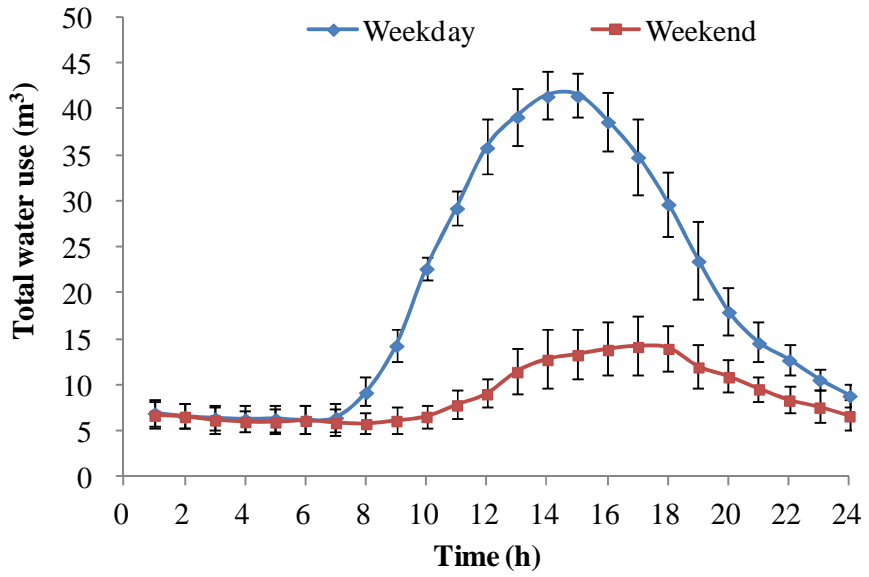


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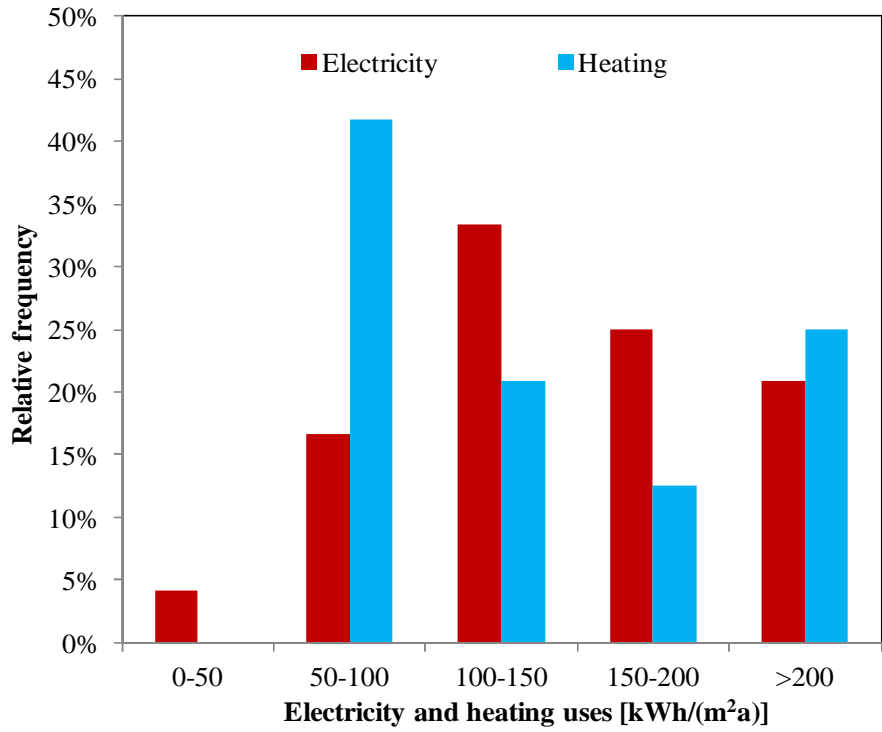


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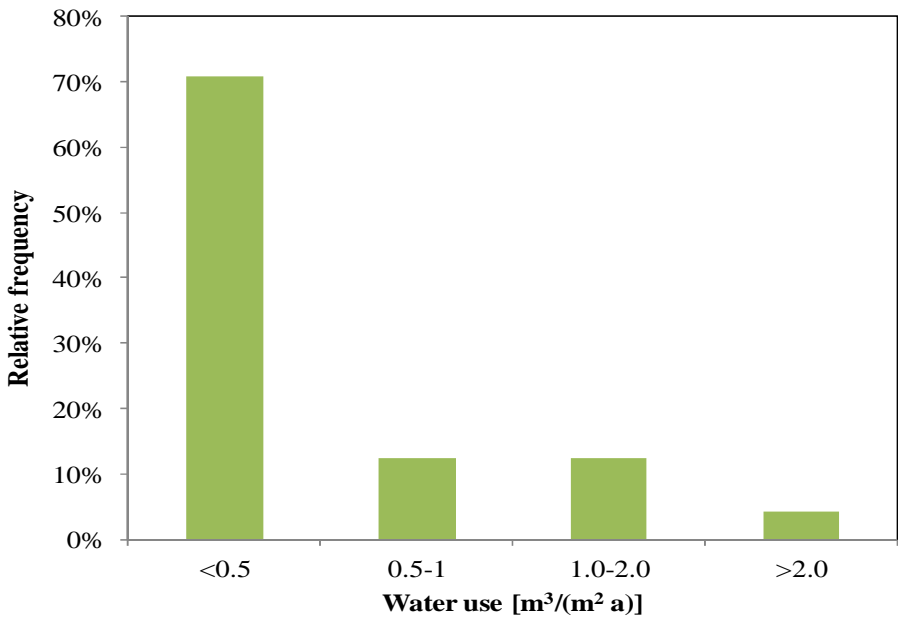
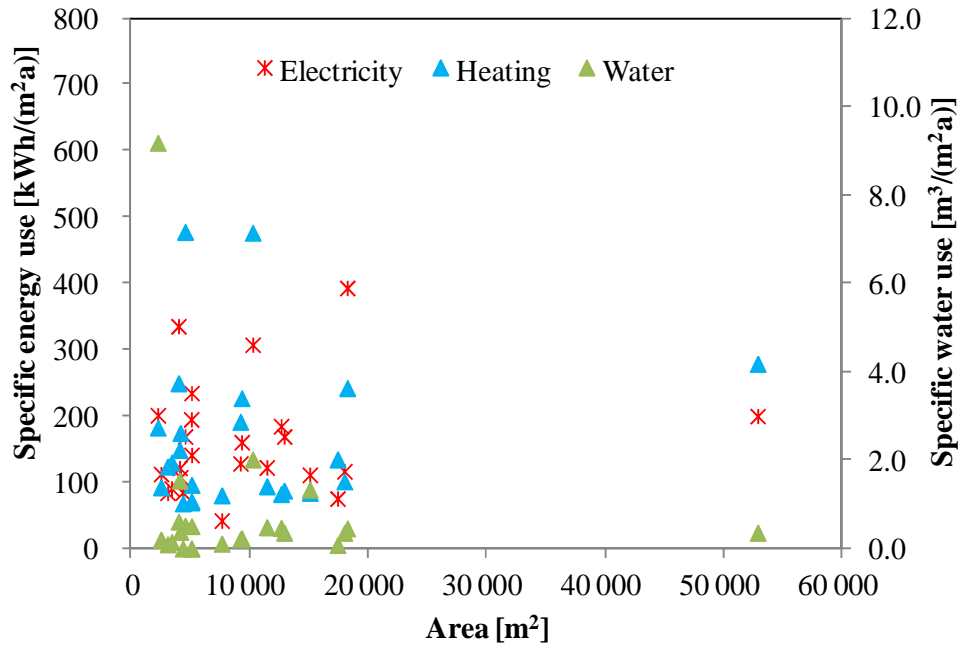


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**Fig. 5.** Energy and water usage of targeted individual buildings (N=24) in the years of 2011-2013



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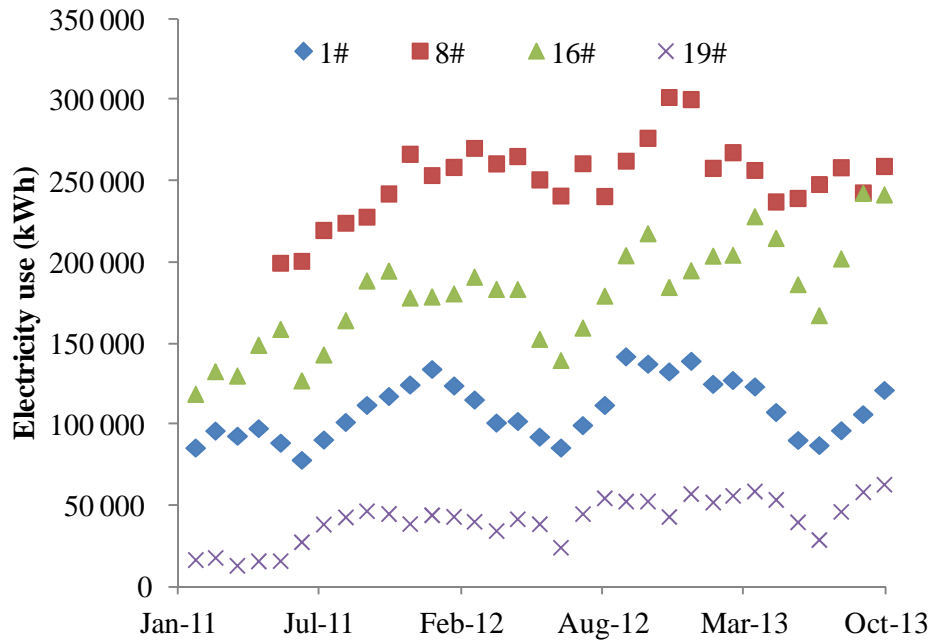


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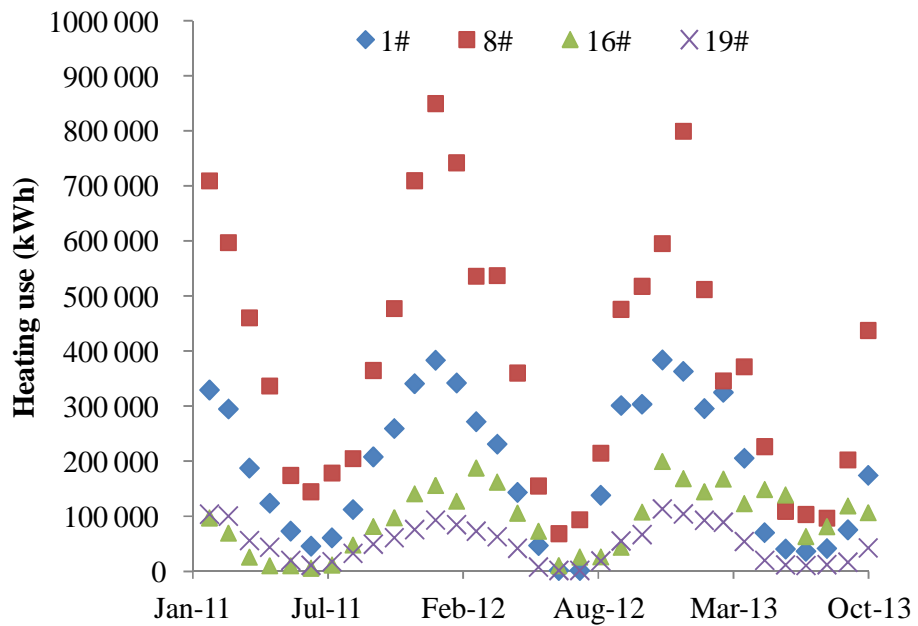
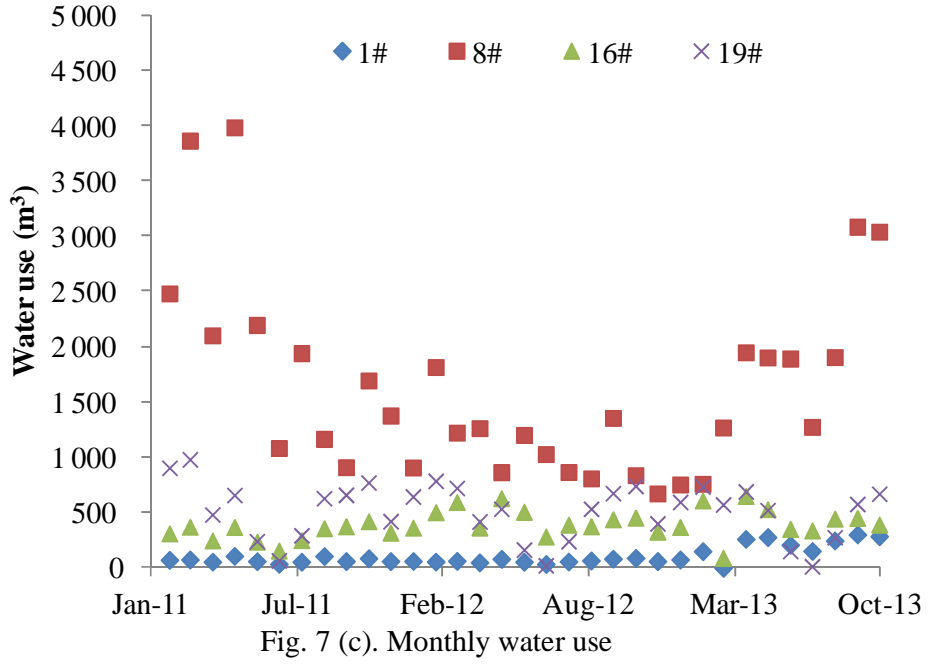
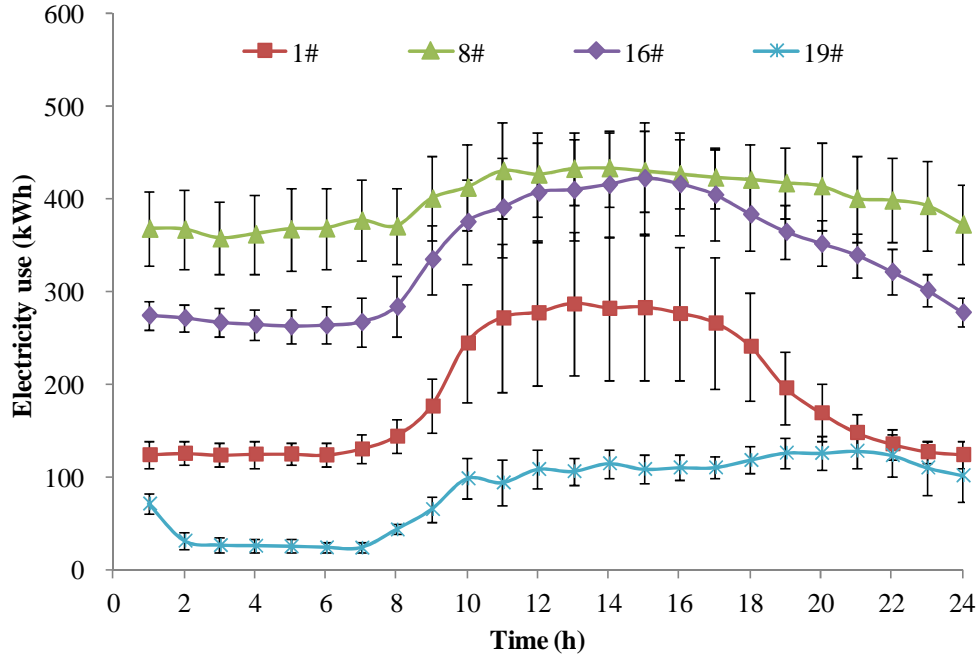


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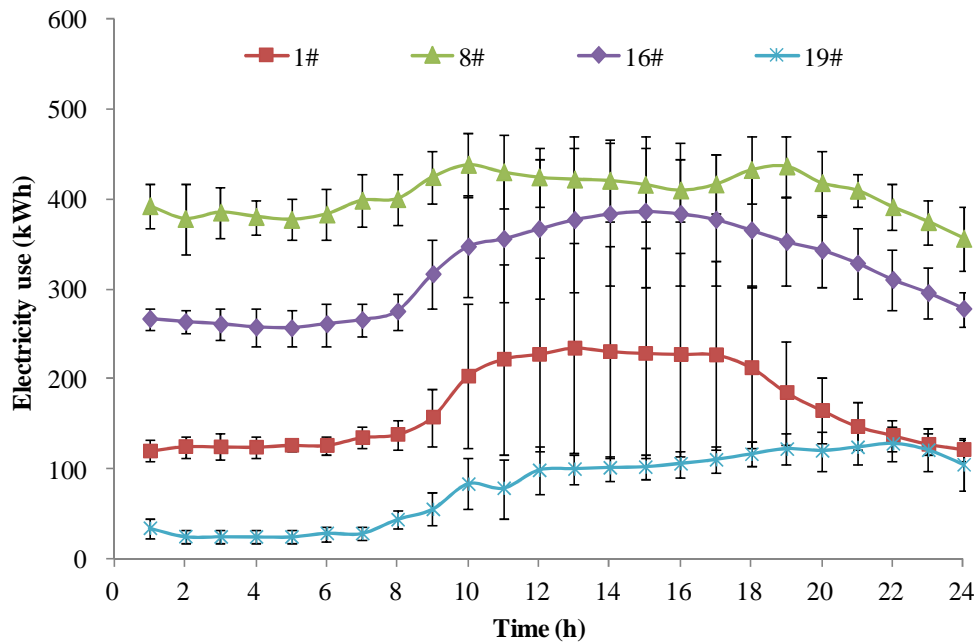
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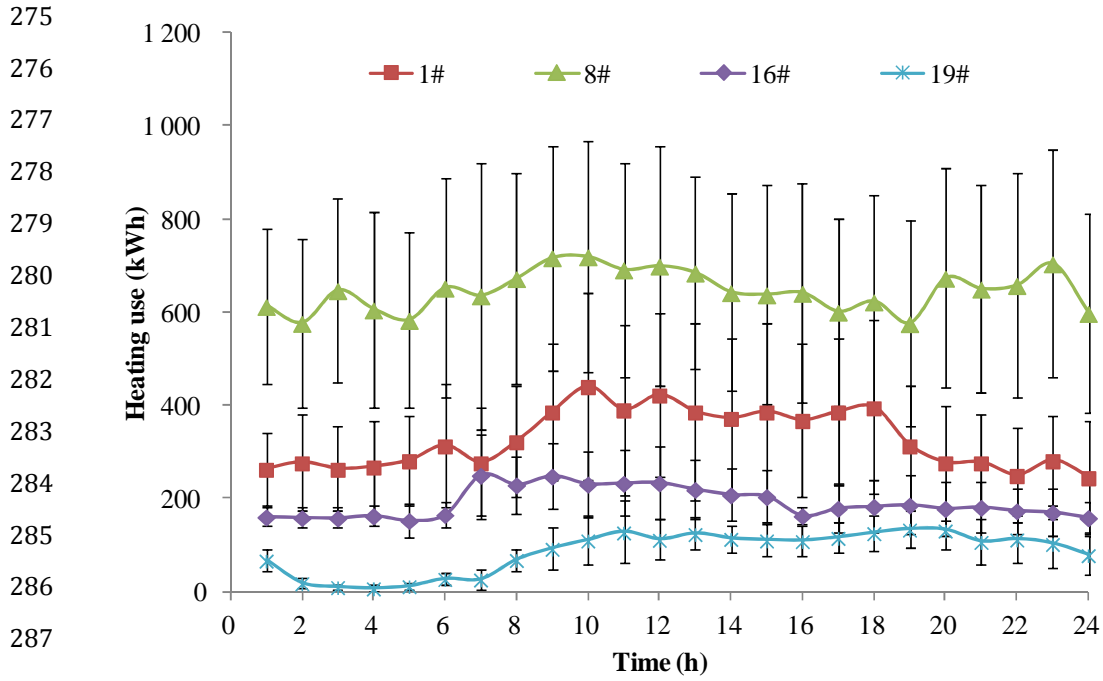


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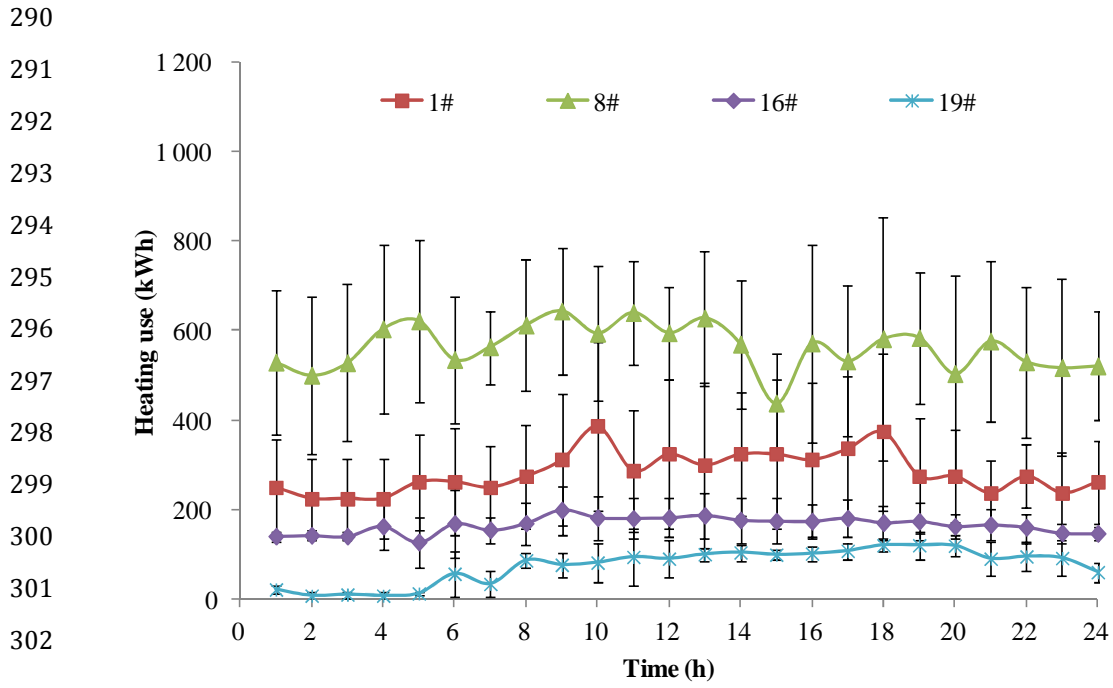


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**Fig. 8.** Comparison of daily electricity use profile of four different individual building types in one typical month



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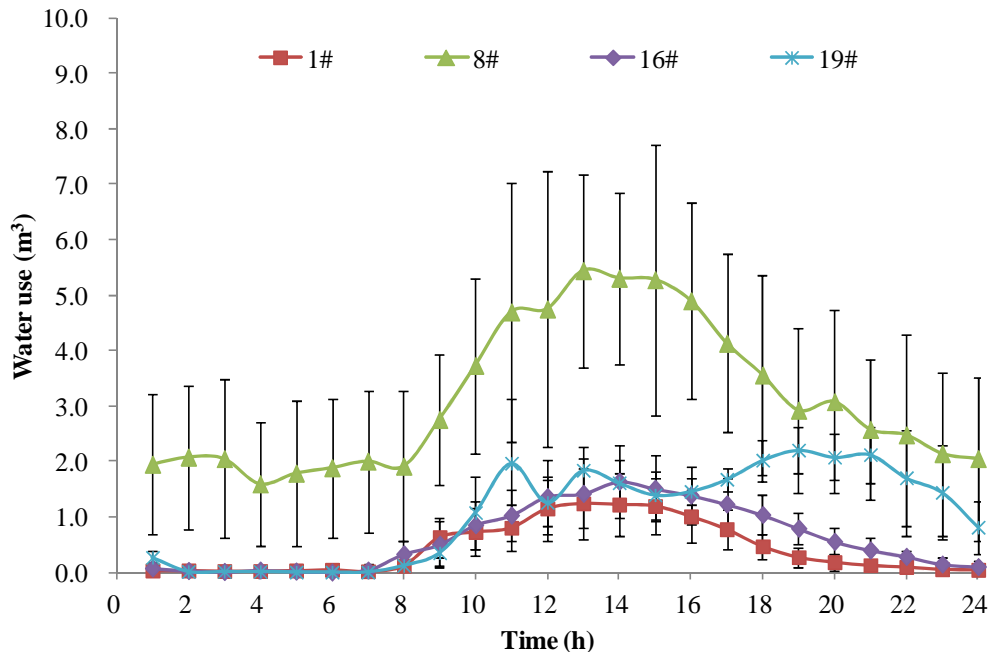


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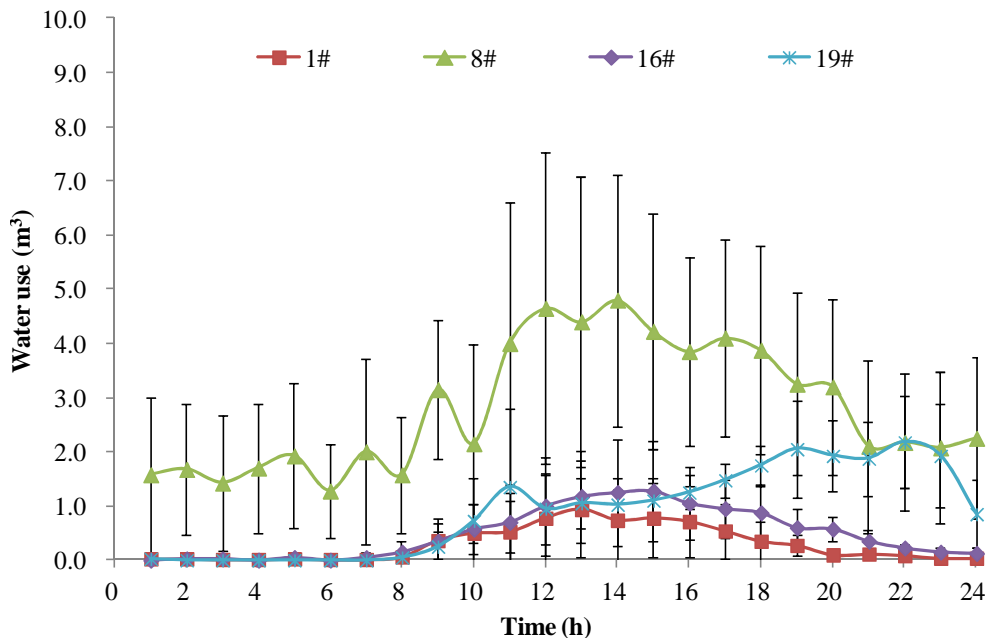
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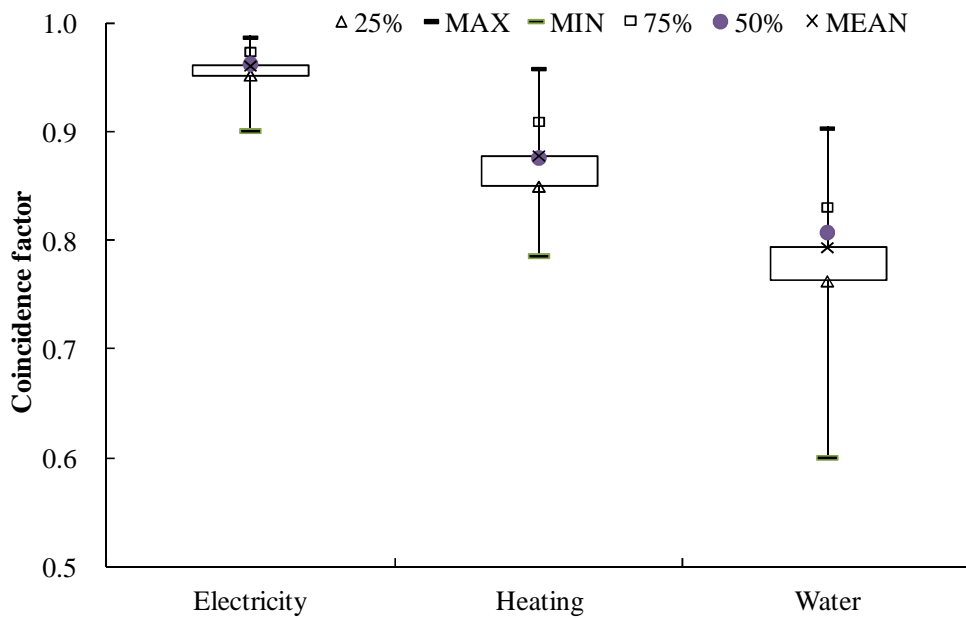
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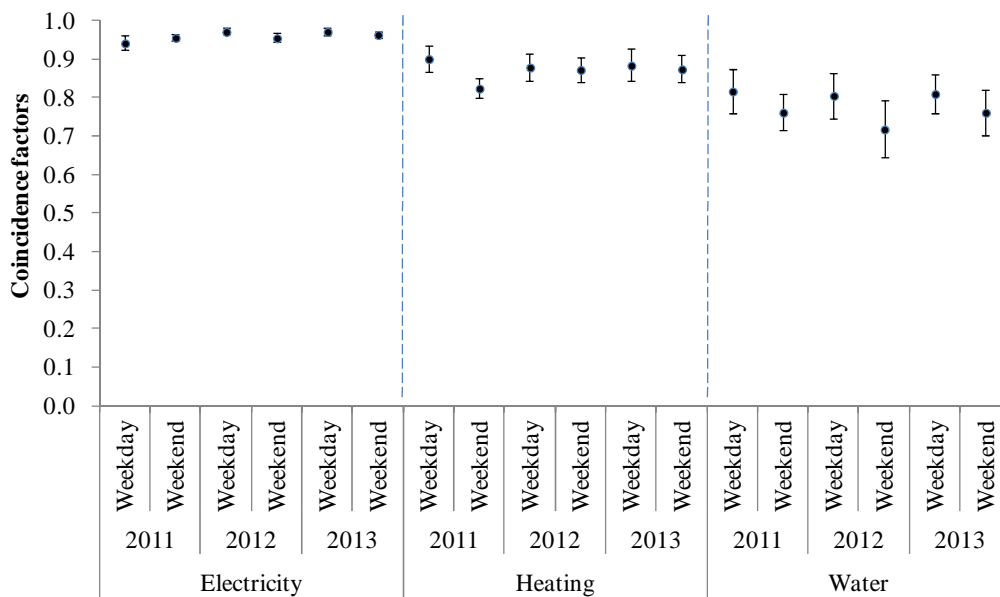
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371 **Fig. 12.** Comparison of coincidence factors of campus energy and water usage  
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17 **Table 1** The basic information on all targeted campus buildings (N=24)

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NO.	Construction age	Main function* (O/E/L/S)	Building area (m <sup>2</sup> )	NO.	Construction age	Main function (O/E/L/S)	Building area (m <sup>2</sup> )
1#	1910	O/E	17 360	13#	1924	O/E/L	4 116
2#	1962	O/E/L	15 026	14#	1960	O/L	5 028
3#	1965	O/L	3 030	15#	1961	O/L	17 936
4#	1951	O/L	2 215	16#	1968	O/L	12 861
5#	1960	O/E/L	7 598	17#	1910	O	3 375
6#	1966	O/E/L	11 400	18#	1981	O/E/L	3 955
7#	1958	O/E/L	12 600	19#	1966	S	4 046
8#	1954	O/L	10 206	20#	1975	O/E/L	18 175
9#	1967	O/L	5 050	21#	1951	O/E/L	5 053
10#	1965	O/L	4 510	22#	1996	O/E/L	2 476
11#	1957	O/E/L	9 277	23#	2002	E/L	4 312
12#	1965	O/E/L	9 168	24#	2000	O/E/L	52 773

19 \* O: office; E: educational room; L: laboratory; S: sports complex.

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23 **Table 2** Total annual specific energy and water usage of all the campus buildings over  
24 six years (2008-2013)

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Item	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Electricity use (kWh/(m <sup>2</sup> a))	182	188	199	201	204	206
Heating use (kWh/(m <sup>2</sup> a))	106	107	121	90	85	87
Water use (m <sup>3</sup> /(m <sup>2</sup> a))	0.37	0.37	0.43	0.42	0.37	0.41

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31 **Table 3** Potential for energy efficiency improvement in individual research buildings

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Items	E&T Buildings			A&S Buildings		
	Electricity *	Heating *	Water #	Electricity	Heating	Water
Total average	204	209	1.42	128	116	0.32
Average better half	132	107	0.33	87	76	0.26
Difference to total	35.2%	48.9%	76.9%	32.1%	34.3%	20.2%
Average best third	116	83	0.25	78	73	0.15
Difference to total	43.1%	60.0%	82.5%	38.8%	37.5%	51.7%
Average middle third	179	181	0.52	117	91	0.36
Difference to total	12.5%	13.2%	63.1%	8.3%	21.5%	-11.5%
Average worst third	318	361	4.18	188	185	0.43
Difference to total	<b>-55.5%</b>	<b>-73.2%</b>	<b>-194.1%</b>	<b>-47.1%</b>	<b>-59.0%</b>	<b>-34.4%</b>

33 \* Unit: kWh/(m<sup>2</sup> a) (energy use); # Unit: m<sup>3</sup>/(m<sup>2</sup> a) (water use).

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39 **Table 4** Coincidental rate of individual building to the entire campus (N=24)

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NO.	Individual coincidental rate (Si)			NO.	Individual coincidental rate (Si)		
	Electricity	Heating	Water		Electricity	Heating	Water
1#	90.2%	92.6%	19.3%	13#	51.7%	83.2%	23.0%
2#	54.7%	83.9%	43.8%	14#	89.2%	67.0%	NA
3#	39.2%	61.0%	4.8%	15#	88.0%	59.3%	11.5%
4#	68.1%	45.6%	24.3%	16#	89.4%	76.7%	40.8%
5#	75.9%	73.3%	7.4%	17#	84.1%	55.6%	9.1%
6#	71.6%	63.4%	11.4%	18#	75.2%	84.2%	16.0%
7#	85.8%	78.8%	19.8%	19#	63.3%	68.9%	15.5%
8#	86.6%	78.9%	28.2%	20#	87.7%	67.4%	60.1%
9#	70.2%	64.8%	NA	21#	56.0%	68.3%	40.3%
10#	74.4%	72.9%	45.3%	22#	77.9%	55.6%	6.1%
11#	92.0%	81.1%	1.7%	23#	81.1%	74.1%	NA
12#	72.4%	85.4%	14.3%	24#	88.5%	91.3%	51.4%

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49 **Table 5** Classification of all 24 individual buildings by cluster model

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Category name	Cluster NO.	Sample size	Variable		
			Building area *	Energy/water use #	Si
Electricity	Cluster I	5	6 254	113	0.530
	Cluster II	15	8 344	139	0.807
	<b>Cluster III</b>	4	21 277	309	0.845
Heating	Cluster I	13	6 900	115	0.634
	Cluster II	10	9 908	218	0.818
	<b>Cluster III</b>	1	52 773	279	0.913
Water	Cluster I	14	8 325	0.494	0.134
	Cluster II	7	16 943	0.792	0.443
	<b>Cluster III</b>	1	2 215	9.180	0.243

51 \* Unit: m<sup>2</sup>; # Unit: kWh/(m<sup>2</sup> a) (energy use), m<sup>3</sup>/(m<sup>2</sup> a) (water use).

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