

Reducing the temperature of an existing district heating system

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How can CO₂ emissions at Campus Lichtwiese be reduced by 80% compared to 1990?

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- District heating temperature reduction (4GDH)
- Waste heat utilization data center
- Renewable heat



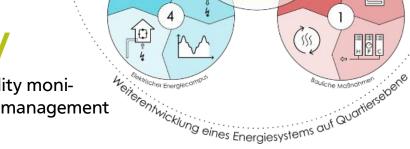


Power quality monitoring and management



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Energy monitoring

Digitalization & energy system optimization (Digital Twin)



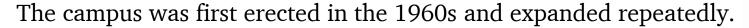


- **Energetic building** optimization
- Temperature reduction buildings
- Flexibilization of building heat supply





Quick facts on Campus Lichtwiese





Category	Quantity	Unit
Land area for buildings served by heat distribution network	245000	m²
Total heated floor area in buildings connected	150000	m²
Number of buildings connected to district heating	34	-
Trench length for heat distribution network	4200	m
Heat annually supplied into the district heating network	27000	MWh
Heat annually delivered from the heat distribution network	23000	MWh
Average outer pipe diameter in the heat distribution network	240	mm
Annual average supply temperature in the heat distribution network	88	°C
Annual average return temperature in the heat distribution network	58	°C
Annual average outdoor temperature	10	°C

Building stock at TU Darmstadt Lichtwiese



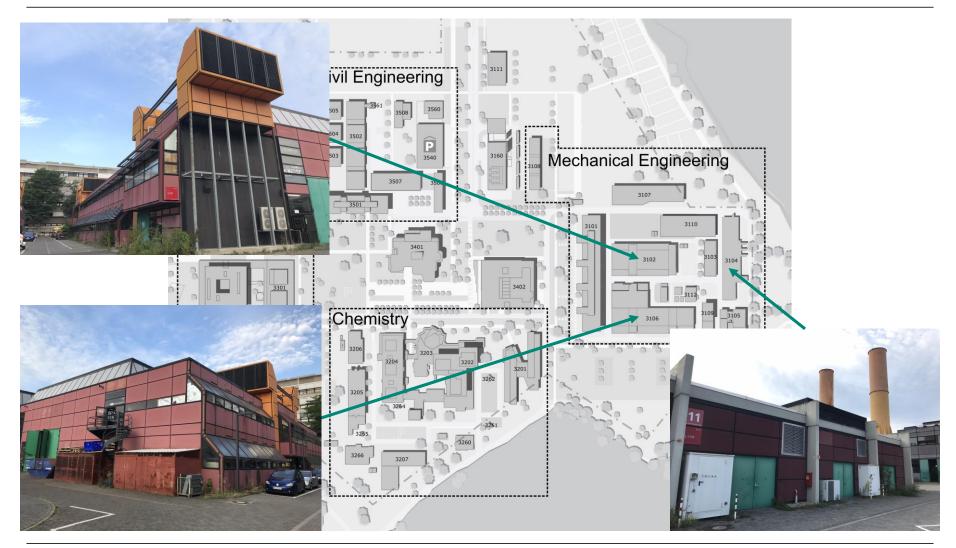




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Campus Lichtwiese was first developed in the late 1960s.

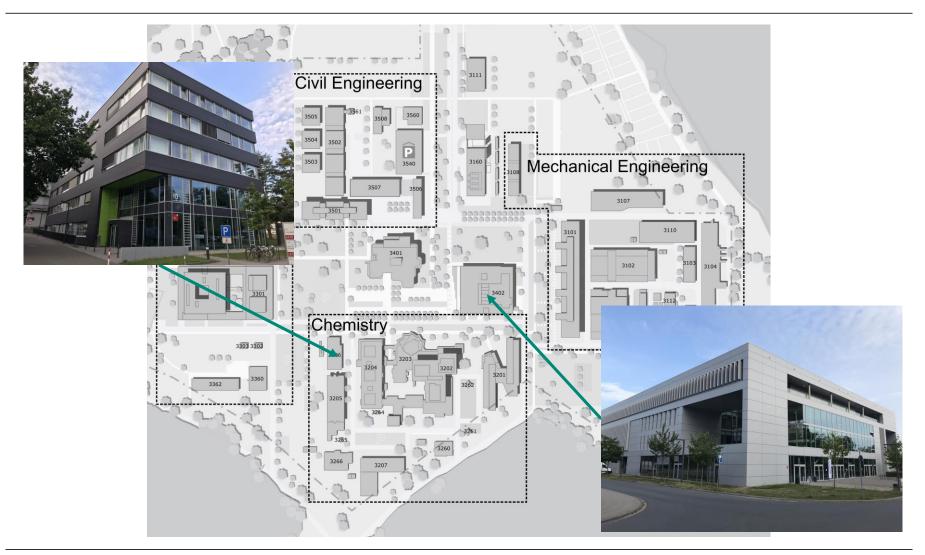




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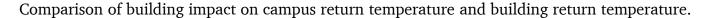
Measures to decrease building temperatures



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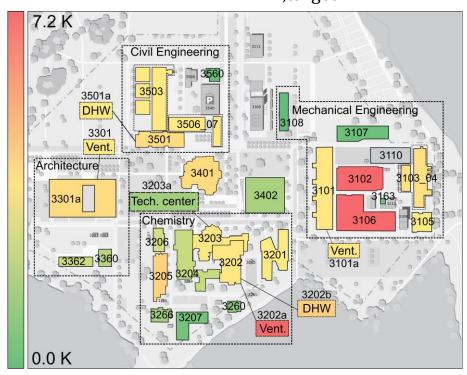
Measure	Key figure	Formula		
 Hydraulic balancing Renovation of ventilation system 	• Building Impact on $\bar{T}_{\mathrm{R,Campus}}$	$\overline{\Delta T}_{\text{R,Campus}} = \frac{\sum_{i} \frac{(T_{\text{Build,R,I,i}} - T_{\text{R,target}}) \cdot \dot{M}_{\text{Build,i}}}{\dot{M}_{\text{Campus,i}}}}{\sum \tau} [\text{K}]$ $T_{\text{R,target}} = 35^{\circ} C$		
Installation of surface heating system	Logarithmic excess temperature	$\overline{\Delta T_{\rm m}} = \frac{\sum_{\rm i} \frac{T_{\rm S,II,i} - T_{\rm R,II,i}}{\ln\left(\frac{\overline{T}_{\rm S,II,i} - T_{\rm room,i}}{T_{\rm R,II,i} - T_{\rm room,i}}\right)}{\sum \tau} \left[\rm K\right]$		
Building renovation	Share of overall heat demand compared to dimensionless heat demand of each building	$\frac{\sum Q_{\text{Build}}}{\sum Q_{\text{Campus}}}$	$rac{\sum Q_{ m Build,real}}{\sum Q_{ m Build,ref}}$	

Hydraulic balancing & ventilation systems

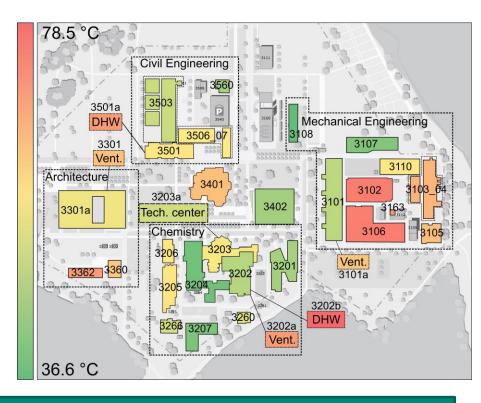




Individual building impact on campus return temperature ($\bar{T}_{R,target} = 35^{\circ}C$)

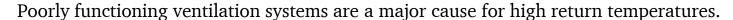


Building return temperature



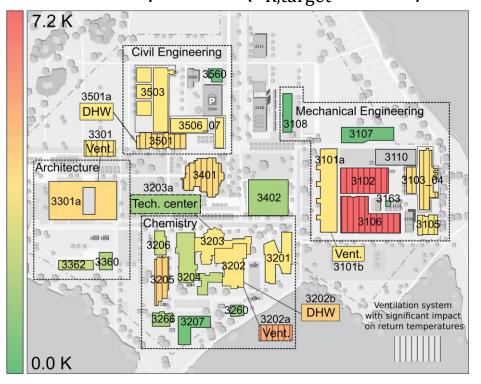
Large buildings have a significant impact on the campus return temperature, even when their indivual return temperature is not exceptionally high.

Hydraulic balancing & ventilation systems

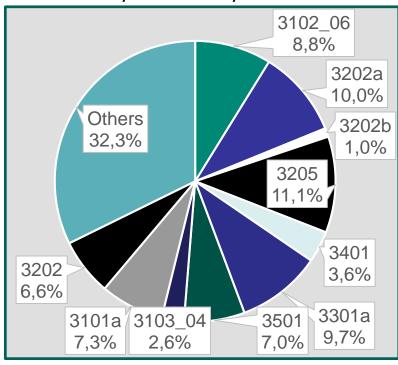




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Share of campus heat demand 04/2017 – 04/2019



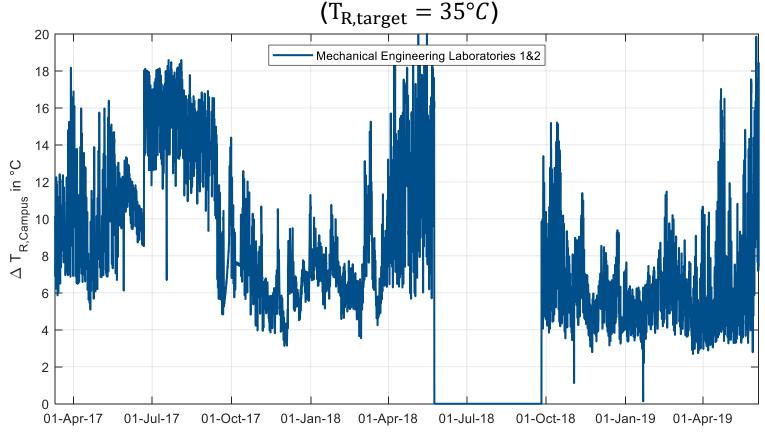
Most buildings with high impact on the campus return temperature have high heat demands and a poorly functioning ventilation system.

Impact Mechanical Engineering laboratories 1&2



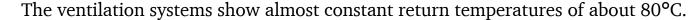
The Mechanical Engineering laboratories influence the return temperature significantly.

Impact of the Mechanical Engineering laboratories on campus return temperature $\frac{77}{2500} = 2500$



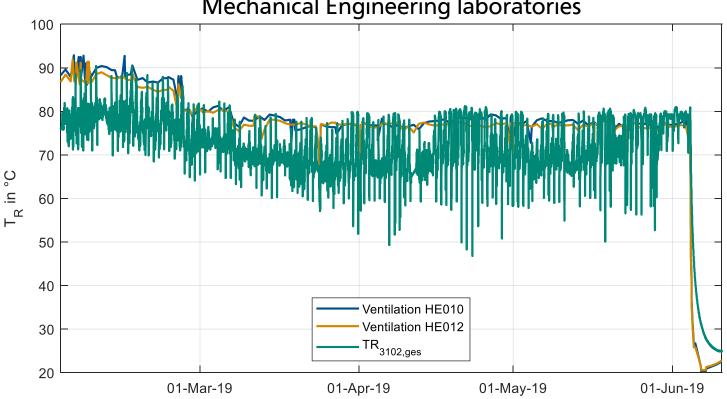
The Mechanical Engineering laboratories increase the campus return temperature by up to 20 K compared to the target temperature $T_{R,target} = 35^{\circ}C$.

Return temperatures of ventilation systems



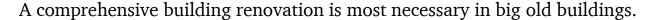


Return temperature in different heating circuits of the Mechanical Engineering laboratories



During the winter months, return temperatures from the ventilation systems are between 75°C and 90°C and supply temperatures are only 10-15 K higher.

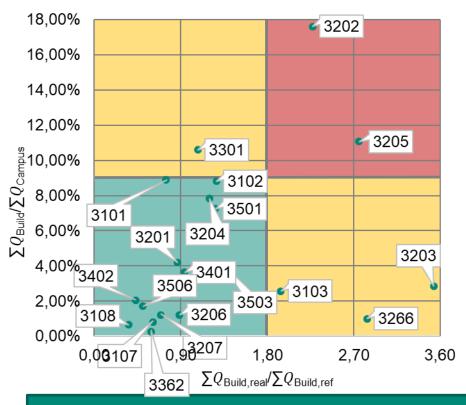
Building renovation

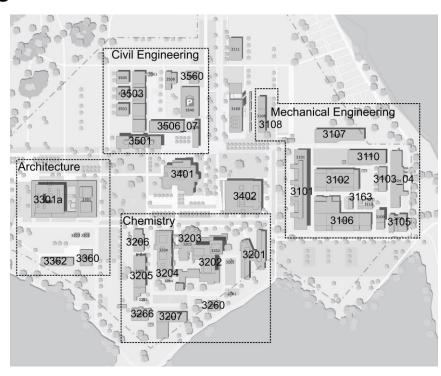




Share of overall heat demand compared to dimensionless heat demand of each building

Lichtwiese campus map





Especially in the chemistry department, comprehensive building renovation of the institute buildings is an urgent need.

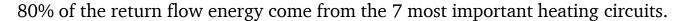
Conclusion



- The most pressing issue in terms of district heating return temperatures are malfunctioning ventilation systems.
 - Mechanical Engineering laboratories
 - Chemistry buildings
 - University restaurant
 - Institute buildings architecture & civil engineering
- Not all buildings have to be renovated in order to reduce network temperatures, an important impact can be achieved concentrating on the worst performing buildings.



Energetic analysis of the buildings' return flow





Aggregated enthalpy difference between return temperature and $\bar{T}_{R,target} = 35^{\circ}C$

11250 MWh/a

Civil Engineering

3501a

DHW

3301

3506

3703

Went.

3301a

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3203

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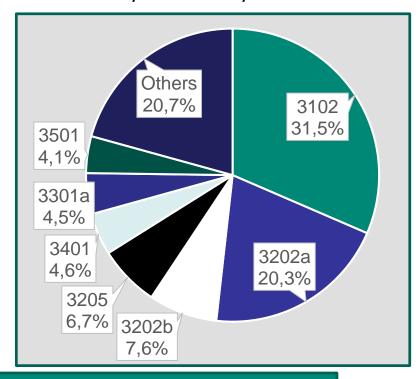
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32024

Went.

9 MWh/a

Share of aggregated enthalpy difference 04/2017 – 04/2019



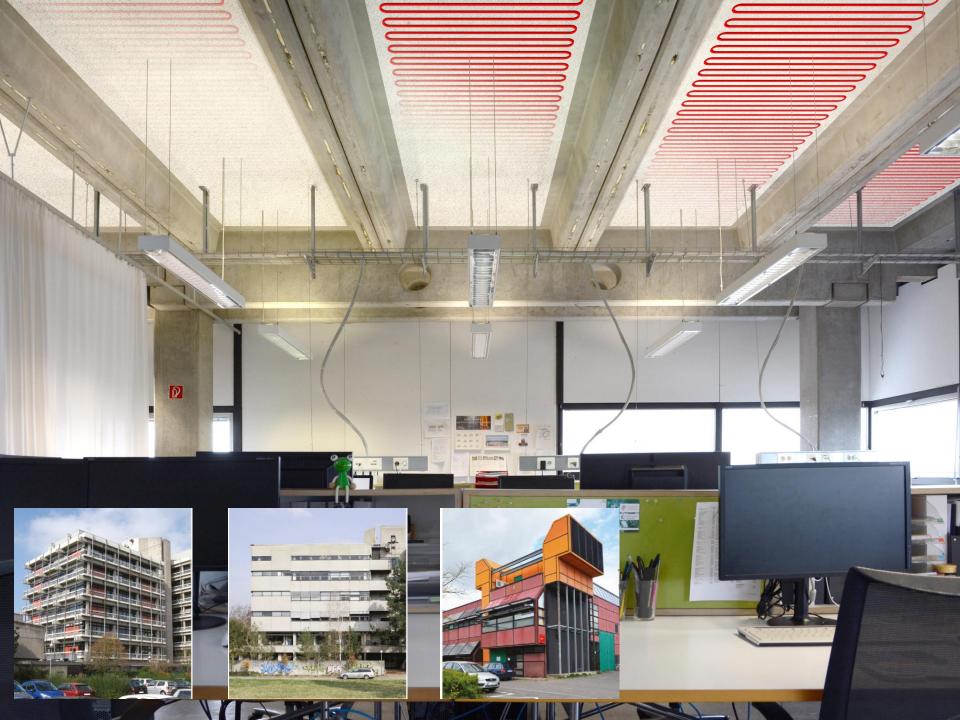
$$U_{\text{Build,R}} = \sum_{i} \dot{M}_{i} \, \Delta \tau_{i} \cdot c_{W} (T_{\text{Build,R,i}} - T_{\text{R,target}})$$

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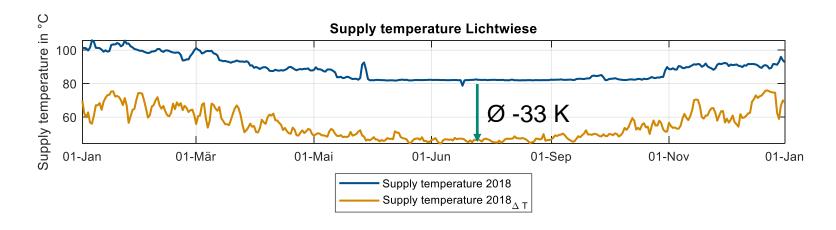
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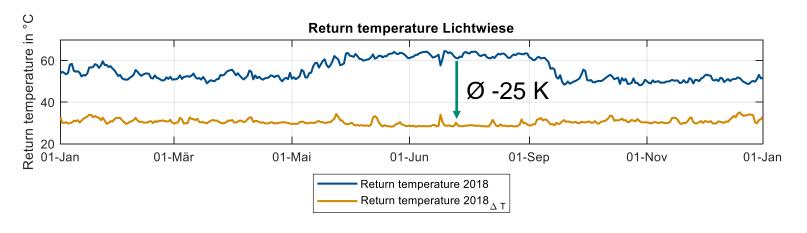


Comparison of district heating temperatures

Surface heating makes major temperature reductions possible.



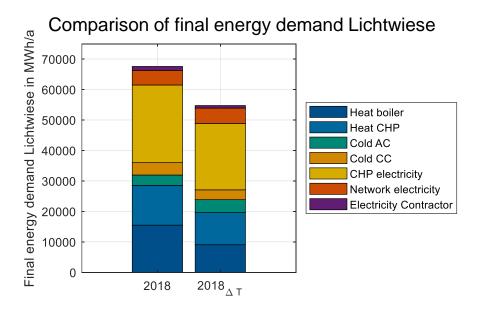




Final energy and CO₂ emissions savings

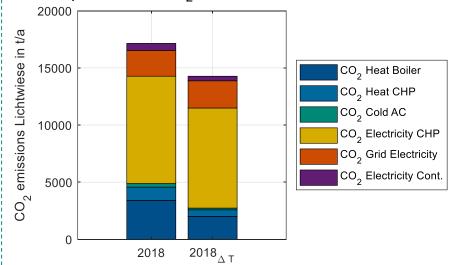


Decreasing network temperatures helps reduce final energy demand and CO₂ emissions.



- Final energy demand is decreased due to lower building heat demand and reduced losses in district heating.
- The temperature decrease has a high impact on the boiler heat generation.





- CO₂ emissions for heat generation is decreased considerably.
- The greatest share of CO₂ emissions is emitted by CHP electric generation and grid electricity demand.