Where We Went Right & Where We Went Left:

Measured vs. Modeled Performance Data Analysis for Affordable Occupied Passive Multifamily Projects





WHOLE BUILDING ENERGY BALANCE



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TERMINOLOGY

Demands, Peaks, Site & Primary Energy

Annual Demand [kBTU/yr.ft²]: Space conditioning energy consumed over the course of the year, delivered by the equipment to the space.

Peak Load [BTU/hr.ft²]: Space conditioning requirement during the peak climate conditions (average over the worst 24 hours). Determines the size of the mechanical system.

Site Energy [kWh/person.yr] OR [kBTU/yr.ft²]: Total energy

consumed over the course of the year, including space conditioning, hot water, plug loads, lighting, appliances, systems, etc. (Excludes electrical vehicle charging energy, and ligthing energy specific to vehicle parking areas) *No requirement for PHIUS+ Certification

Source (Primary) Energy [kWh/person.yr] OR [kBTU/yr.ft²]:

Site energy as described above, multiplied by the source/primary energy factor for the specific fuel type used.

Ex: Electricity has a PE factor of 3.16 kWh/kWh (generation at the source vs use on site)

CERTIFICATION TARGET DIFFERENCES

	PHIUS+ 2015	PHI	
Annual Heat Demand (kBTU/ft².yr)	Varies by Climate	4.75	
Annual Heating Load (BTU/ft².hr)	Varies by Climate	3.14	
Annual Cooling Demand (kBTU/ft².yr)	Varies by Climate	4.75 (+ allowance for latent)	
Annual Cooling Load (BTU/ft².hr)	Varies by Climate	2.54	
Airtightness	*0.05 cfm/ft ² (Based on Envelope Area)	0.6 ACH50 (Based on Net Volume)	
Source Energy Factor (Residential)	6,200 kWh/person.yr	38 kBTU/ft ² .yr	

*0.08 cfm/ft² for non-combustible construction >5 stories

CLIMATE SPECIFIC METRICS

PASSIVE STANDARDS IN VARYING CLIMATES



AWARE:

	PHIUS+ 2015	PHI	
Internal Heat Gains (Residential)	Varies Calculated	0.67 BTU/hr.ft ² (2.1 W/m ²) Default	
Square Footage	Interior Conditioned Floor Area (iCFA)	Treated Floor Area (TFA)	
Occupancy	# Bedrooms + 1	TFA ÷ 376.7ft ² (TFA ÷ 30m ²)	
Residential Lighting	80% RESNET Lighting Assumptions	*11W light x 8 hrs/day x Occupancy	
Residential Miscelleneous Electric Loads (MELS)	80% RESNET MELS Assumptions	**80W x 1.5 hrs/day x Occupancy + 50 kWh x Occupancy	
Source Electric Energy Factor	3.16 kWh/kWh (US Average)	2.6 kWh/kWh (German Average)	

*Assumes one light on per person at a time

**Reference: 25" color TV consumes 150W/hr

3 Protocols Tested + 1 Hypothetical Adjusted Model

	ASHARE 90.1 -2010 Appendix G Baseline	РНІ	PHIUS+ 2015	PHIUS+ 2015 Adjusted
Roof	R-value by Climate Zone from Table 5.5	Same as Designed	Same as Designed	Same as Designed
Walls	R-value by Climate Zone from Table 5.5	Same as Designed	Same as Designed	Same as Designed
Windows	U-Value/SHGC by Climate Zone from Table 5.5	Same as Designed	Same as Designed	Same as Designed
Area	Same as PHIUS+ 2015	TFA	iCFA	iCFA
Lighting	RESNET Values	PHI Defaults	80% RESNET Values	80% RESNET Values
MELS	RESNET Values	PHI Defaults	80% RESNET Values	80% RESNET Values
HVAC	50% Efficient ERV H/AC – Same as Designed	Same as Designed	Same as Designed	System Efficiencies adjusted
DHW	140F Supply Temp Same gal/person/day as PHI/PHIUS	120F Supply Temp 6.6 gal/person/day	120F Supply Temp 6.6 gal/person/day	Varies by project
Occupancy	Same as PHIUS+ 2015	376.7sf/person	Number Bedrooms + 1	Same as PHIUS+ 2015



Figure 1: Annual Source Energy by end use and Protocol (Using EPA Portfolio Manager Site-to-Source Conversions)

Comparison Evaluation of ASHRAE 90.1 Appendix G vs. Passive House

https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/About/Publications/EA-Reports-and-Studies/Energy-Efficiency-Services-Reports

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Three Case Studies







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Uptown Lofts



Things to keep in mind

- Site Energy analyzed
- All electricity monitored together (includes all HVAC, hot water usage, lighting and MELs)
- Heat pumps (heating/cooling) in apartments
- Direct Electric baseboards in common stairs
- HRV
- Direct Electric WH







Two Meters

- Tenant Meter: Unit Plug loads/electricity, Unit Lighting & Fans for Heating/Cooling
- House Meter: Hallway/Stairwell/Exterior Lighting, 1st Floor Office Plug Loads, Laundry, Heat Pumps, Hot water tanks, all Ventilation











PHIUS+ 2015 – Adjusted Model

- Mean Temperatures Adjusted (2016 & 2017)
- Actual Occupancy
- Unit MELS/Lighting Reduced
- Thermostats set to 80F (Winter) 72F (Summer)
- Doubled Hot Water Usage
- Eliminated Summer Natural Ventilation
- Heat Pumps Malfunction? (2.7 COP to 1.5 COP)

















Site Energy: Monitored vs Adjusted Models



Modeled - PHIUS+ 2015

- Modeled PHIUS+ 2015 Adj 2017
- Modeled PHI Standard

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Knickerbocker Commons


Things to keep in mind

- Project did not go through on-site Verification to become a Certified Passive House Project
- Site Energy analyzed (converted to kWh)
- Electricity and gas monitored separately

 Electric: cooling, lighting, MELs
 - Gas: heating, water heating, dryers
- Hydronic Heating/water heater system
- ERV
- Individual AC units for cooling



Things to keep in mind

- Electric Meter
 - AC Units
 - Lighting
 - MELS
- Natural Gas Meter
 - Hydronic Heating
 - Water Heaters
 - Exhaust Clothes Dryers

Site Electricity: Monitored vs Modeled



Site Natural Gas: Monitored vs Modeled



PHIUS+ 2015 – Adjusted Model

- Mean Temperatures Adjusted (2016 & 2017)
- Thermostats set to 77F (Winter)
- Actual Occupancy
- Doubled Hot Water Usage
- 0.5 ACH50 -> 3 ACH50
 - (Leaky AC Units/Open Windows?)
- Lower Efficiency Boilers



Site Energy: Monitored vs Modeled



Site Electricity: Monitored vs Modeled

Site Natural Gas: Monitored vs Modeled



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Site Energy Comparison (kBTU/sf)

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Orchards at Orenco I



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- Heat pumps (heating/cooling) in apartments w/ direct electric backup
- HRV
- Natural Gas WH
- Natural Gas Clothes Dryers







Orchards at Orenco I





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Site Energy: Monitored vs Adjusted Models



Site Energy Comparison

Site Energy Use Index







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