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Urbanisation is taking place on a global scale. The nature and design of buildings, structures and infrastructure is changing because there is pressure to ensure the 'built environment' is 'sustainable'. Rainwater is one of the key sources of moisture which affects buildings and its building envelope which is the roof and the facade. What are the new challenges for Rainwater Systems in these new buildings and structures?



It depends on where you are! Decisions of what water to collect, how to collect, where to collect, dictate solutions. However, what is common to all solutions is that the rainwater system must perform and be capable of collecting the rainwater from identified areas and spaces and transporting the rainwater to its designated discharge point safely and without leakage. Many countries are actively collecting the rainwater for re-use and others are temporarily storing the water to reduce overloading infrastructure drainage. Different uses! Different solutions!

What are these solutions? Current global codes and standards are generally relics from the history books and have not kept pace with the effects of urbanization. Industry is driving change despite the shortcomings of the codes and standards. This Seminar aims to provide a different perspective.

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- Review of current international codes and practices
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PART X.

DRAINAGE AND SANITARY PROVISIONS.

(3) Downpipes shall have an aggregate internal area of at least 1000 mm.² for every 10 m.² of roof surface measured on the plan.

GOVERNMENT GAZETTE

SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION
SUPPLEMENT

Published by Authority

measures shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the Building Authority and the provisions of the Destruction of Disease Bearing Insects Act and the Water Pollution Control and Drainage Act, 1975, and the regulations made thereunder.

67. The roof of every building abutting on any street shall be provided with eaves gutters and rainwater downpipes in accordance with the requirements of regulation 70.



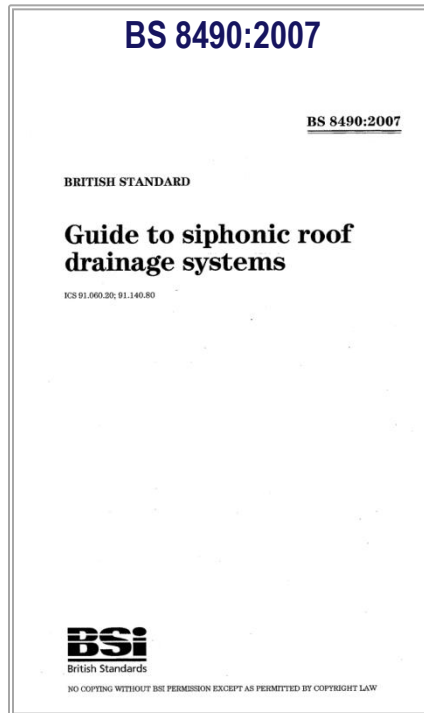
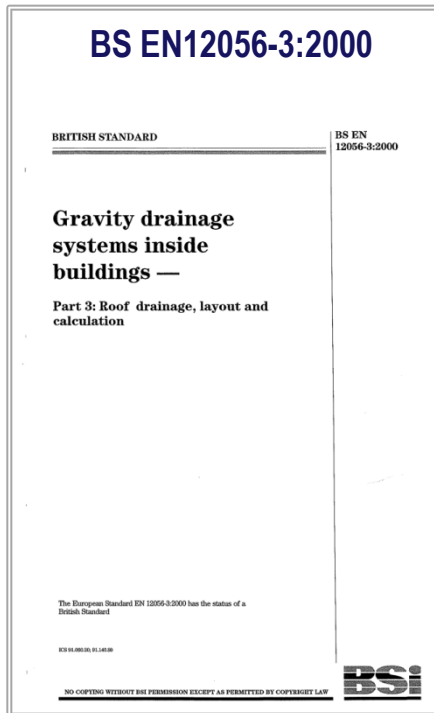
12. Footway levels.



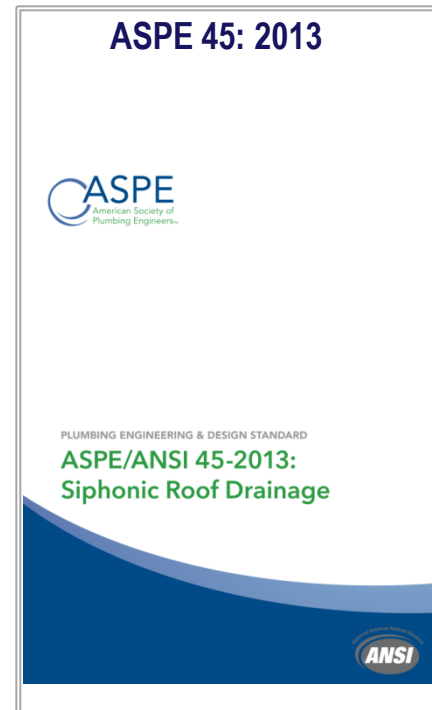
71. Every building lot or plot and the building or buildings erected thereon shall be adequately drained by at least one independent surface drain or other approved drain which shall be discharged to the street drain or other approved outlet drain.

Current Standards and Codes which are being used around the Region

British Standard



American Standard



Australia / New Zealand

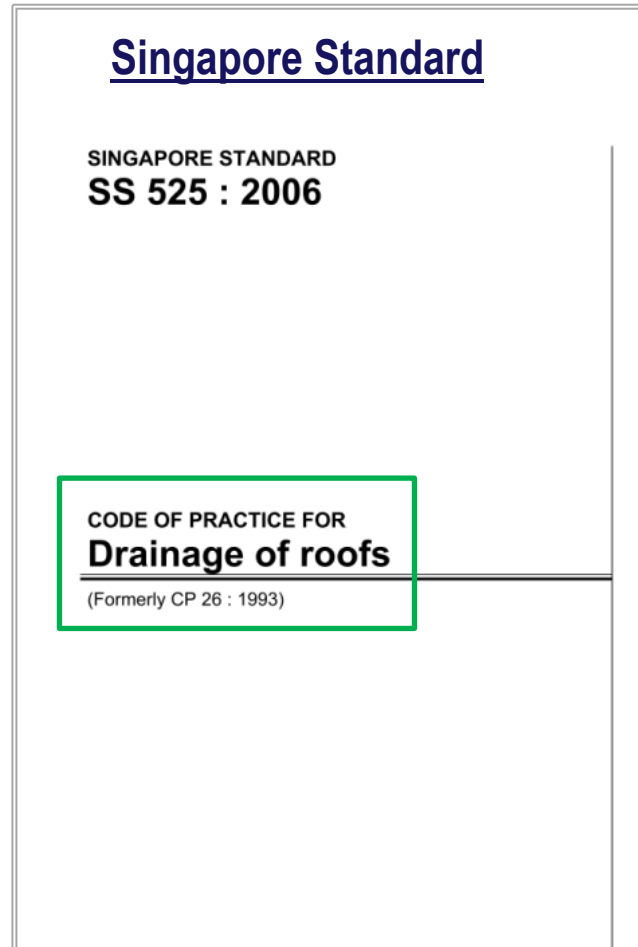


- ✓ Britain & EU
- ✓ Malaysia
- ✓ Thailand
- ✓ Myanmar

- ✓ America

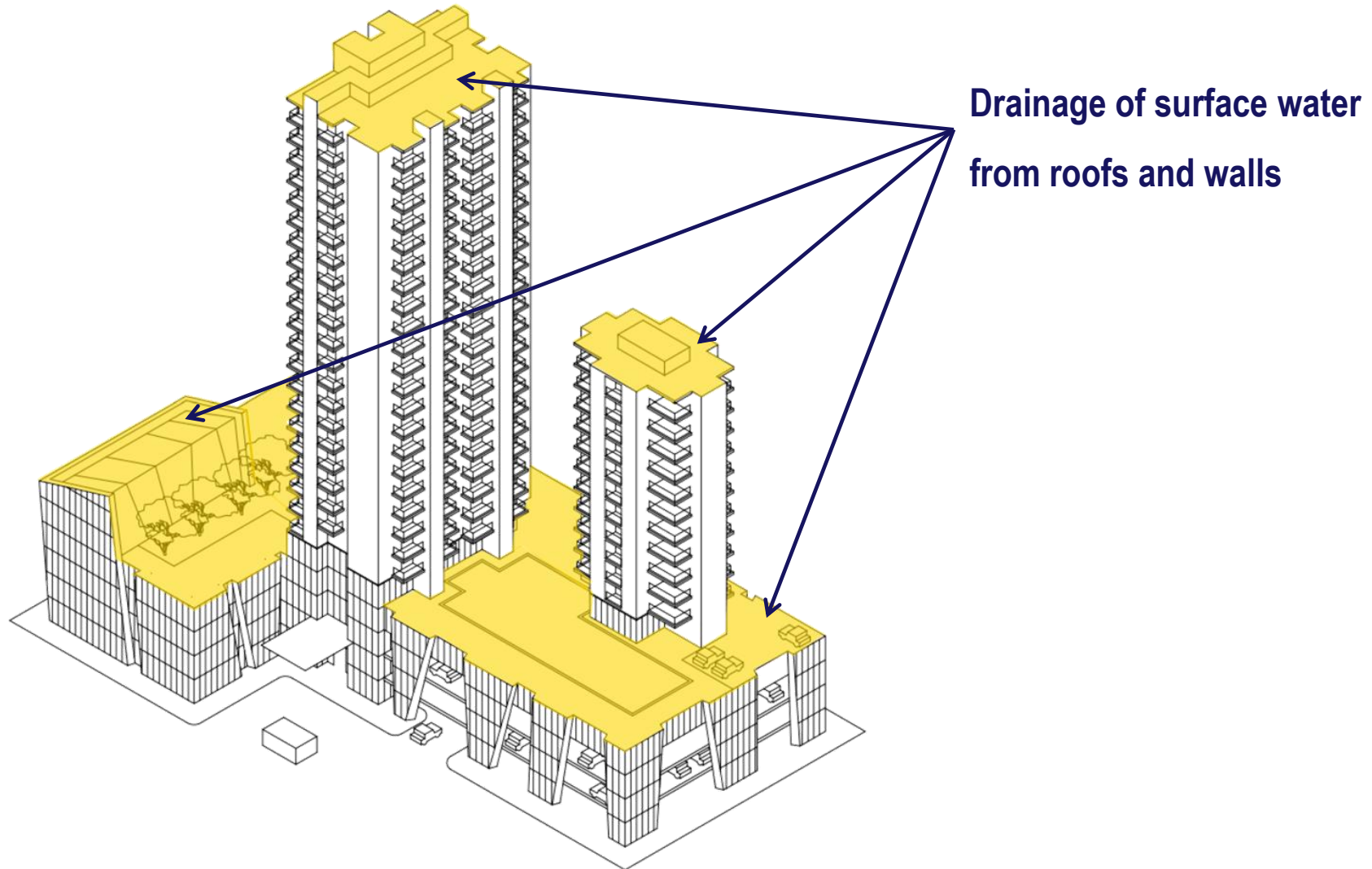
- ✓ Australia
- ✓ New Zealand
- ✓ Philippines

Current Standard [Code of practice] which is being used around in Singapore



✓ Singapore

Roof Drainage is also known as Open-To-Sky Drainage



How much rainwater needs to be drained?

2 Factors

A_e : effective catchment area (m^2)

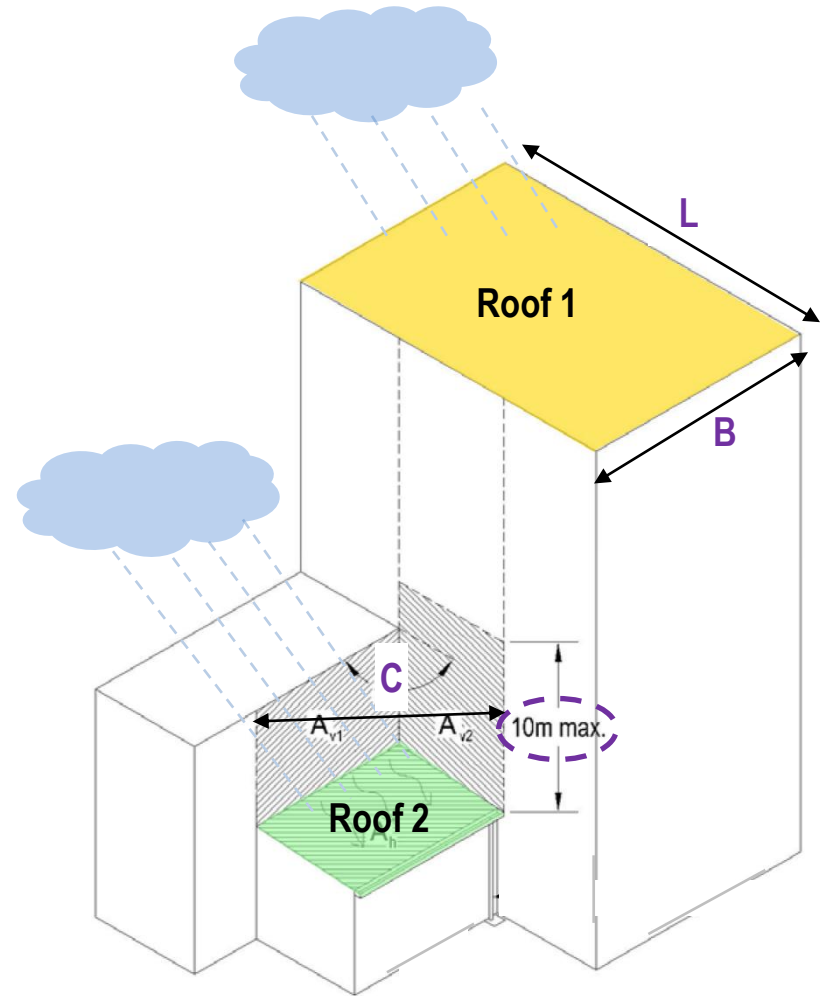
I : design rainfall intensity (mm/hr)

$$\text{Rate of Runoff, } Q \text{ (l/s)} = \frac{A_e \times I}{3600}$$

Illustrations of A_e

Roof 1 = plan area (i.e $L \times B$)

Roof 2 = plan area + 50% elevation area
up to 10m max



Singapore Standard SS 525 : 2006 Rainfall Intensity

“The aim of Qualified Person (Architects/Engineers) should normally be to achieve a balance between the cost of drainage system and the frequency and consequences of flooding.” (pg 13 clause 5)



Jewel Changi Airport

330 mm/hr

For the design of surfaces where any overflowing or ponding is to be avoided.

3mins once in 50 years
15mins once in 100 years

260 mm/hr

5mins once in 25 years
10mins once in 50 years

(according to PUB Code of Practice on surface water drainage)

200 mm/hr

For the design of sloping surfaces where ponding normally cannot be tolerated.

5mins once in 4 years
15mins once in 50 years

165 mm/hr

For the design of flat surfaces where ponding can be tolerated

5mins once in 1 year
15mins once in 10 years



Resorts World Sentosa



UMC Wafer Fab



Bin Centre

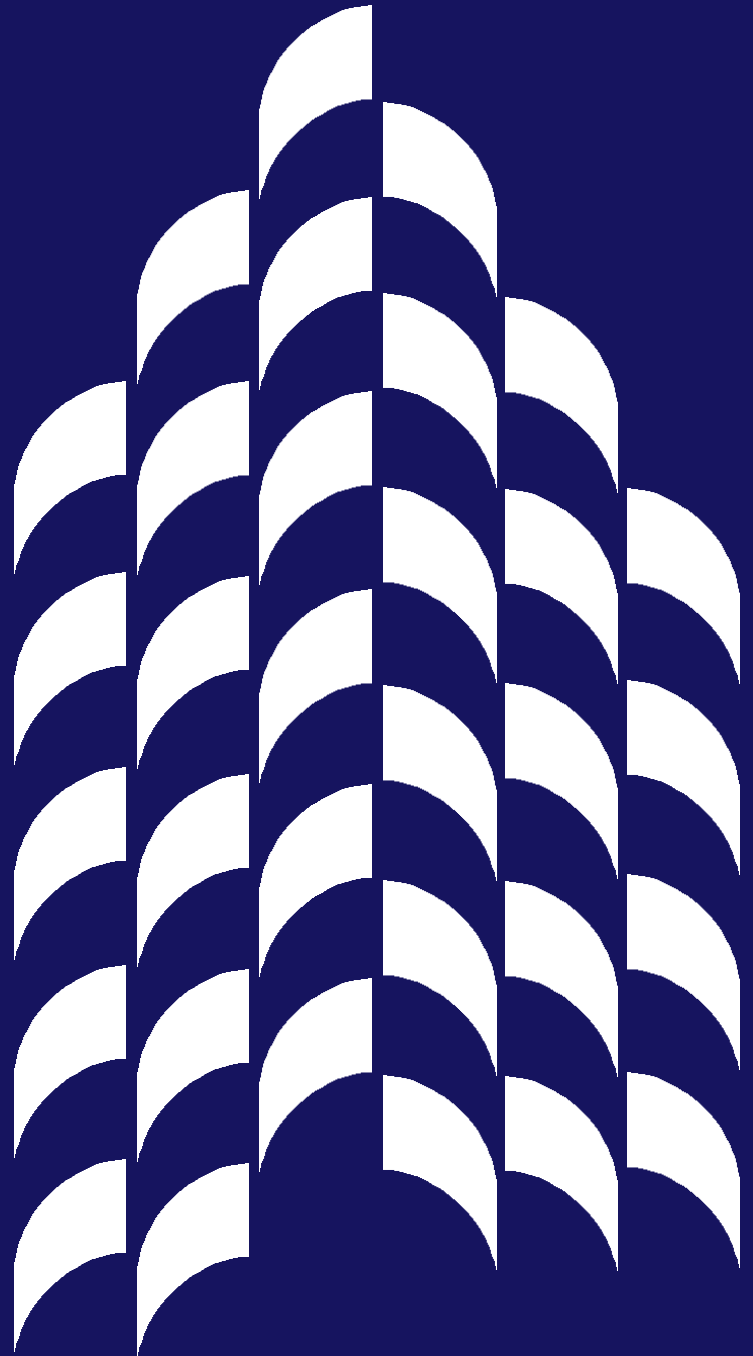
Gravity v. Siphonic

- Which to choose?
- Despite the concepts of gravity and siphonic being very different system they both serve the same purpose, they drain rainwater from roofs or Open to Sky areas.
- Rainwater drainage using Gravity Systems has been around for hundreds of years.
- Siphonic was first developed in 1968, just over 50 years ago. It was first used in Singapore in 1994, 25 years ago. **IT IS STILL NEW!**

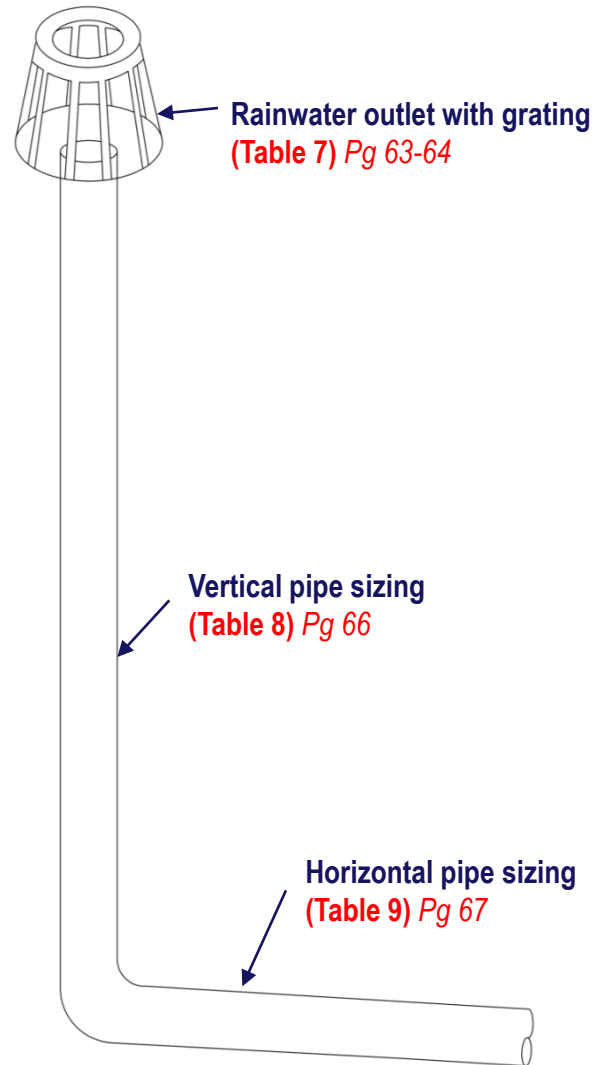
What is a Gravity System?

Single pipe system connecting from the roof rainwater outlet to the discharge point.

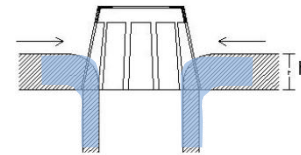
The pipe system works under atmospheric conditions with an air and water mixture in annular flow, i.e. non-pressure system.



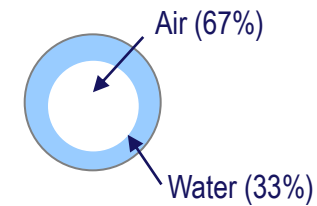
Components of Gravity System SS525



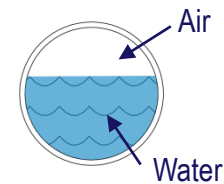
Weir Flow



Annular flow

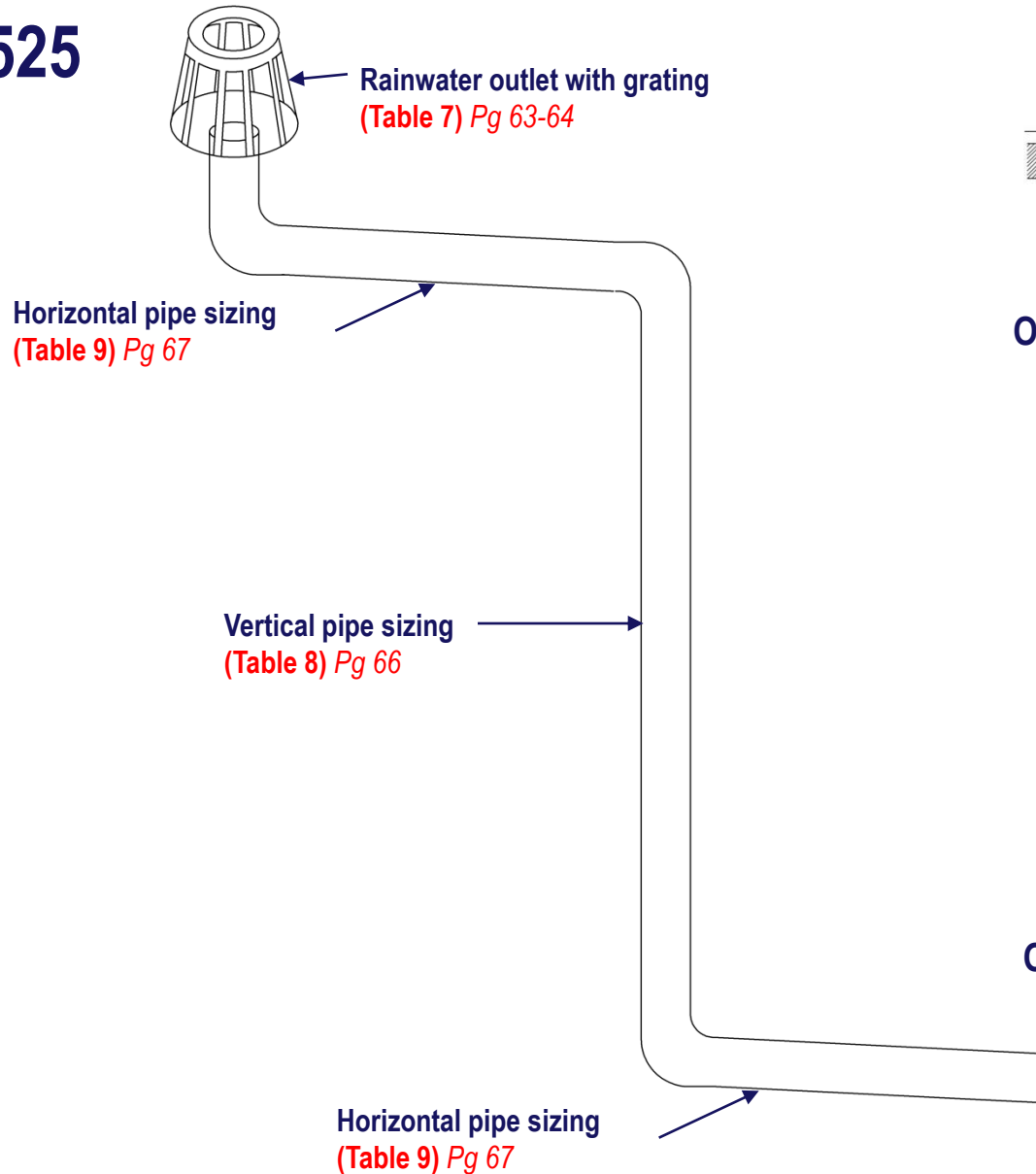


Open Channel Flow

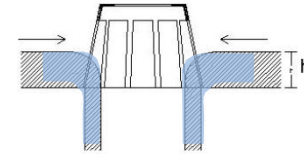


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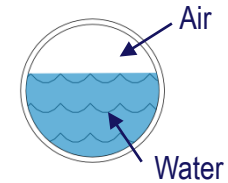
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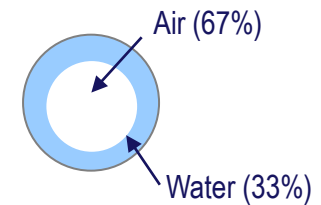
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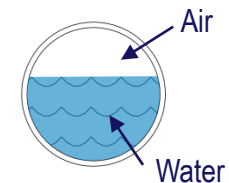
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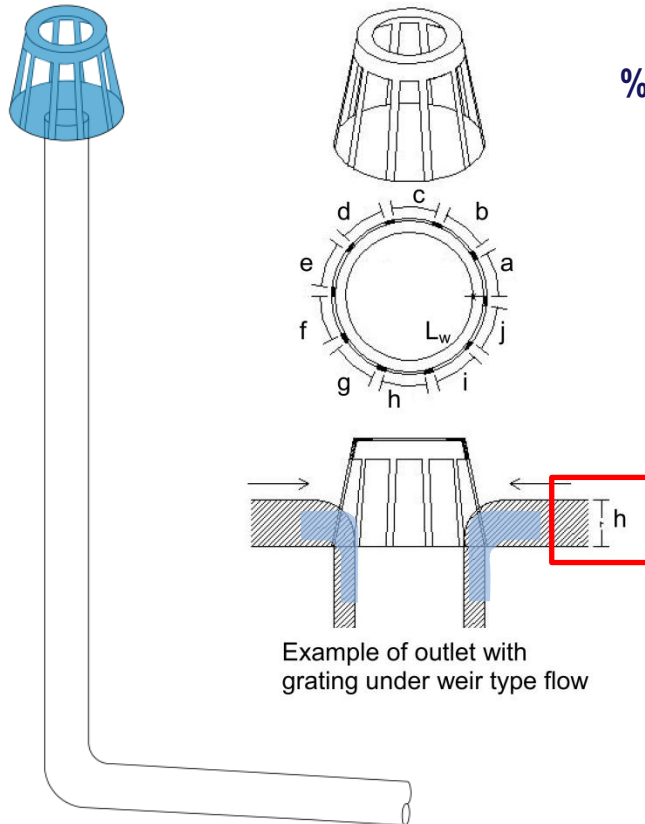




Capacity of rainwater outlet with grating

3 Factors

- Rainwater Outlet size
- Percentage of clear opening
- Water depth around outlet



% of Clear Opening x Capacity of circular gravity outlets with grating

(refer Table 7a)

$$\frac{\text{Sum of clear openings (a+b+c...+j)}}{\text{Perimeter of circular outlet, } L_w (\pi \times d)}$$

Table 7a (pg63) 100% clear opening of circular gravity outlet

Table 7b (pg64) 90% clear opening of circular gravity outlet

Table 7c (pg64) 80% clear opening of circular gravity outlet

Table 7d (pg65) 70% clear opening of circular gravity outlet

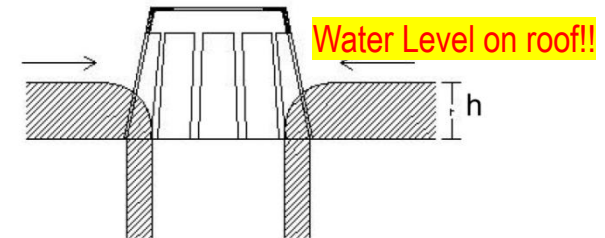
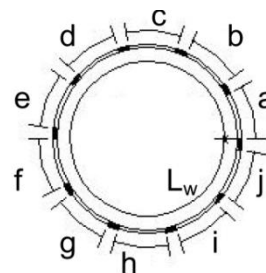
Table 7e (pg65) 60% clear opening of circular gravity outlet

Capacity of rainwater outlet with grating



Table 7(d) – Capacities of grated circular outlets (70% Opening)

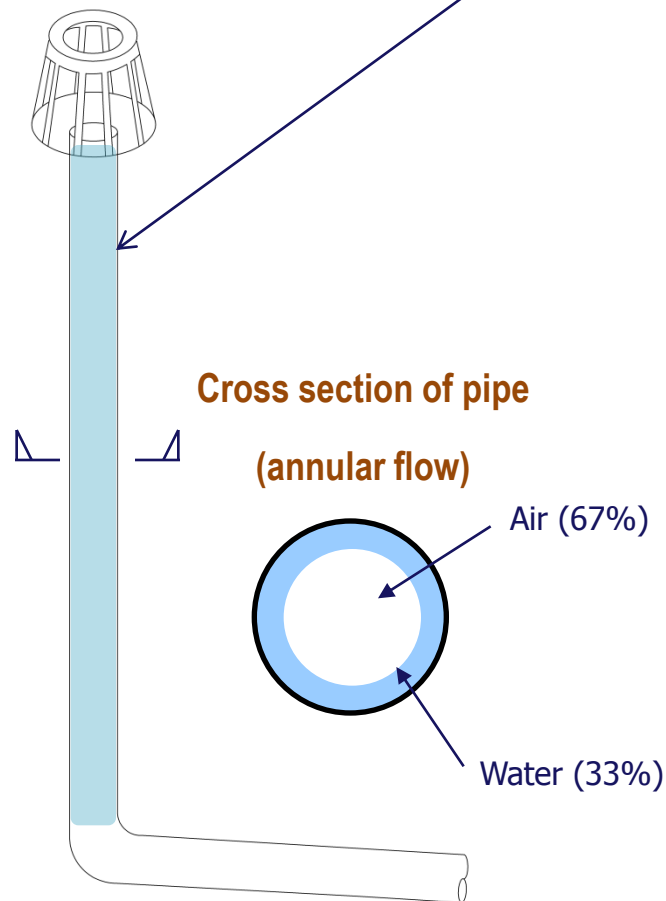
Capacity of circular gravity outlets with grating (l/s) (70 % clear opening) Q = 0.7 x values from Table 7(a)								
h mm	Internal diameter of outlet							
	50 mm	75 mm	100 mm	125 mm	150 mm	200 mm	250 mm	300 mm
10	0.14	0.22	0.29	0.36	0.43	0.58	0.72	0.87
20	0.41	0.61	0.82	1.02	1.23	1.64	2.05	2.46
30	0.63	1.13	1.51	1.88	2.26	3.01	3.76	4.52
40	0.72	1.63	2.32	2.90	3.48	4.64	5.80	6.95
50	0.81	1.82	3.24	4.05	4.86	6.48	8.10	9.72
60	0.89	2.00	3.55	5.32	6.39	8.52	10.65	12.78
70	0.96	2.16	3.83	5.99	6.85	10.73	13.42	16.10



Example of outlet with grating under weir type flow

Vertical Pipe Drainage Capacity (Wyly-Eaton Equation)

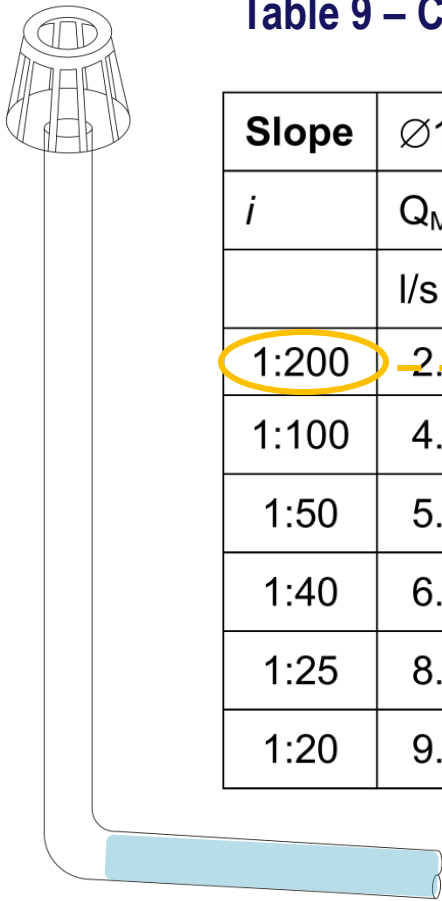
Table 8 – Capacities of vertical rainwater pipes



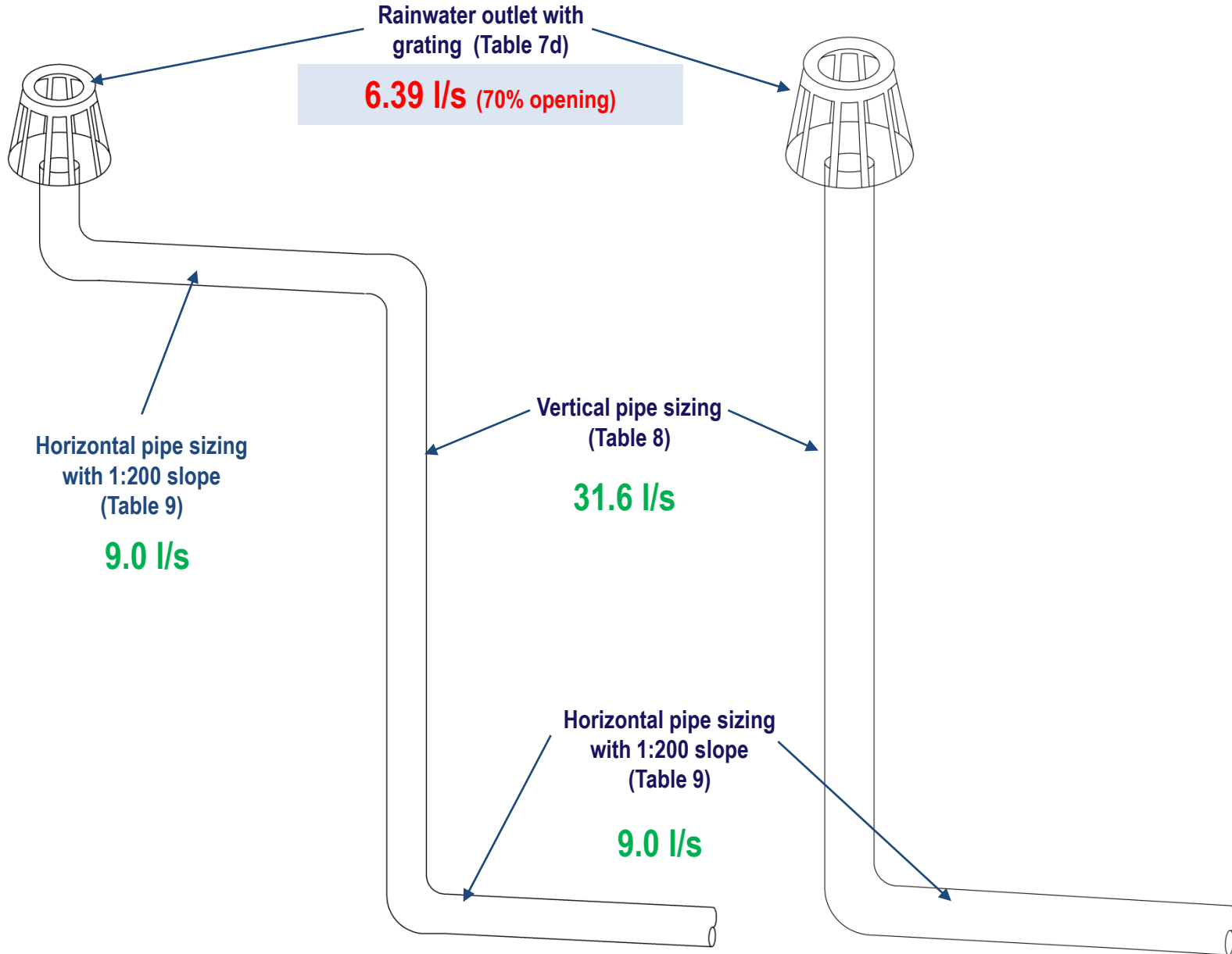
Internal diameter of rainwater pipe, d_i mm	Capacity Q_{RWP} l/s
	Filling degree $f=0.33$
140	26.3
150	31.6
160	37.5
170	44.1
180	51.4
190	59.3
200	68.0
220	87.7
240	110.6
260	137.0
280	166.9

Horizontal Pipe Drainage Capacity (Colebrook-White Formula)

Table 9 – Capacities of horizontal rainwater pipes



Slope	Ø100		Ø125		Ø150		Ø200		Ø225		Ø250	
<i>i</i>	Q _{Max}	v	Q _{Max}	v	Q _{Max}	v	Q _{Max}	v	Q _{Max}	v	Q _{Max}	v
	l/s	m/s	l/s	m/s	l/s	m/s	l/s	m/s	l/s	m/s	l/s	m/s
1:200	2.9	0.5	4.8	0.6	9.0	0.7	16.7	0.8	26.5	0.9	31.6	1.0
1:100	4.2	0.8	6.8	0.9	12.8	1.0	23.7	1.2	37.6	1.3	44.9	1.4
1:50	5.9	1.1	9.6	1.2	18.2	1.5	33.6	1.7	53.3	1.9	63.6	2.0
1:40	6.7	1.2	10.8	1.4	20.3	1.6	37.6	1.9	59.7	2.1	71.1	2.2
1:25	8.4	1.6	13.7	1.8	25.8	2.1	47.6	2.4	75.5	2.7	90.0	2.8
1:20	9.4	1.7	15.3	2.0	28.8	2.3	53.3	2.7	84.5	3.0	100.7	3.1



Software for the Design of Roof Drainage using Gravity System for Flat Roof

Gravity System Roof Drainage Calculator - SS 525: 2006

The following tools are programmed to facilitate the design of gravity roof drainage systems, including gutters, roof outlets, gravity rainwater pipes based on the design principles established in

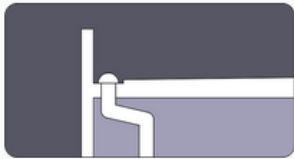
Singapore Standard SS525:2006 Code of Practice for Drainage of Roofs

These tools are provided free of charge to promote proper design of gravity rainwater drainage systems.

While every care has been taken to ensure that all the functions complies to the engineering and design principles as stated in SS525:2006, it is impossible to include all the requirements from the standards. It is important that the user should familiarise him/herself with other relevant requirements in the SS525:2006.

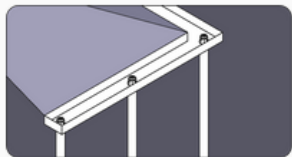
It is assumed that the user has sufficient understanding on good design practices to make use of the design tools.

By using the design tools, you understand and agree that we will not be held liable for any outcome or results whatsoever from the use of the design tools.



Flat Roof Drainage

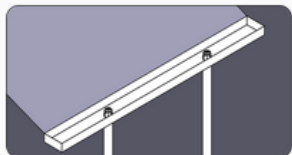
Gravity roof drainage system design on flat roofs.



Gutter Drainage Type 1

Gravity roof drainage system design on gutters where outlets are located at the corners and the edges.

Note: suitable for gutters with angles.



Gutter Drainage Type 2

Gravity roof drainage system design on straight gutters where outlets are evenly distributed along the length of the gutter.

Rainwater Drainage Calculator for Flat Roofs

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The calculations below are meant for drainage from flat roofs where water are expected to spread over the entire flat roof during rain. The flat roof must have sufficient slope to allow water to flow towards the roof outlets.

Project Information

Reference No:

Project Name

Roof Description

Catchment Area and Rainfall Intensity

Roof Area (A_H)

m.sq.

Elevational Area (up to height of 10m) (A_V) 

m.sq.

Effective Elevational Area (50% of A_V)

0 m.sq.

Total Effective Catchment Area (A_E)

0.00 m.sq.

Rainfall Intensity (I) 

mm/hr.

Total Flow Rate (Q_{roof})

0.00 l/s.

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Project Information

Reference No:

2018-07-04

Project Name

Industrial Building @ Tuas

Roof Description

RC Flat Roof @ Production Block

Catchment Area and Rainfall Intensity

Roof Area (A_h)

500

m.sq.

Elevational Area (up to height of 10m) (A_v) 

100

m.sq.

Effective Elevational Area (50% of A_v)

50.00 m.sq.

Total Effective Catchment Area (A_e)

550.00 m.sq.

Rainfall Intensity (I) 

330

mm/hr.

Total Flow Rate (Q_{roof})

50.42 l/s.

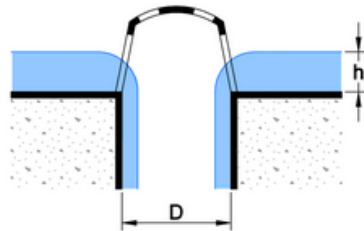
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Roof Drainage Outlets



Number of roof outlets	2
Percentage of opening on strainer (leaf guard) ?	70 %
Effective diameter of roof outlet (D)	150 mm
<i>Notes: roof outlet diameter should be similar to diameter of rwdp</i> ?	
Design water depth at roof outlet (h) ?	50 mm

Required flow rate per outlet (Q_i) = **25.21 l/s**

Reference to Table 7, capacity of roof outlet is **4.86 l/s**

Roof outlet do not have sufficient capacity to drain the necessary flow rate!!!

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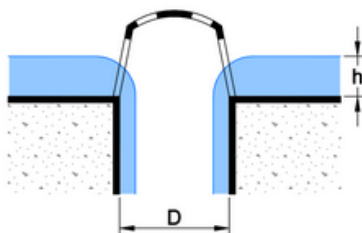
- increase the number of roof outlet
- enlarge the diameter of roof outlet
- increase the water level on the roof
- use outlets with more efficient leaf strainer

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Roof Drainage Outlets



Number of roof outlets	10
Percentage of opening on strainer (leaf guard) ?	70 %
Effective diameter of roof outlet (D)	150 mm
Notes: roof outlet diameter should be similar to diameter of rwdp ?	
Design water depth at roof outlet (h) ?	50 mm

Required flow rate per outlet (Q_i) = **5.04 l/s**

Reference to Table 7, capacity of roof outlet is **4.86 l/s**

Roof outlet do not have sufficient capacity to drain the necessary flow rate!!!

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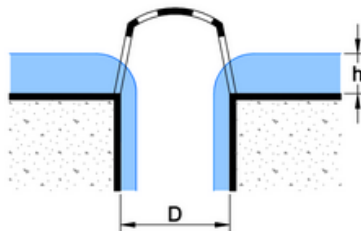
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Roof Drainage Outlets



Number of roof outlets	11
Percentage of opening on strainer (leaf guard) ?	70 %
Effective diameter of roof outlet (D)	150 mm
<i>Notes: roof outlet diameter should be similar to diameter of rwdp</i> ?	
Design water depth at roof outlet (h) ?	50 mm

Required flow rate per outlet (Q_i) = **4.58 l/s**

Reference to Table 7, capacity of roof outlet is **4.86 l/s**

Roof outlet has sufficient capacity to drain the necessary flow rate.

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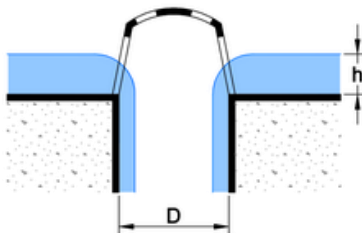
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Roof Drainage Outlets



Number of roof outlets	8
Percentage of opening on strainer (leaf guard) ?	70 %
Effective diameter of roof outlet (D)	200 mm
<i>Notes: roof outlet diameter should be similar to diameter of rwdp</i>	
	?
Design water depth at roof outlet (h) ?	50 mm

Required flow rate per outlet (Q_i) = **6.30 l/s**

Reference to Table 7, capacity of roof outlet is **6.48 l/s**

Roof outlet has sufficient capacity to drain the necessary flow rate.

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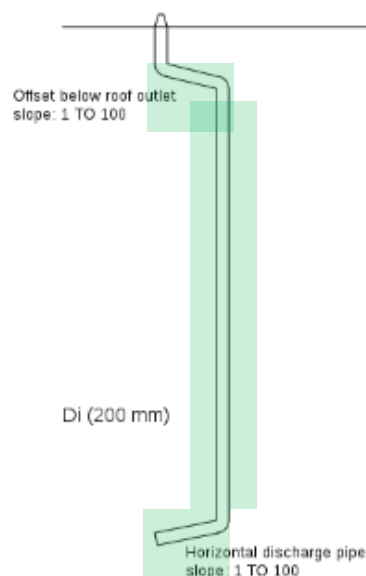
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Rainwater Down Pipes



Required Flow Rate (Q) 6.30 l/s

Pipe inner diameter (D_i) 200 mm

Note: pipe inner diameter should not be smaller than the diameter at the throat of roof outlet

Capacity of vertical pipe = 68.03 l/s.
Vertical section is sufficient to drain necessary flow rate.

Horizontal offset below roof outlet **Yes**

Horizontal offset below roof outlet

Pipe gradient: 1 TO 100
(0.5729 degree)

Capacity of horizontal transfer below roof outlet = 29.57 l/s.
This section is sufficient to drain necessary flow rate.

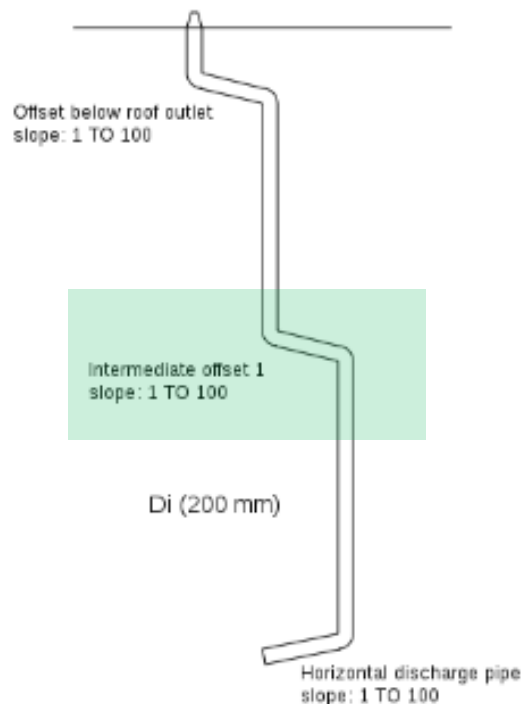
Intermediate floor horizontal offsets **None**

Horizontal discharge pipe **Yes**

Horizontal discharge pipe

Pipe gradient: 1 TO 100
(0.5729 degree)

Capacity of horizontal discharge pipe = 29.57 l/s.
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Horizontal offset below roof outlet Yes

Horizontal offset below roof outlet

Pipe gradient: 1 TO 100
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Intermediate floor horizontal offsets 1

Intermediate horizontal offset No.1

Pipe gradient: 1 TO 100
(0.5729 degree)

Capacity of horizontal offset 1 = 29.57 l/s.

This section is sufficient to drain necessary flow rate.

Horizontal discharge pipe Yes

Horizontal discharge pipe

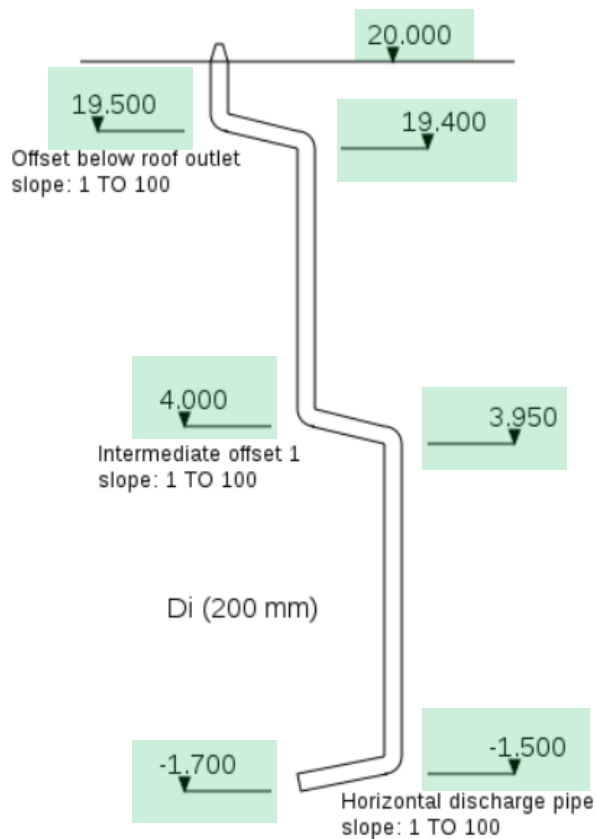
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This section is sufficient to drain necessary flow rate.

Pipe levels calculator

Off



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Pipe inner diameter (D_i) 200 mm

Note: pipe inner diameter should not be smaller than the diameter at the throat of roof outlet

Capacity of vertical pipe = 68.03 l/s.

Vertical section is sufficient to drain necessary flow rate.

Roof outlet level 20 mm

Horizontal offset below roof outlet Yes ☐

Horizontal offset below roof outlet

Pipe gradient: 1 TO 100
(0.5729 degree)

Offset pipe length 10 m

Offset upstream level 19.5

Offset downstream level 19.400

Capacity of horizontal transfer below roof outlet = 29.57 l/s.

This section is sufficient to drain necessary flow rate.

Intermediate floor horizontal offsets 1 ☐

Intermediate horizontal offset No.1

Pipe gradient: 1 TO 100
(0.5729 degree)

Offset pipe length 5 m

Offset upstream level 4.0

Offset downstream level 3.950

Capacity of horizontal offset 1 = 29.57 l/s.

This section is sufficient to drain necessary flow rate.

Rainwater Drainage Calculator for Flat Roofs

The roof drainage outlets and rainwater downpipes are calculated based on the design principles for gravity drainage systems established in **SS525:2006 Code of Practice for Drainage of Roofs**.

The calculations below are meant for drainage from flat roofs where water are expected to spread over the entire flat roof during rain.
The flat roof must have sufficient slope to allow water to flow towards the roof outlets.

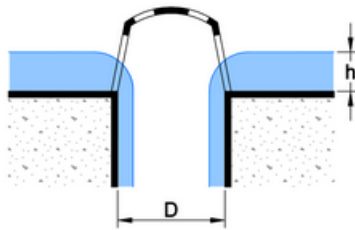
Project Information

Reference No:	2018-07-04
Project Name	Industrial Building @ Tuas
Roof Description	RC Flat Roof @ Production Block

Catchment Area and Rainfall Intensity

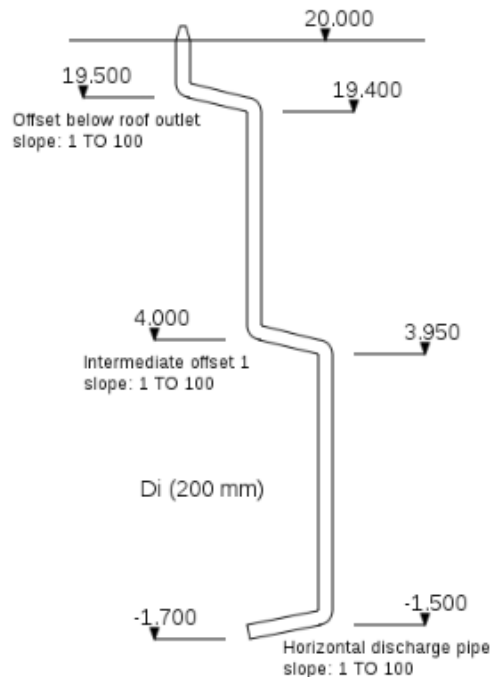
Roof Area (A_r)	500.00 m.sq.
Elevational Area (up to height of 10m) (A_v)	100.00 m.sq.
Effective Elevational Area (50% of A_v)	50.00 m.sq.
Total Effective Catchment Area (A_e)	550.00 m.sq.
Rainfall Intensity (I)	330.00 mm/hr.
Total Flow Rate (Q_{roof})	50.42 l/s.

Roof Drainage Outlets



Total flow rate (Q_{total}) = 50.42 l/s
 Number of roof outlet = 8
 Required flow rate per outlet (Q_i) = **6.30 l/s**
 Design water depth around outlet (h) = **50 mm**
 Outlet effective diameter = **200 mm**
 Percentage of opening on leaf strainer = **70 %**
 Length of weir (L_w) = 628.32 mm
 Area of opening (A_o) = 31415.93 mm²
 $h \leq 2 A_o / L_w$, Flow is weir flow.
 Reference to Table 7, capacity of roof outlet is **6.48 l/s**
Roof outlet has sufficient capacity to drain the necessary flow rate.

Rainwater Down Pipes



Design flow rate (Q_i) = **6.30 l/s**
 Inner diameter of rwdp = **200 mm**

Reference to Table 8 (Wyly-Eaton equation):
 Capacity of vertical section of pipe = **68.03 l/s**.

Vertical section is sufficient to drain necessary flow rate.

Horizontal offset below roof outlet

Gradient of horizontal pipe = **1 TO 100**
 (0.573 degrees)

Gradient is less than 10 degrees; capacity calculated based on Table 9 (Colebrook-White formula):

Capacity of horizontal transfer below roof outlet = 29.57 l/s.

This section is sufficient to drain necessary flow rate.

Intermediate horizontal offset 1

Gradient of horizontal pipe = **1 TO 100**
 (0.573 degrees)

Gradient is less than 10 degrees; capacity calculated based on Table 9 (Colebrook-White formula):

Capacity of horizontal offset 1 = 29.57 l/s.

This section is sufficient to drain necessary flow rate.

Horizontal discharge pipe

Gradient of horizontal pipe = **1 TO 100**
 (0.573 degrees)

Gradient is less than 10 degrees; capacity calculated based on Table 9 (Colebrook-White formula):

Capacity of horizontal discharge pipe = 29.57 l/s.

This section is sufficient to drain necessary flow rate.

Rainwater Drainage Calculator for Valley, Parapet and Boundary Wall Gutters (Free Discharge)

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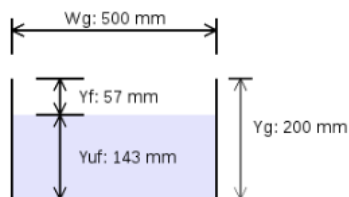
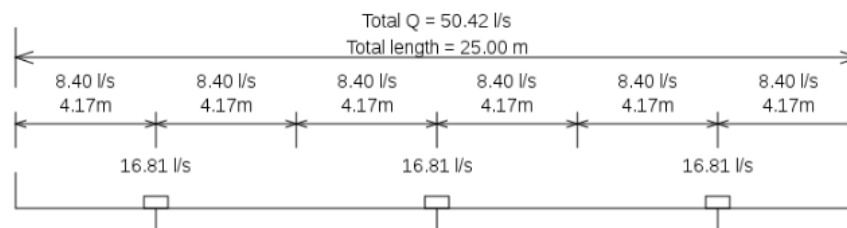
This calculation is meant for straight gutters without any change in direction, where roof outlets are evenly distributed along the gutter.

If change and direction is present, an outlet is to be placed very near to each angle/change of direction along the gutter.

All gutters should be designed with minimum slope of 1 to 150 fall (Cl.7.3.3).

All gutters should be designed to withstand the load of water when the gutter is fully filled up to spill over level and human load during maintenance without deformation in order to avoid ponding (Cl.7.3.3).

Gutter



Length of gutter m

Number of roof outlets

Overall width of gutter (Wg) mm

Minimum width for valley gutter: 500mm
Minimum width for parapet wall gutter: 300mm

Overall depth of gutter (Yg) mm

Is angle of more than 10° included in length of gutter?

Software for the Design of Roof Drainage using Gravity System for Flat Roof

www.flowpedia.com

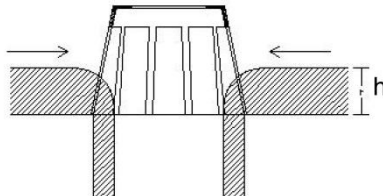
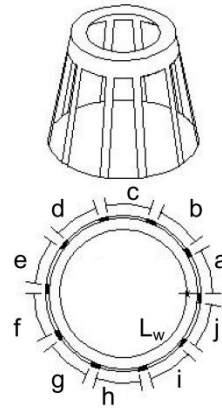
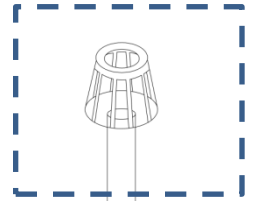


Main Concerns with Gravity Systems

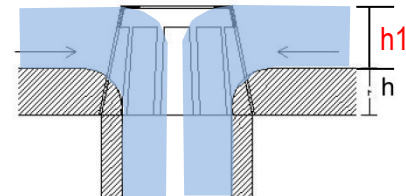
- Designers/Specifiers are not fully aware of the risks they undertake when designing Gravity systems.
- This results in major **UNDER-DESIGN**.
- This leads to major RISKS!
- So WHAT are the RISKS?
- How can they be MITIGATED?

Risk of Under Design of RO

Flooding / Ponding on the Roof



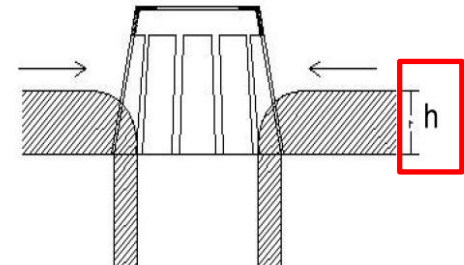
Design water depth around outlet based on code



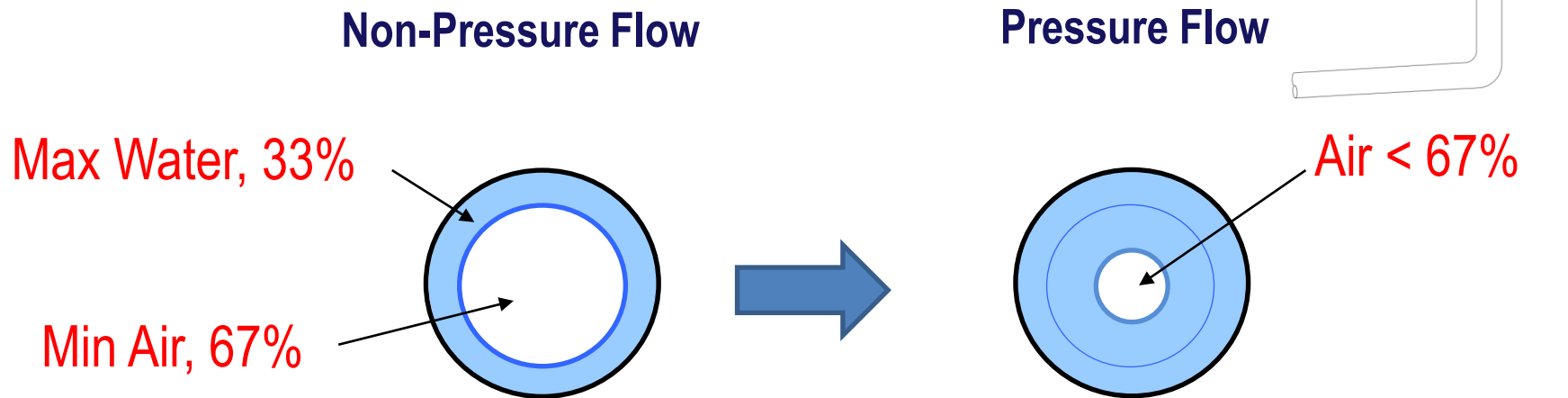
Surcharge of rainwater on roof resulting from number of rainwater downpipes being **UNDER-DESIGNED**

Mitigation

- Check that the assumed Water Level on the Roof is compatible with design of the
 - Rainwater Outlet opening area
 - Proper distribution of Catchment Area
 - Waterproofing Concept and Details
 - Roof Access thresholds
 - M&E services plinth
 - Roof loading capacity



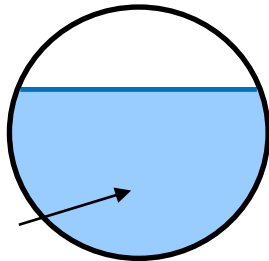
Risk of Under Design of vertical RWDP



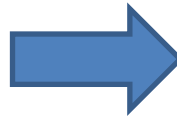
DANGER of OVERLOADING Gravity System
potential pipe failures

Risk of Under Design of horizontal RWDP

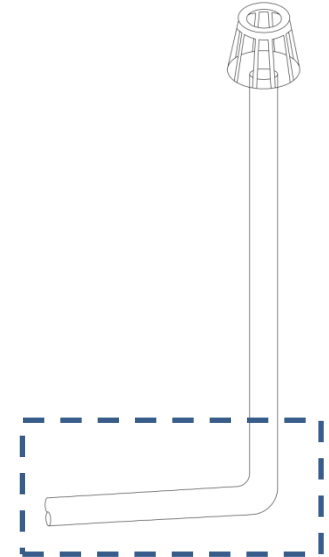
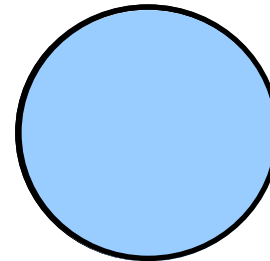
Non-Pressure Flow



Max Water, 70%



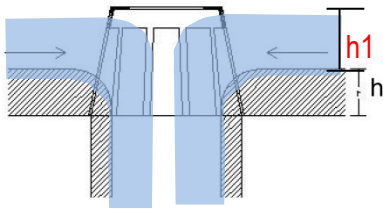
Pressure Flow



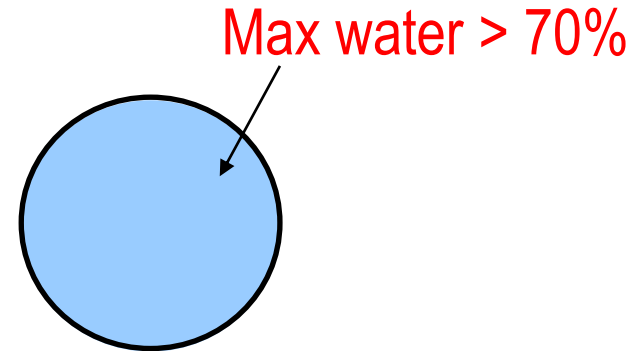
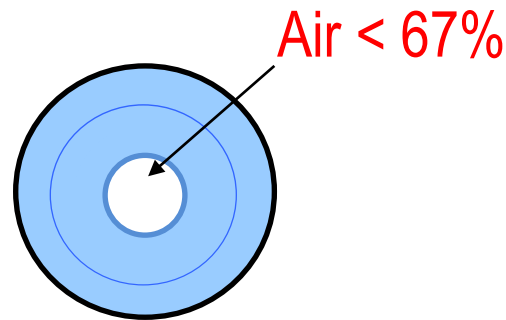
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Summary – Proper design of Gravity Systems

- If the system is UNDER-DESIGNED then two things may happen.



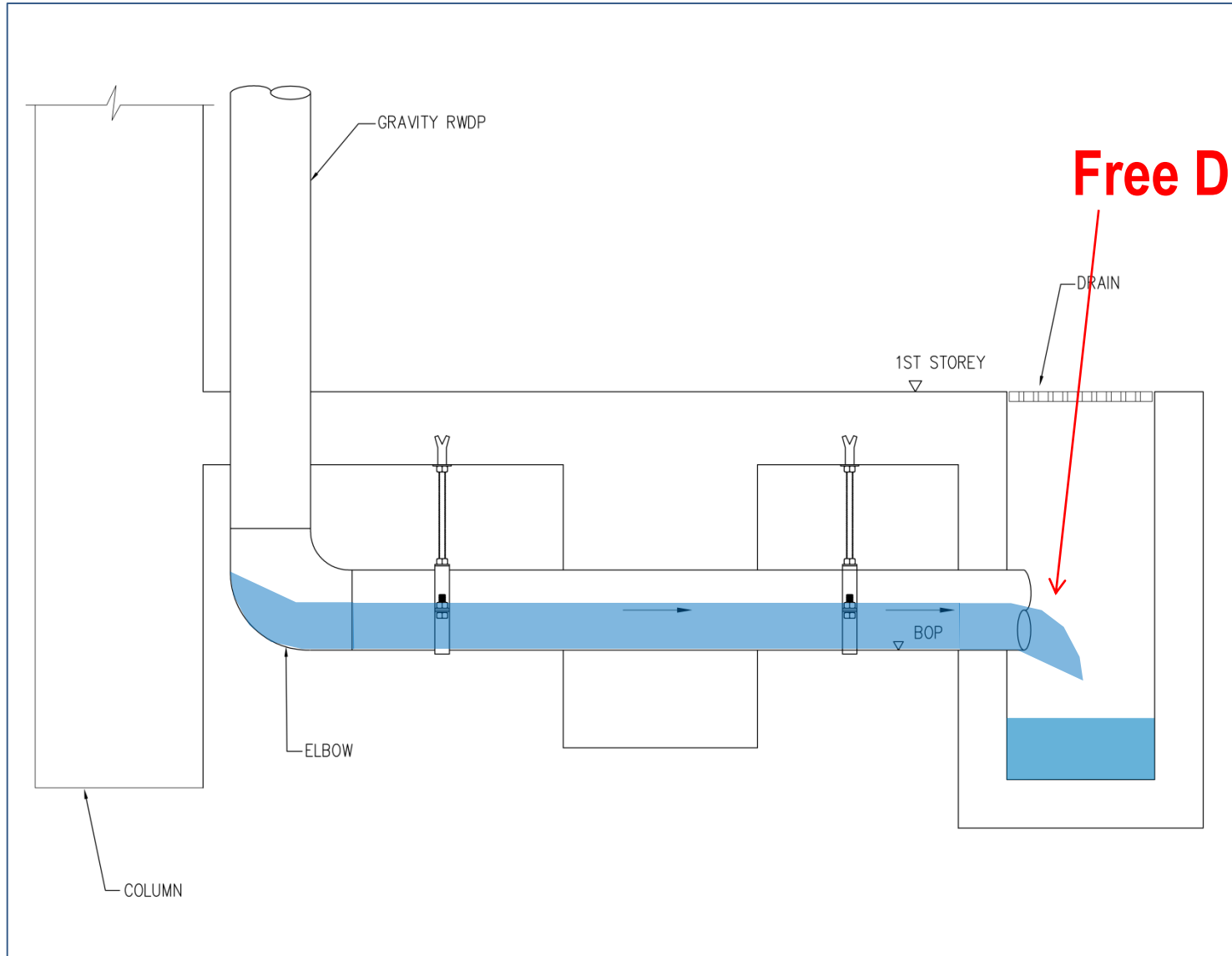
UNDER-DESIGN



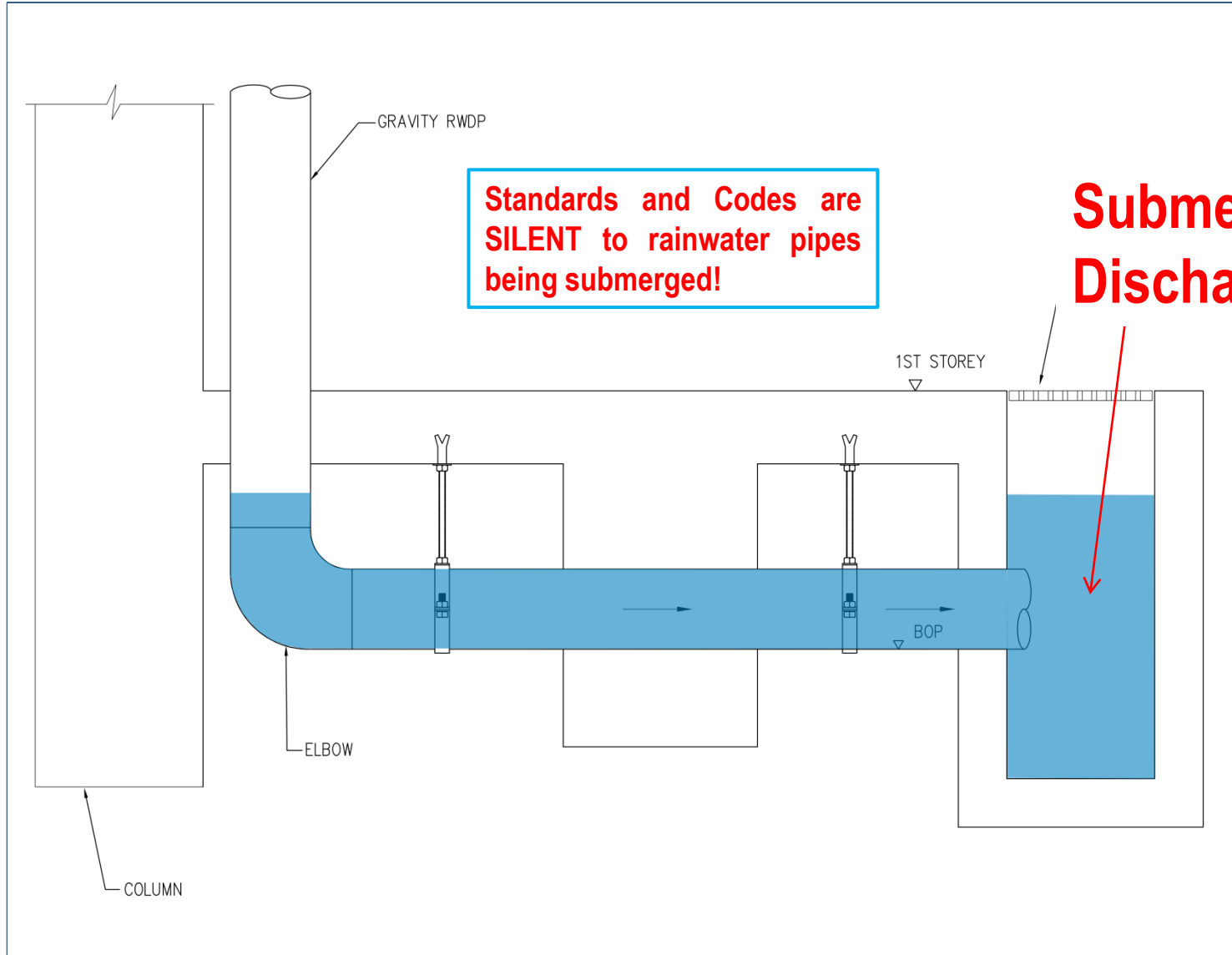
1. WATER LEVELS RISE >> **OVERFLOW AND FLOODING**
2. PIPE SYSTEM BECOMES PRESSURED >> **PIPE FAILURE**

- Check Flow Rates of all 3 components of the Gravity System to ensure the overall drainage capacity is met in accordance to SS525.

Risk Mitigation - Discharge of Gravity System



Risk Mitigation - Discharge of Gravity System



Other Important Consideration of Gravity Systems Design

- Check Rainwater Discharge Point.
- *“The system should be able to withstand the maximum **hydraulic head**, which could occur should a blockage take place at the lowest **point**”* (from Clause 4 of SS525). Ensure the pipe system is correctly specified and capable of withstanding this pressure.



What is a Siphonic System?

A closed-flow roof drainage system operating under gravity-induced sub-atmospheric pressures (negative pressure) based on the vertical differential fluid head principle.

ASPE / ANSI 45-2013 : Siphonic Roof Drainage



Principles of Siphonic System

Bernoulli's Equation

Siphonic outlet

to prevent entry of air into the pipe system

Hydraulic head

to provide energy
required to transfer
water from outlet to
discharge

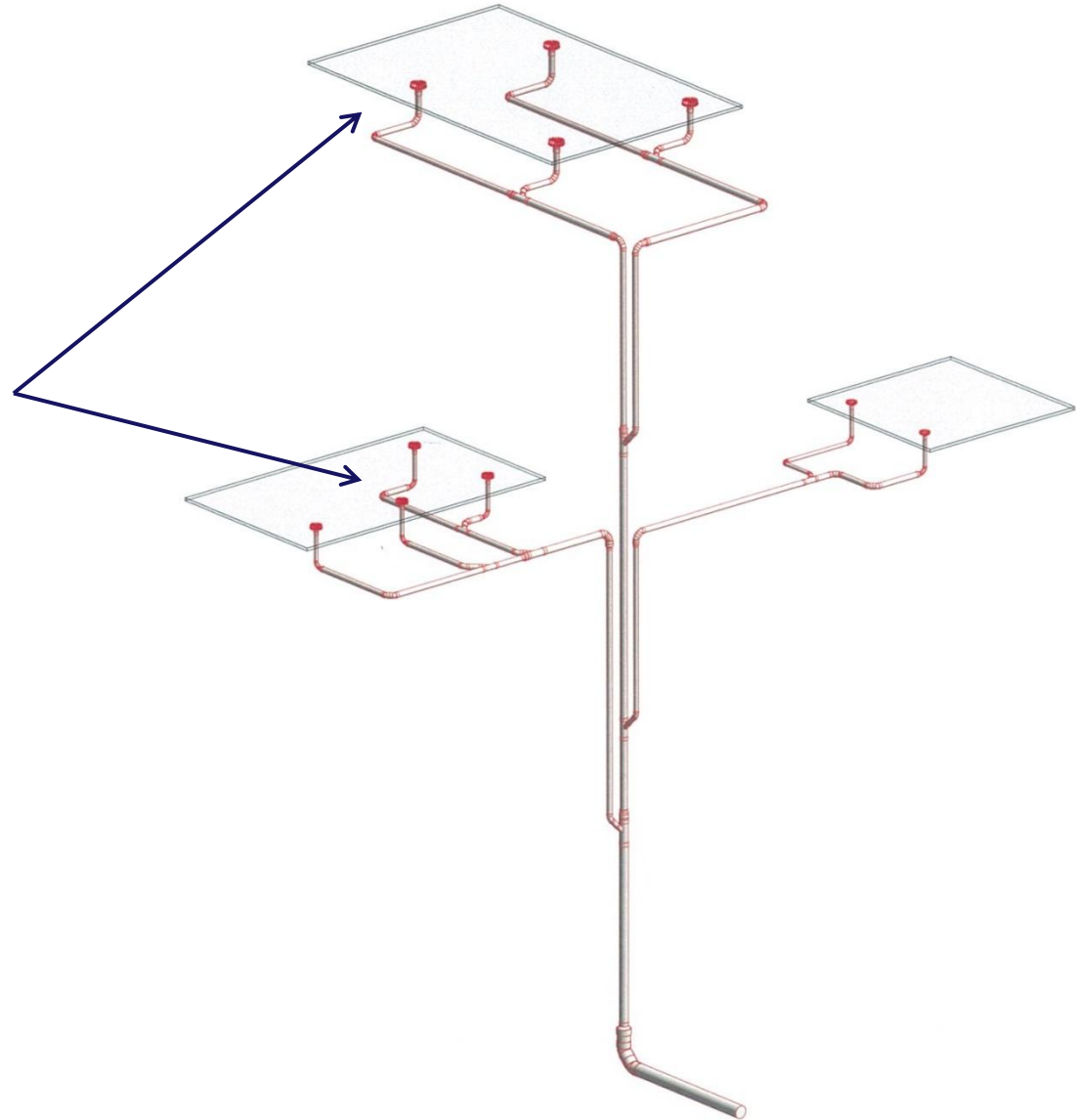
$$\frac{p_1}{\rho g} + \frac{v_1^2}{2g} + h_1 = \frac{p_2}{\rho g} + \frac{v_2^2}{2g}$$

Engineering calculation

to control head losses and pressure and to achieve a balance engineered system

An Engineered Solution

Multiple siphonic outlets from different roofs can be linked with zero gradient horizontal pipes coming down with a common stack



An Engineered Solution

- **SS525 : 2006 Recommends that a Specialist should carry out the design of the Siphonic System.**
- **Architect/Designer/Specifier should establish the PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS.**
 - **Rainfall Intensity**
 - **Catchment Area to be drained**
 - **Outlet location distribution**
 - **Preferred Pipe Routing**
 - **Discharge Point**

An Engineered Solution

- **The Specialist should produce solutions that meet the Performance Requirements.**
- **Siphonic Specialist must have:**
 - **Relevant experience and knowledge**
 - **Approved Analytical Software**
 - **Approved Siphonic System comprising of Siphonic Outlets, Pipe System and Bracket/Bracing System**

Key points in Open To Sky Drainage - Responsibilities

- SS525 covers both the design of Gravity and Siphonic.
- The Performance Requirements of the Roof Drainage are established by the **QP/Architect**.
- Gravity Systems are generally designed by the **QP/Architect** using prescriptive solutions based on SS525.
- Siphonic System are designed by a Siphonic Specialist and endorsed by specialist **QP/PE**.

Recommendations for Design of Open To Sky Drainage

- Develop a Roof Drainage RISK ASSESSMENT PLAN which acts as a Checklist for Risk Mitigation.
- Consider the merits and demerits of a Gravity System and a Siphonic system on a project by project basis.
 - Tangible Benefits
 - Intangible Benefits
 - Cost Benefits



FASTFLOW

...the art of drainage

Case Study: Open to Sky



Open to Sky Drainage

Marina Bay Sands Sky Park, Singapore



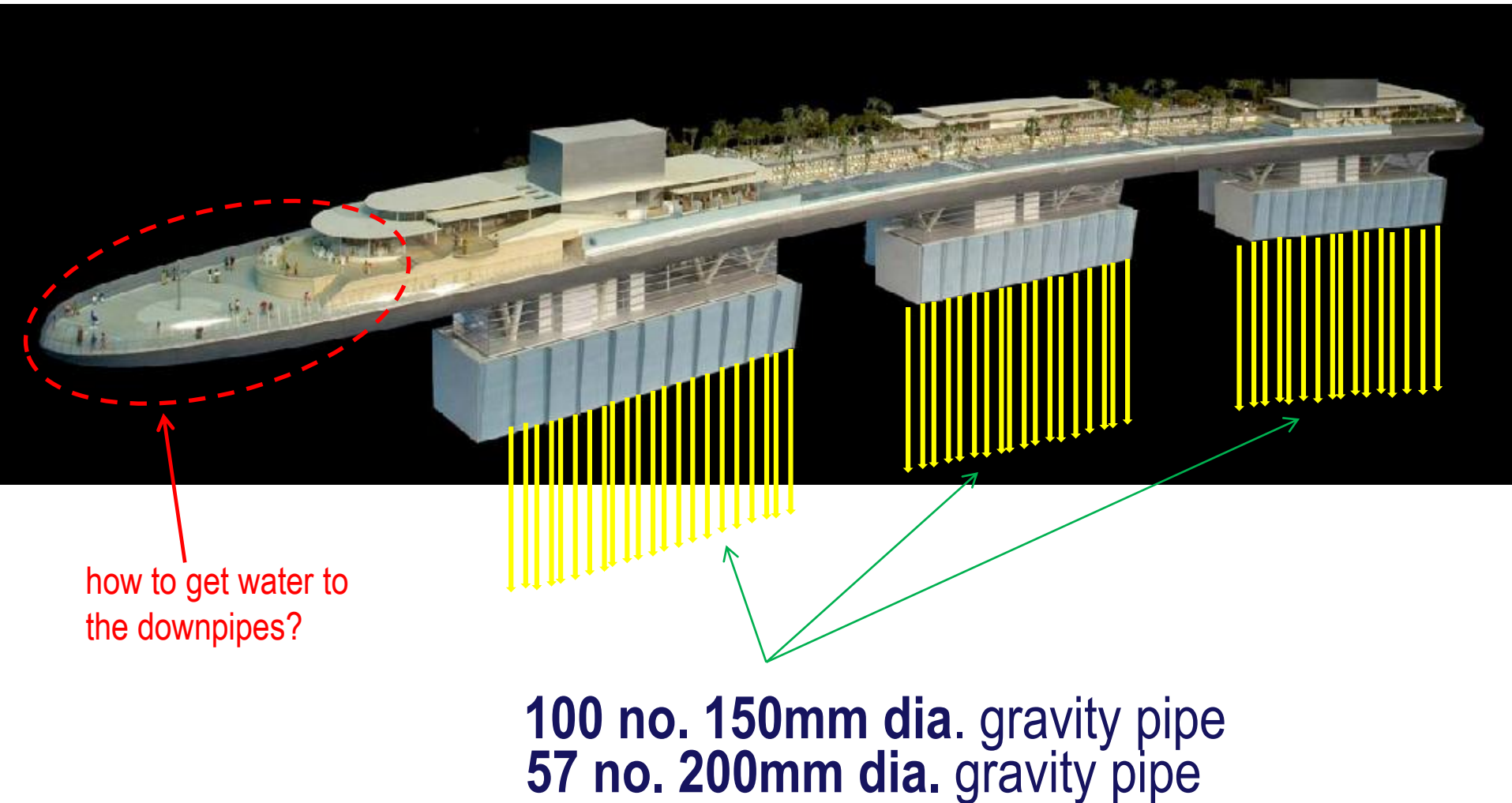
Catchment area of 12,500 sqm

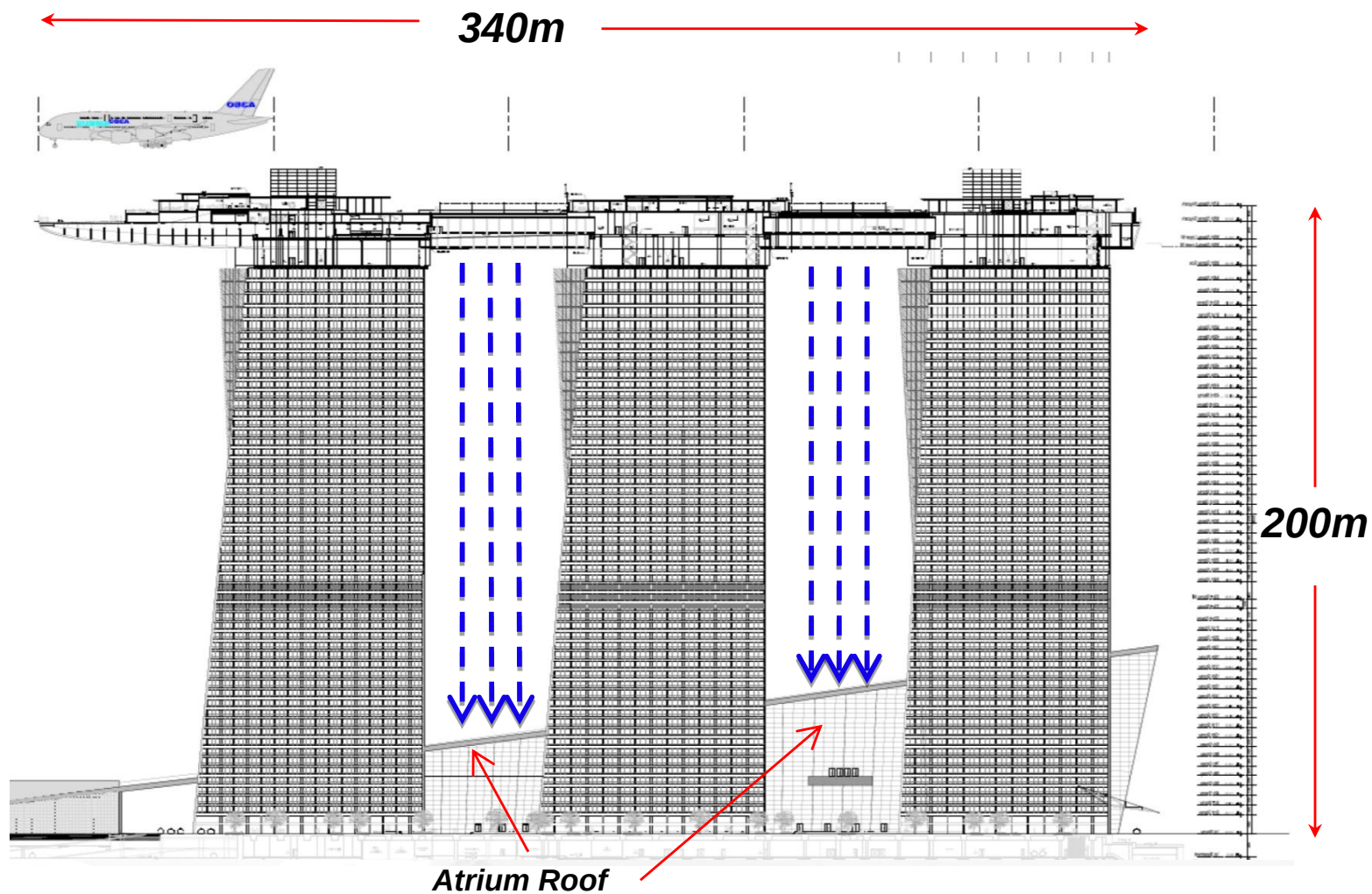
Flow rate of 1,145 l/s at design
rainfall intensity of 330mm/hr

200m above street level

Approx. 40m wide by 340m long

Gravity System

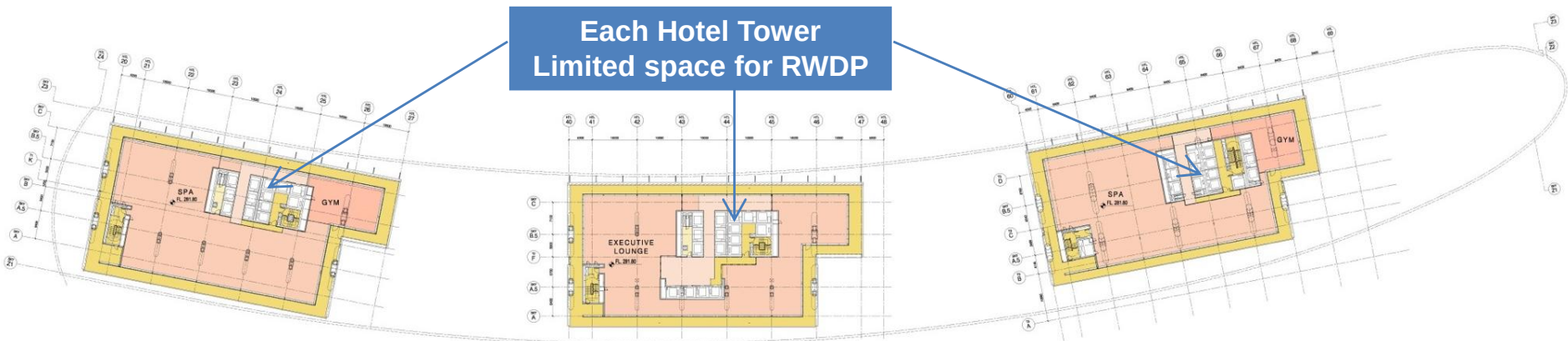




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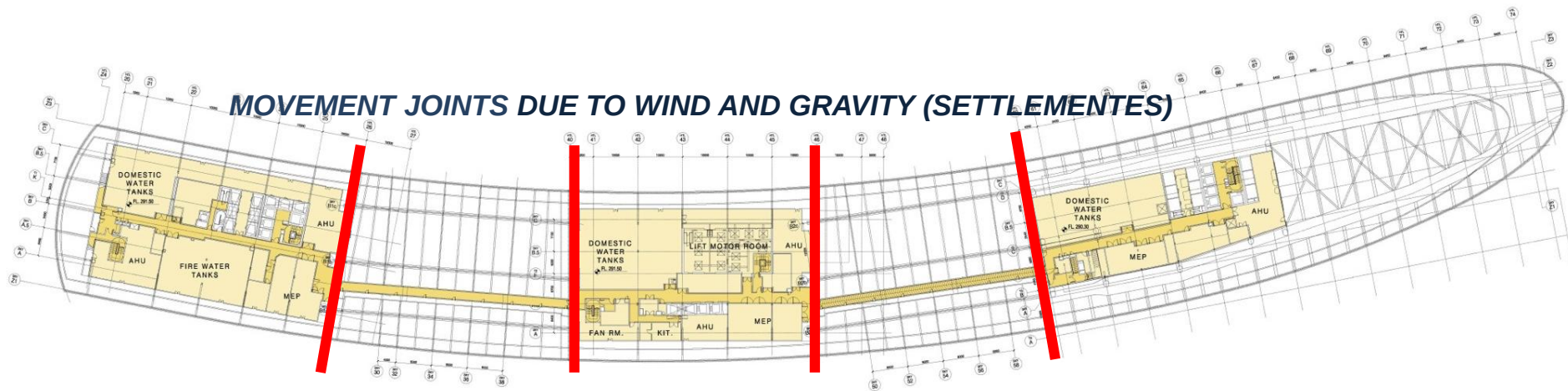


Structure for 3 Hotel Blocks 80-90% completed in July 2009



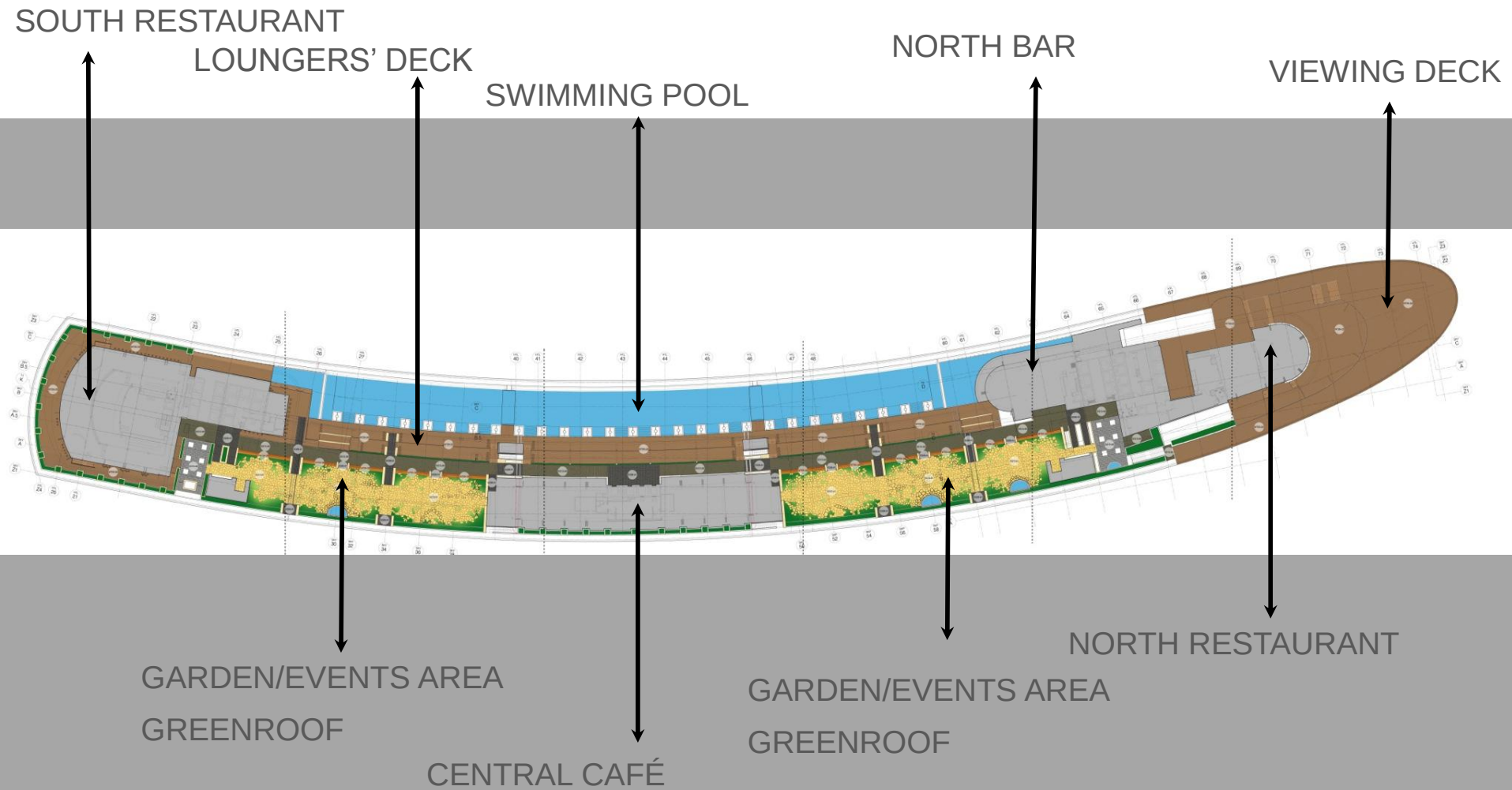
L55: 281.8m

BUILDING STRUCTURE CONSTRAINT



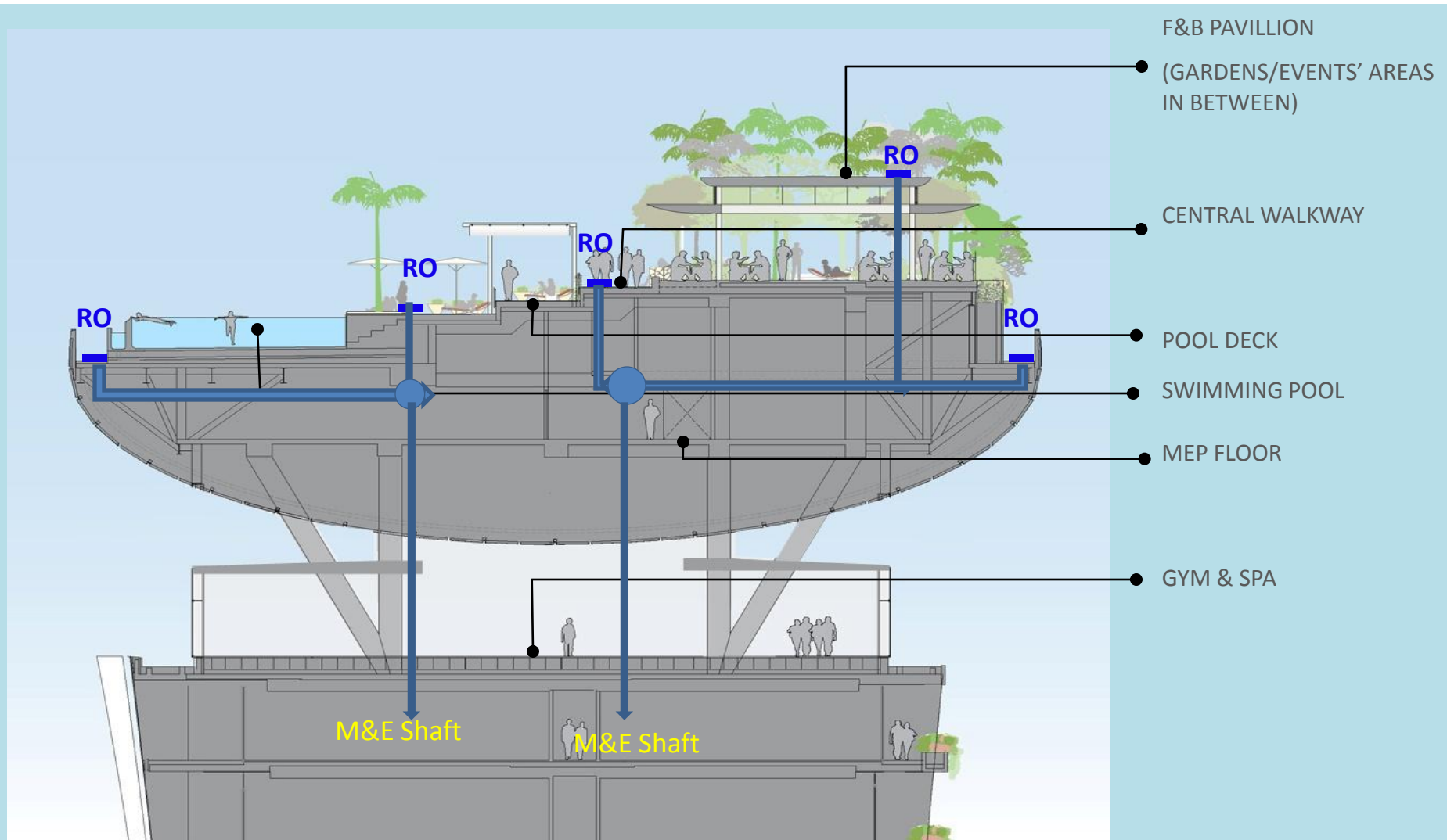
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MOVEMENT JOINTS BETWEEN TOWERS

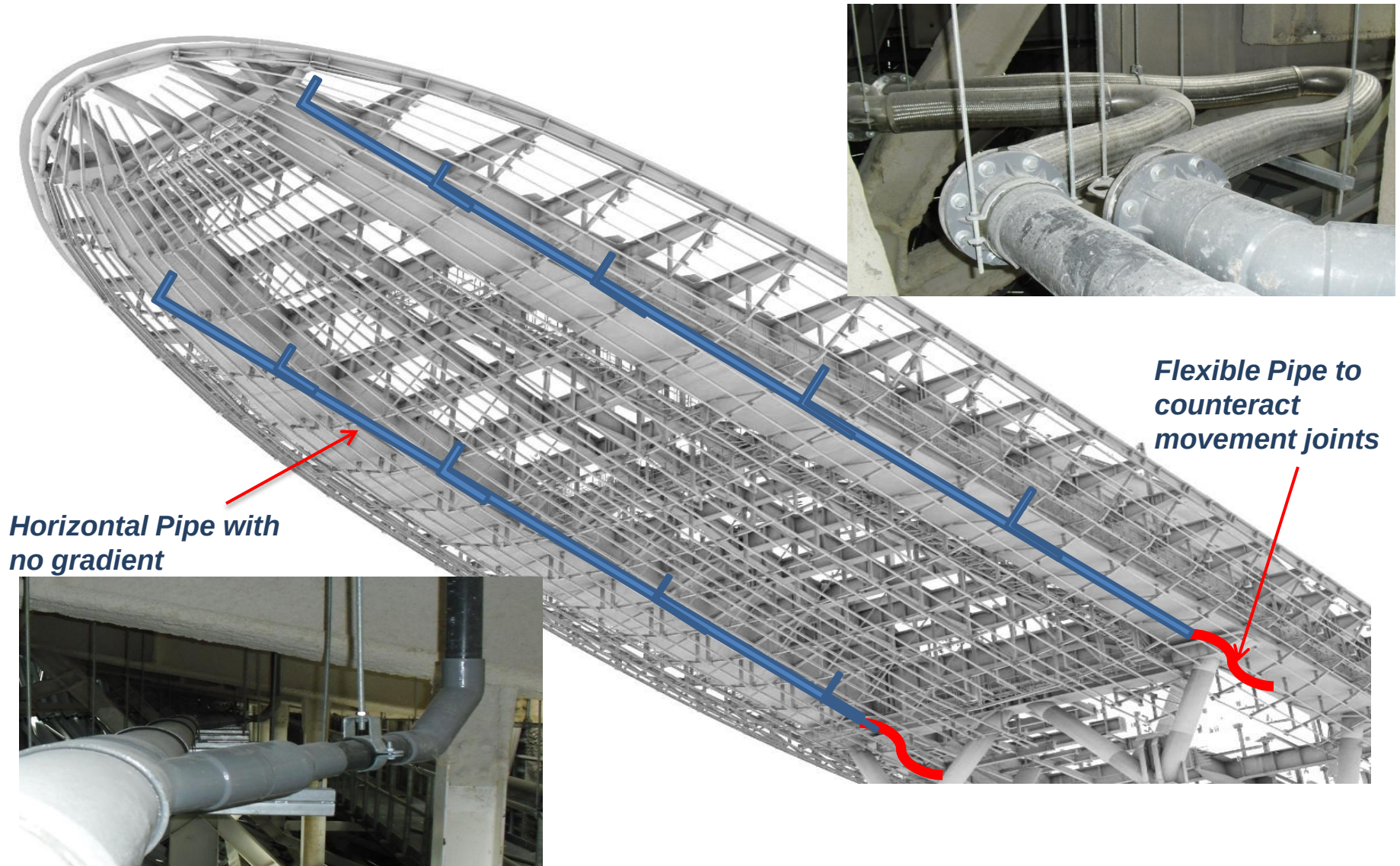


INTERFACING GREEN ROOF DRAINAGE WITH SIPHONIC DRAINAGE

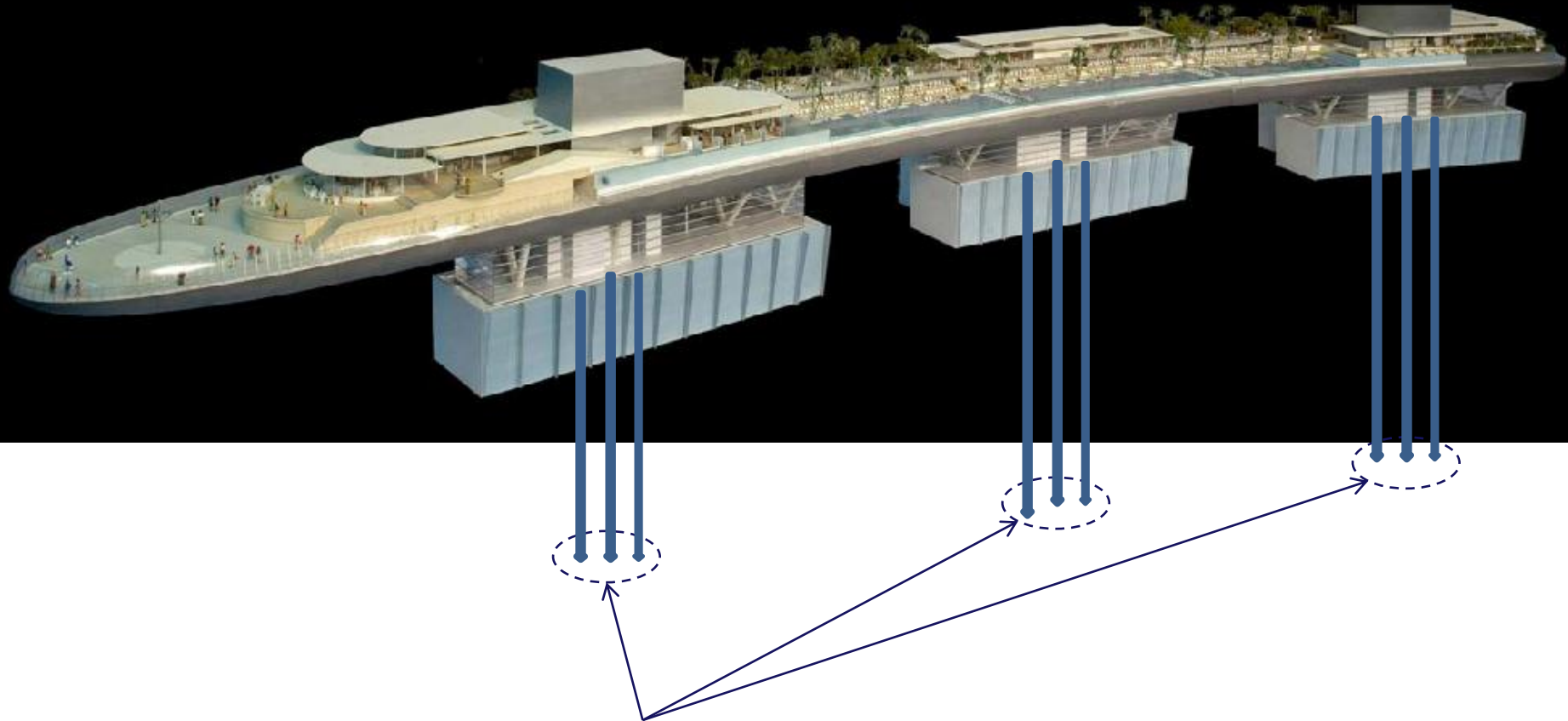
Siphonic System



Siphonic System



Siphonic System Solution

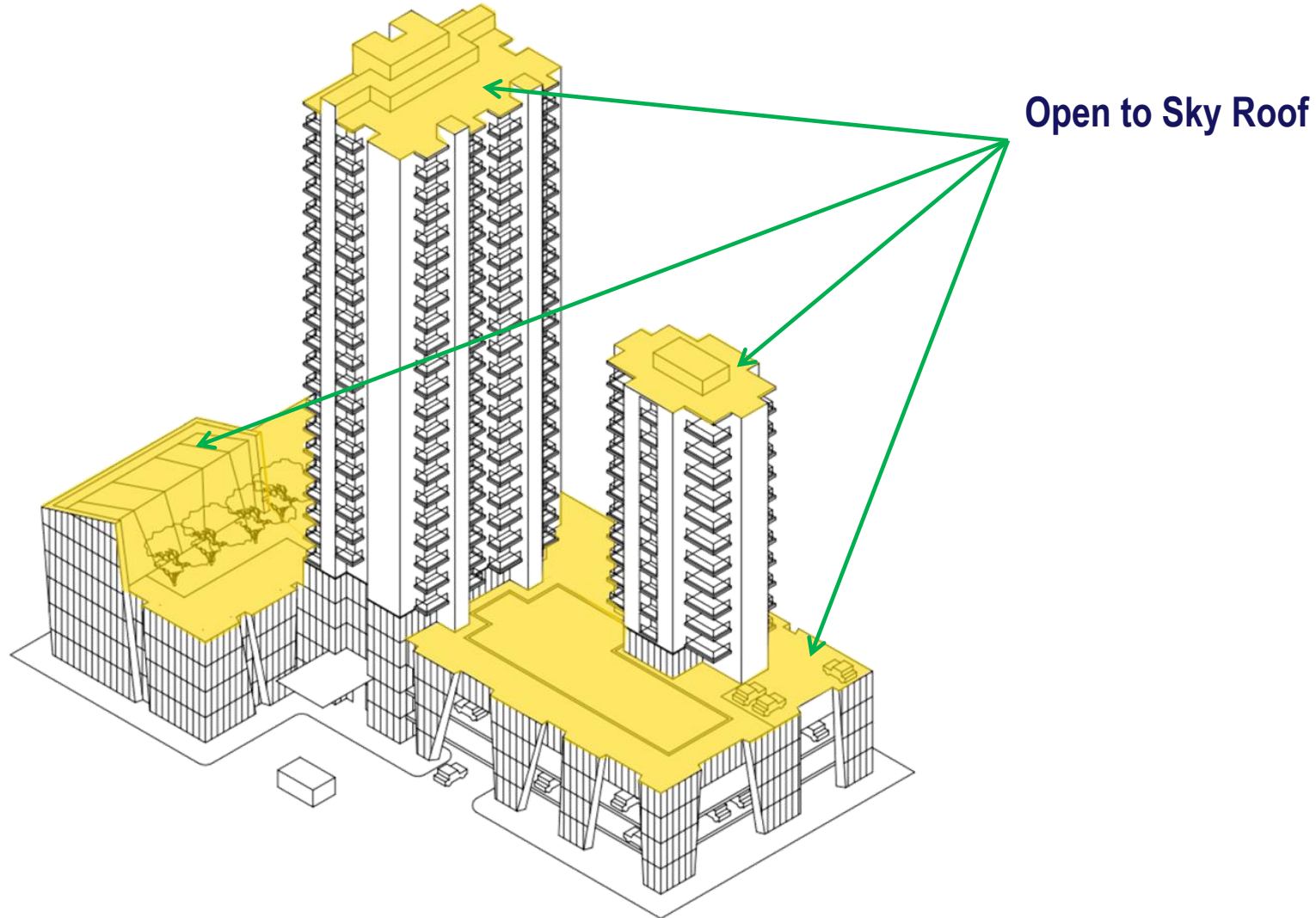


9 no. 150mm dia. Siphonic Stack

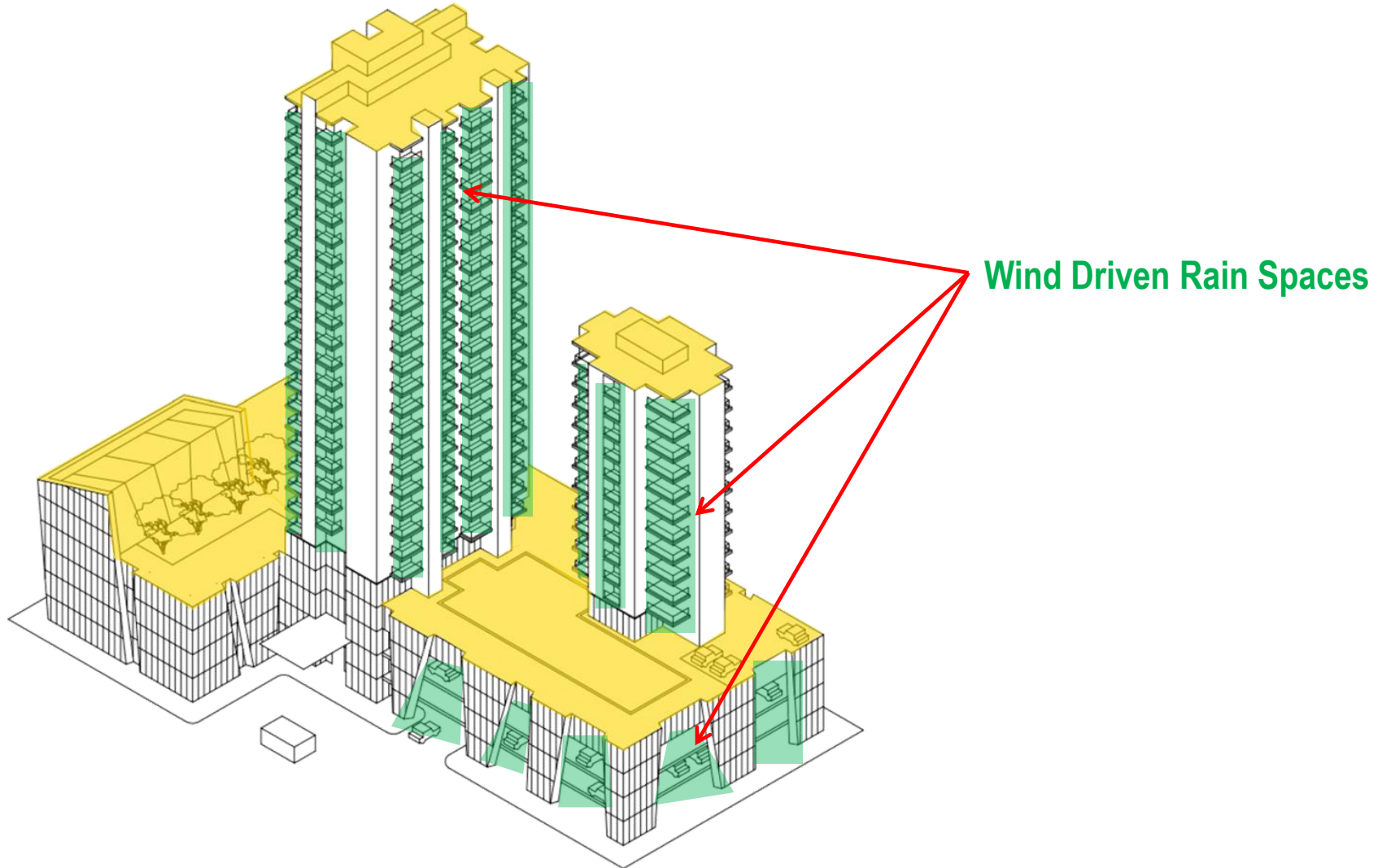
An abstract graphic on a dark blue background. In the top left, a white cloud-like shape composed of overlapping semi-circles is shown. White, teardrop-shaped raindrops are falling from the cloud. Below the rain, a stylized building is depicted using a series of vertical, overlapping semi-circular shapes in white and dark blue, creating a sense of depth and architectural structure. The text 'What are 'Wind-Driven Rain Spaces'?' is positioned to the right of the building and rain, in a white, bold, sans-serif font.

What are 'Wind-Driven Rain Spaces'?

Open to Sky Roof



Wind Driven Rain Spaces

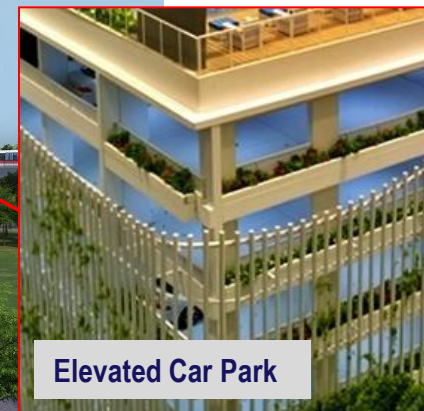


What are Wind-Driven Rain Spaces?



- Balconies
- Sky bridges
- Recreation areas
- Multi-storey car parks
- Lobbies
- Corridors
- Canopies
- Mechanical Rooms

What are Wind-Driven Rain Spaces?



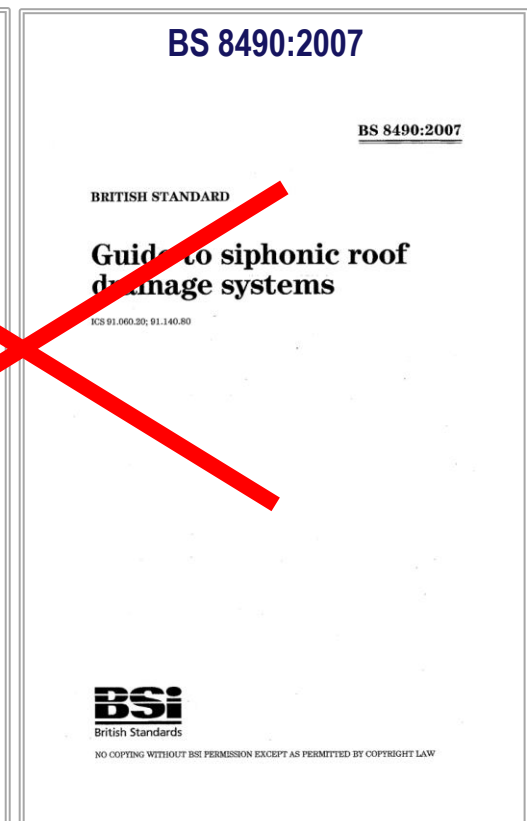
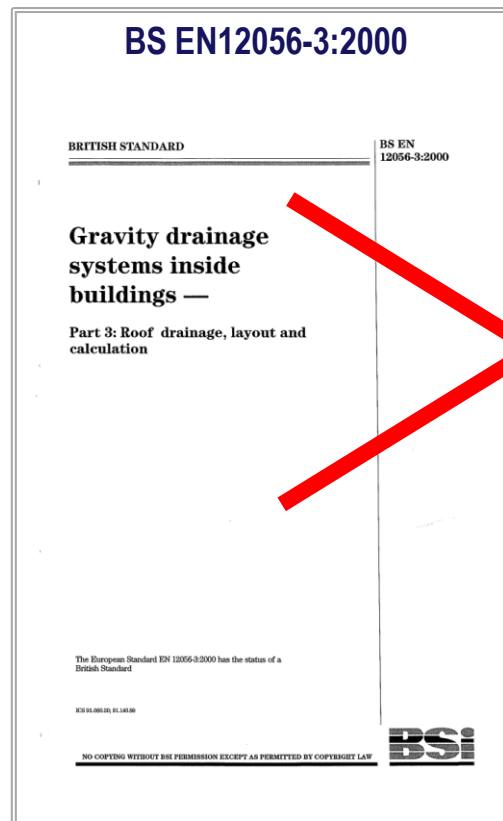
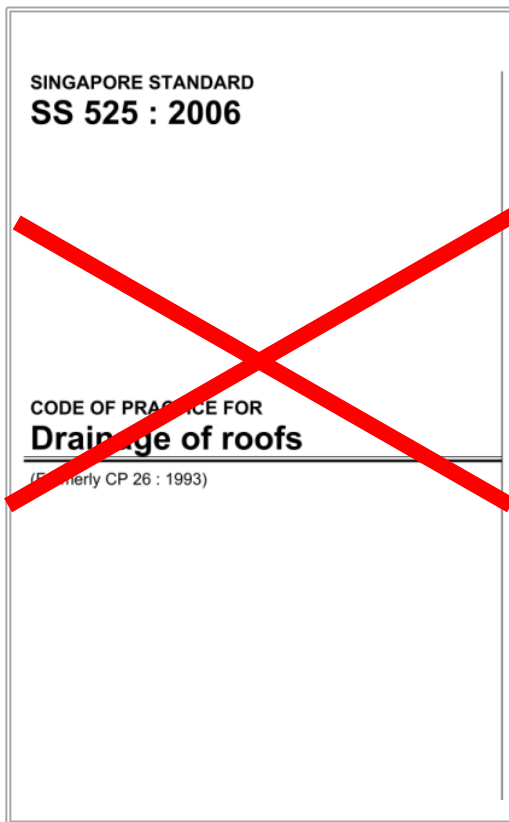


Wind-Driven Rain Spaces

Definition:

‘Spaces which have at least one external façade which is unprotected from wind-driven rain making them susceptible to an ingress of water into that space.’

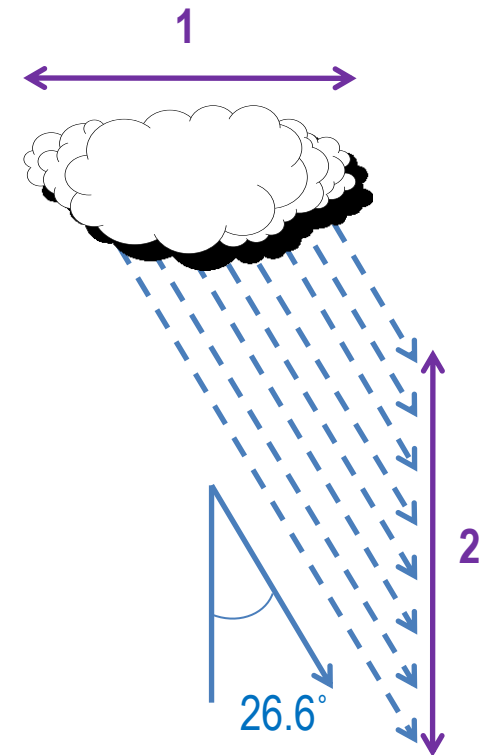
What are the Standards and Codes that regulates the Rainwater Drainage of Wind-Driven Rain Spaces?



NO CODES – NO STANDARDS

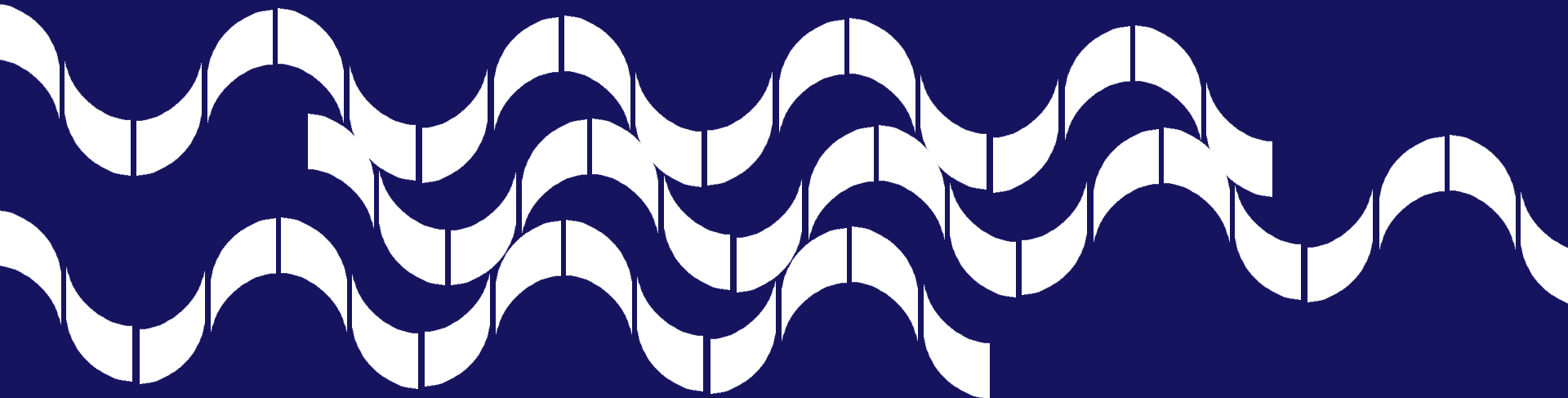
What is Wind-Driven Rain?

- *Wind driven rain (or driving rain) is one of the most important sources of moisture affecting building facades.*
- *Many modern buildings are now designed with spaces which whilst effectively covered are subject to wind-driven rain.*



See Clause 6.1.4 of SS525

How Much Wind-Driven Rain Are We Talking about?

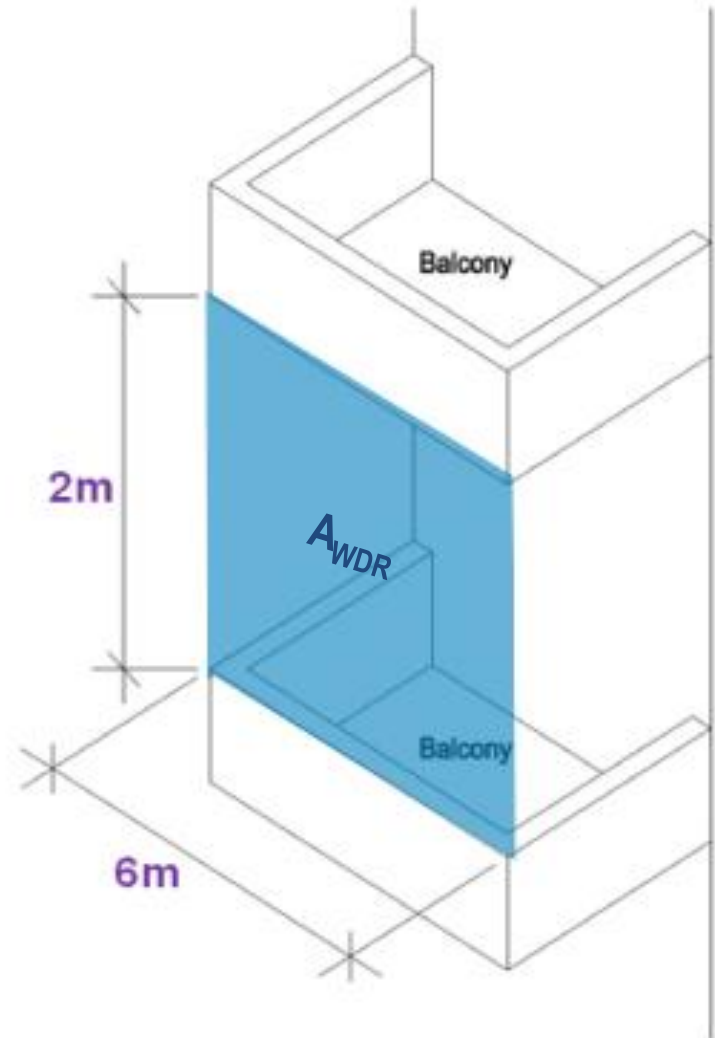


Catchment Area

- The diagram on the right shows the most commonly accepted definition of the vertical catchment area.
- Fast Flow has been using and promoting this concept over the last 12 years.
- It is accepted in Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Australia, Indonesia, India and Turkey.

A_{WDR} : vertical catchment area

(The max vertical opening area in any one plane of any Wind-Driven Rain Space which has an ingress of rainwater to that space)

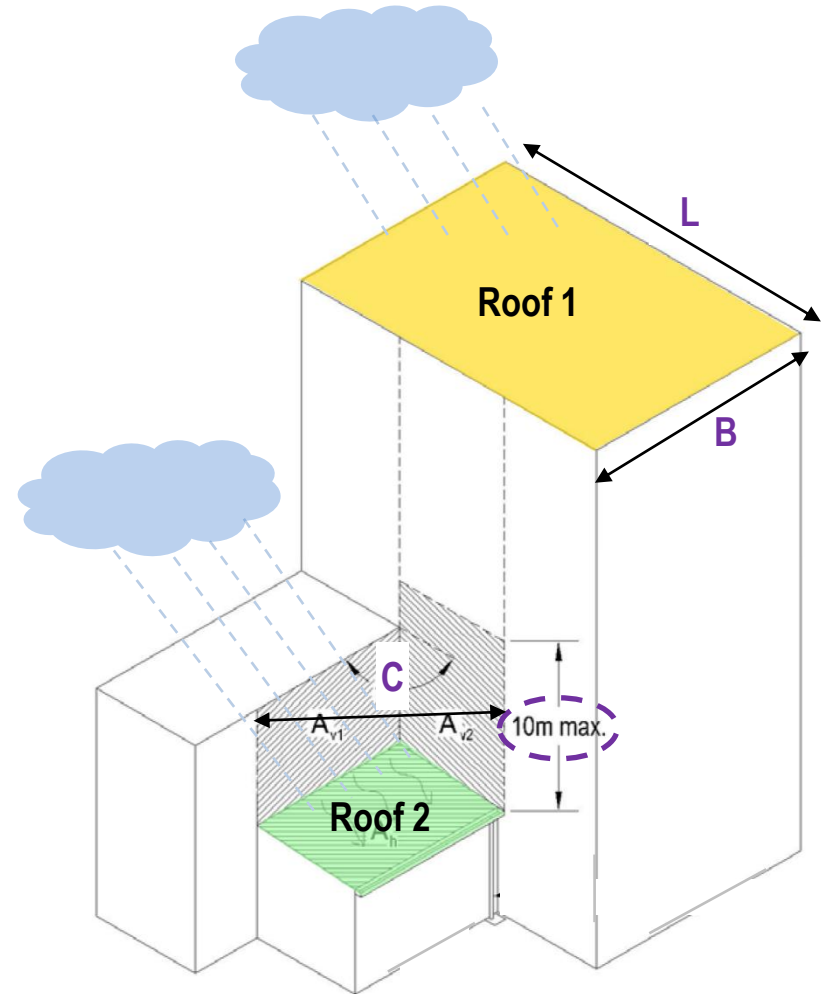


Rainfall Intensity

The rainfall intensity to be adopted in Wind-Driven Rain calculation should be assessed on the basic principles of SS525.

NOTE:

Balconies are sensitive areas. If water enters residential property the consequences can be significant. Adopting the same Rainfall Intensity as the roof has its logic but **RISK** must be assessed.



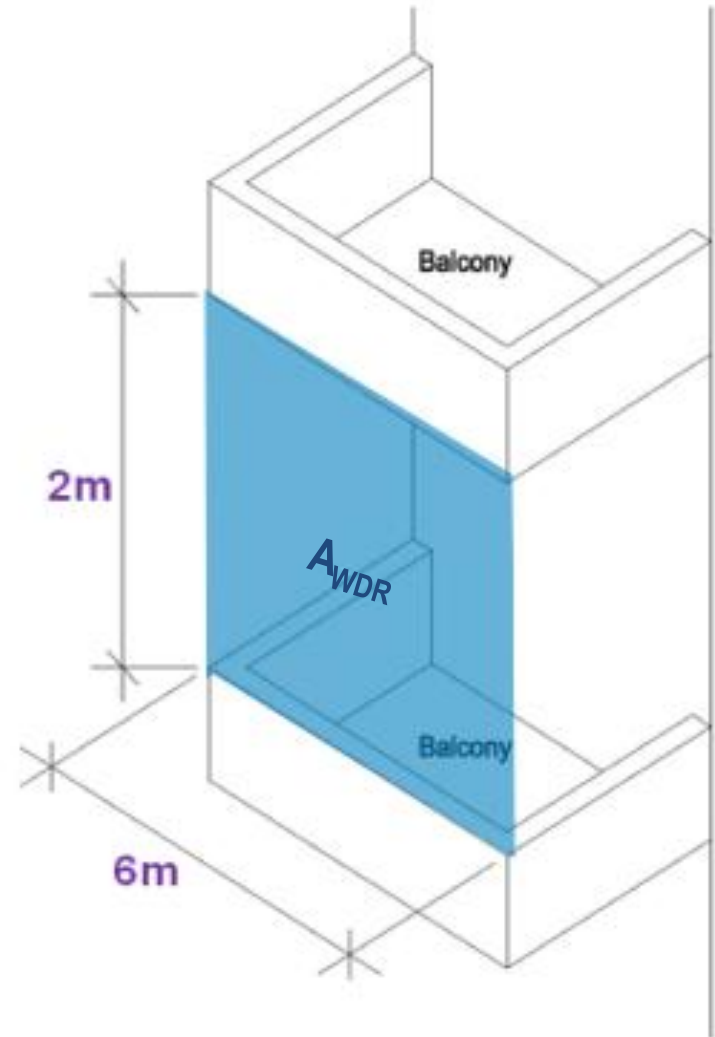
Rate of Run-Off

$$Q_{WDR} = \frac{F_R \times A_{WDR} \times I}{3600}$$

where

Q_{WDR} : rate of run-off

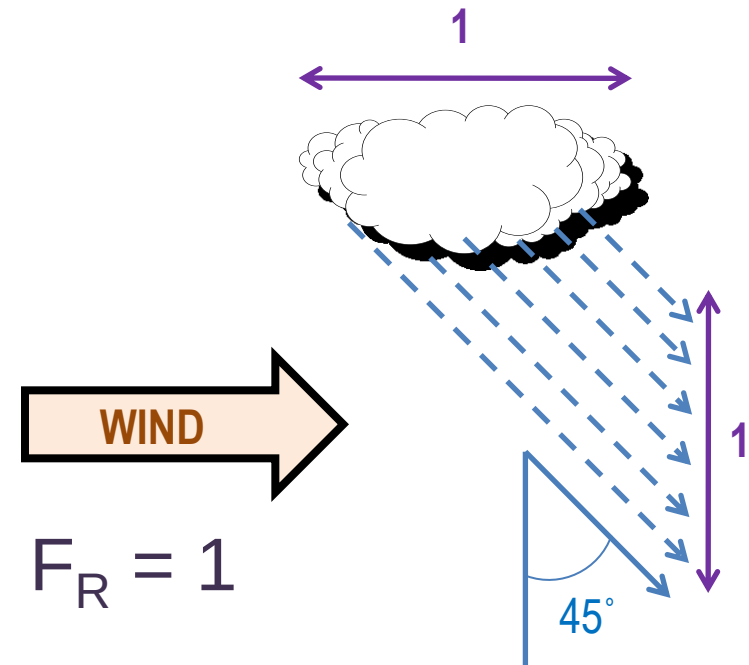
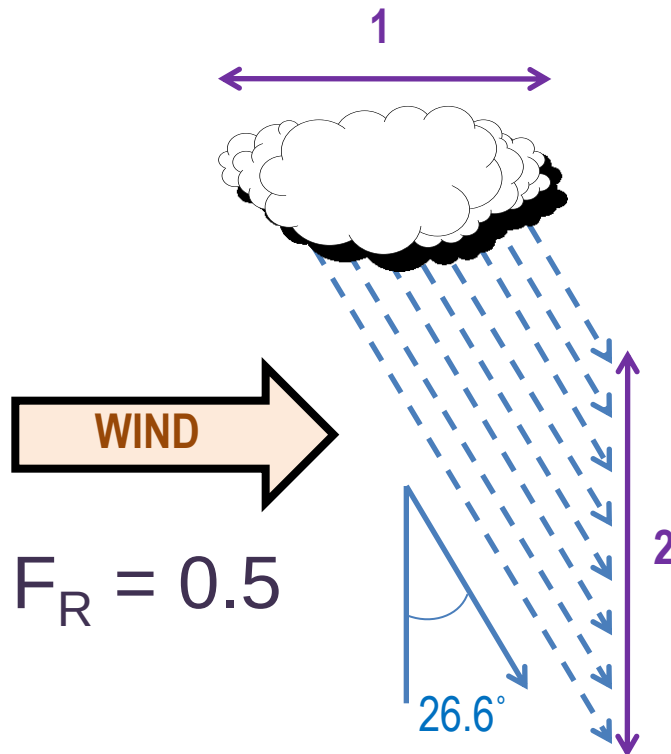
(The amount of water that will required to be drained from each and every Wind-Driven Rain Space)



What is the Factor of Risk (F_R)

The Factor of Risk (F_R) is based on the concept of what angle the rain will fall at. In SS525 a factor of 0.5 is applied to elevation drainage which is deemed to fall onto adjacent roof areas. This factor is derived from the rain falling at 26.6° .

However, rain falling at only 45° raises the F_R to 1.



Factor of Risk – What F_R should we use?

- F_R varies with height of building

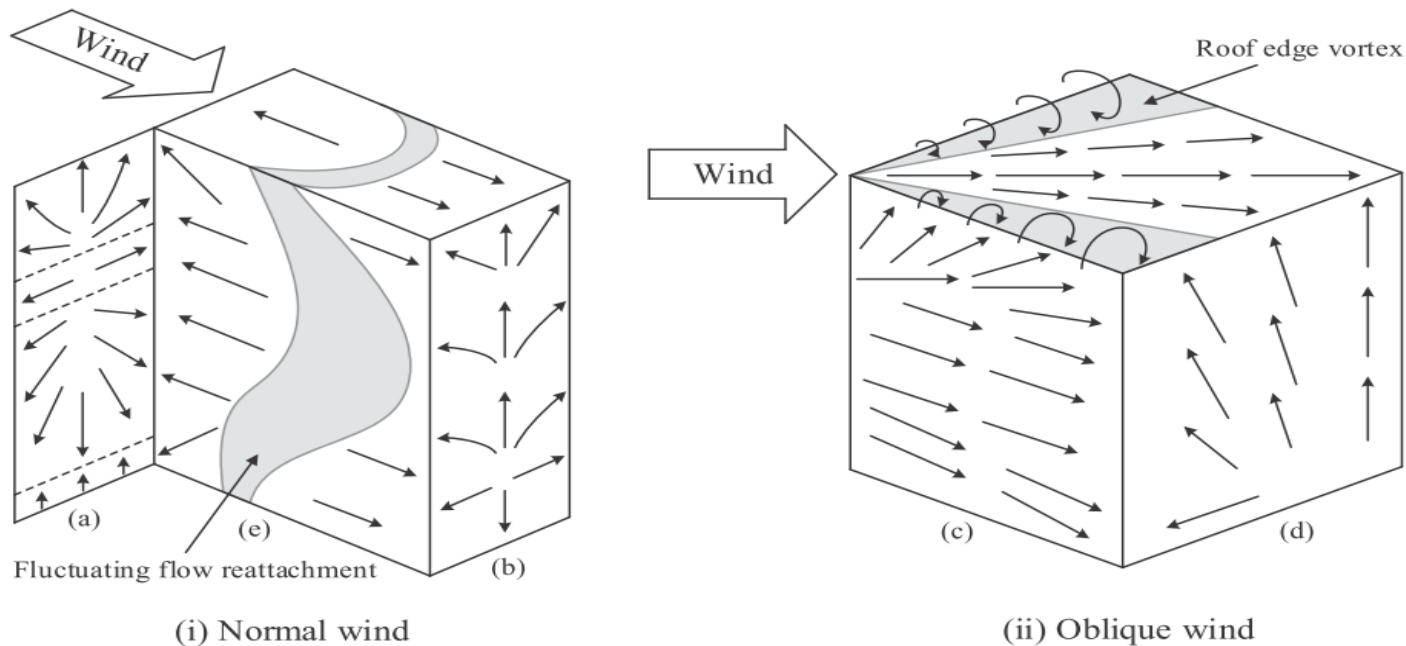
Wind velocity increases with the increase of height.



Variation of wind velocity with height

Factor of Risk – What F_R should we use?

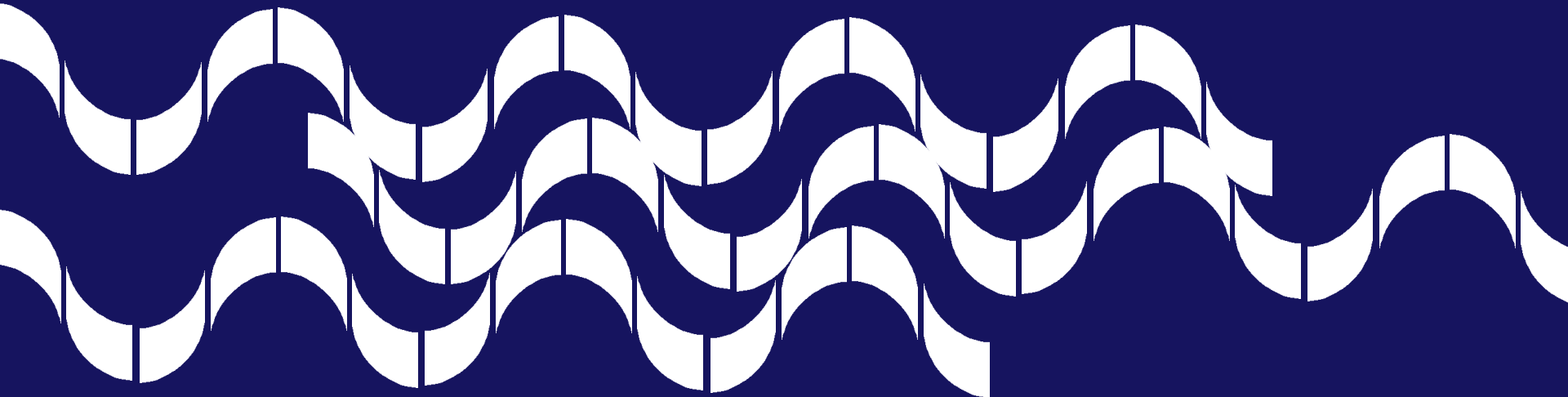
- F_R varies with shape of building and wind orientation



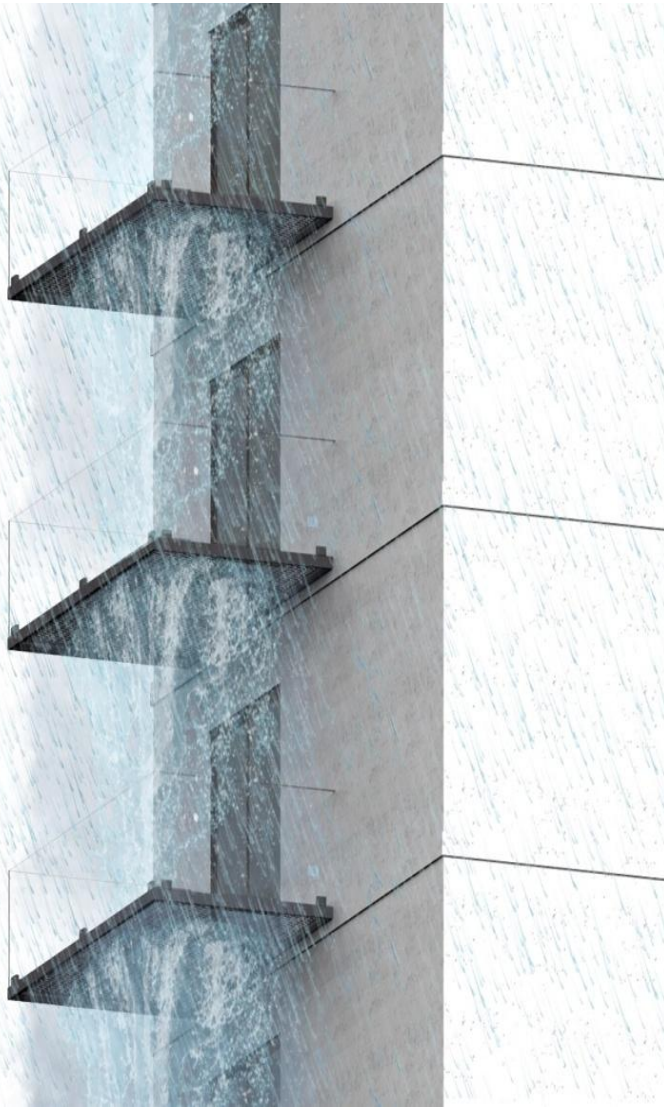
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How is Rainwater Drained from these Spaces?



Solution 1: Perforated Balcony Floor



Solution 2: Scupper



Solution 3: Break Vent

It has been adopted in some low to medium rise buildings.

But it has many concerns and limitations.

1. Concealment v. Aesthetics
2. Maintenance v. Concealment
3. Capacity



Some of the Break Vent systems currently being used in the Market Place



Malaysia and Singapore

**Neither of these SYSTEM carry any test data
nor have been VALIDATED**



Singapore HDB

Solution 4: Linked Vertical Stack

It is the most used for high-rise. There is however a major misconception of how this solution works. It has evolved from historical practice, maybe 'rule of thumb' or 'best guess' approach.

But it has

'No Basis in Engineering'.

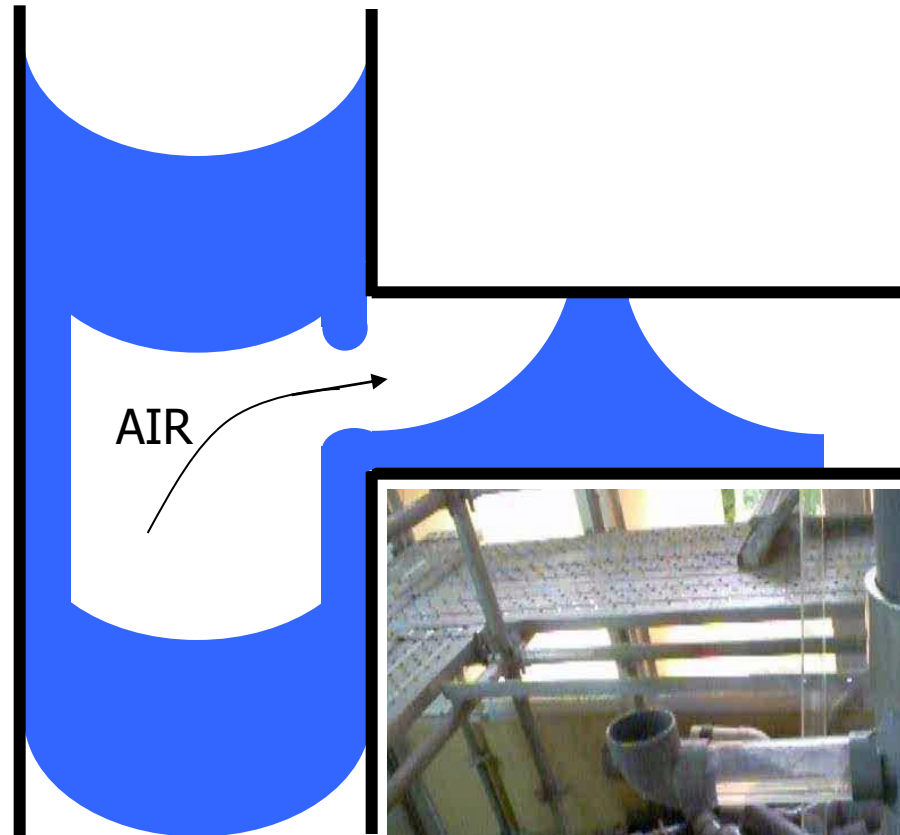




Why does this happen?

- Water Plug Forms
- Air escapes through easiest path the branches
- It brings along water with it

Results in **BACKFLOW!**



Test Report Reference. 54S070713/EPK
dated 12 FEB 2007



TEST RESULTS:

1. Pipe Junction: 75 x 50mm Standard Tee

Q (l/s)	Observations
0.0 - 2.2	No spouting of water from backflow pipe observed.
2.3	Minor spouting of water from backflow pipe observed.
3.4	Regular spouting of water from backflow pipe observed.
> 3.6	Major spouting of water from backflow pipe observed. (see Photo 1)



Photo 1: Spouting of water from backflow pipe

The capacity of a 75mm vertical stack (with 50mm branch) is 2.2 l/sec.

Test Report Reference. 54S070713/EPK
dated 12 FEB 2007



TEST RESULTS (CONTINUED):

2. Pipe Junction: 100 x 50mm Standard Tee

Q (l/s)	Observations
0.0 - 1.9	No spouting of water from backflow pipe observed.
2.0	Minor spouting of water from backflow pipe observed.
3.0	Regular spouting of water from backflow pipe observed.
> 4.0	Major spouting of water from backflow pipe observed. Water often fills up to the rim of backflow pipe. (see Photo 2)



Photo 2: Spouting of water from backflow pipe

The capacity of a 100mm vertical stack (with 50mm branch) is 2 l/sec.

**Siphonic is an Engineered solution for
draining Roof Areas.**

**Can Wind-Driven Rain Spaces have an
Engineered solution too?**



Sky Habitat,
Singapore



The Interlace,
Singapore



ICON Residence,
Malaysia



Magnolias Ratchadamri Boulevard,
Thailand



Jewel Gold Coast,
Australia



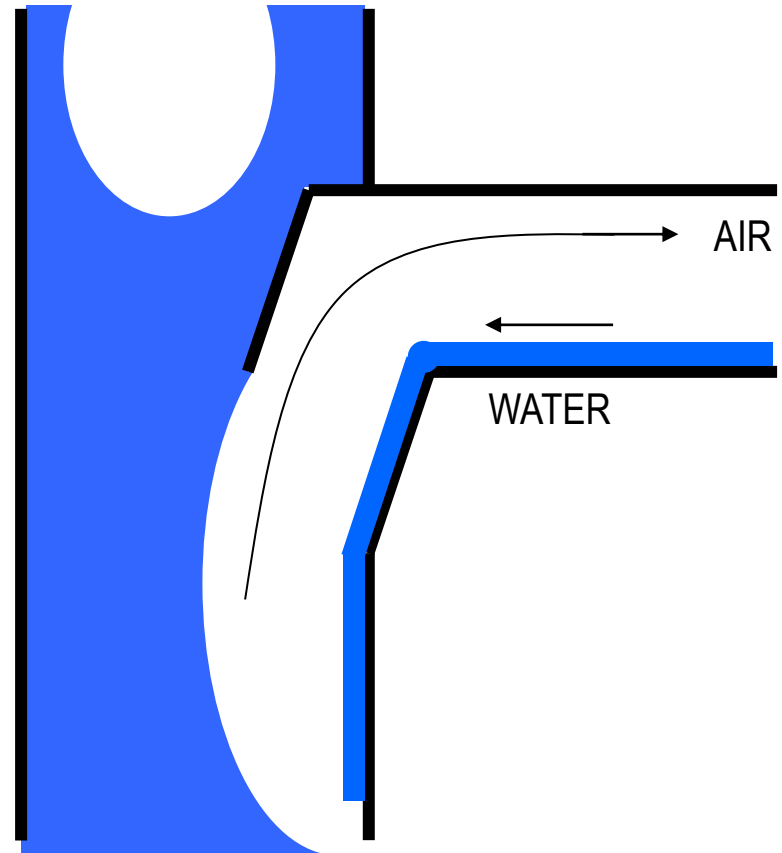
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An Engineered Solution

- All of the Projects shown on the previous slides have used the **PRESSURISED SYSTEM**.
- The Pressurised System has been draining Wind-Driven Rain Spaces since 2007.
- The Pressurised System was the result of intensive Research and Development with final testing and **VALIDATION by TUV** in 2007.
- Technology Patent was applied for in 2007 and the first Patent was granted in 2009 in Singapore.
- It is the only **ENGINEERED** system in the world for wind driven rain spaces.

HOW IT WORKS?

- Water Plug is intentionally formed
- Water is forced through the nozzle
- Water is discharged at high velocity
- Allows clear passage for air to escape
 - ➔ No backflow through branch pipe
- Allows water to enter through the branch

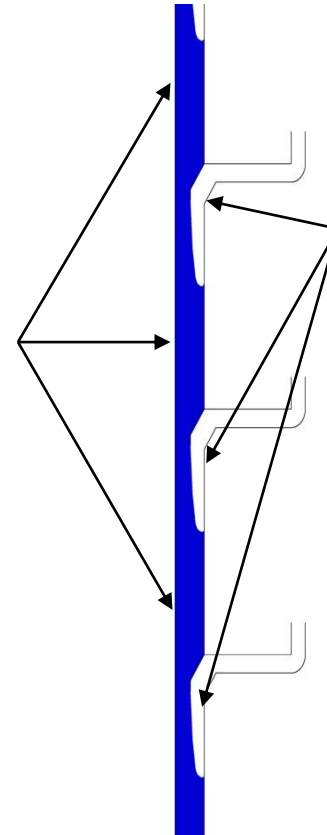


psVent™

Prevent pressure fluctuation

- Pressure in under-designed gravity stack is unstable and not predictable.
- psVent™ ensures that a controlled 2-phase flow (air & water) stack is stable.
- With this the stack capacity and pressure can be predicted and controlled.

Formation of standing water column above every nozzle



Pressure break below every nozzle of psVent™ where water jets into air space releasing the pressure

The image shows a close-up of industrial machinery. A large, dark, circular component, possibly a wheel or a part of a conveyor system, is prominent in the upper right. Below it, a conveyor belt or a similar transport mechanism is visible, carrying a dark, granular material. The machinery is constructed from various metal parts, including a vertical support structure on the left. The overall scene is industrial and somewhat dimly lit.

psVent anti-backflow junction
Fast Flow Systems Pte Ltd

High Flow Capacity

- Controlled water column above every fitting
- Can achieve stack capacity of 20 l/s



Test Report Reference. 54S070713/EPK
dated 12 FEB 2007



TEST RESULTS (CONTINUED):

3. Pipe Junction: Ø75 Anti Backflow Junction

Setup: The Ø75 anti backflow junction consists of 3 backflow exit holes, with 2 of these exit holes sealed and the remaining exit hole connected to the backflow pipe.

Q (l/s)	Observations
0.0 - 20.0	No spouting of water from backflow pipe observed. No presence of water inside backflow pipe. Suction of air into the backflow pipe observed. (see Photo 4)



Photo 3: Water flow at 20l/s

Water flow along
main pipe at 20l/s



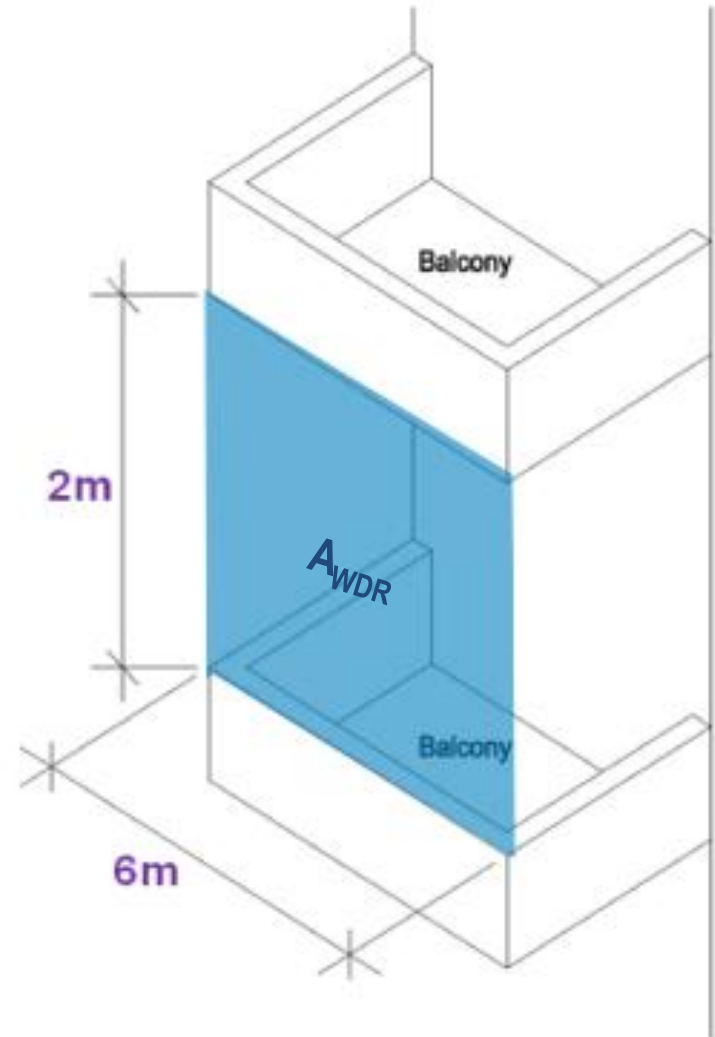
Photo 4: No presence of spouting of water
at backflow pipe at 20l/s

Rate of Run-Off

$$Q_{WDR} = \frac{F_R \times A_{WDR} \times I}{3600}$$

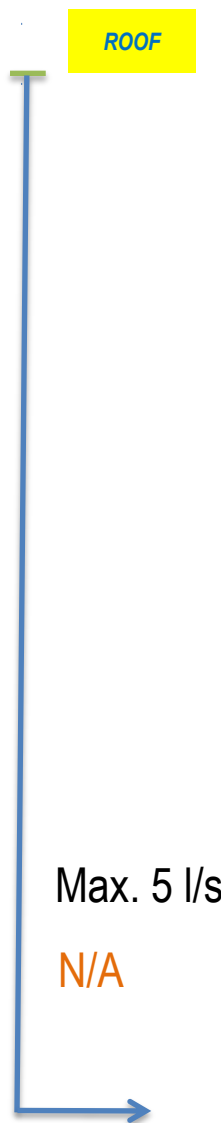
Illustration:

- $A_{WDR} = 2m \times 6m = 12m^2$
- If $I = 200mm/hr$ & $F_R = 0.5$
- $Q_{WDR} = 0.33 l/s$



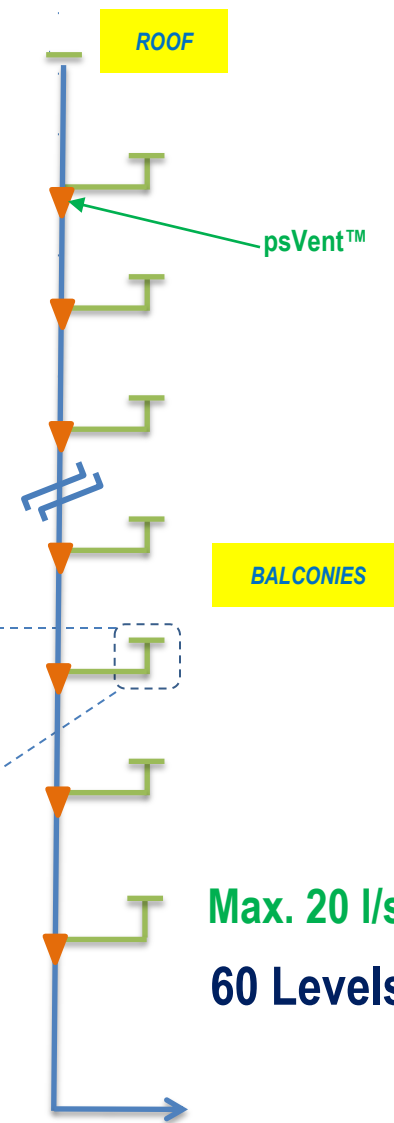
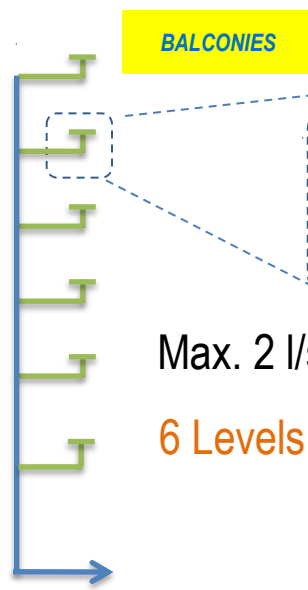
Capacity of Dia. 75mm Vertical Pipe

Gravity Flow



Pressurised System

Gravity Flow





Recommendations for Design of Wind-Driven Rain Spaces

- Architect/Designer/Specifier should develop a Specification based on Performance Requirements.
- Specification should invite proposals from Rainwater Specialists who can propose solutions which meet the Performance Requirements.
- Each solution must be based on Engineering Principles, must have been Tested and must carry a Certificate of VALIDATION.

Recommendations for Design of Wind-Driven Rain Spaces

- Develop a Wind Driven Rain RISK ASSESSMENT PLAN which acts as a Checklist for Risk Mitigation.
- Consider the merits and demerits of the various system available in the market
 - Tangible Benefits
 - Intangible Benefits
 - Cost Benefits



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Case Study: Wind-Driven Rain Spaces



CASE STUDY

The Interlace



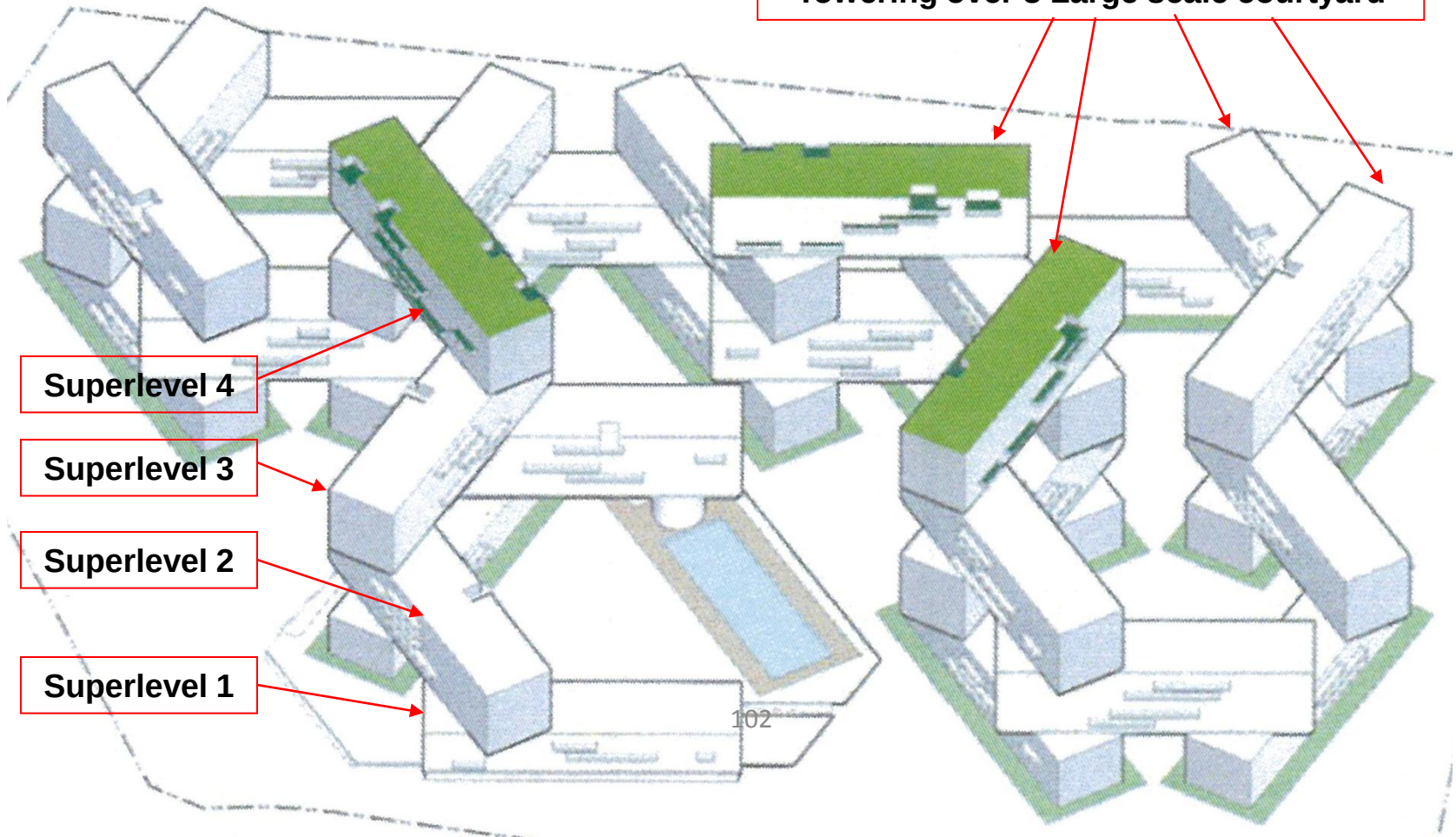
CASE STUDY on WDR

- **Complex building profile with limited common shafts and space constraint.**
- **Staggering and inconsistent balconies profile.**
- **Show-case the WDR drainage system**

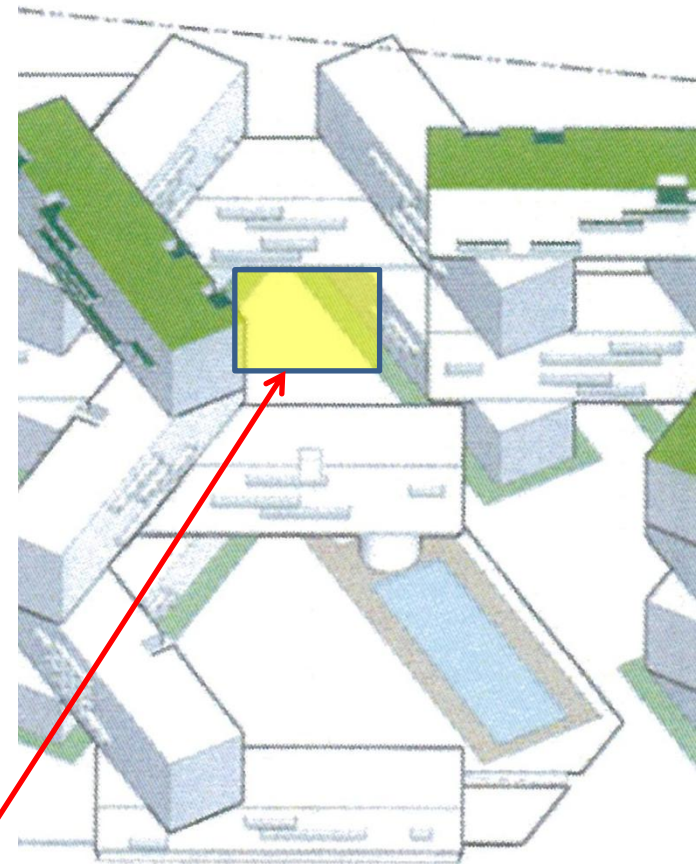
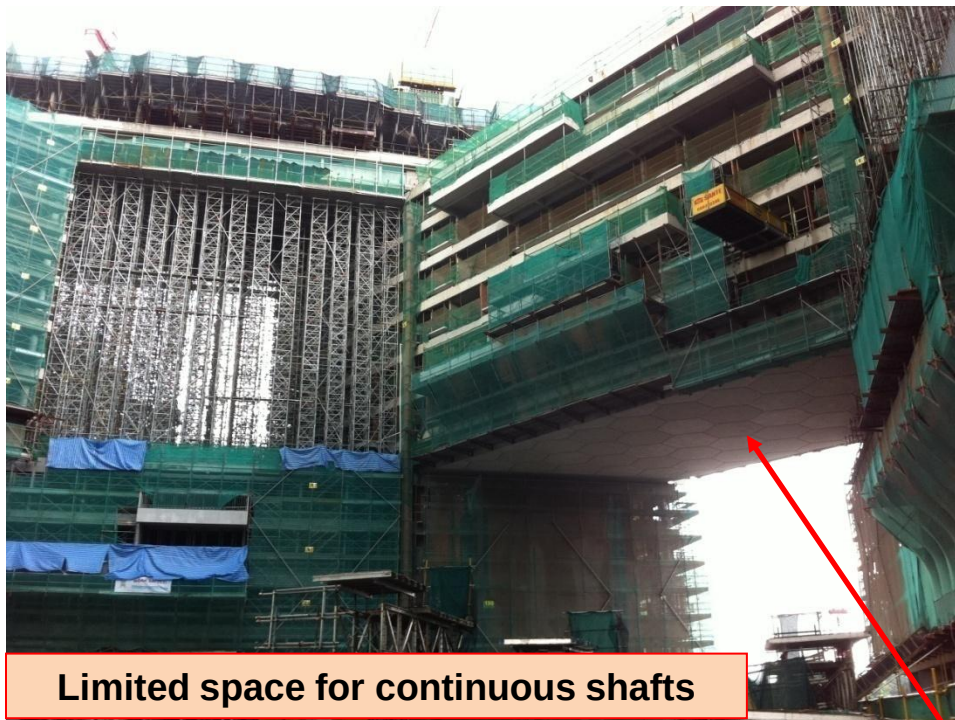


INTER-LOCKING BLOCK CONSTRAINT

Consists of 31 nos. of 6 Storey Blocks
Towering over 8 Large scale courtyard



INTER-LOCKING BLOCK CONSTRAINT



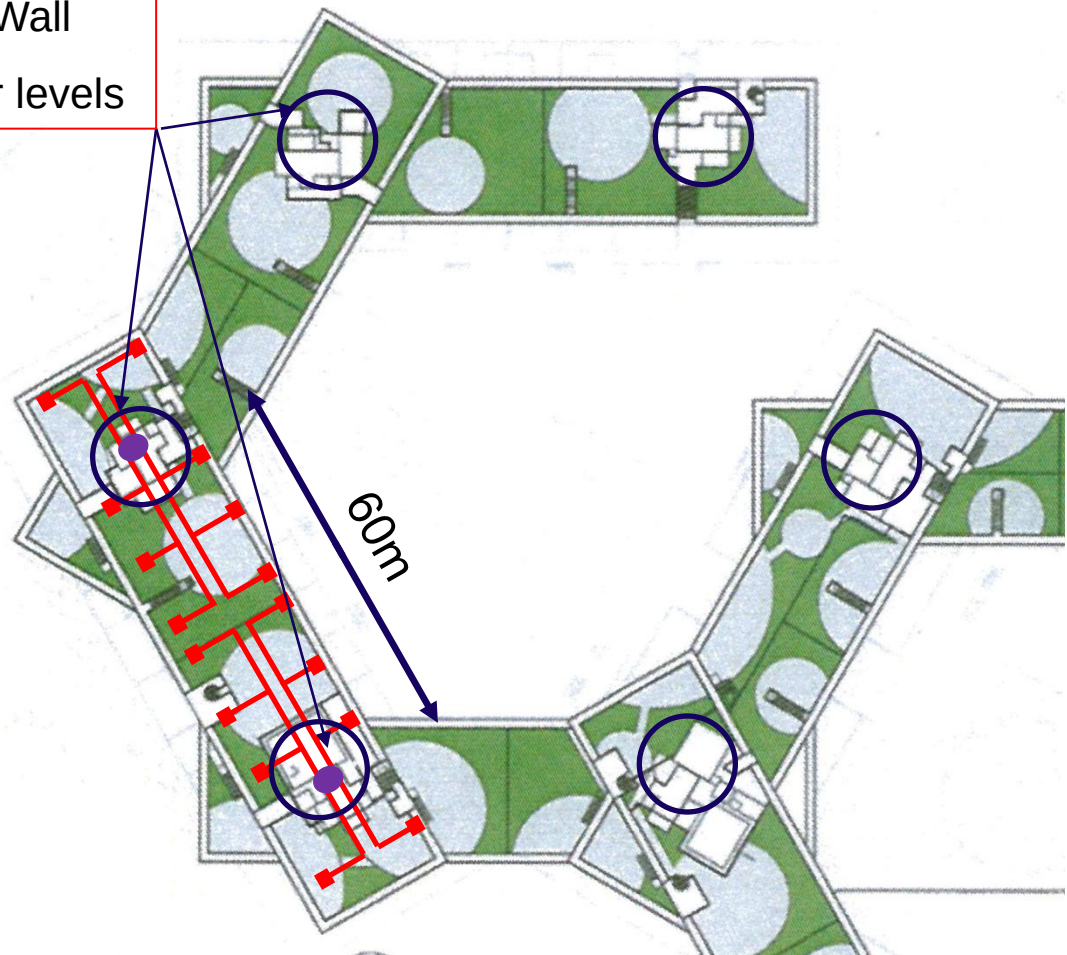
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Supported by 23 nos Common Core Wall
Continuous structure piercing 4 super levels

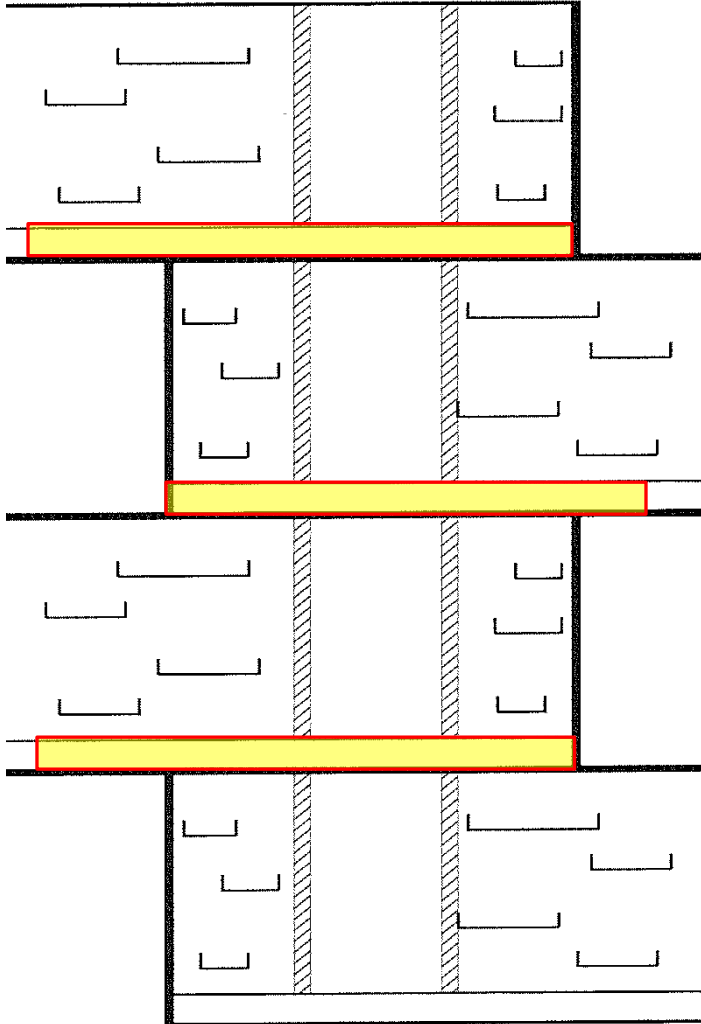


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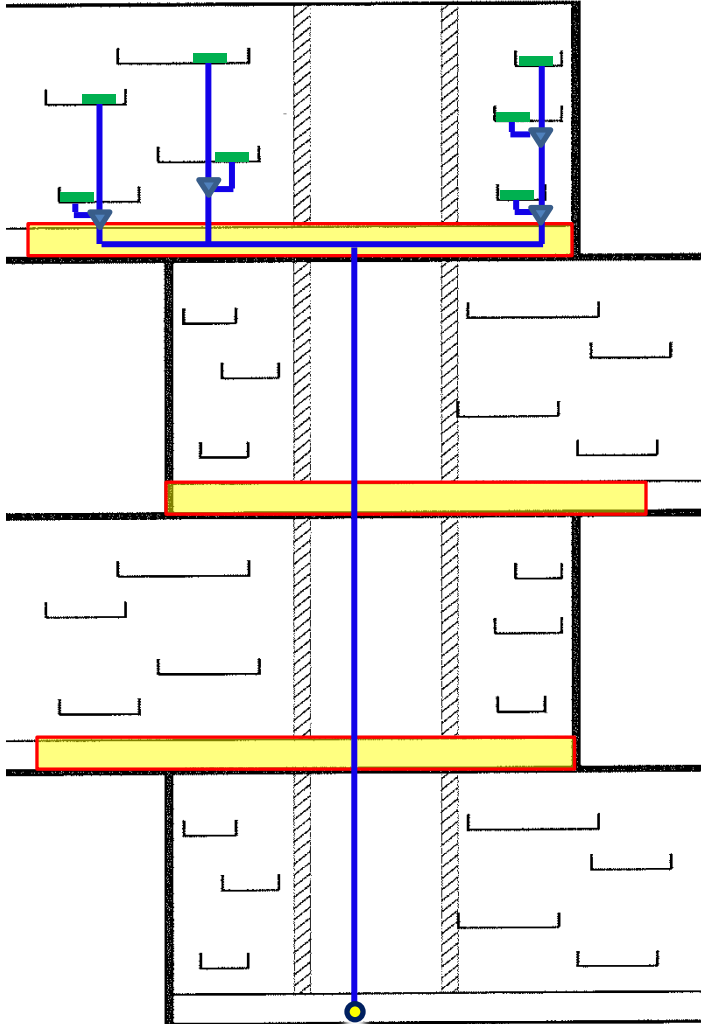
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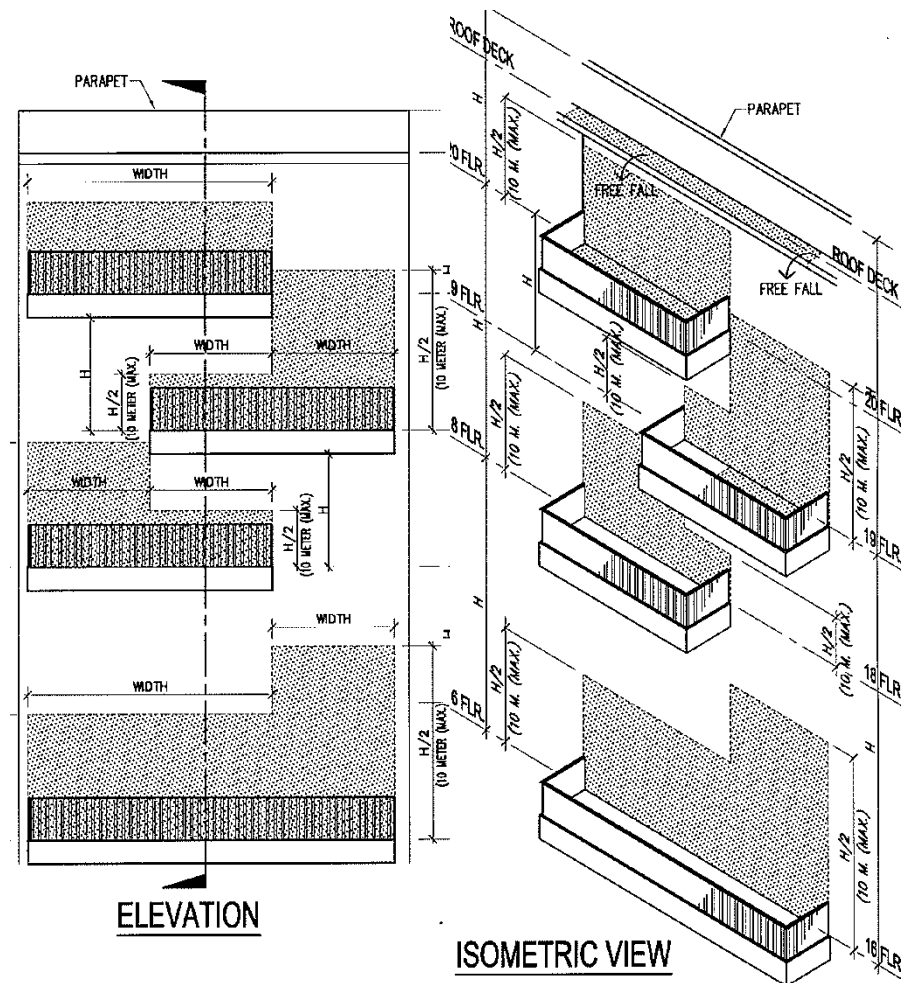
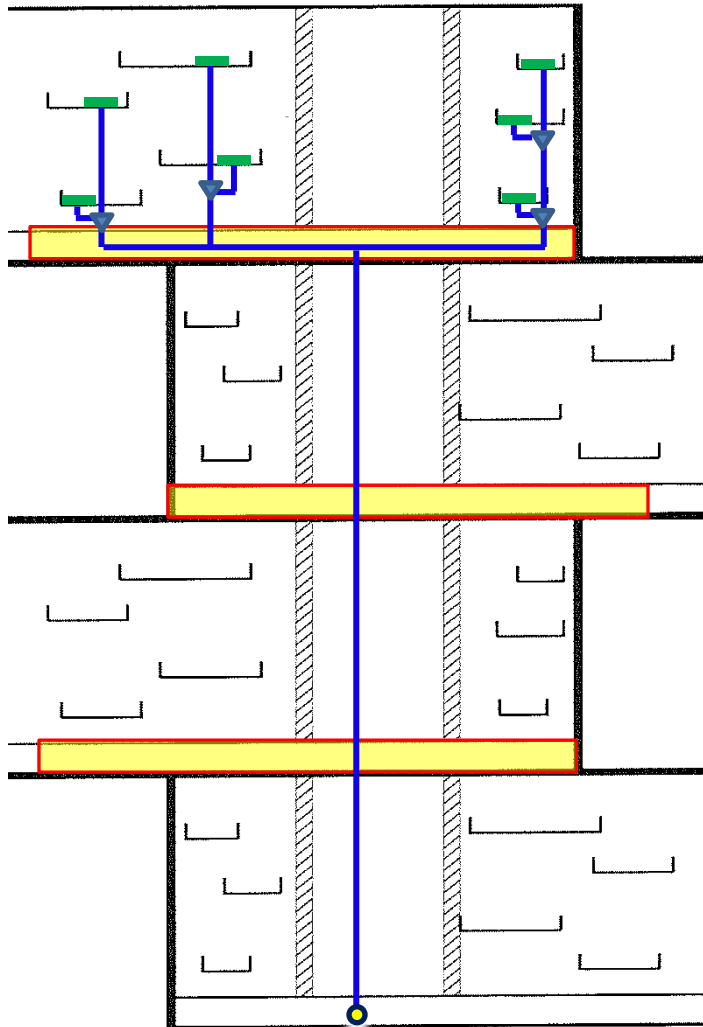
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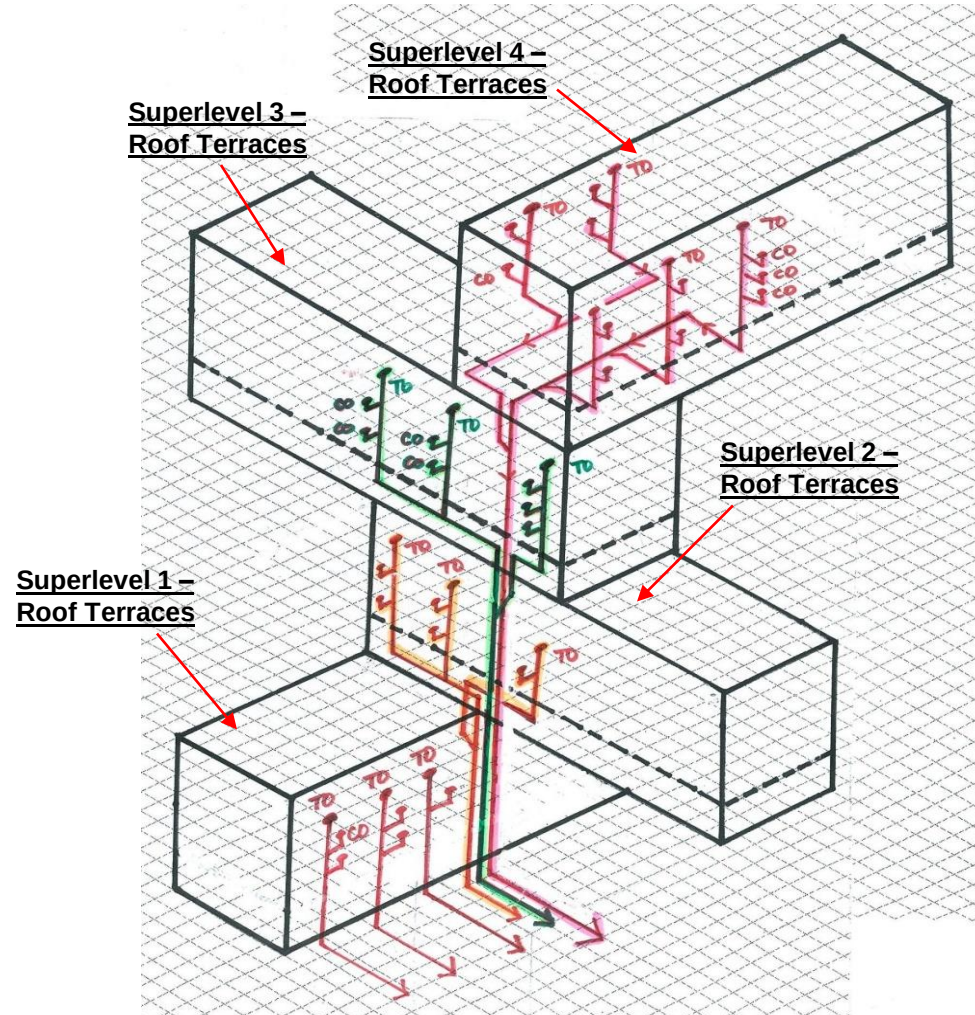
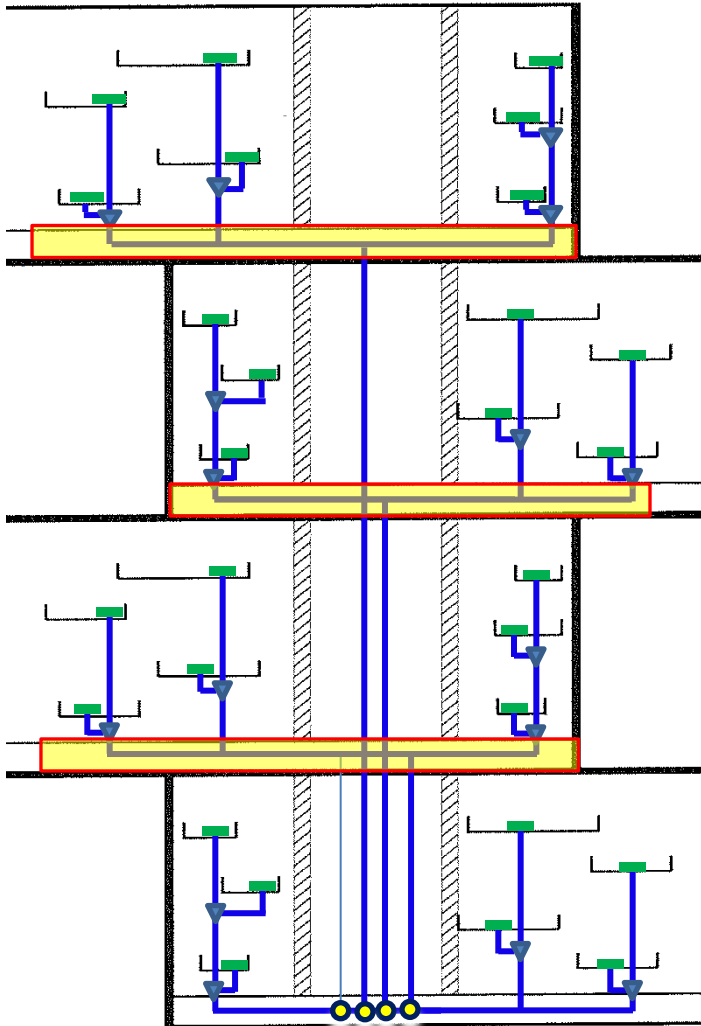
PIPES IN M&E DECK



STAGGERED BALCONY PROFILE



Flexibility of System



SUMMARY

- Fully Engineered WDR System.
- Combine multiple stack to a common collector system
- Horizontal run without gradient
- Breakthrough in drainage system.....
Smaller RDWPs with no back flow problem.



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What should we take away from this presentation?



Urbanisation > Built Environment > Sustainability > Challenges in the design for Rainwater Systems.

Are current codes and standards keeping pace with the needs and demands from Architects or are they becoming irrelevant?

- Global Urbanisation, Social Change, Changing Lifestyle, Growing Wealth are all placing demands for buildings which offer so much more than before. You only have to think about the JEWEL @ CHANGI. Buildings are more complex, more demanding in their need for engineering solutions.



- How is this relevant to the subject we have presented today?

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- The advent of Siphonic System drainage and its increasing versatility provides professionals such as yourselves with a system that allows you to achieve solutions to draining rainwater SAFELY and SMARTLY and which was never possible with Gravity.

Fast Flow Siphonic System

- Gravity Systems are still being used. Unfortunately, the use of Gravity Systems is made on the presumption that they are more cost effective.
- But in most cases this presumption is ill-founded because 'most of the time' Gravity Systems are UNDER-DESIGNED and the other tangible and intangible benefits of Siphonic are not accounted for.

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- Now whilst Siphonic and Gravity Systems exist for Roof Drainage and are both dealt with in Building Codes, the drainage of Wind-Driven Rain Spaces is NOT dealt with in Building Standards or Codes.
- As with Roof Drainage the demands for solutions to draining vertical catchment areas is rising exponentially because of lifestyle needs e.g. Balcony Drainage.
- Industry is providing solutions and eventually, Standards and Codes will verify this.
- In the interim you as the Architect/Designer/Specifier **MUST** ensure you fully understand the risks you undertake in designing for such drainage requirements.

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- We would like to leave you this fact!
- An 'Engineered Solution' for rainwater drainage of 'WIND-DRIVEN RAIN SPACES' does exist.
- In the future it is likely alternative systems will be available and will be **VALIDATED** but until that happens you do have available to you the

Fast Flow Pressurised System

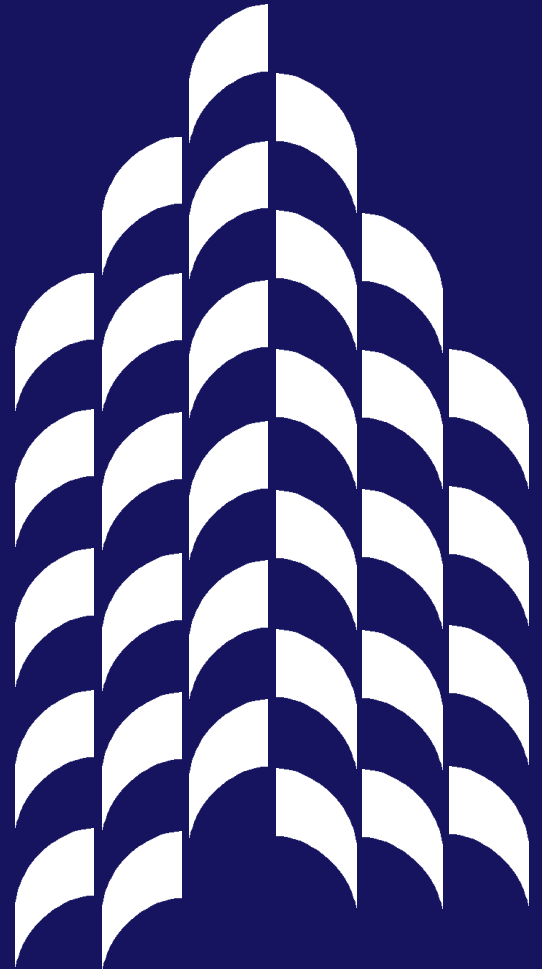
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