

Vertical Transportation (I)

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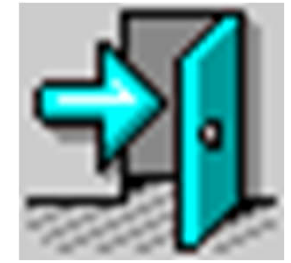
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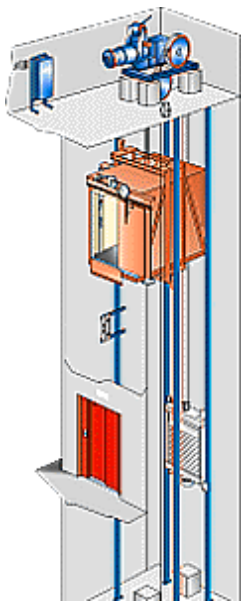


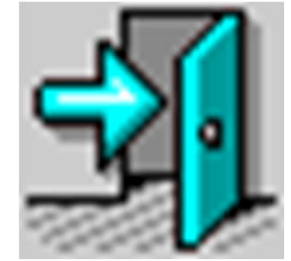
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Basic Principles

- Terminology
 - Lifts [UK] = Elevators [US] 升降機/電梯/轆
 - Escalators (moving staircases) 自動扶梯/扶手電梯
 - Conveyors/travelators (moving walkways) 自動行人道

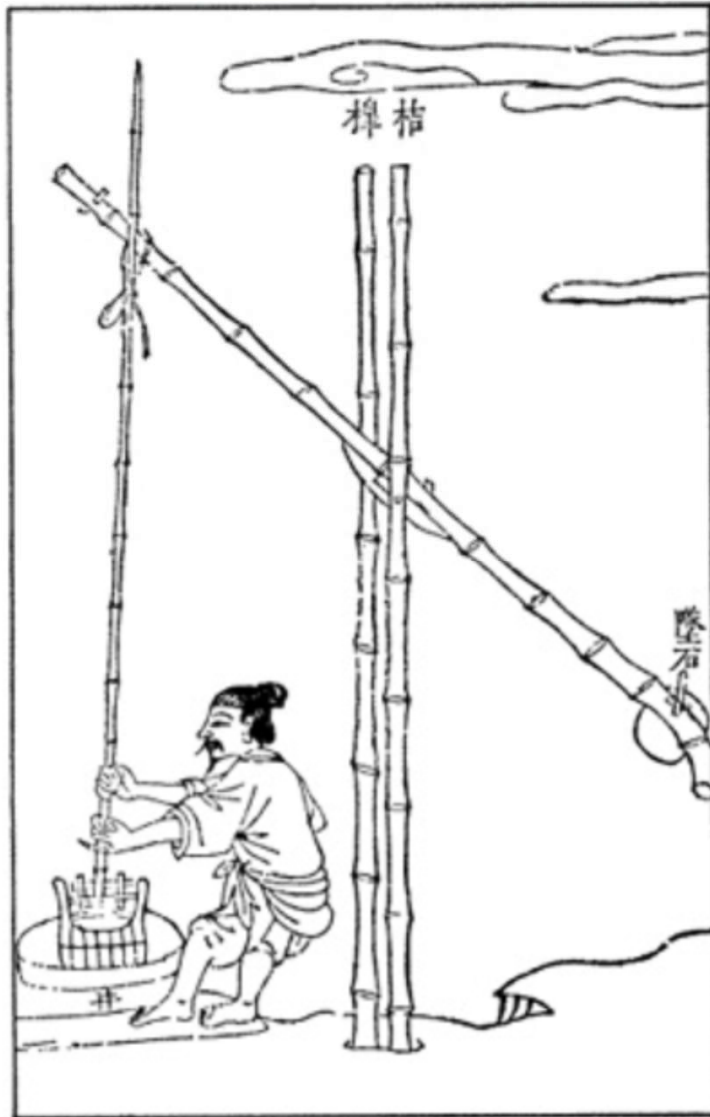




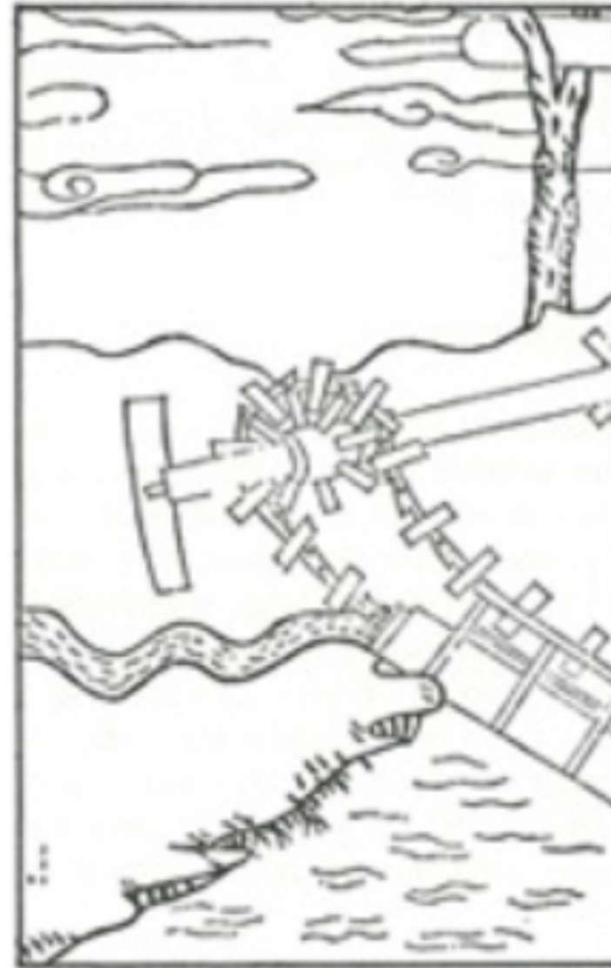
Basic Principles

- History and origins*
 - Hoists & lifting devices in Egypt (2600 BC) for pyramid construction, in China, Greece and Roman Emperor
 - Primitive elevators/lifts operated by human, animal, or water wheel power
 - Power elevators, often steam-operated, were used for conveying materials in factories, mines, and warehouses

Early hoists and turning wheels for agriculture in China



Chinese peasants dipping water from the rivers into irrigation channels using a counterweighed lever made of bamboo.

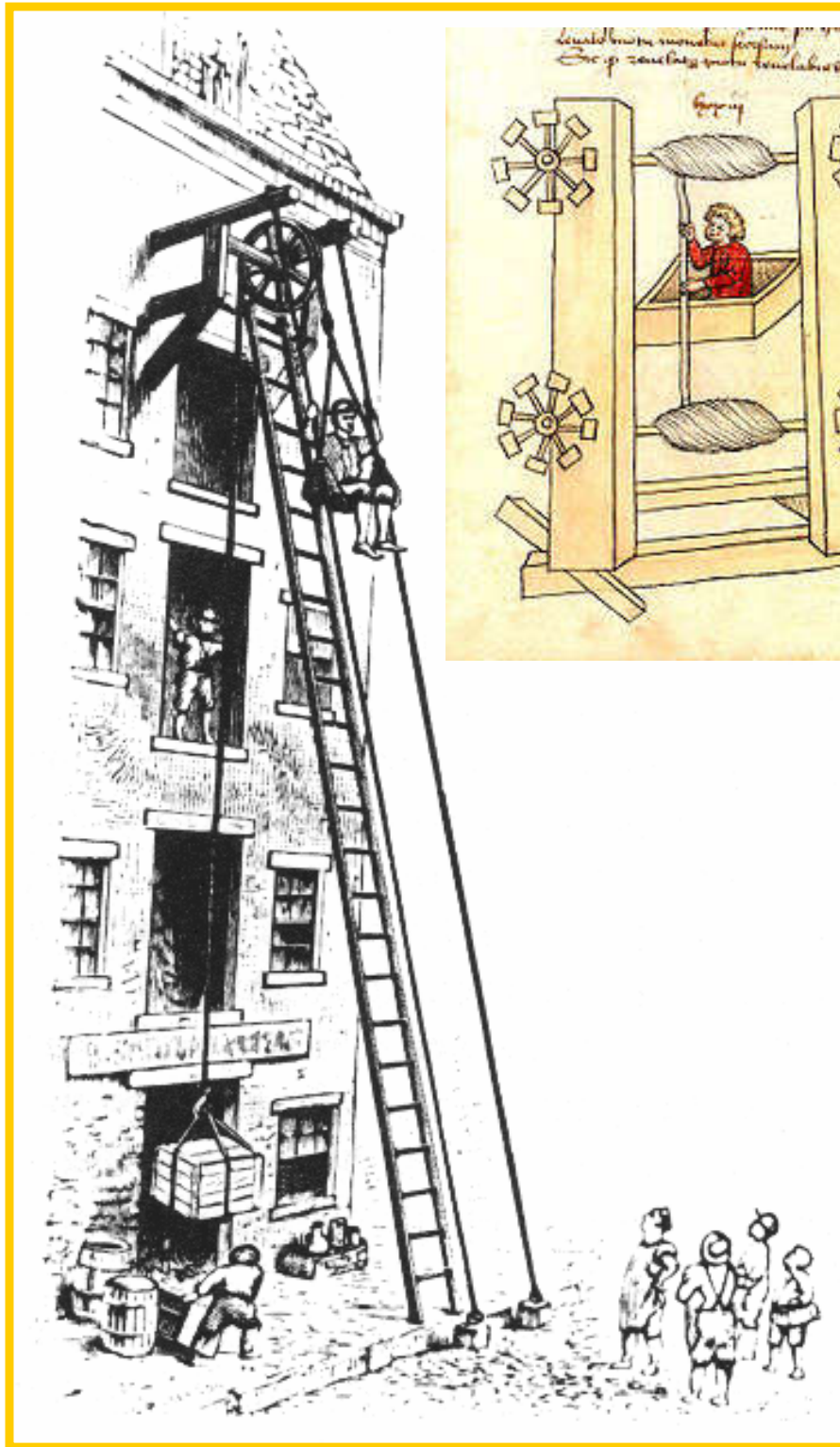
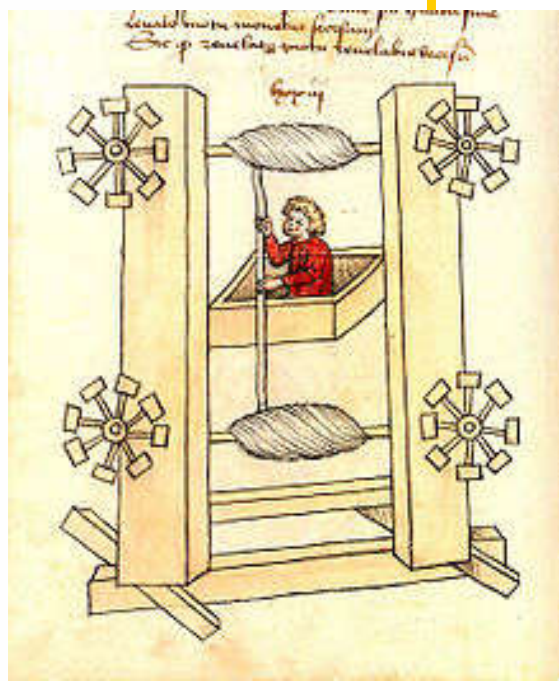


A water buffalo turns the sprocket wheel that, through gearing, brings the water through the pipe to the irrigation channel.

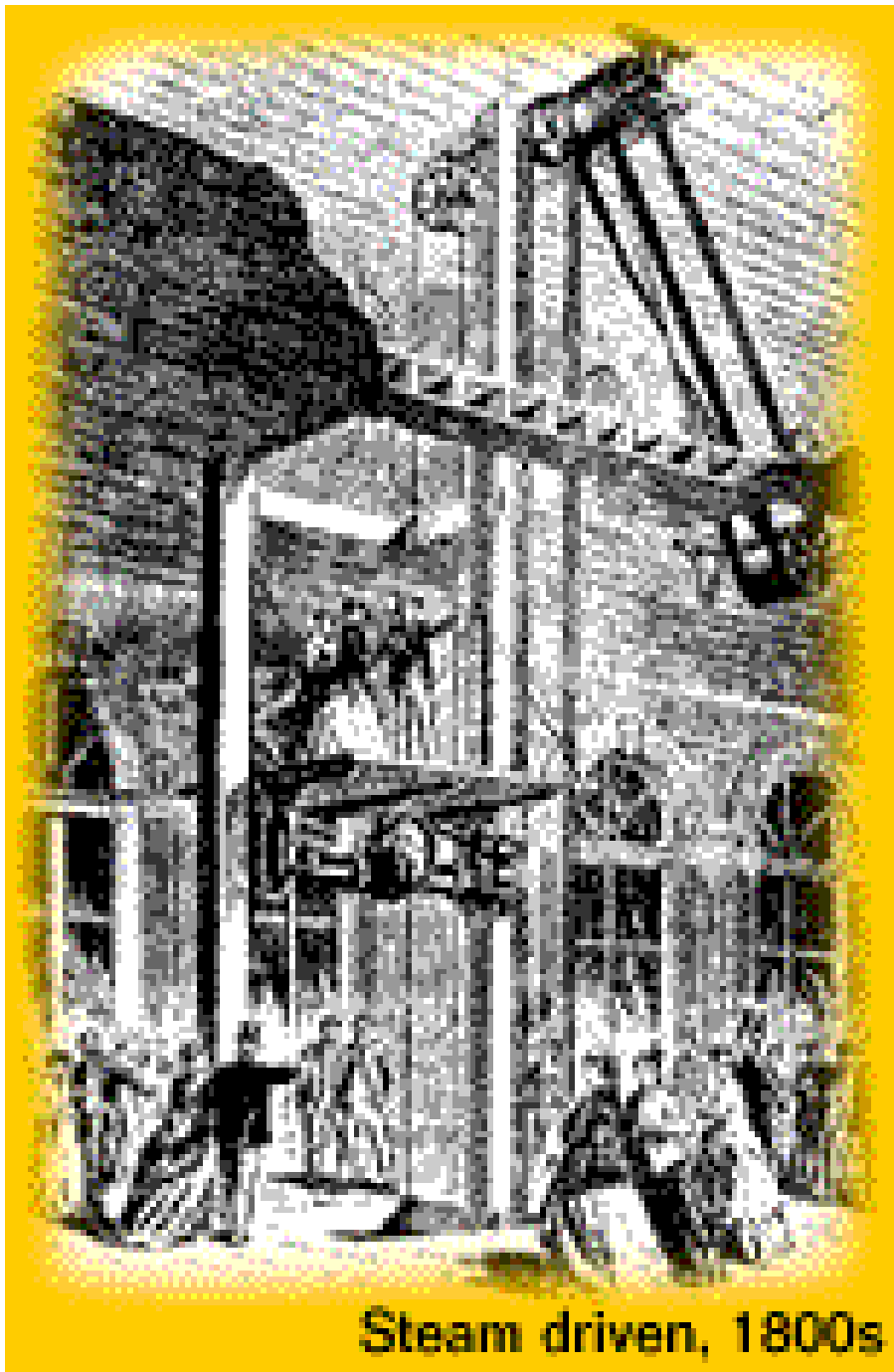
TRANSPORTER HOISTS



The London Dockyards comprised warehouses virtually forming a five or six-story wall along the Thames River. A centrally located steam engine usually provided power to upper-floor "transporter" hoists that raised and lowered goods on one side of a building and similarly served land transport on the reverse side. Many such hoists had the dual purpose of running loads in and out of the warehouse from window loading ledges.

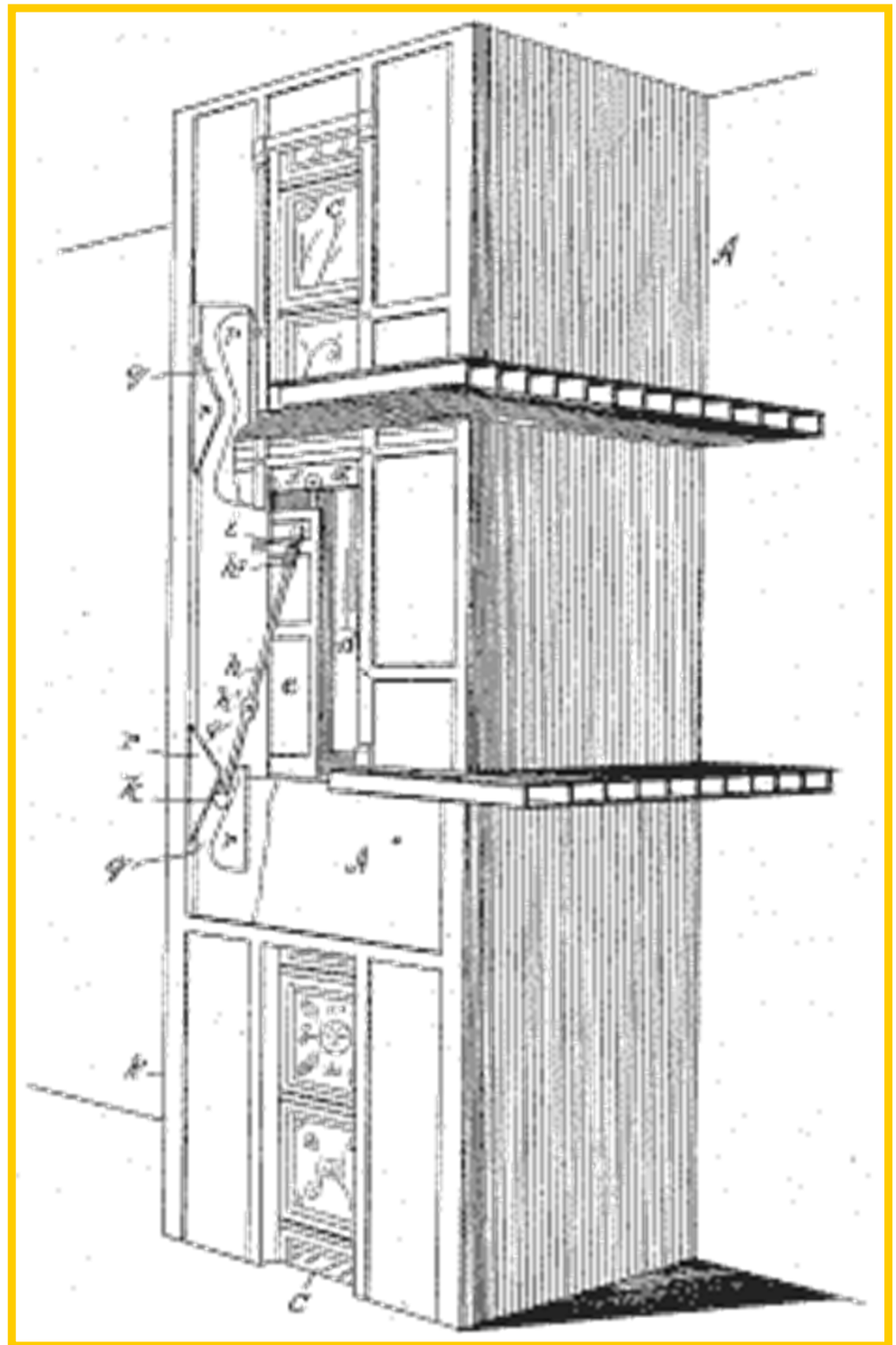


Hoists (early form of lift system)

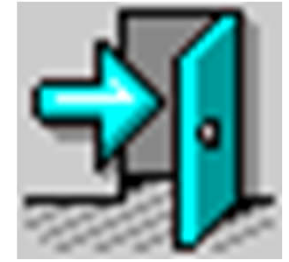


Steam driven, 1800s

Power elevator (steam)



Basic Principles



- History of modern elevators/lifts*



- In 1846, Sir William G. Armstrong introduced the hydraulic crane, and in the early 1870s, hydraulic machines began to replace the steam-powered elevator

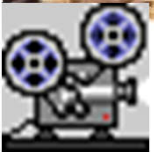


- In 1853, Elisha G. Otis demonstrated a freight elevator equipped with a safety device to prevent falling. He then established a company to manufacture hoists and elevators



- In 1880, the first electric elevator was built by the German inventor Werner von Siemens

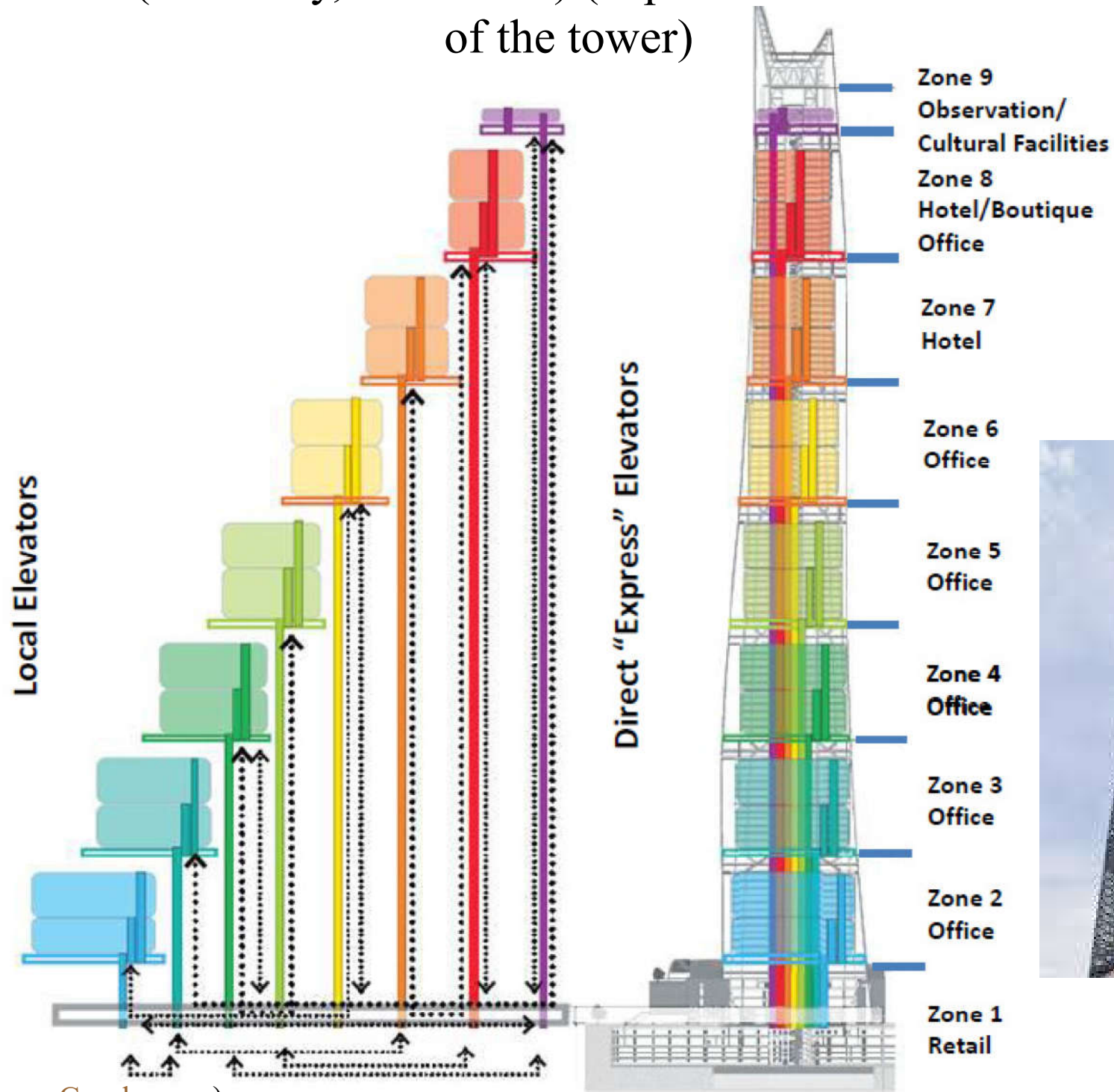
Lift introduced in 1856 (left, speed 0.2 m/s) and the one installed in Shanghai Tower (right, speed 18 m/s)



(Video: Elevators: Raising the Roof Since 1854 (14:59) https://youtu.be/a_4hVIWaa_8)

(Source: Al-Kodmany K., 2015. Tall buildings and elevators: a review of recent technological advances, *Buildings*, 5(3) 1070-1104. <https://doi.org/10.3390/buildings5031070>)

Shanghai Tower (128-story, 632-meter) (express & local lifts serve the 9 zones of the tower)



Tall buildings are not possible without lifts and escalators* (these are examples of tall buildings that I have visited)

484 m (2010)

296 m (1993)



Landmark Tower,
Yokohama, Japan
(max. lift speed
750 m/min or
12.5 m/s)

367 m (1990)



Bank of China
Building,
Hong Kong

374 m (1992)



Central Plaza,
Hong Kong

415 m (2003)

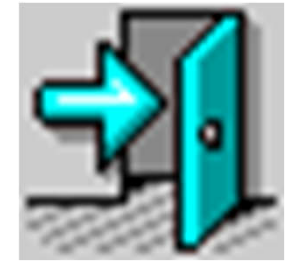


International
Finance Centre
Two (IFC-2),
Hong Kong



International
Commerce Centre
(ICC),
Hong Kong

(*See also: Lifts and Escalators -- statistics, history and design data http://ibse.hk/IBTM5660/Lifts-Escalators_statistics_history_design_data.pdf; World and HK Records http://www.hkelev.com/oth_recond.htm; Examples of lift systems for highrise buildings in Hong Kong: [[Example1](#)][[Example2](#)][[Example3](#)])



Basic Principles

- “Escalator” = “Elevator” + “Scala” (steps)
 - First escalator: designed by Jesse Reno in 1892



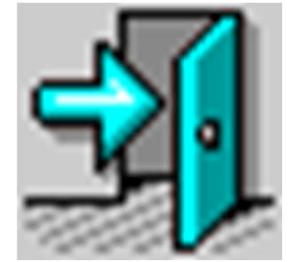
Ocean Park (longest outdoor escalator, total 220 m)



Central-Mid-Levels Escalator, total 790 m

(See also: <https://www.designingbuildings.co.uk/wiki/Escalator>)

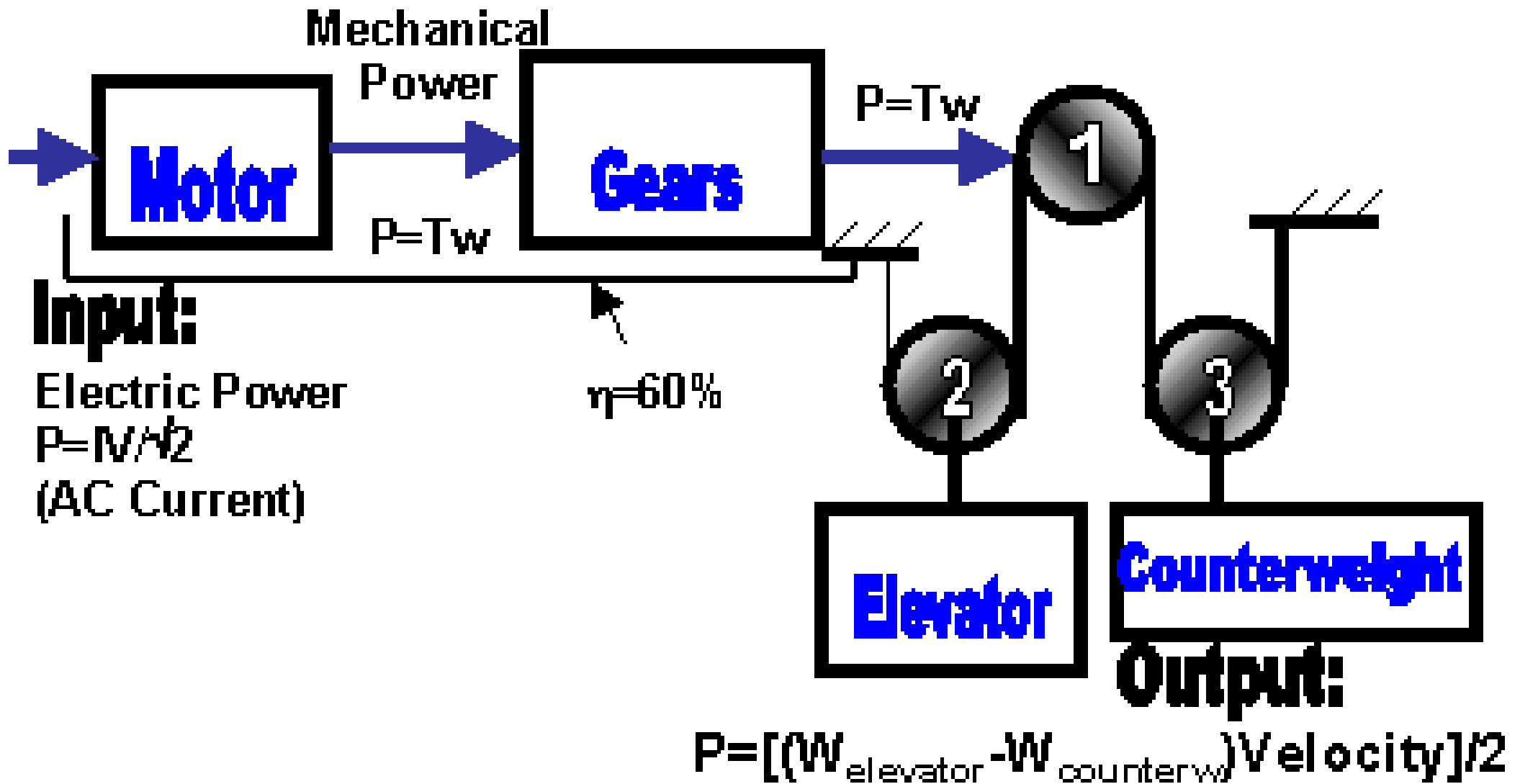
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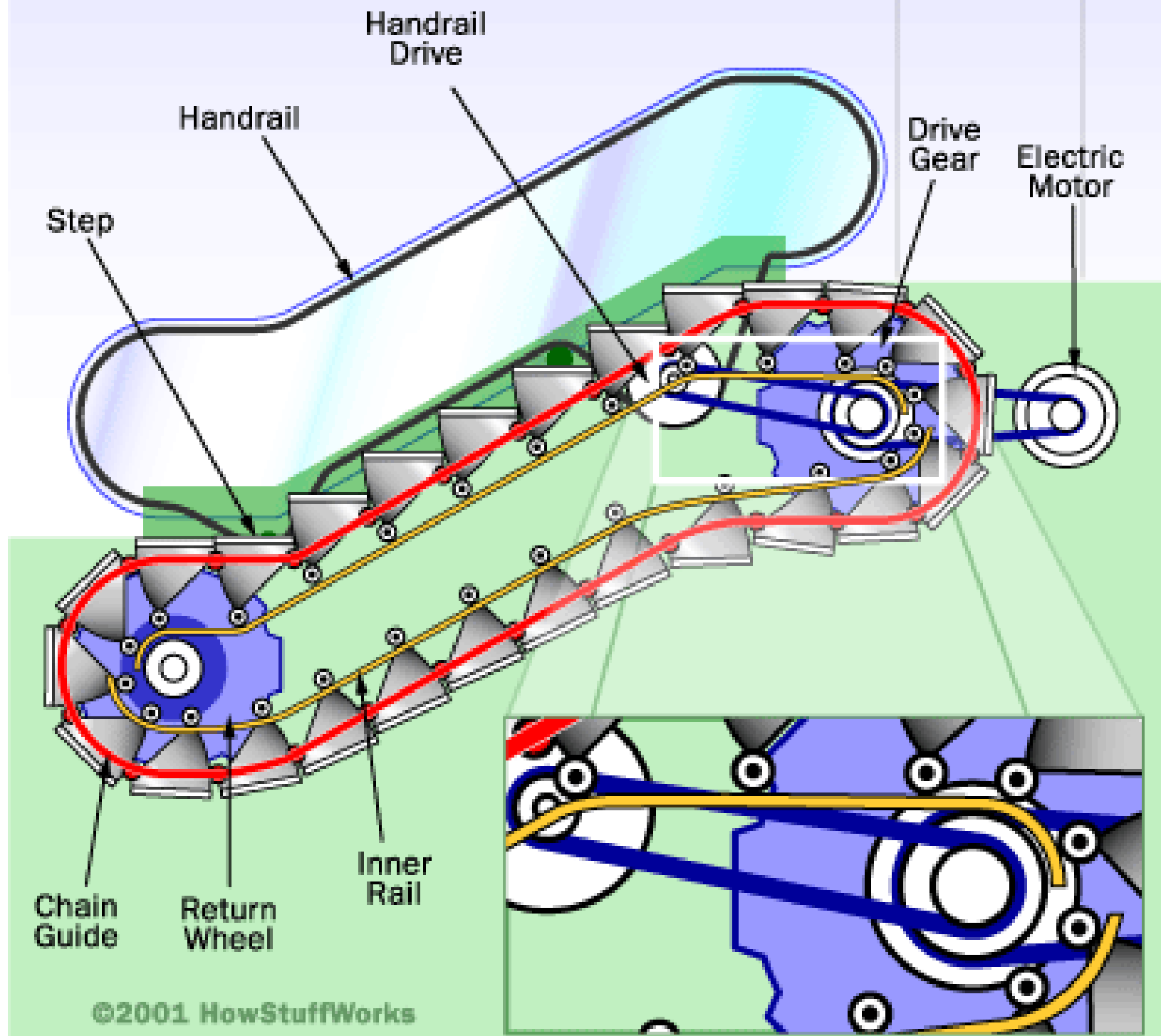
- Principles of operation
 - How Elevators Work
 - <http://www.howstuffworks.com/elevator.htm>
 - How Escalators Work
 - <http://www.howstuffworks.com/escalator.htm>
- Videos for demonstration:
 - How Elevators Work (3:47) <https://youtu.be/hqcccELn8kw>
 - How do Elevators work(Animation) (5:56) <https://youtu.be/CvY-G2FTbGM>
 - How does an Escalator work? (4:58) <https://youtu.be/1jfNIBtfWDY>
 - How A Simple Escalator REALLY Works.. (8:01) <https://youtu.be/vSqLENMsOwM>



Power flow through a typical elevator



How Escalators Work



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Steps of an escalator



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Planning & Design Factors



- Circulation/Movement of people in buildings
 - Mode (horizontal or vertical)
 - Movement type: natural (passive), attendant assisted (active) or mechanically assisted (active)
 - Human behaviour (complex, unpredictable)
- Design objectives
 - Free flow of people & goods
 - Safe operation, comfort & service
 - Occupy minimum space & require less costs
 - Aesthetics, disabled access, etc.

Planning & Design Factors



- Circulation elements in buildings include:

- Spaces & corridors
- Portals (e.g. entrance, door, gate)
- Stairways
- Ramps

Passive circulation elements (physical or architectural)

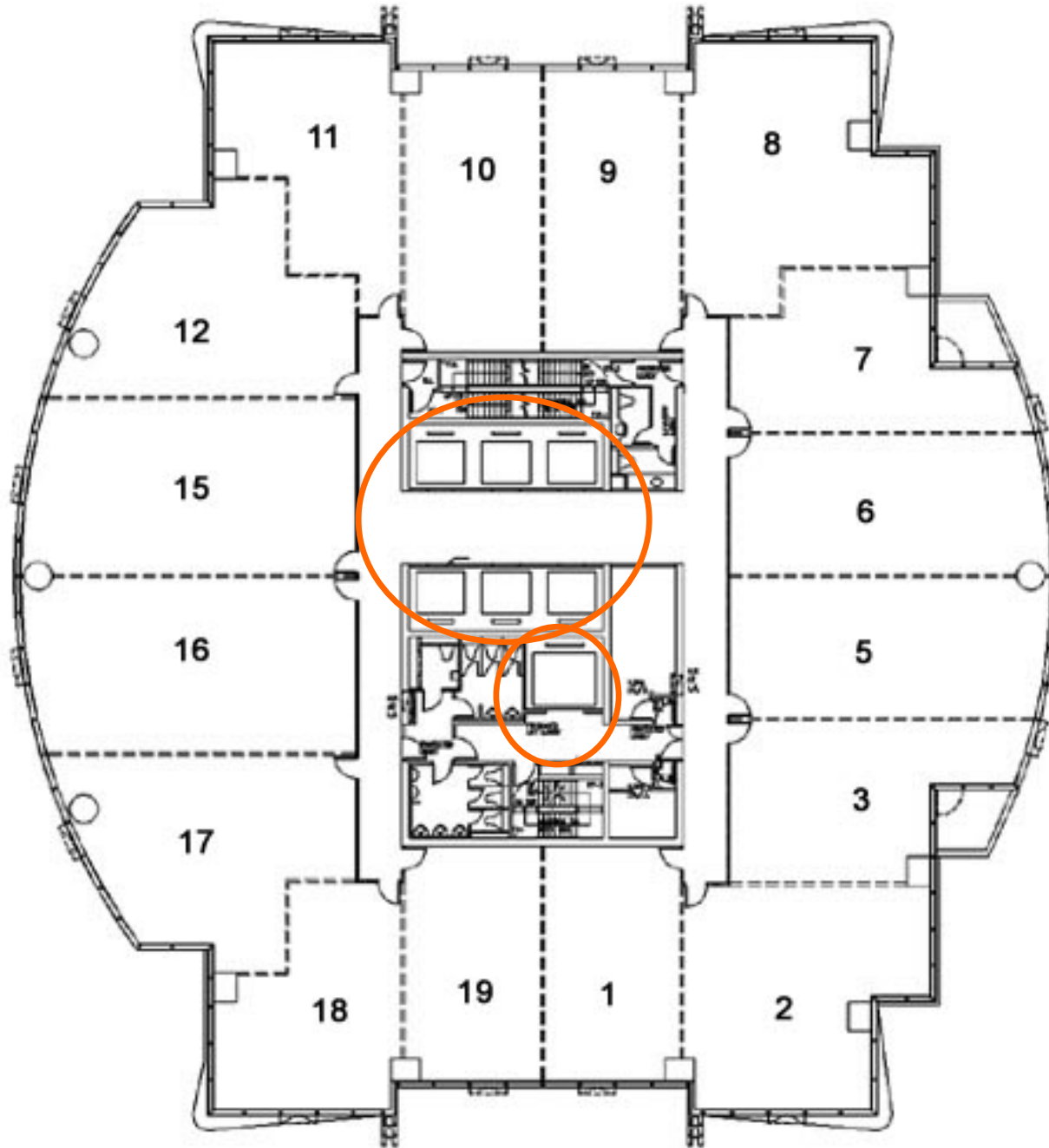
- Lifts
- Escalators
- Moving walkways

Active circulation elements (mechanical or engineering)

* Can you identify them in a building?

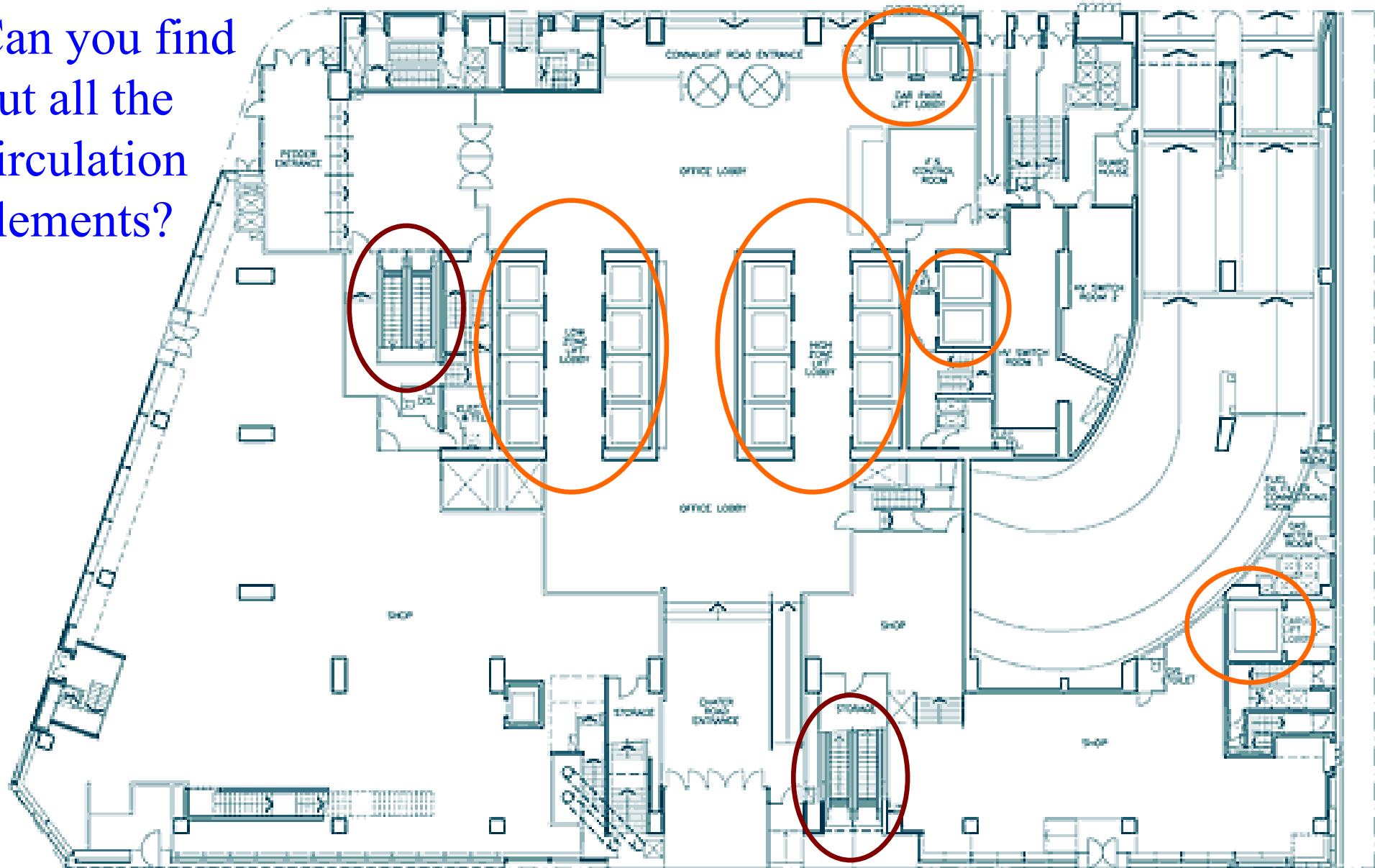
Typical floor plan of a commercial building

Can you find out all the circulation elements?



G/F plan of a commercial building

Can you find out all the circulation elements?



Planning & Design Factors



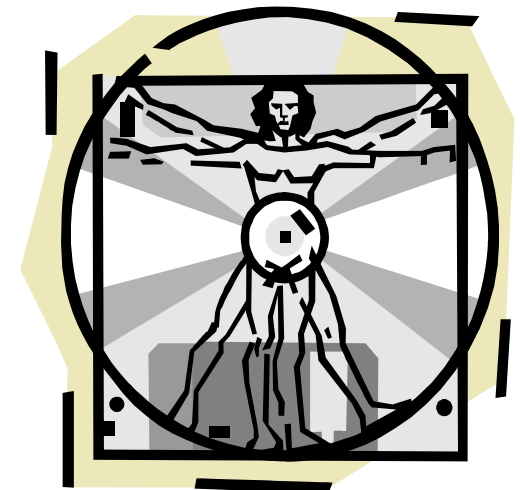
- Efficiency of interior circulation depends on:
 - Relative location of rooms
 - Relationship of major spaces with entrances & people handling equipment
 - Importance of journey undertaken (e.g. hospital)
 - Separation of different traffic types (e.g. clean/dirty)
 - The need to group some spaces together
 - Conflict of vertical & horizontal circulation modes

Planning & Design Factors

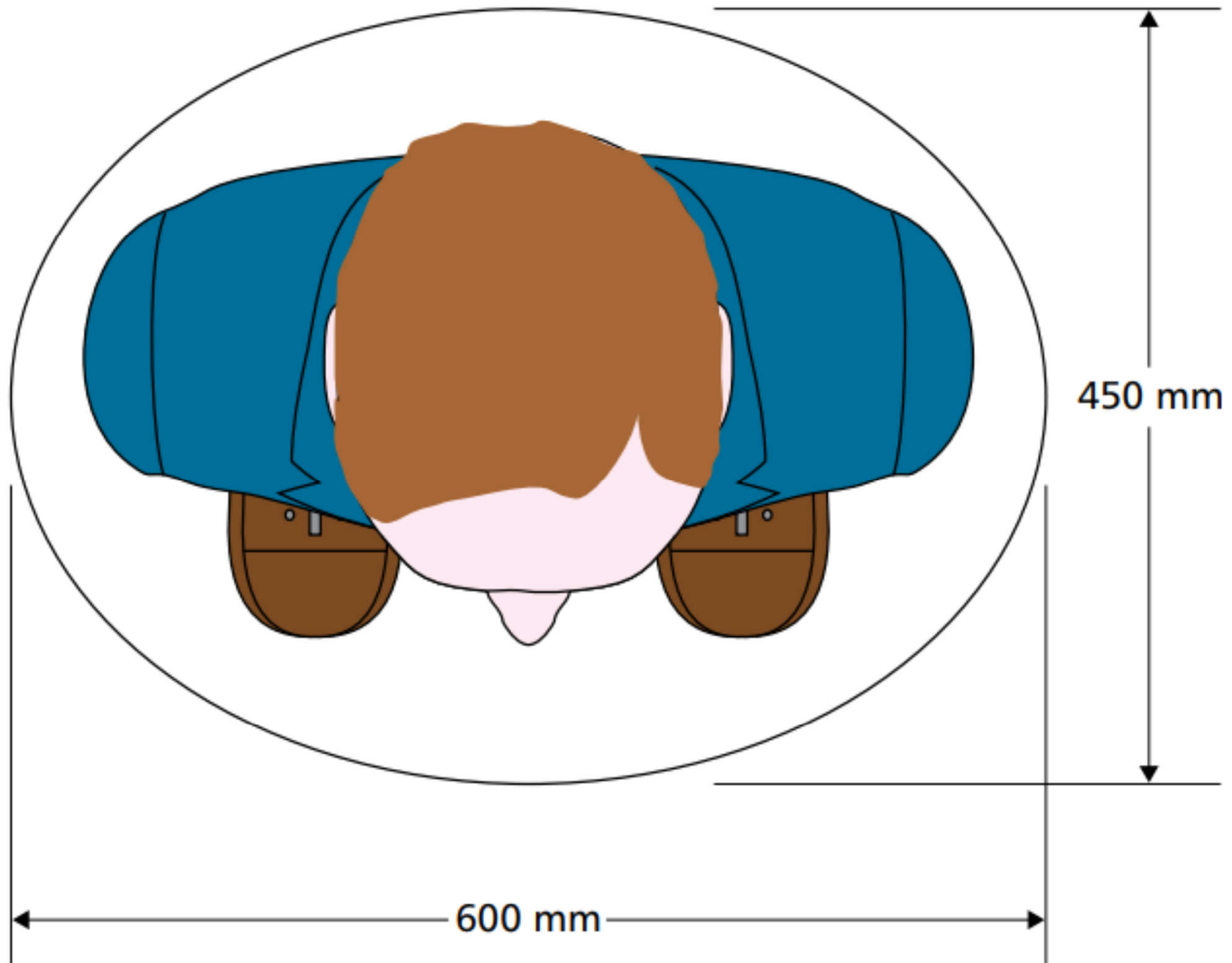


- Human factors

- 1. Physical dimensions & weight
 - Occupancy ellipse (assume male subject)
 - 600 mm by 450 mm (0.21 m²)
 - Weight: 75 kg (world average = 62 kg)
- 2. Personal space (buffer zone)
 - Female: 0.5 m² (0.8 m diameter circle)
 - Male: 0.8 m² (1.0 m diameter circle)
 - Compared w/ size of an umbrella

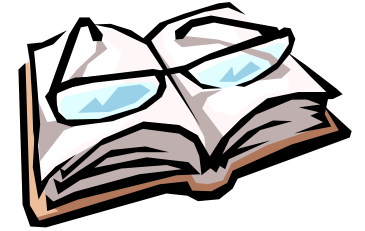


Typical occupancy ellipse (a male subject)

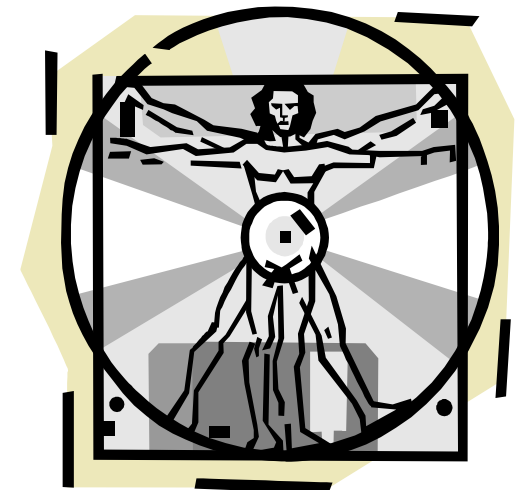


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Planning & Design Factors



- Human factors (cont'd)
- 3. Density of occupation
 - Desirable: 0.4 person/m²
 - Comfortable: 1.0 person/m²
 - Dense: 2.0 person/m²
 - 'Crowding': 3.0 person/m²
 - Crowded: 4.0 person/m²



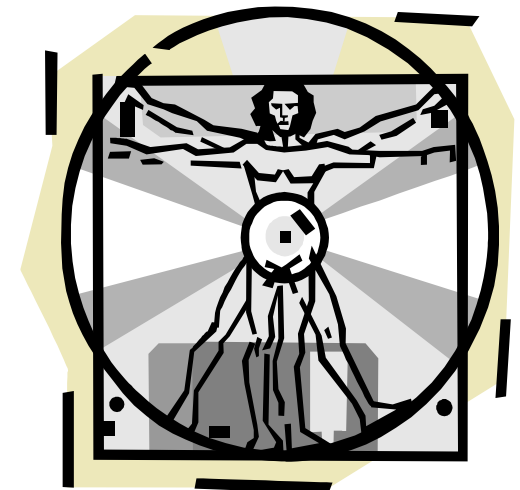
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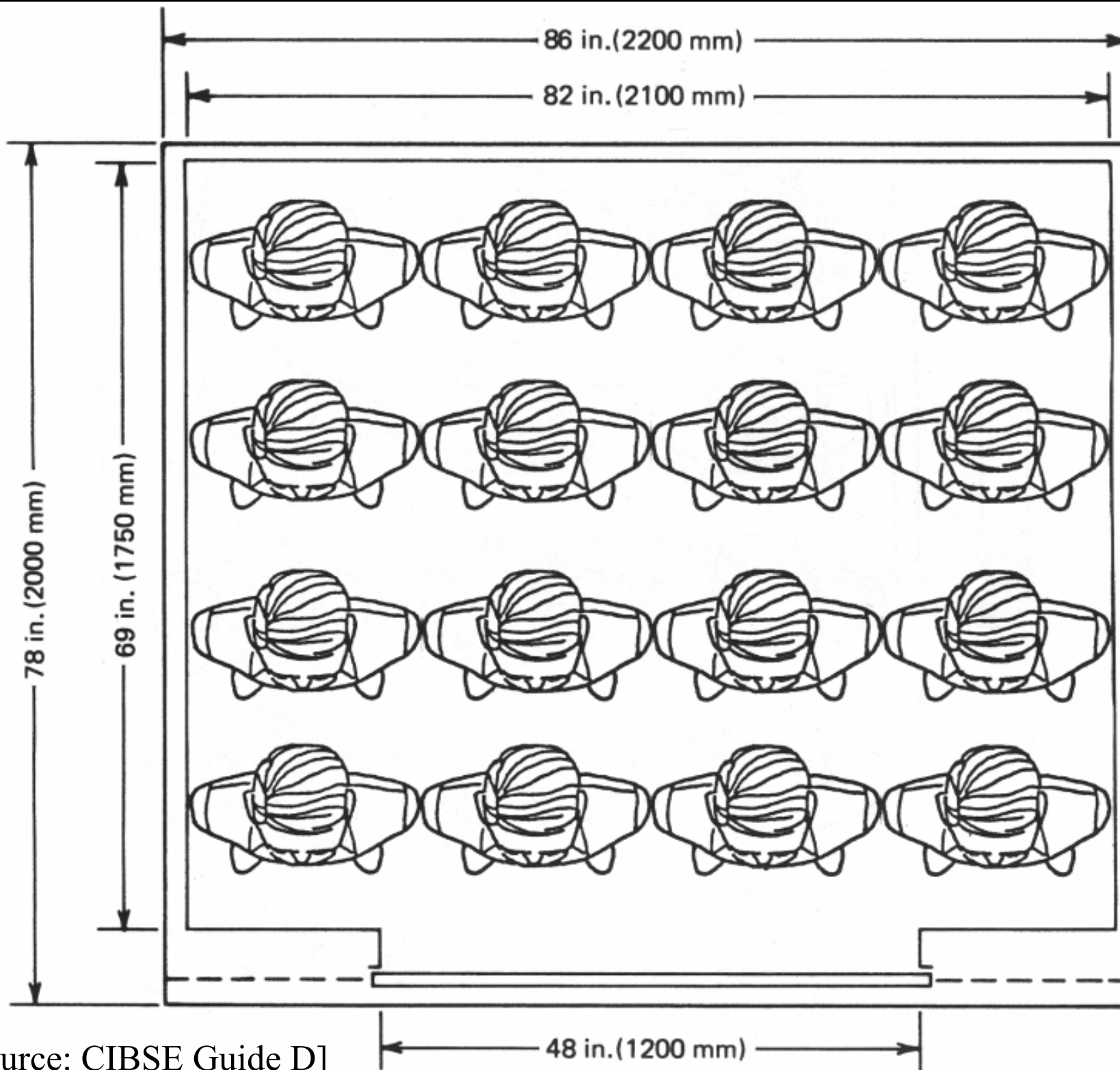


- Human factors (cont'd)

- 4. Interpersonal distances

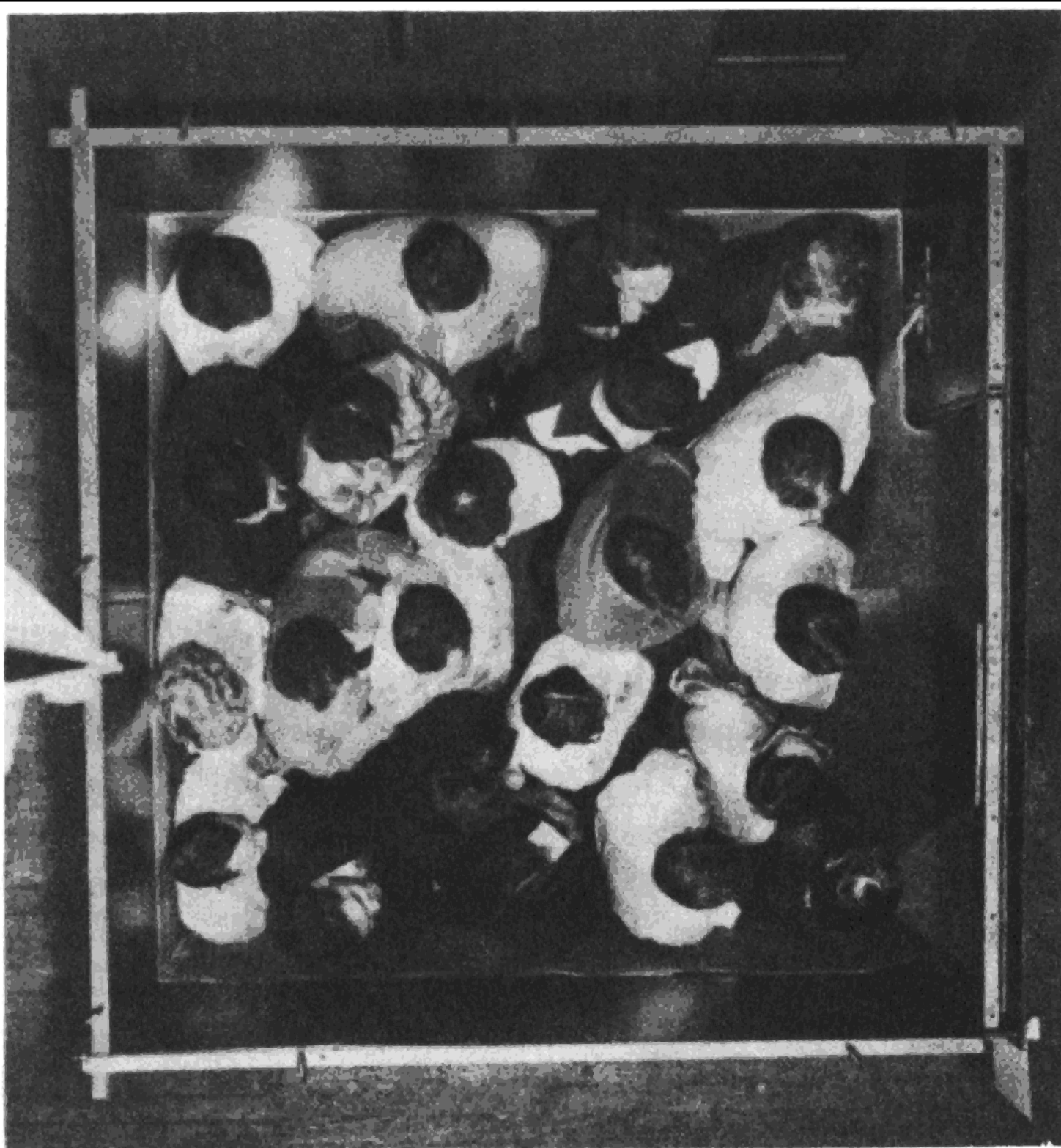
- Public distance: > 7.5 m (far); 3.6-7.5 m (near)
- Social distance: 2.1-3.6 m (far); 1.2-2.1 m (near)
- Personal distance: 0.75-1.2 m (far); 0.45-0.75 m (near)
- Intimate distance: < 0.45 m





In theory

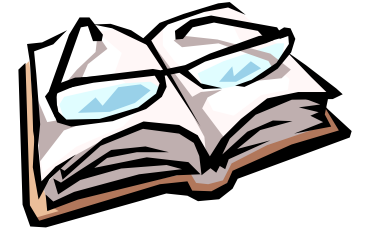
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Actual
situation

[Source:
Strakosch,
G. R., 1998.
The Vertical
Transportat-
ion
Handbook]

Planning & Design Factors



- Major design concerns
 - Circulation efficiency
 - Location & arrangement (prevent bottlenecks)
 - Coordination with lobby, stairway & corridor
 - Fire & safety regulations
 - Quantity of service (e.g. handling capacity)
 - Quality of service (e.g. interval or waiting time)
- Consideration by lift functions
 - Passenger, goods, firemen, shuttle, observation

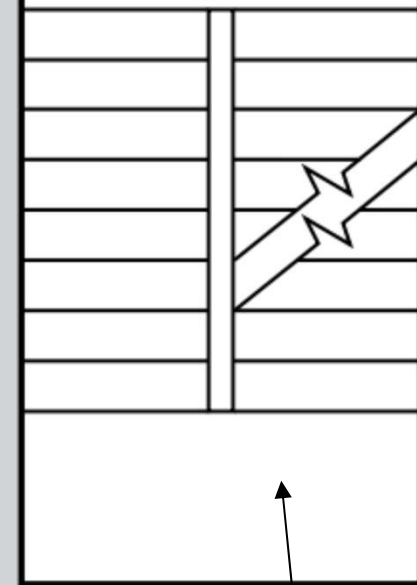
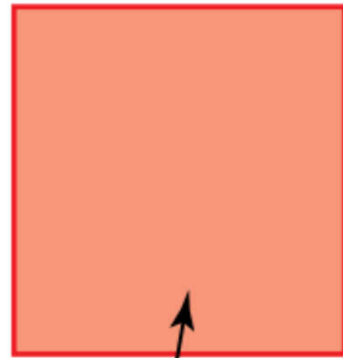
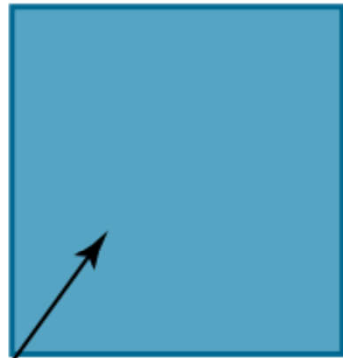
Passenger lifts within a fire fighting shaft (with a protected lift lobby)

Self-closing fire doors with smoke seal

Fire door (one hour rated)

Fire fighting lobby

Lift landing door with fire resistance without smoke seal



Passenger lifts

Firefighters lift

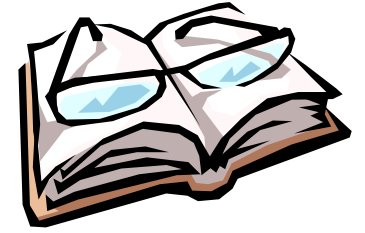
Staircase
(escape route)

Planning & Design Factors



- Consideration by building function
 - Offices (various classes/grades)
 - Airports, railway stations
 - Shopping centres, department stores, car parks
 - Sports centres, concert halls
 - Hospitals, hotels, universities (institutional)
 - Residential, dormitory
- Types of occupancy
 - Single or multiple tenants; nature of business

Planning & Design Factors



- Planning of lifts
 - Shall commence early in the project
 - Consider the positions of entrances & staircases
 - With a number of passenger lifts, they should be grouped together
 - Lift lobby must be wide enough
 - For tall buildings, express lifts may be required to reduce the transit time

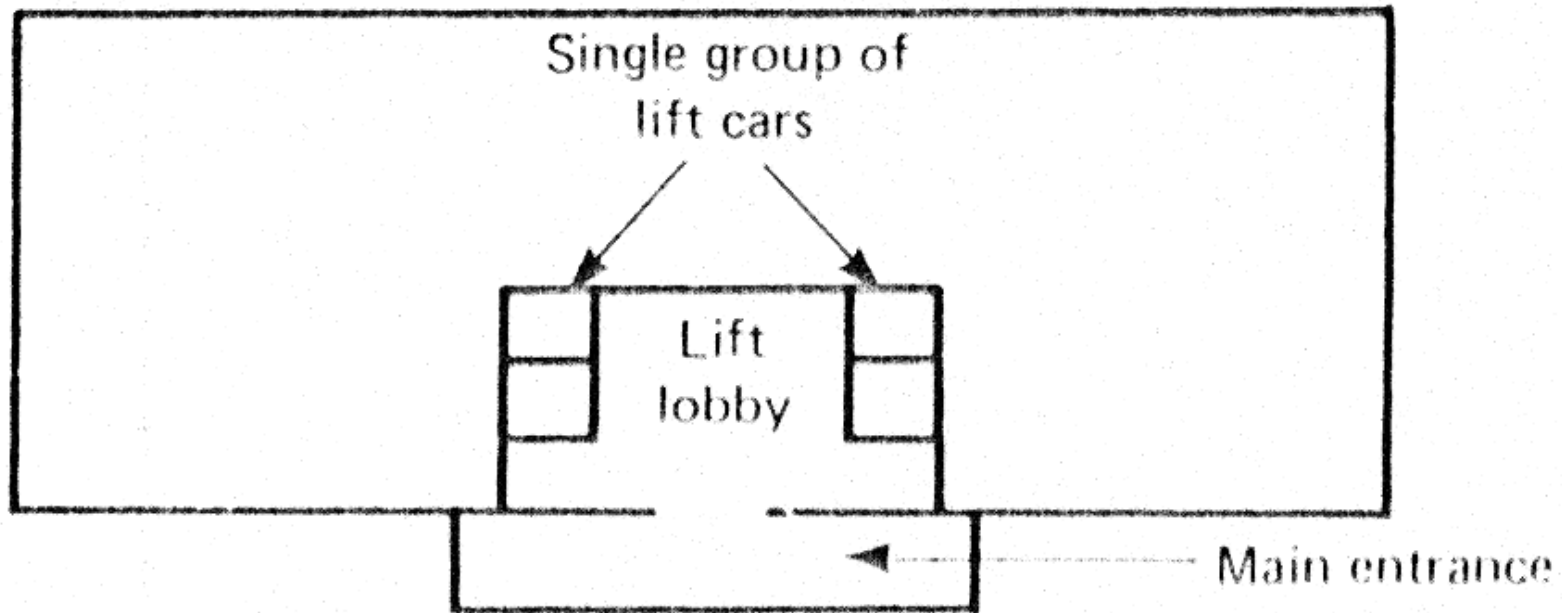


Fig 1 Building with a single group of lifts

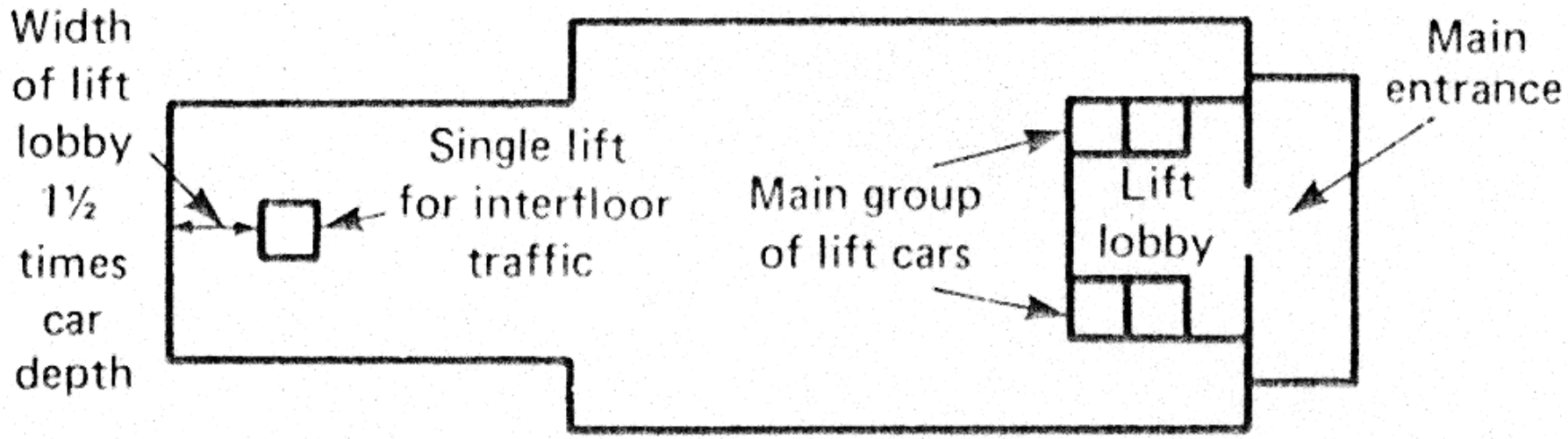
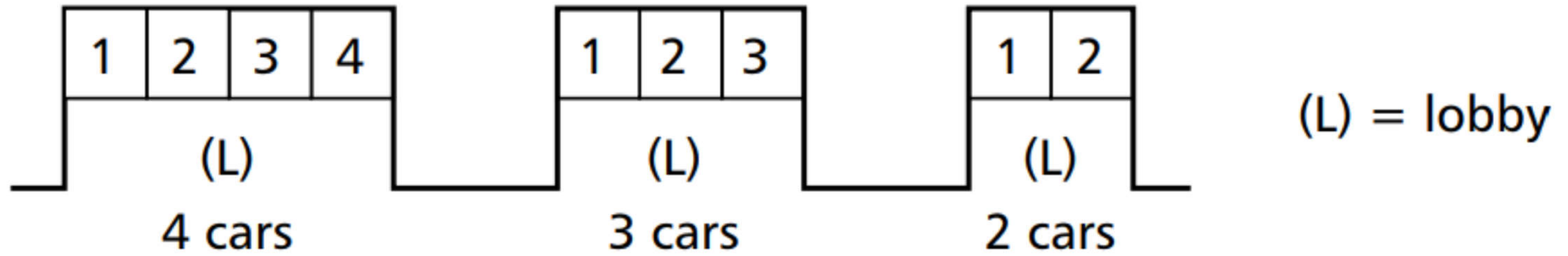


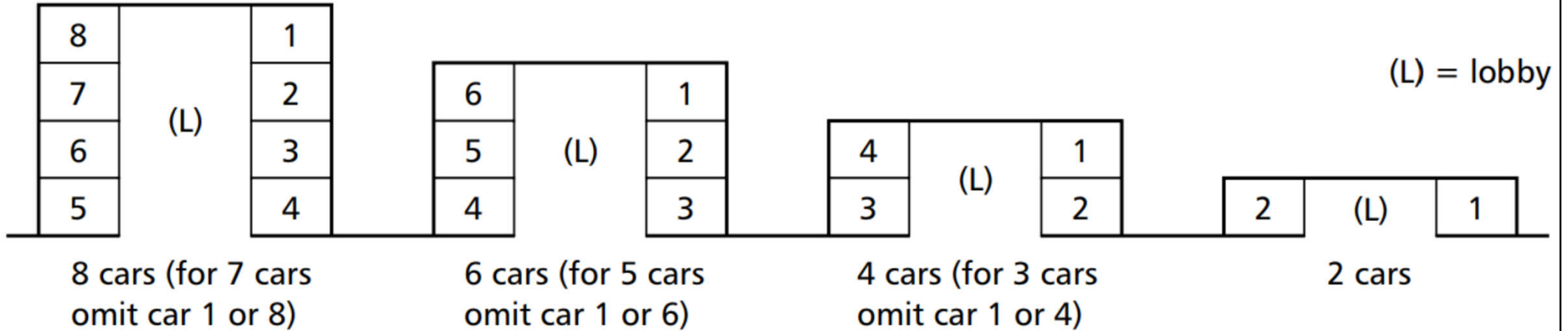
Fig 2 Building with a main group of lifts and also a single lift serving interfloor traffic

[Source: Building Services Handbook]

Preferred arrangements for lifts



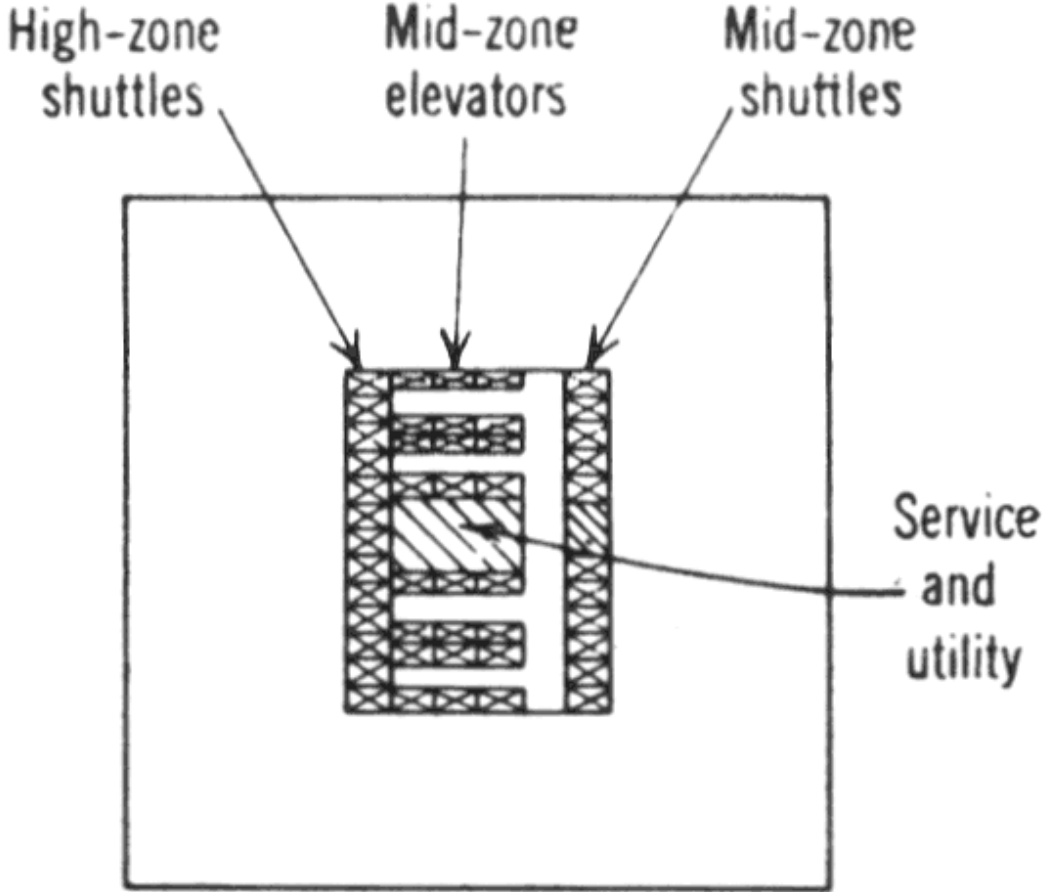
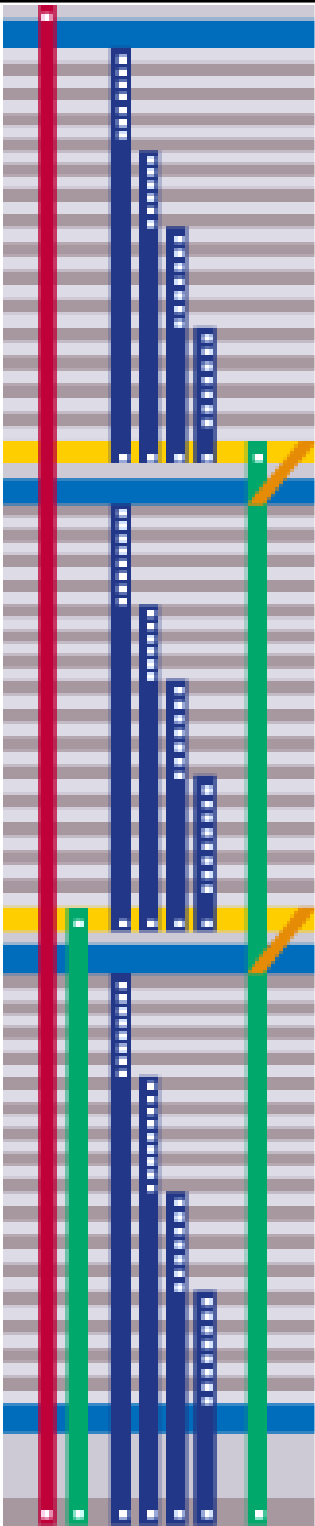
(a) For 2 to 4 lifts: in line



(a) For 2 to 8 lifts: facing

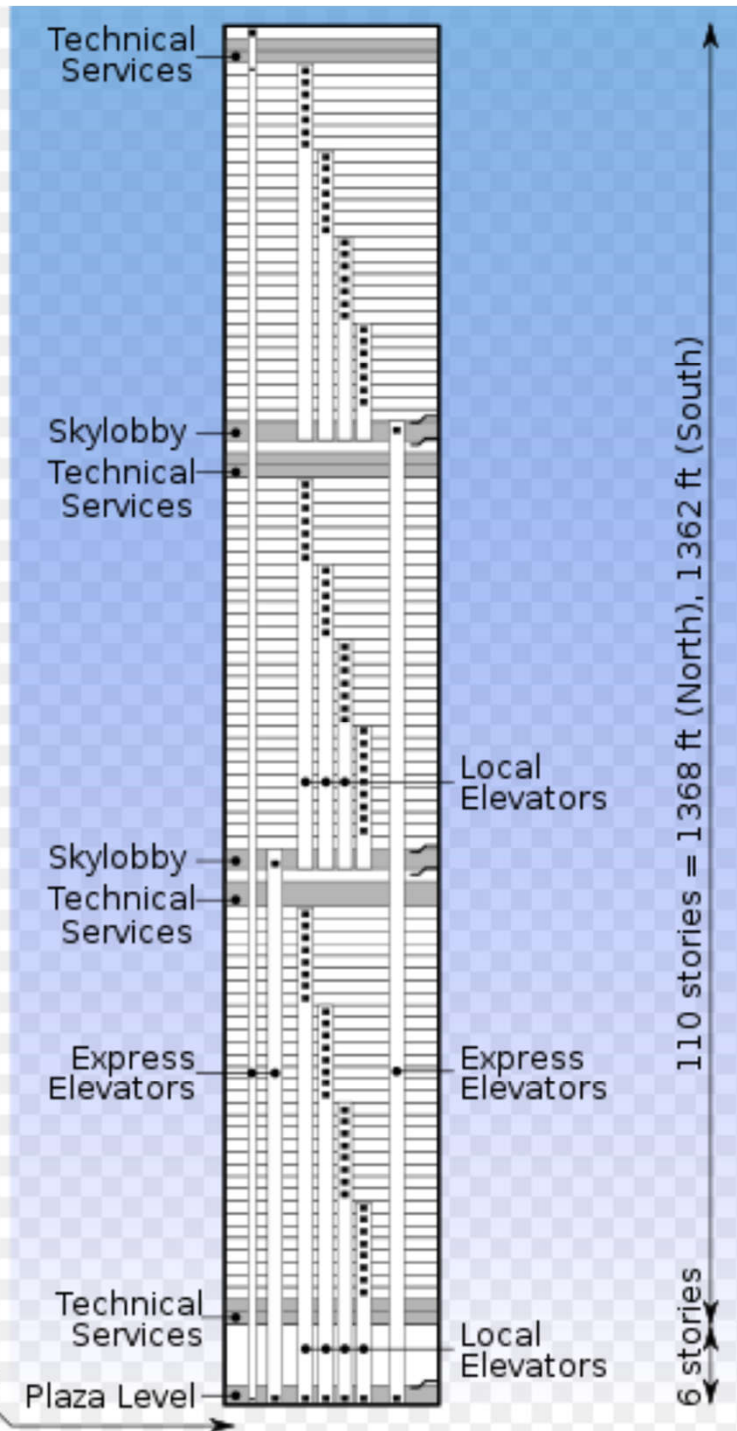
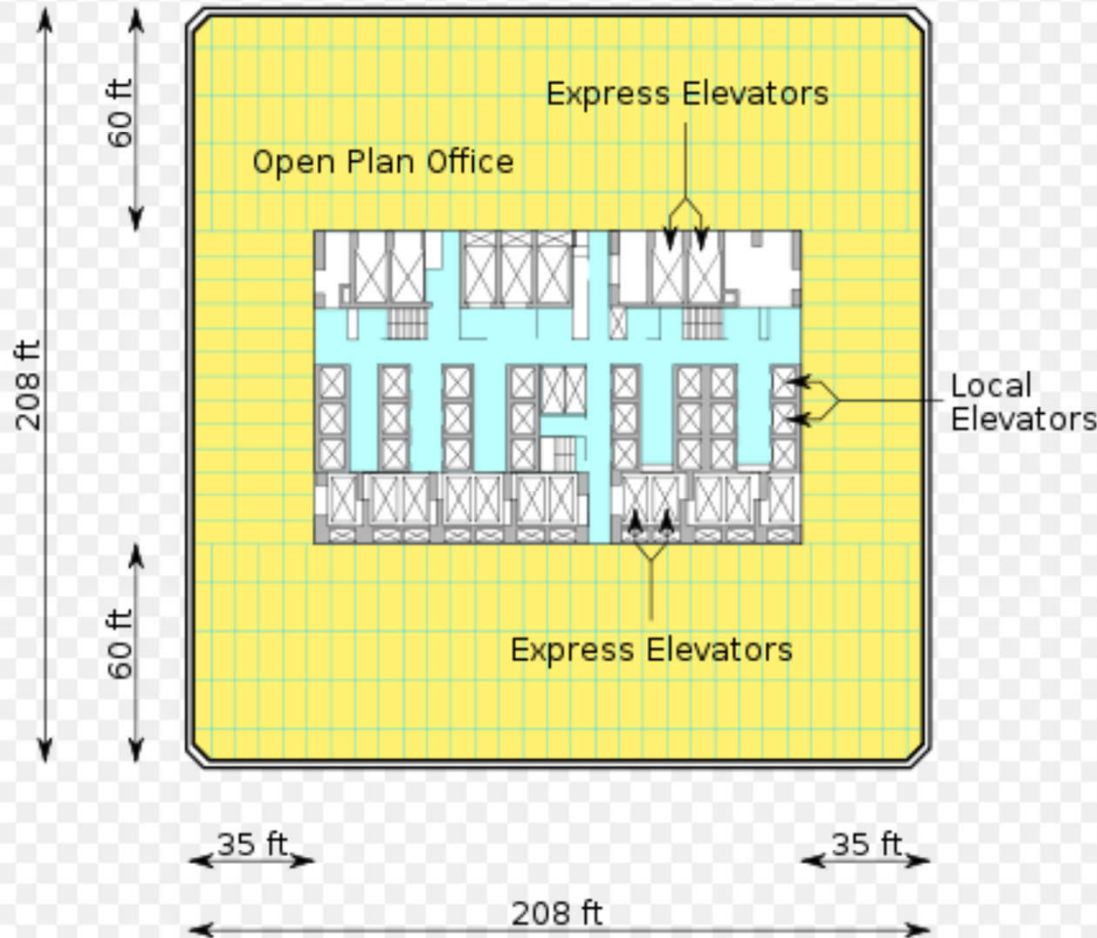
Lift configuration of World Trade Center (New York)

- KEY:**
- █ express to top
 - █ express to skylobbies
 - █ local service
 - █ skylobby floors
 - █ mechanical floors
 - █ escalators
 - █ floor stops



Lift system of World Trade Center (New York)

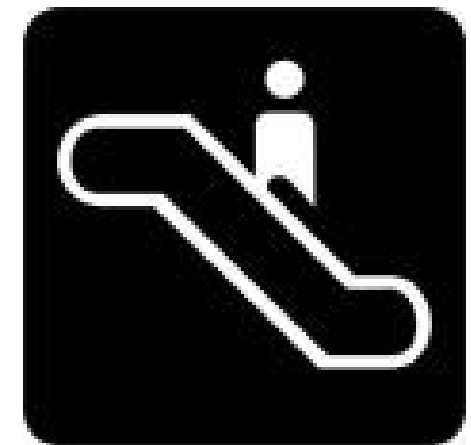
System Design Concept



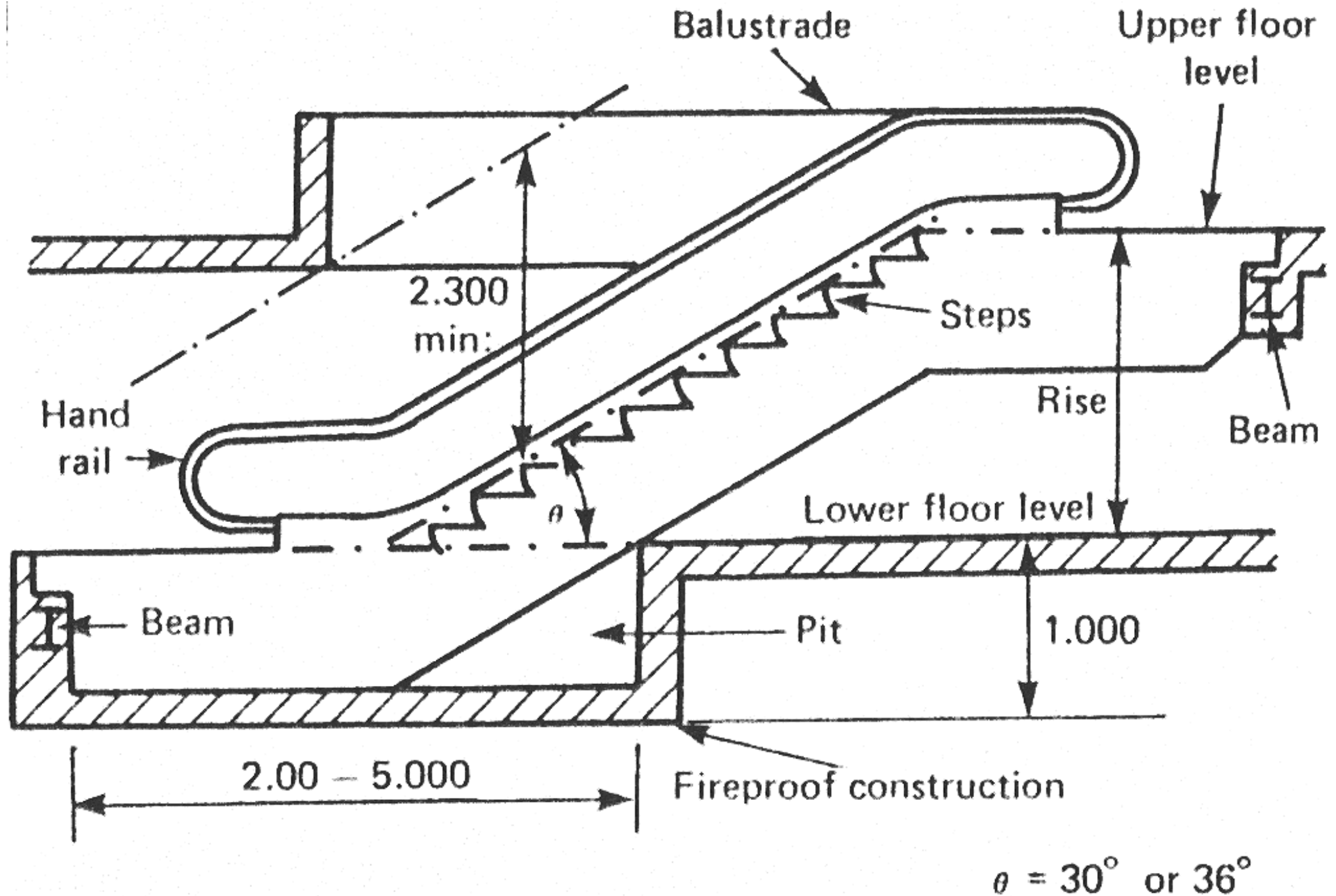
Planning & Design Factors



- Escalator – typical design
 - Speed: 0.5 and 0.65 m/s, up to 0.9-1.0 m/s on deep systems like subway
 - Step widths: 600, 800 & 1000 mm; min. step or tread length = 400 mm
 - Inclination: usually at angle 30°
 - 35° if rise < 6 m & speed < 0.5 m/s
 - Boarding and alighting areas
 - Safe boarding, 1.33 – 2.33 flat steps



Typical escalator design

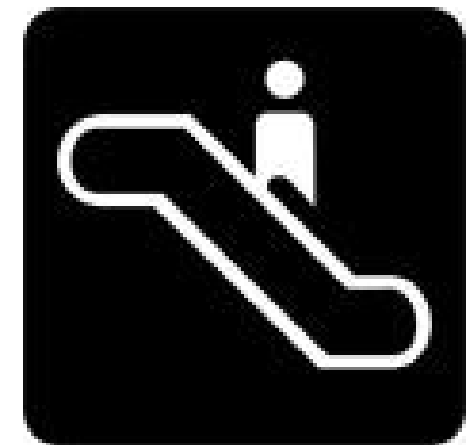


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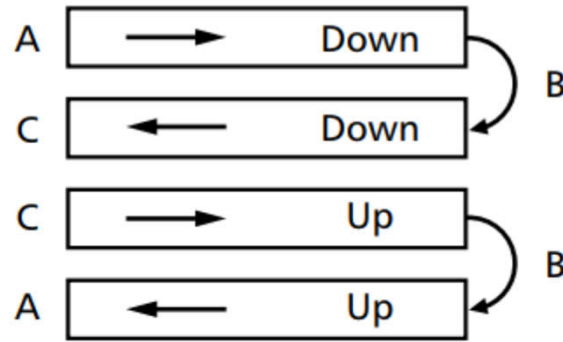
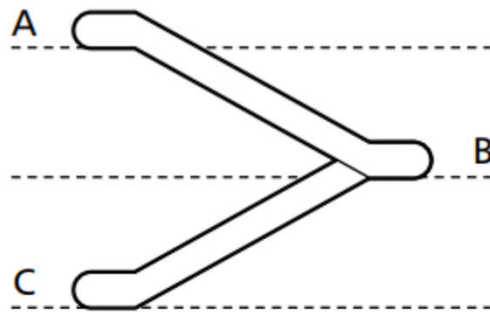
Planning & Design Factors



- Escalator – typical applications
 - Low- to medium-rise buildings
 - Large no. of people e.g. airports, subway stations, department stores, shopping malls
- Escalator arrangements
 - Parallel
 - Multiple parallel
 - Cross-over or criss-cross
 - Walkaround

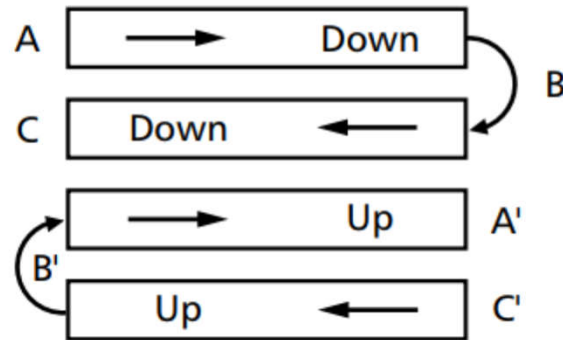
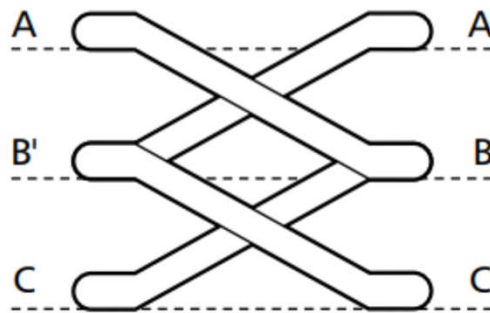


Escalator configurations



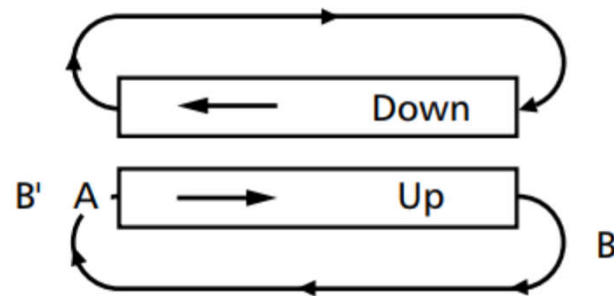
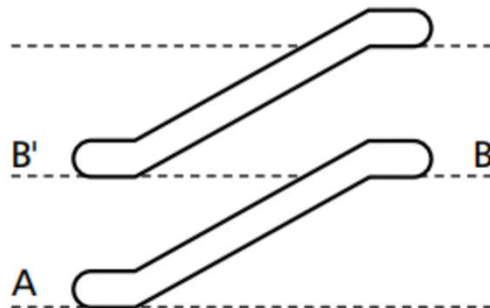
Parallel

(a)



Cross over

(b)



Walk round

Planning & Design Factors



- Escalator: handling capacity
 - $N = (3600 \times P \times V \times \cos \theta) / L$
 - N = no. of persons moved per hour
 - P = no. of persons per step
 - V = escalator speed (m/s)
 - L = length of step (m)
 - θ = angle of incline
 - $C_e = 60 V k s$ (persons/minutes)
 - V = speed along the incline (m/s)
 - k = average density of people (people/step)
 - s = number of escalator steps per metre



Planning & Design Factors



- Comparison of lifts and escalators
 - Lifts: for “long distance” travel over a large number of floors; most effective for tall buildings
 - Escalators (or stairs): for travel over a small number of floors (e.g. shopping centres, railway stations); most effective for handling large people flow
- A building complex could use both lifts and escalators to get the best results

Comparison of different types of lift & escalator systems

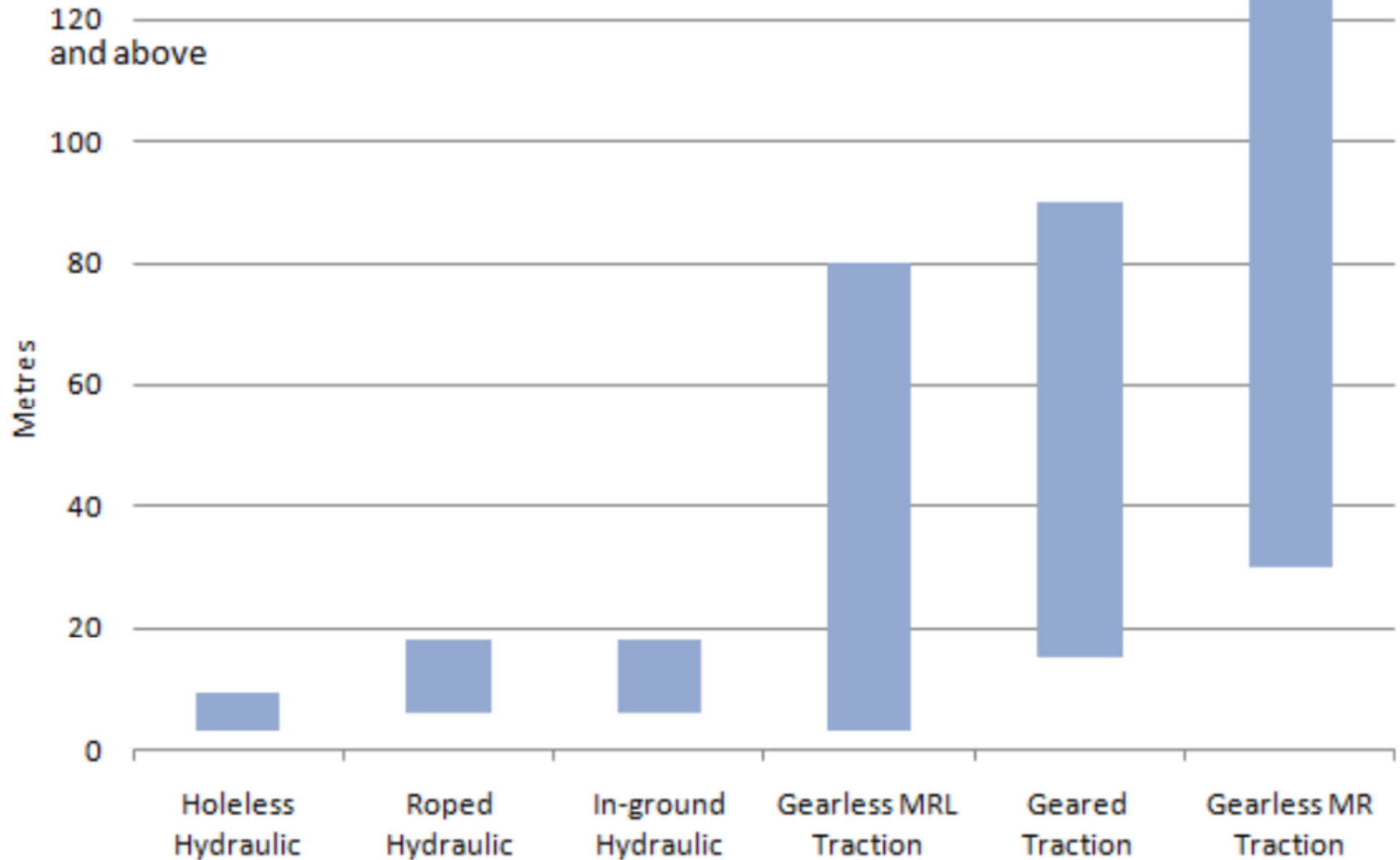
Type of system	Typical applications	Advantages	Disadvantages
Hydraulic	Low rise 2-6 floors	Low cost	Slow, high energy use, maintenance issues
Traction machine room-less	Low-Mid rise 2-10 floors	Easy installation, energy savings, faster than hydraulic option	Higher cost than hydraulic option
Traction geared	Mid rise 3-25 floors	Low cost for application	Speed, energy consumption
Traction gearless (direct drive)	High rise over 25 floors	High speed	High cost

Likely division of traffic
between lifts & escalators

Floor travelled	Escalator	Lift
1	90%	10%
2	75%	25%
3	50%	50%
4	25%	75%
5	10%	90%

[Source: CIBSE Guide D]

Typical range of rises for different lift technologies



Note: MRL – Machine Roomless; MR – with Machine Room

(Source: ISR-University of Coimbra, 2010. E4 Energy-Efficient Elevators and Escalators, brochure prepared for the Intelligent Energy of European Commission, University of Coimbra, Portugal. https://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/projects/sites/iee-projects/files/projects/documents/e4_publishable_report_en.pdf)

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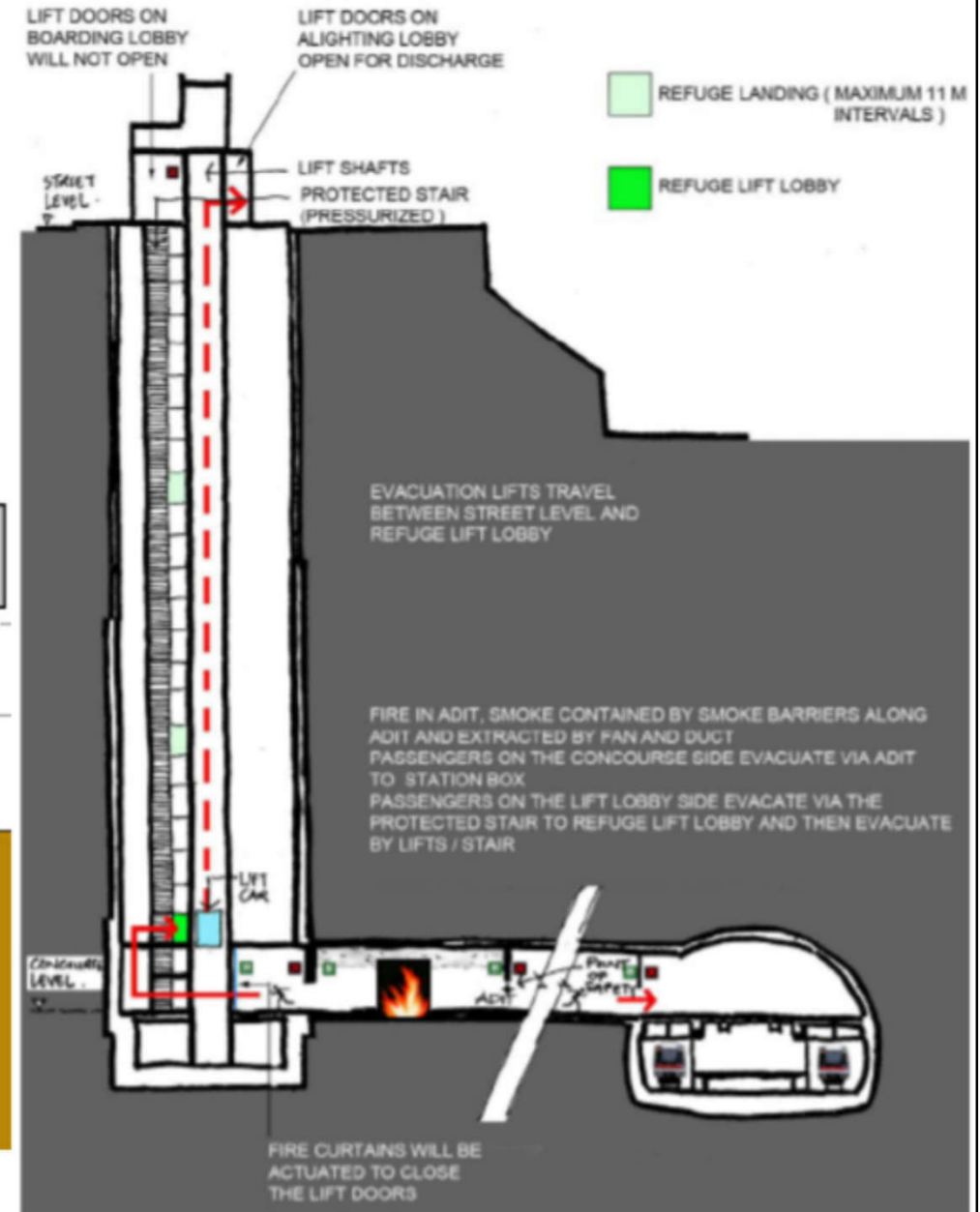
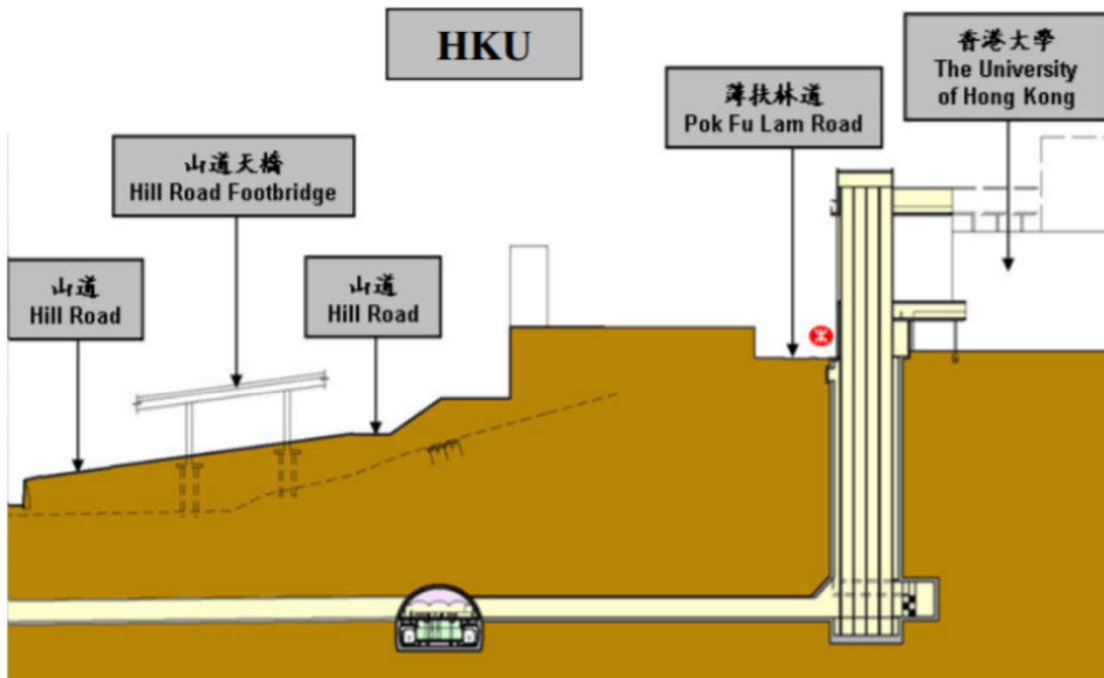
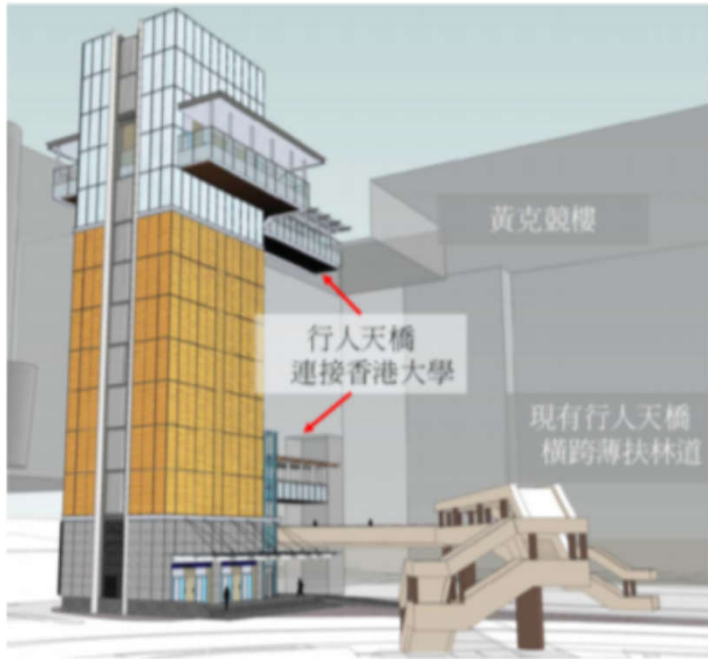
- Facilities for disabled persons -- “Barrier-free” access for buildings*, such as
 - Steps & stairs – colour contrast at interface
 - Ramps – max. gradient & minimum width
 - Handrails – suitable dimensions
 - Lifts – manoeuvring space
 - Lifting devices for wheelchair (e.g. at MTR)
- Using lifts for general evacuation



Lift-assisted evacuation (for a very deep-sited MTR station in Hong Kong)

Lift shafts 70 m & 100 m deep

Lift speed = 4 to 5 m/s; lift capacity = 24-28 persons



(Source: MTRC)

System Types



- Passenger lifts
 - Different requirements in various building types
 - Like commercial, hotels, hospitals, residential
 - Grouping of passenger lifts
 - Position & layout (for effective circulation & convenience)
 - Machine room/space
 - Hydraulic lifts: ideally at the lowest level
 - Electric traction lifts: directly above the lift well
 - Machine room-less lifts



Passenger lifts



System Types



- Observation lifts
 - Glazed or partially glazed lift car within a glazed or open-sided lift well
 - Also called wallclimber, scenic, glass, panoramic or bubble lifts
 - Within an atrium or external to the building
 - Design considerations
 - Visual impact (attracting sightseers)
 - Lift speed & handling capacity
 - Space requirements & maintenance



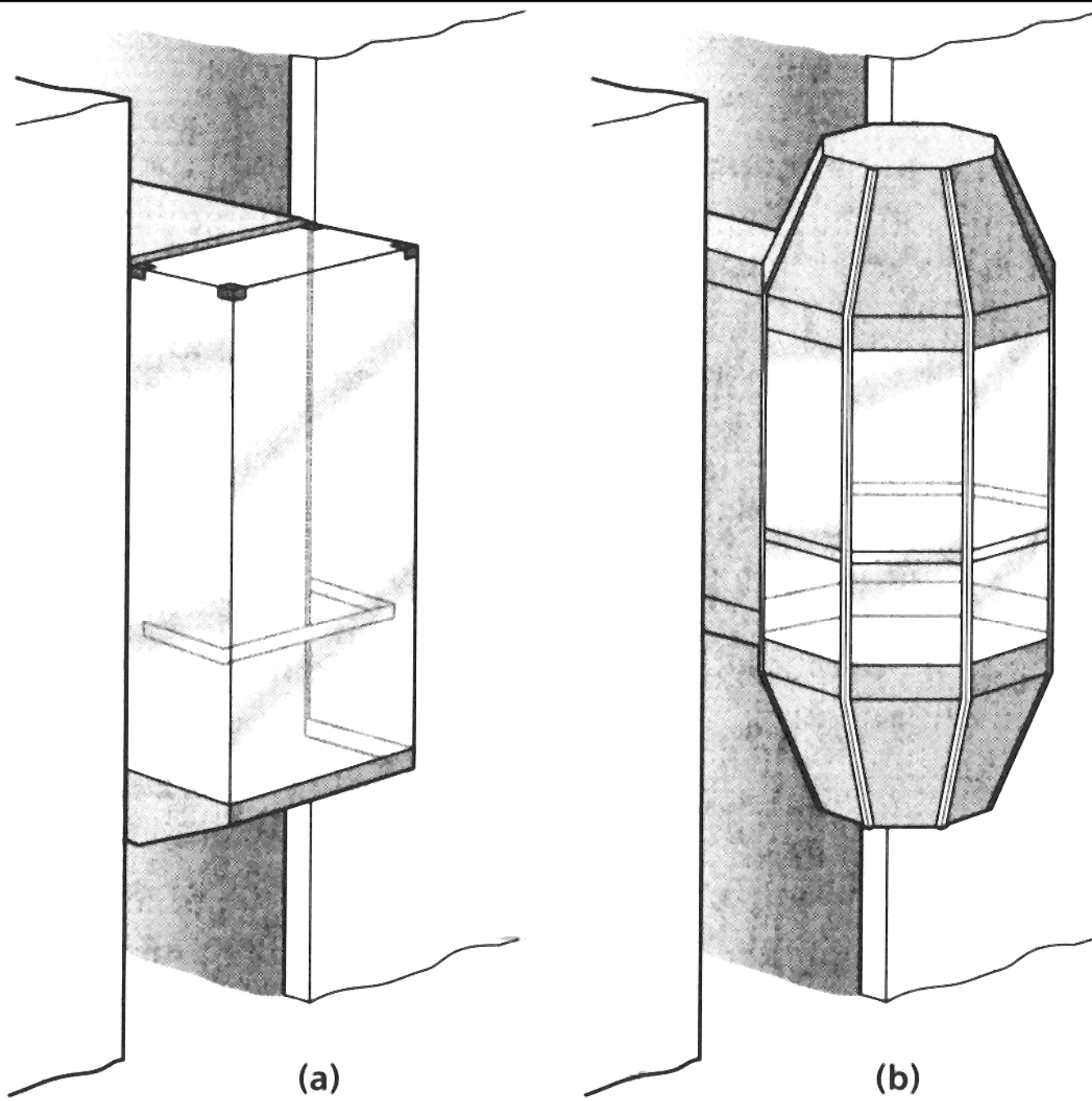


Figure 5.1 Typical observation lift cars; (a) rectangular without mullions, (b) octagonal with mullions

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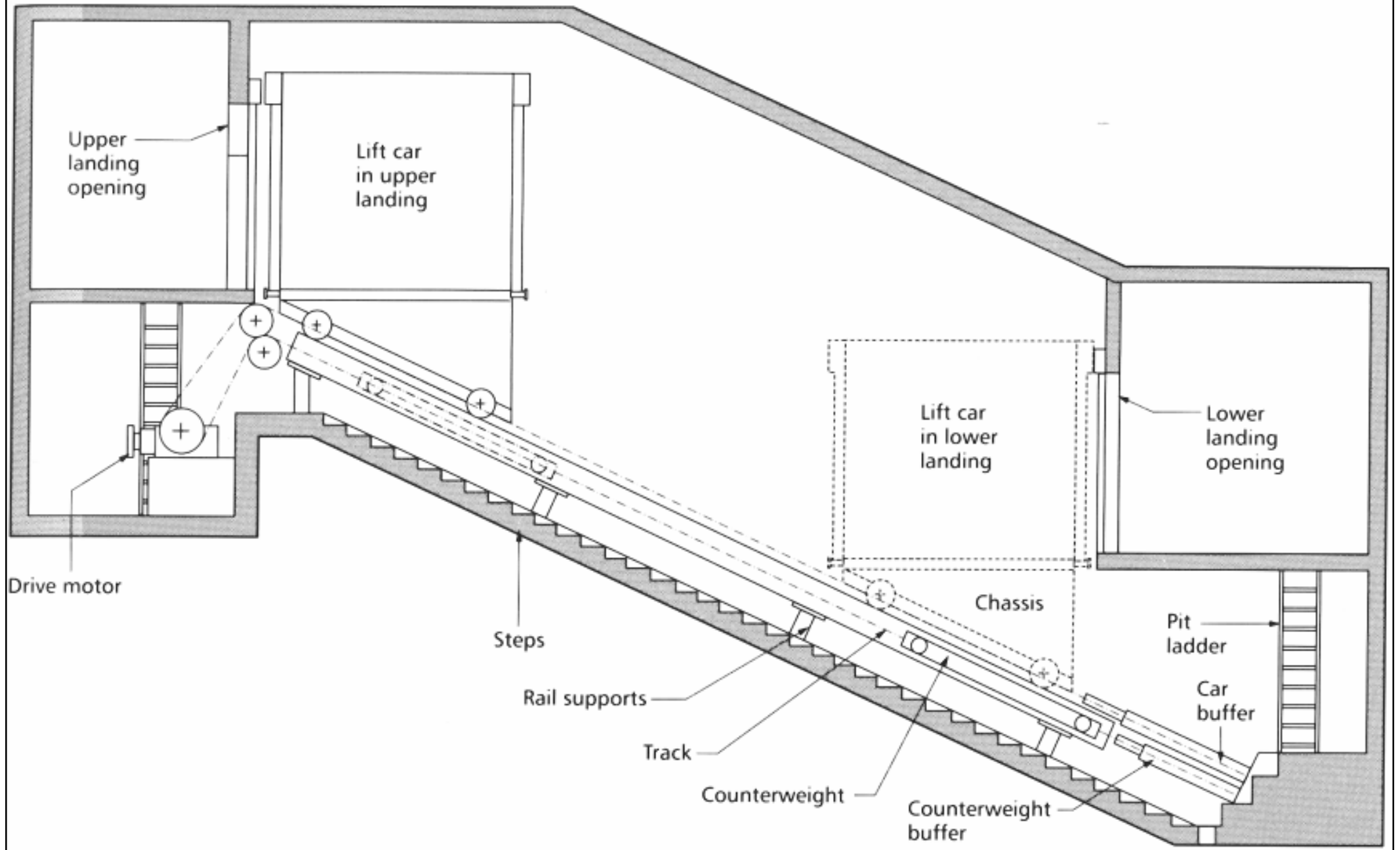


System Types

- Lifts for the aged & disabled
 - Provision for wheelchair
- Good lifts & service lifts
 - Car sizes, payloads, well dimensions
- Dumbwaiter (e.g. in restaurants)
- Stair lifts, inclined lifts
- Scissor lifts
- Car lift system

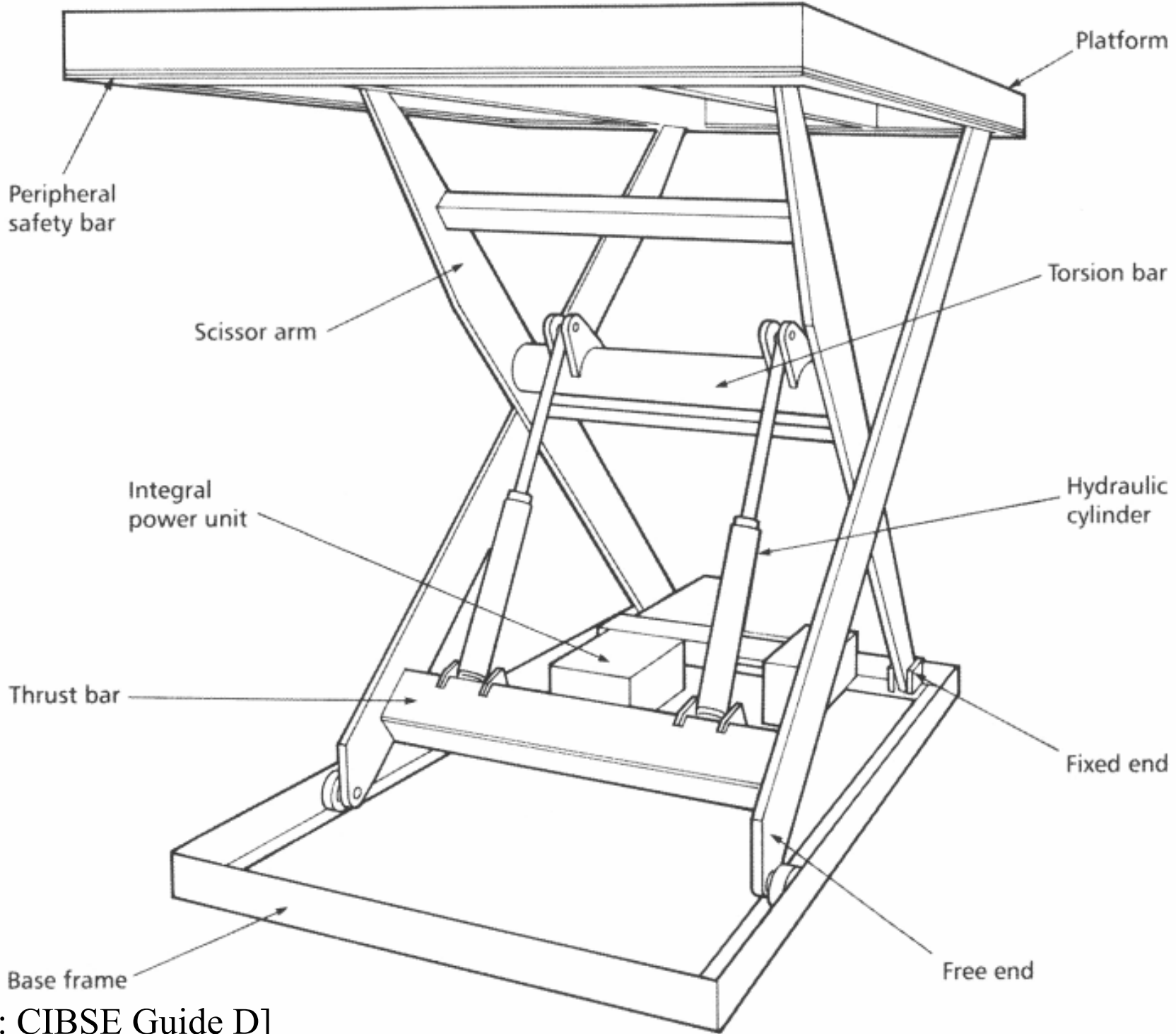


Inclined lift



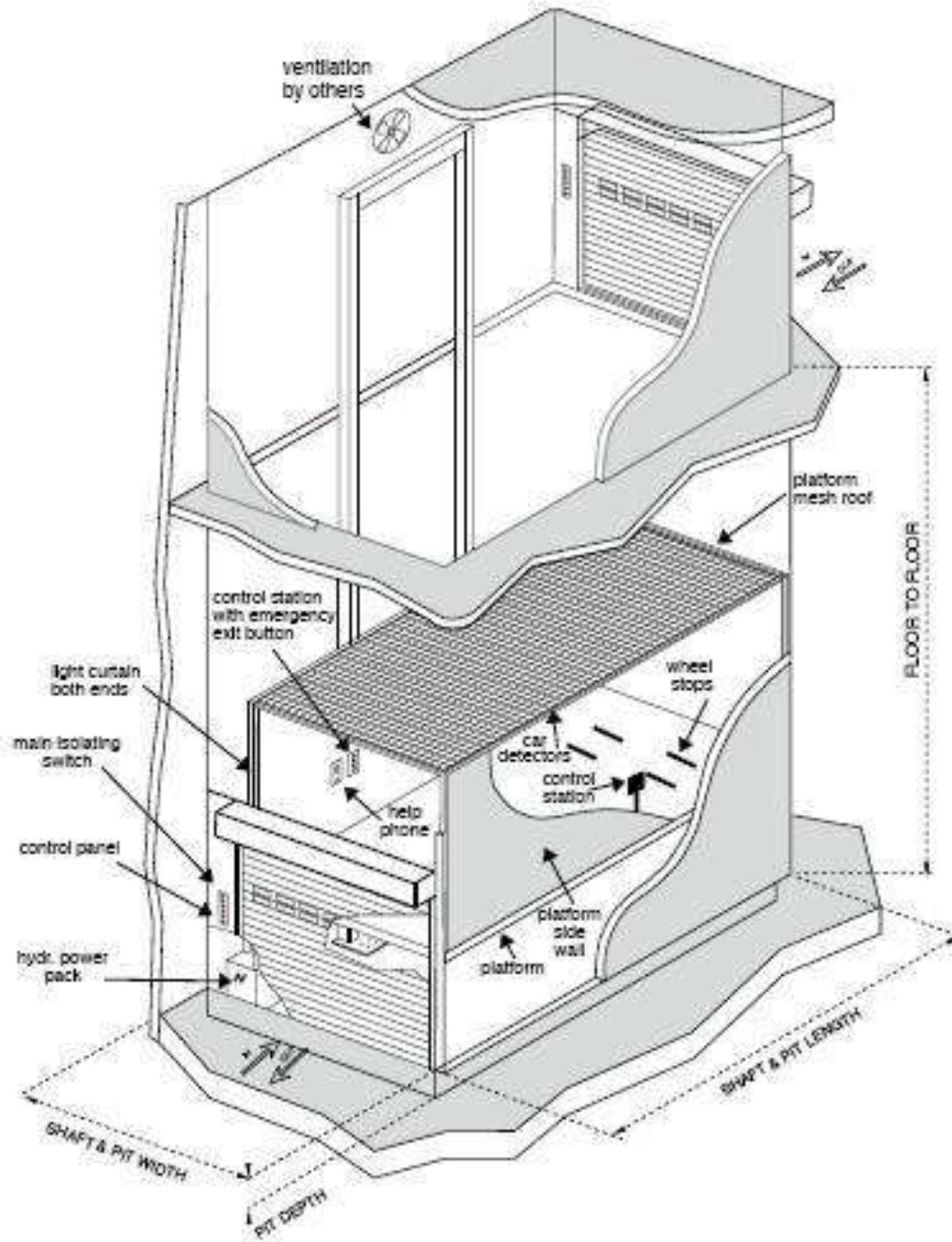
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Scissor lifts



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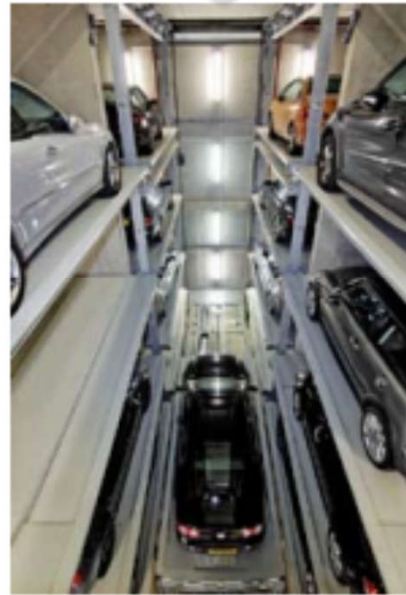
Car parking lift system



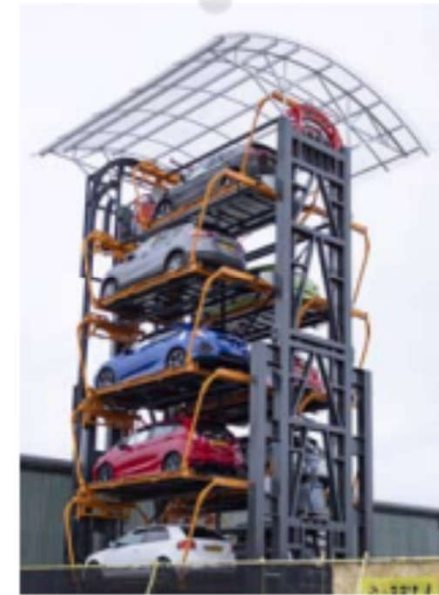
Mechanized vehicle parking system (MVPS)



Vertical Lifting and Horizontal Sliding System



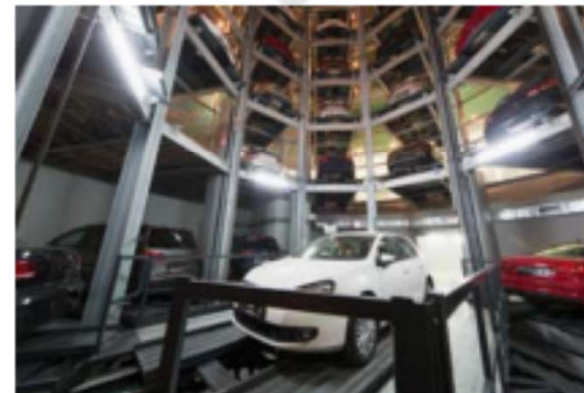
Tower Lifting System



Rotary Carousel System



Puzzle Stacking System



Circular Shaft Lifting System

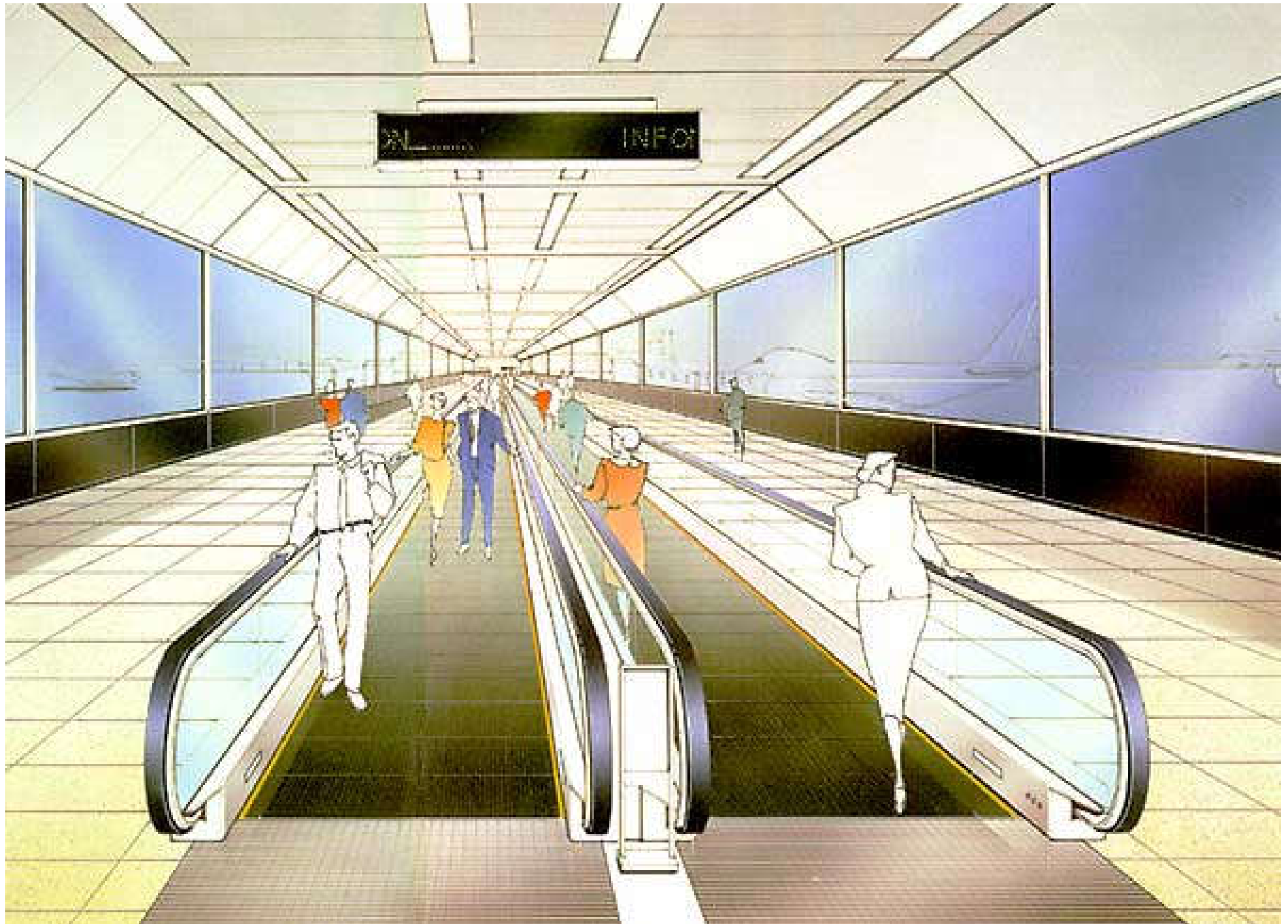
System Types



- Passenger conveyors
 - Other names: travelators, autowalks, moving walkway, moving pavement
 - Practical limit about 300 m distance
 - Useful in large airport terminals
 - Typical design factors:
 - May be inclined up to about 15°
 - Speed between 0.6 to 1.3 m/s (combined with walking, the overall pace is 2.5 m/s)
 - Materials must be flexible or elastic (e.g. reinforced rubber or interlaced steel plates)



Moving walkway



[Source: Mitsubishi Elevator and Escalator, <http://www.mitsubishi-elevator.com/>]

Inclined walkway



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Regulations and Codes



- Relevant ordinances and regulations in HK
 - Lifts and Escalators (Safety) Ordinance (Chapter 327) (Repealed and replaced by Chapter 618)
 - **Lifts and Escalators Ordinance (Chapter 618)***
 - Lifts and Escalators (General) Regulation (Cap. 618A)
 - Lifts and Escalators (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 618B)
 - Buildings Ordinance (Chapter 123)
 - Building (Lifts) Regulations (Cap. 123E)
 - Building (Escalators) Regulations (Cap. 123D)

(*See also: https://www.emsd.gov.hk/en/lifts_and_escalators_safety/leo_intrdctn/)

Use permit for lift (left) and escalator (right)

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准用證(升降機)
Use Permit (Lift)

升降機及自動梯條例(第618章)
THE LIFTS AND ESCALATORS ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 618)

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Location ID. 1234567 - 001

升降機編號
Lift No. 1

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SAFETY BUILDING, SAFETY STREET, HONG KONG

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SAFETY SHOPPING ARCADE, SAFETY STREET,
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Regulations and Codes



- Relevant ordinances and regulations (cont'd)
 - Factories and Industries Undertakings (Goods Lifts) Regulations (Chapter 59)
 - Requirements of Fireman's Lift (in Fire Services Department's Code of Practice)
 - Builders' Lifts and Tower Working Platforms (Safety) Ordinance (Chapter 470) (at construction sites)

Regulations and Codes



- Related standards and codes of practice
 - Code of Practice on the Design and Construction of Lifts and Escalators
 - Code of Practice for Lift Works and Escalator Works
 - Relevant British Standards (e.g. BS 5655(EN81) and BS5656(EN115))
 - Code of Practice for Safety at Work (Lift and Escalator)
 - Code of Practice on Building Works for Lifts & Escalators
 - Circular letters from EMSD related to lifts and escalators
 - Guidelines on safety of lift shaft works issued by Construction Industry Council

Regulations and Codes



- Relevant terms:
 - Responsible person
 - Who owns, manages or controls the lift/escalator
 - Registered persons
 - Registered escalator contractor, engineer or worker
 - Registered lift contractor, engineer or worker
 - Competent lift/escalator worker
 - Qualified person
 - Registered engineer (RE), registered worker (RW), or competent worker (CW) of the registered contractor (RC) undertaking the works

Works undertaken by an Registered Contractor (RC) and an Registered Engineer (RE)

Party undertaking lift works or escalator works	Registered Contractor (RC)	Registered Engineer (RE)
Type of lift works or escalator works	Installation	
	Commissioning	Commissioning
	Examination	Examination*
	Maintenance	
	Repair	
	Alteration	
	Demolition	

* REs are authorized under the Ordinance to issue a certificate following thorough examination of a lift or an escalator to certify that the lift or the escalator is in safe working order or to report that the installation is **not** in safe working order.

Regulations and Codes



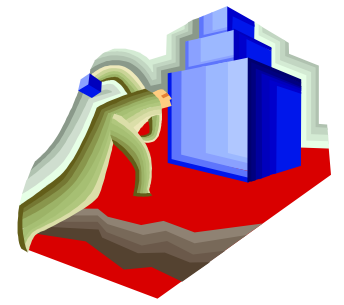
- Registration system
 - Registered Lift/Escalator Contractor (RLC/REC)
 - Registered Lift/Escalator Engineer (RLE/REE)
 - Registered Lift/Escalator Worker (RLW/REW) (*new*)
 - Further info (registers):
 - https://www.emsd.gov.hk/en/lifts_and_escalators_safety/registers/
- Requirements of RLE and REE
 - Relevant qualifications, training & experience
 - Written examination + interview (conducted by EMSD)
 - Renew their registration every 5 years
- Digital log-books system for lifts & escalators
 - https://www.emsd.gov.hk/en/lifts_and_escalators_safety/digital_log_books_system/



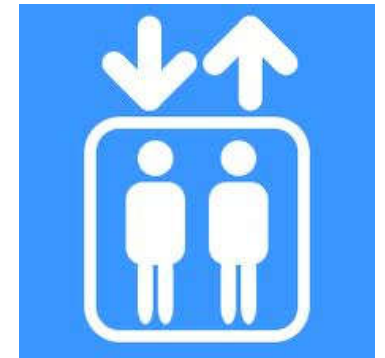
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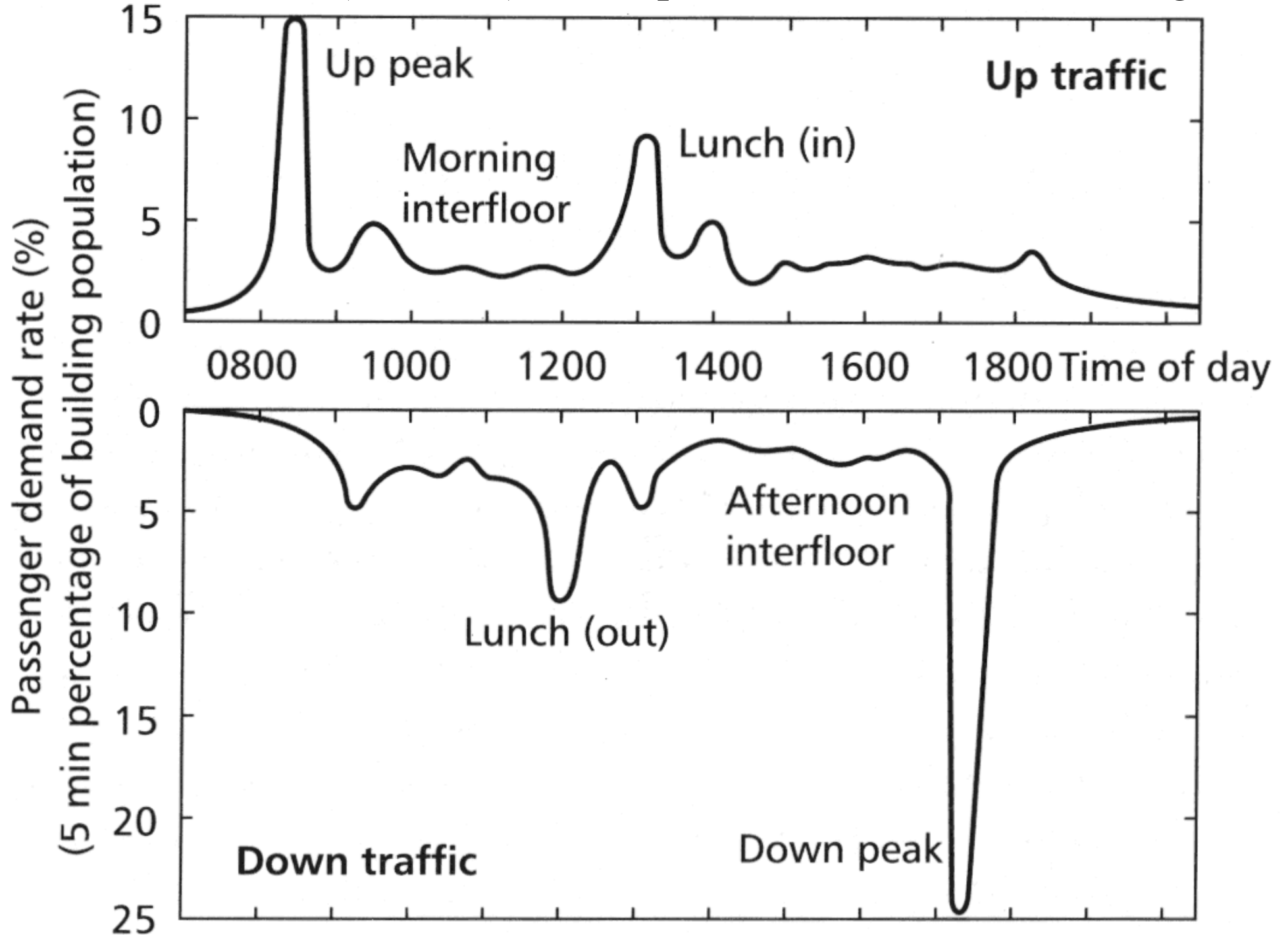
Lift Traffic Analysis



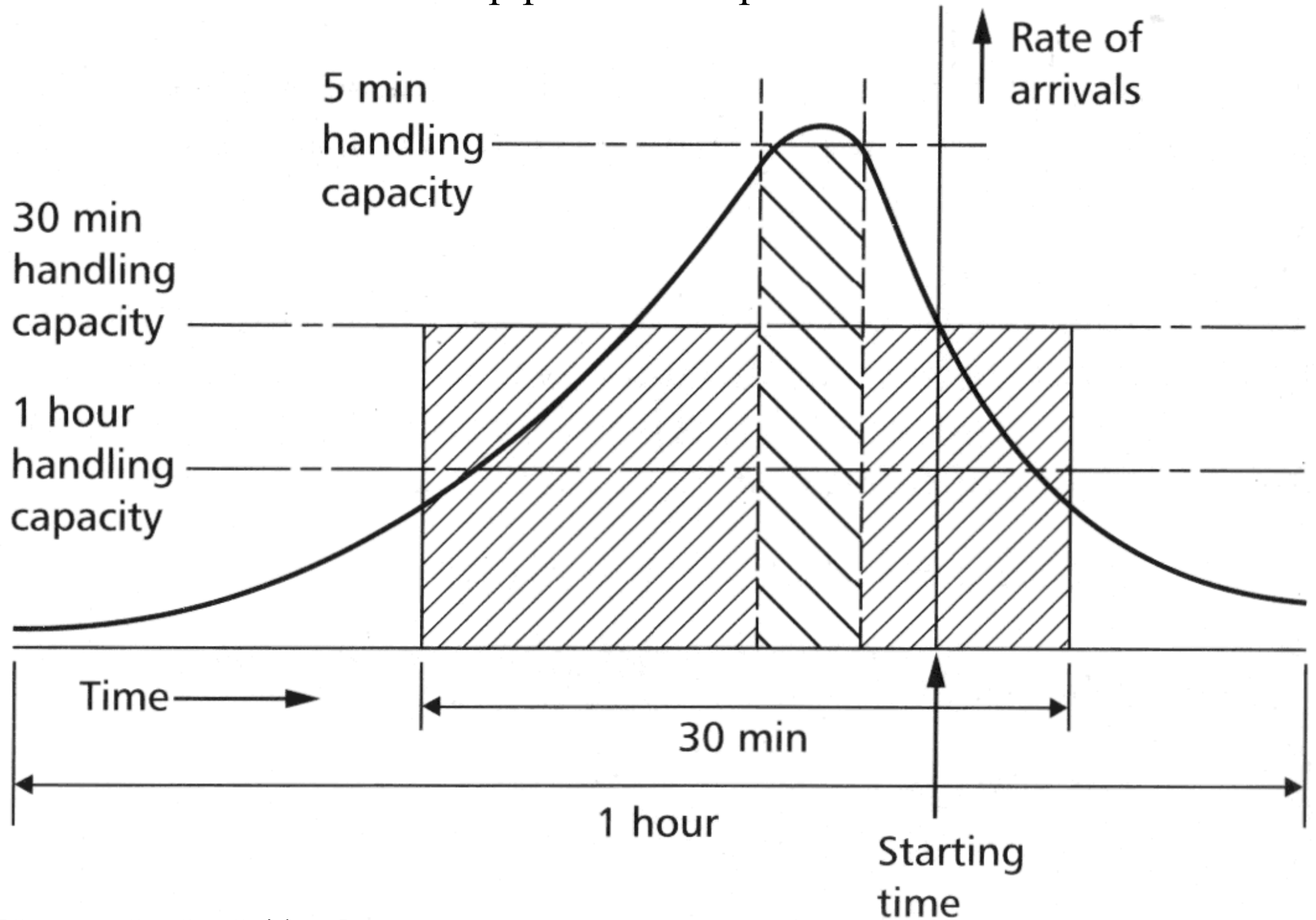
- Assessment of demand
 - Lift traffic patterns (e.g. in an office building)
 - Morning UP peak
 - Evening DOWN peak
 - Mid-day two-way traffic (lunch periods)
 - Interfloor traffic
 - Other considerations, e.g. 'Flexitime' attendance
 - Estimation of population (occupant density)
 - Estimation of arrival rate



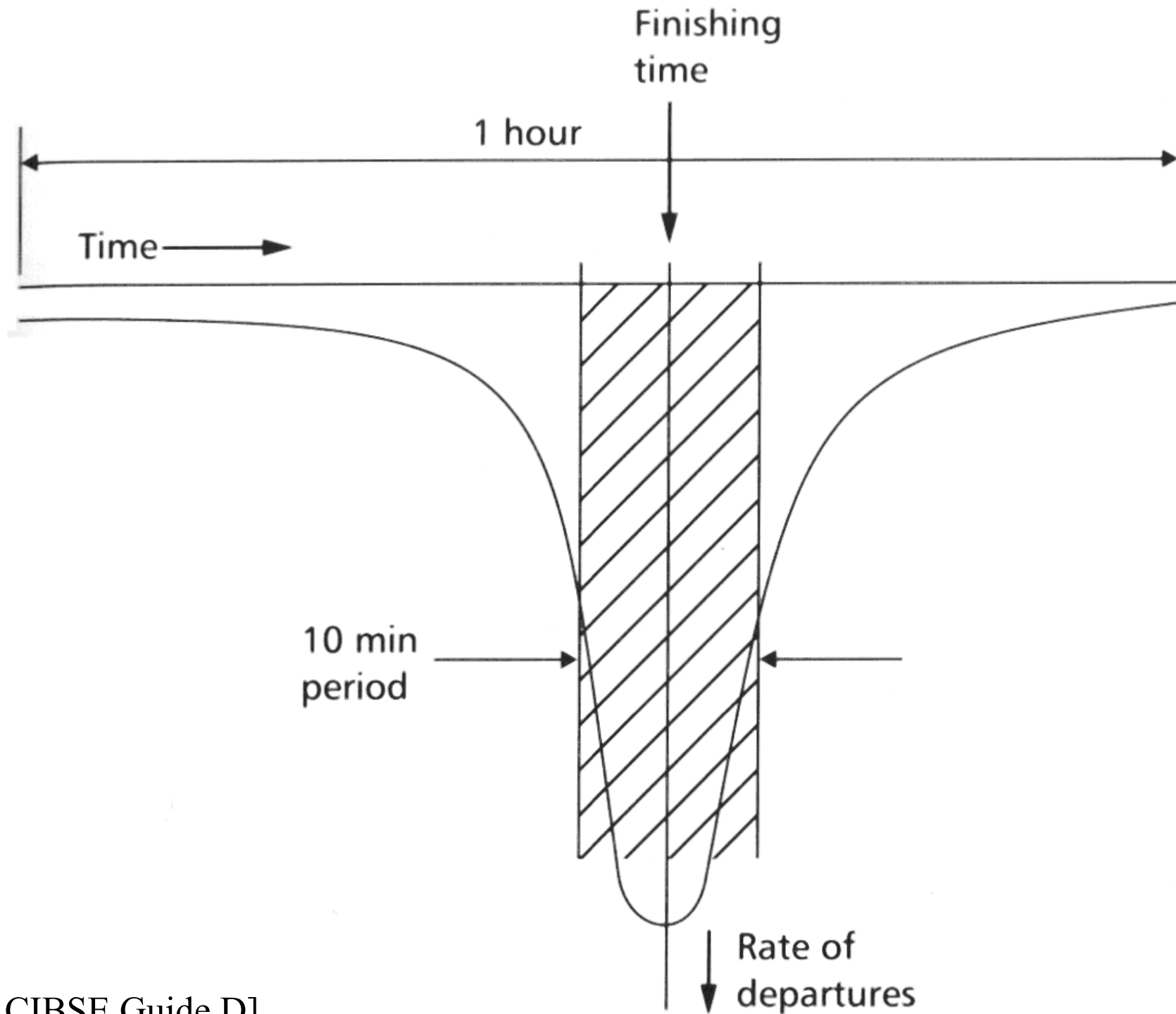
Four distinct (classical) traffic patterns in an office building



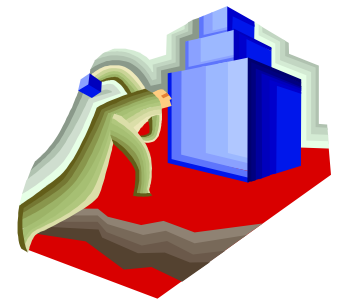
Up peak traffic profile



Down peak traffic profile



Lift Traffic Analysis



- Factors to be considered:
 - Population or no. of people who require lift service (based on building type)
 - Handling capacity or maximum flow rate required by the people (total no. of passengers handled during the peak period of the day)
 - Interval or quality of service required (passenger waiting time of the various floors)

Estimation of population

Building type	Estimated population**
Hotel	1.5-1.9 persons/room
Flats	1.5-1.9 persons/bedroom
Hospital	3.0 persons/bedspace*
School	0.8-1.2 m ² net area/pupil
Office (multiple tenancy):	
- Regular	10-12 m ² net area/person
- Prestige	15-18 m ² net area/person
Office (single tenancy):	
- Regular	8-10 m ² net area/person
- Prestige	12-20 m ² net area/person

* excluding patient

** Buildings in Hong Kong often have higher population density.
May need to increase the number of people by 10-20%.

Percentage arrival rates and up-peak intervals

Building type	Arrival rate (%)	Interval (sec)
Hotel	10-15	30-50
Flats	5-7	40-90
Hospital	8-10	30-50
School	15-25	30-50
Office (multiple tenancy):	- Regular	11-15
	- Prestige	15-17
Office (single tenancy):	- Regular	15
	- Prestige	15-17

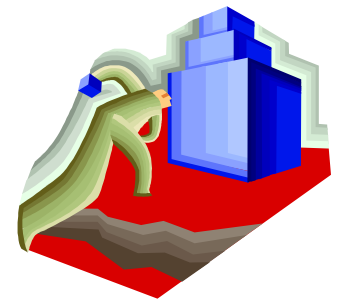
Probable quality of service in office buildings

Interval (sec)	Quality of service
≤ 20	Excellent
25	Very good
30 (*)	Good
40	Poor
≥ 50	Unsatisfactory

[Source: CIBSE Guide D]

(*) 50 and 90 sec considered satisfactory for hotels and residential buildings

Lift Traffic Analysis



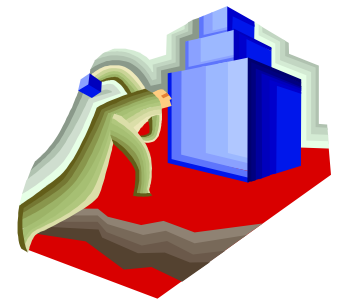
- Estimation of quality of service
 - Actual average passenger waiting time (AWT)
 - Time between the instant of passenger arrival until the instant of the actual arrival of the lift
 - Shorter the waiting time, better the service
 - But cannot be measured easily
 - Interval of car arrivals at the main terminal
 - Often taken to estimate the probable quality of service
 - A part of the evaluation of handling capacity
 - $AWT \approx 85\%$ of the interval (assumed 80% car loading)

Lift Traffic Analysis



- Two methods of lift traffic analysis:
 - (1) Based on **classical formulae** & results
 - The worst 5-min period during morning up peak only
 - (2) Based on a **discrete digital simulation** of the building, its lifts and the passenger dynamics
 - Such as for down peak, two-way & interfloor traffic
- Need to work at early design stage with architect or planner, and the client to establish the lift system & its design criteria

Lift Traffic Analysis

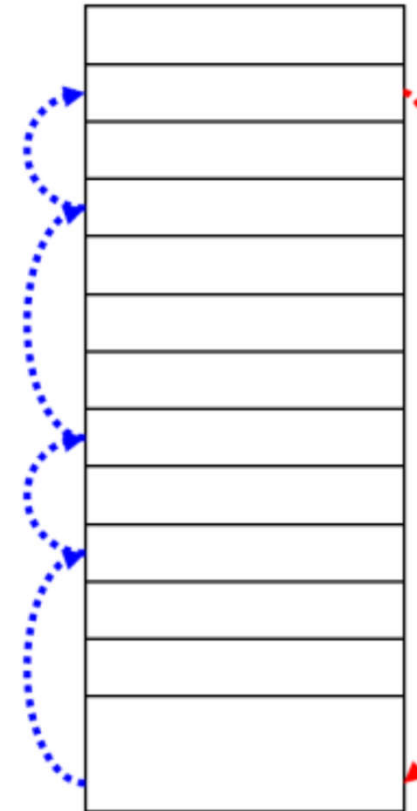


- Calculate up peak performance
 - Determine round trip time (RTT)
 - Time for a single lift to make a round trip
 - Select number of lifts (L)
 - Determine up peak interval (UPPINT)
 - Such as, ≤ 30 sec (good)
 - Determine up peak handling capacity (UPPHC)
 - During the worst 5-min (300 sec) of up peak

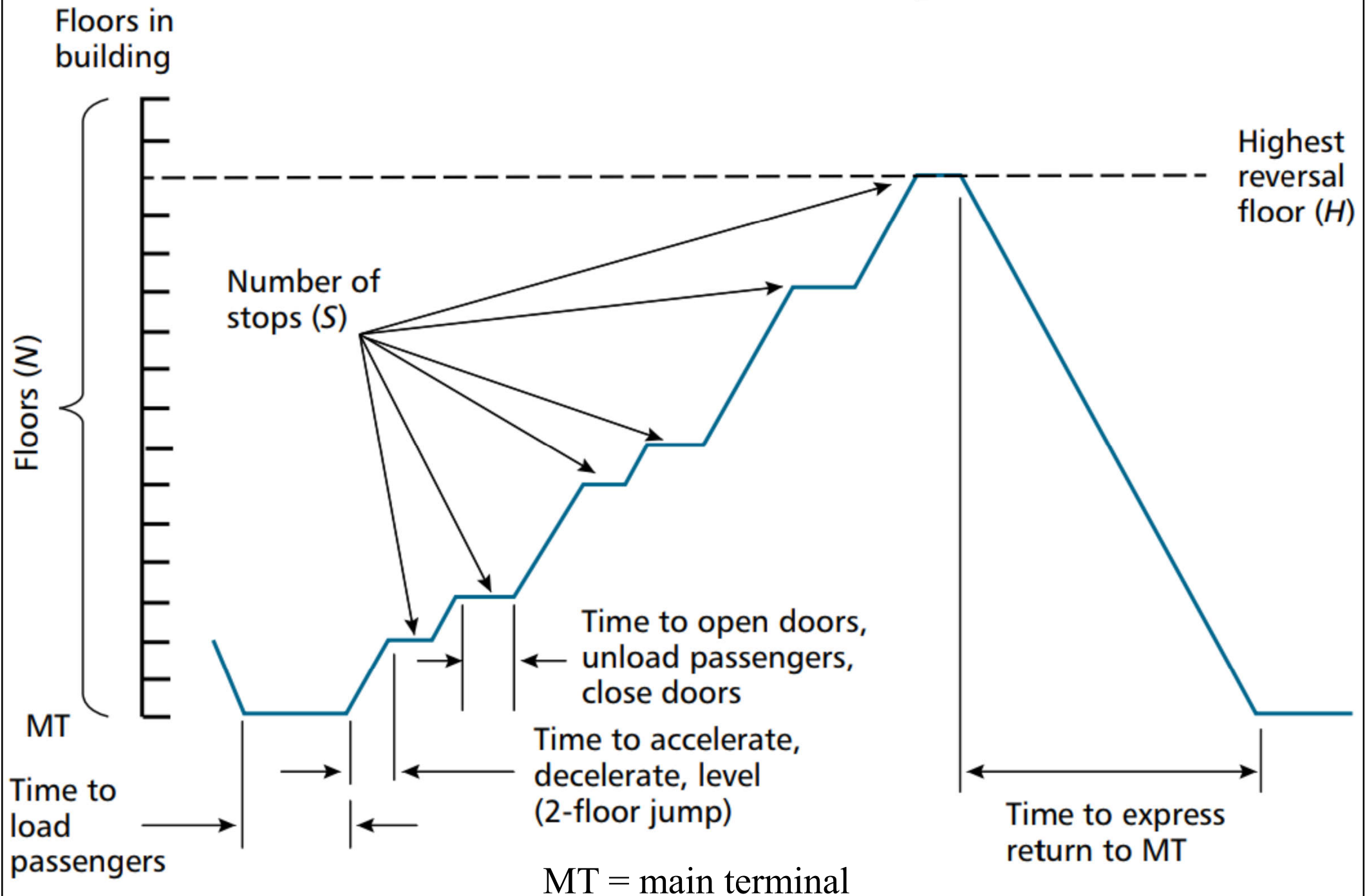
Lift Traffic Analysis



- $RTT = 2 H t_v + (S + 1) t_s + 2 P t_p$
 - H = average highest call reversal floor
 - t_v = single floor transit time (s)
 - S = average no. of stops
 - t_s = time consumed when stopping (s)
 - P = average no. of passengers carried
 - t_p = passenger transfer time (s)
- $UPPINT = RTT / L$
- $UPPHC = (300 \times L \times P) / RTT$

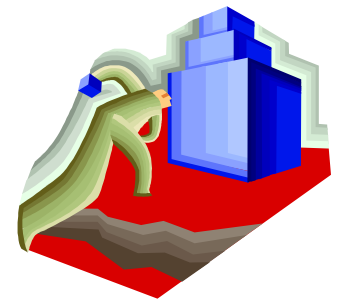


The elements of a round trip



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Lift Traffic Analysis



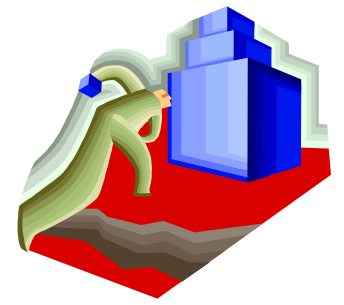
- Parameters in RTT equation
 - Average no. of passengers (P)
 - $P = 0.8 \times$ rate capacity of lift car
 - Average highest call reversal floor (H)

$$H = N - \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \left(\frac{i}{N} \right)^P$$

- Average no. of stops (S)

$$S = N \times \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{N} \right)^P \right)$$

Lift Traffic Analysis



- Parameters in RTT equation (cont'd)

- Single floor transit time, $t_v = d_f / v$

- d_f = average interfloor distance (m)

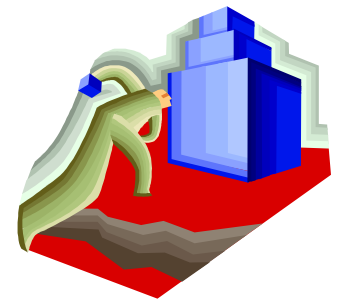
- v = contract (rated) speed (m/s)

- For a lift serving an upper zone, an extra time to make the jump to/from the express zone to the main terminal must be added:

$$\text{RTT} = 2 H t_v + (S + 1) t_s + 2 P t_p + [2 H_e t_v]$$

- H_e = number of average height floors passed through to reach the first served floor of the express zone

Lift Traffic Analysis



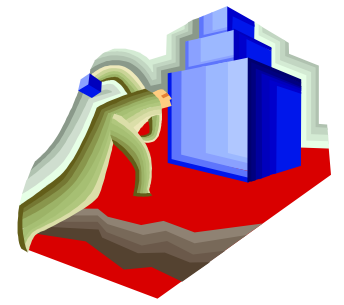
- Parameters in RTT equation (cont'd)

- Time consumed when stopping

$$t_s = T - t_v = t_f(1) + t_c + t_o - t_v$$

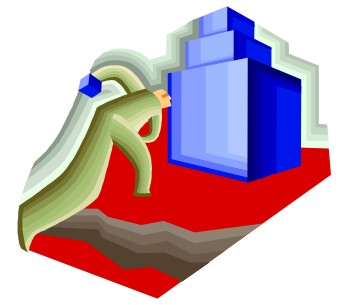
- T = floor-to-floor cycle time (s)
- $t_f(1)$ = single floor flight time (s)
- t_c = door closing time (s)
- t_o = door opening time (s)
- Floor cycle time (T) has the most effect on RTT
 - Can be used to judge the quality of service
 - For a good system, $T = 9$ to 10 sec

Lift Traffic Analysis



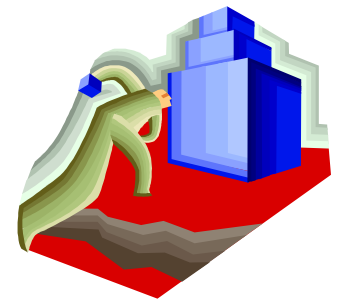
- Parameters in RTT equation (cont'd)
 - Passenger transfer time (t_p), vague to define. It depends on:
 - Shape of lift car
 - Size and type of car entrance
 - Environment (commercial, institutional, residential)
 - Type of passenger (age, gender, purpose, etc)

Lift Traffic Analysis



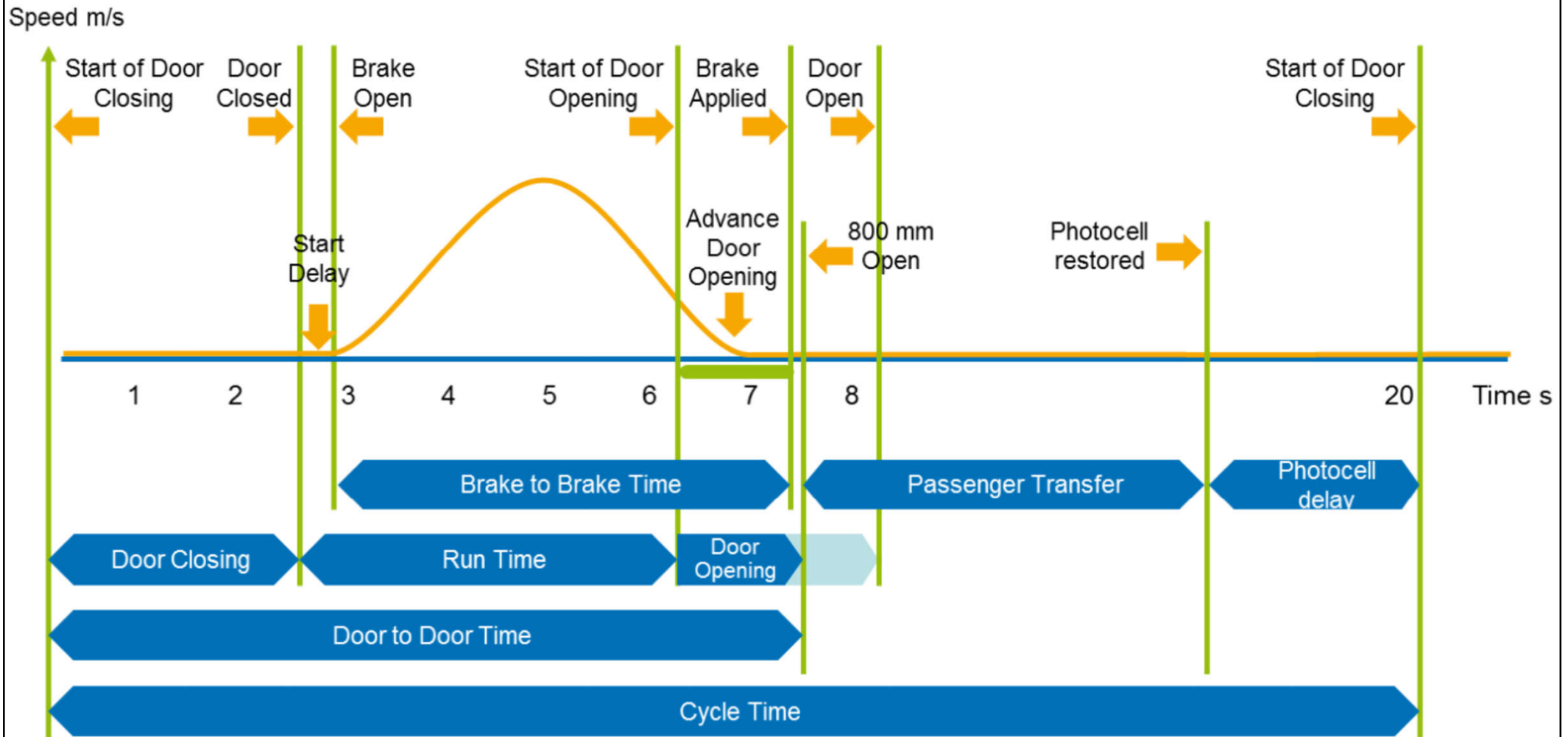
- Basic assumptions of RTT equation
 - The busiest traffic is the morning 5-minute uppeak
 - Traffic profile is ideal
 - All floors equally populated or equal attraction
 - Interfloor heights are equal
 - Passengers arrive uniformly in time
 - All cars load to 80% for each travel
 - Rated speed reached in a single floor jump
 - Other operating time (like dwell time) ignored

Lift Traffic Analysis

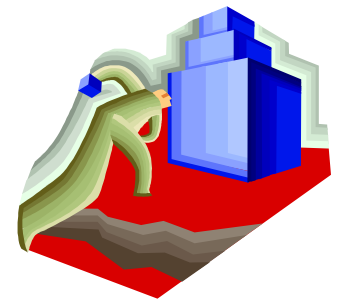


- Average passenger waiting time (AWT)
 - Average time an individual passenger waits at a floor before being able to board a lift
 - Not dependent solely on UPPINT
 - Also affected by the average car load and the arrival probability distribution function
 - Some design criteria for different traffic patterns have been derived empirically based on the simulation method (see *CIBSE Guide D*)

Lift cycle time definitions



Lift Traffic Analysis



- Computer software (lift traffic analysis)
 - Lift traffic design spreadsheet (by Gina Barney)
<http://tandfmedia.s3.amazonaws.com/products/9781138852327/GinaBarneyLiftTools-ETH2.xlsx>
 - [SIMPLE](#) (suite of iterative balance method and other programs for lift and elevator design)
 - <http://ibse.hk/IBTM5660/barney.zip>
 - Download, unzip & run the software by "gosimple.bat"
 - [ELEVATE](#) (elevator traffic analysis and simulation software) <http://www.peters-research.com/>
 - ELEVATE demo version <https://peters-research.com/index.php/download/>

SIMPLE software

Welcome to Dr Gina Barney's lift programs.

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- 1 Iterative balance method
- 2 Lift traffic design
- 3 Lift traffic design with basements
- 4 Double deck design
- 5 Down peak estimate
- 6 Lift dynamics
- 0 Exit

Your choice ?

ELEVATE software

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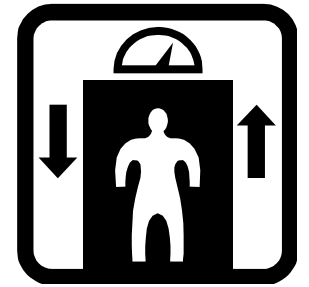
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 Load (kg) 600 225 150 225

Floor Name	People Waiting	Landing Calls	Car 1	Car 2	Car 3	Car 4
Level 8	0		■	■		
Level 7	0		■		■	
Level 6	1	▲	■	■	■	
Level 5	1	▼	■	■	■	
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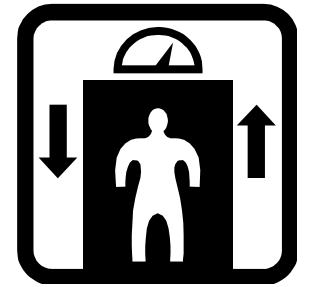
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Advanced Traffic Planning



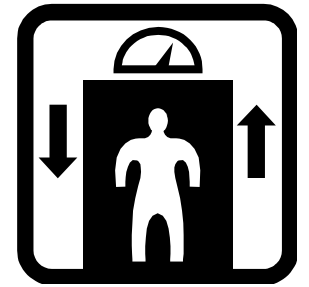
- Basic issues
 - The “[art](#)” of lift traffic planning
 - Efficient planning is based on the characteristics & population distribution of a building
 - Good traffic planning results in:
 - Correct number & type of transportation devices
 - Right size & speed for transportation devices
 - Control systems & other features that optimize & synchronize traffic flow
 - Optimum layout including positioning in the building & in relation to one another
 - Easy access to buildings and a smooth flow of people & goods

Advanced Traffic Planning



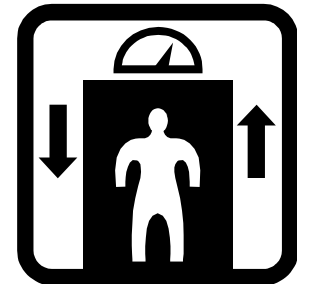
- Key considerations
 - Lifts and escalators should provide
 - Sufficient handling capacity for the building's traffic
 - Short waiting and journey times throughout the day
 - Optimum use of core building space
 - The main parameters are
 - Handling Capacity (HC) – the number of people the elevators can carry to upper floors within five minutes during the morning "up-peak"
 - Interval (I) – the average departure time for elevators from the main entrance during morning up peak

Advanced Traffic Planning



- Building categorization
 - The need for traffic planning varies according to the type & usage of the building
 - Typical categories:
 - Residential
 - Public service (e.g. subways, shopping centers, airports)
 - Hospital and multi-purpose buildings
 - Commercial mid-, high- and mega high rise -buildings (e.g. offices, hotels, cruise liners)

Advanced Traffic Planning



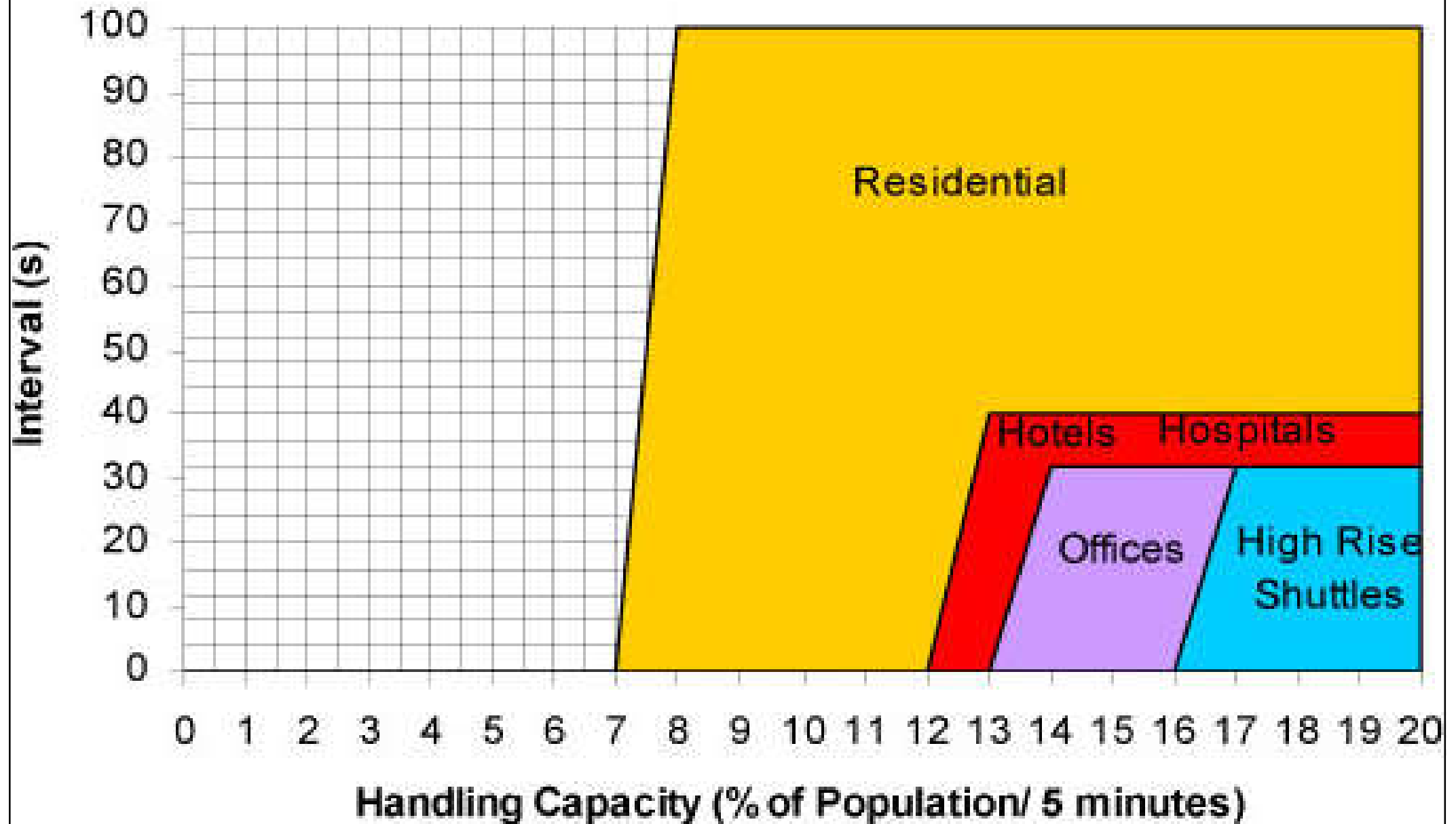
- Residential buildings

- Traffic intensity is rather low
- Waiting times even twice as long as those in commercial buildings may be acceptable
- Can normally be selected by using local, international or comparable standards

- Public service (airports/subways, shopping centres)

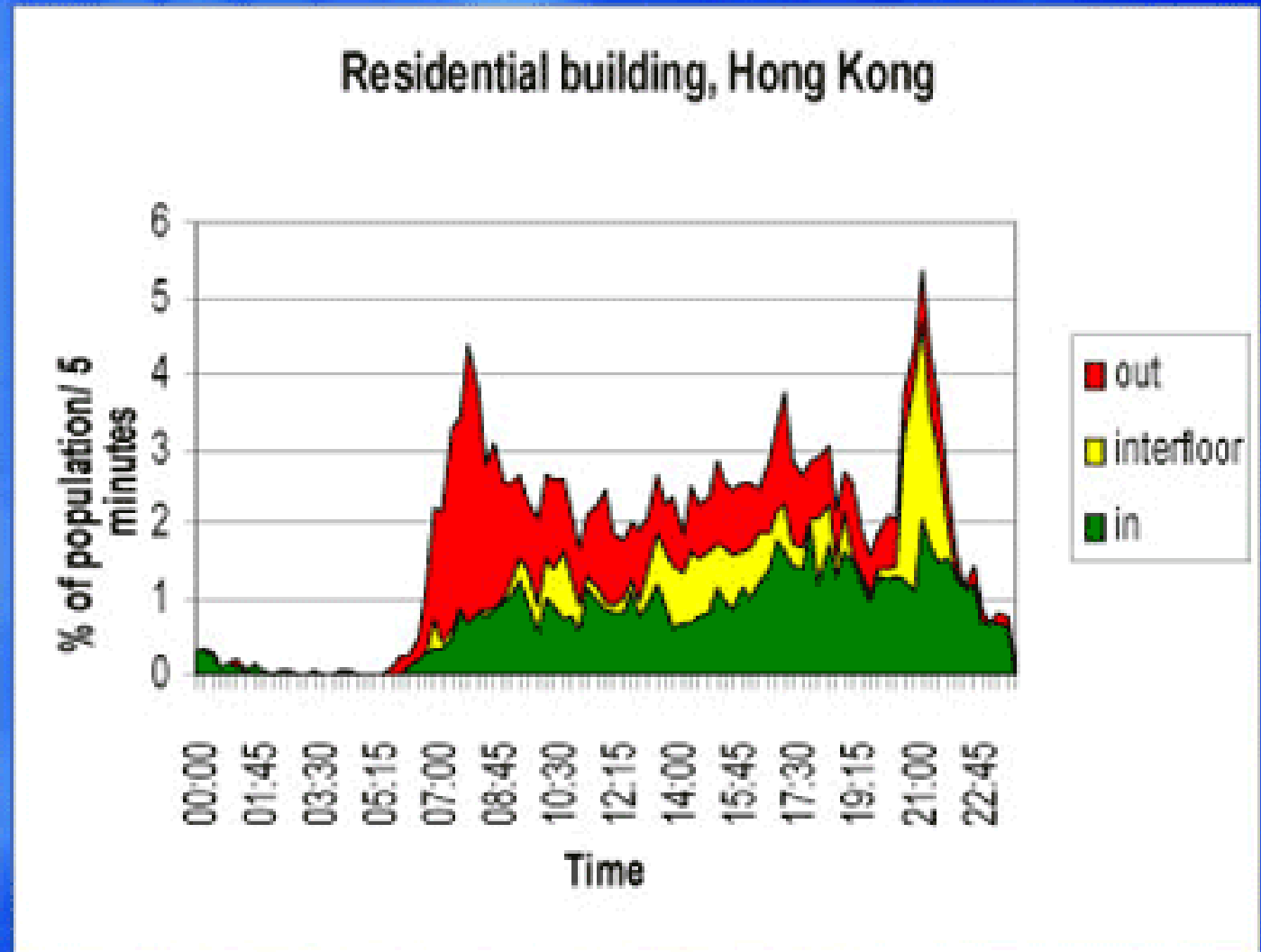
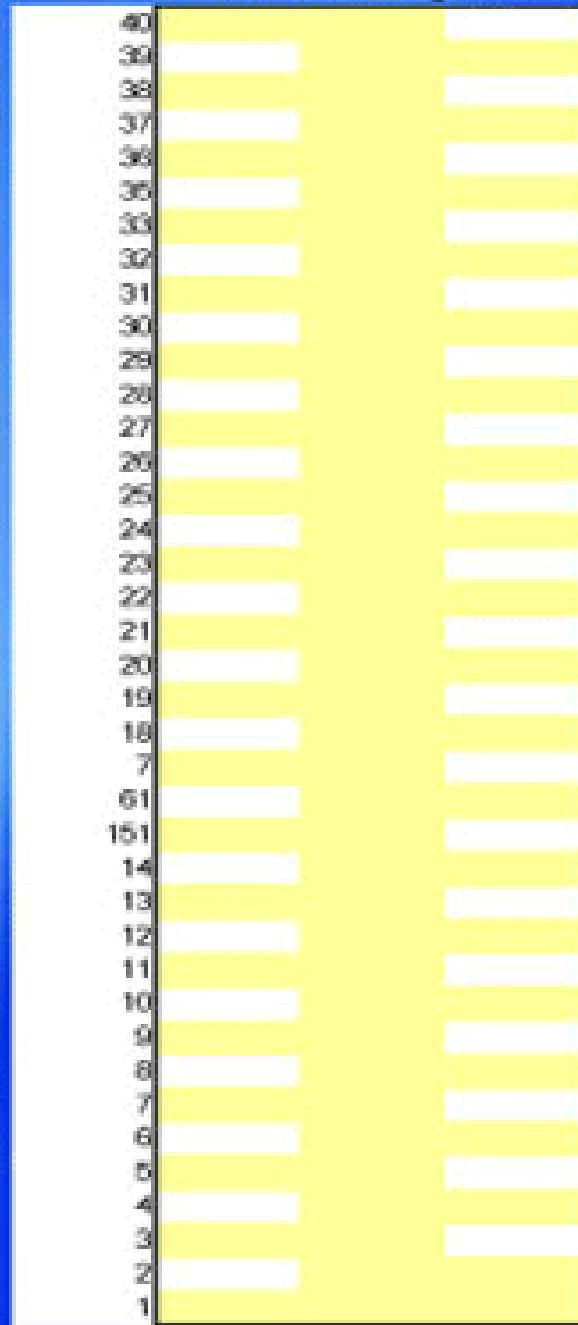
- Travelling height is typically no more than a few floors
- Escalators can handle many times the traffic of lifts
- Autowalks speed the people flow across long walking distances
- Lifts are usually provided for handicapped access and the transport of goods or equipment

Performance criteria for passenger elevators

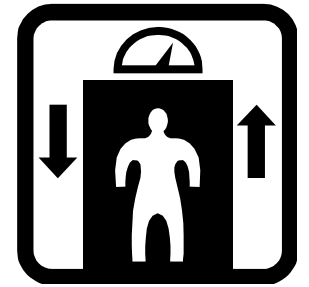


Residential buildings – passenger traffic flow

Double Triplex



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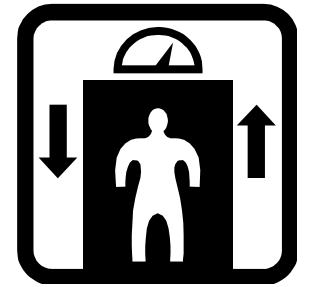
- Hospitals

- Need detailed planning to cover emergency, service, bed, patient, visitor and staff transportation
- Architecture and special needs e.g. the location of the operating theatre affect transportation arrangements

- Multi-purpose buildings

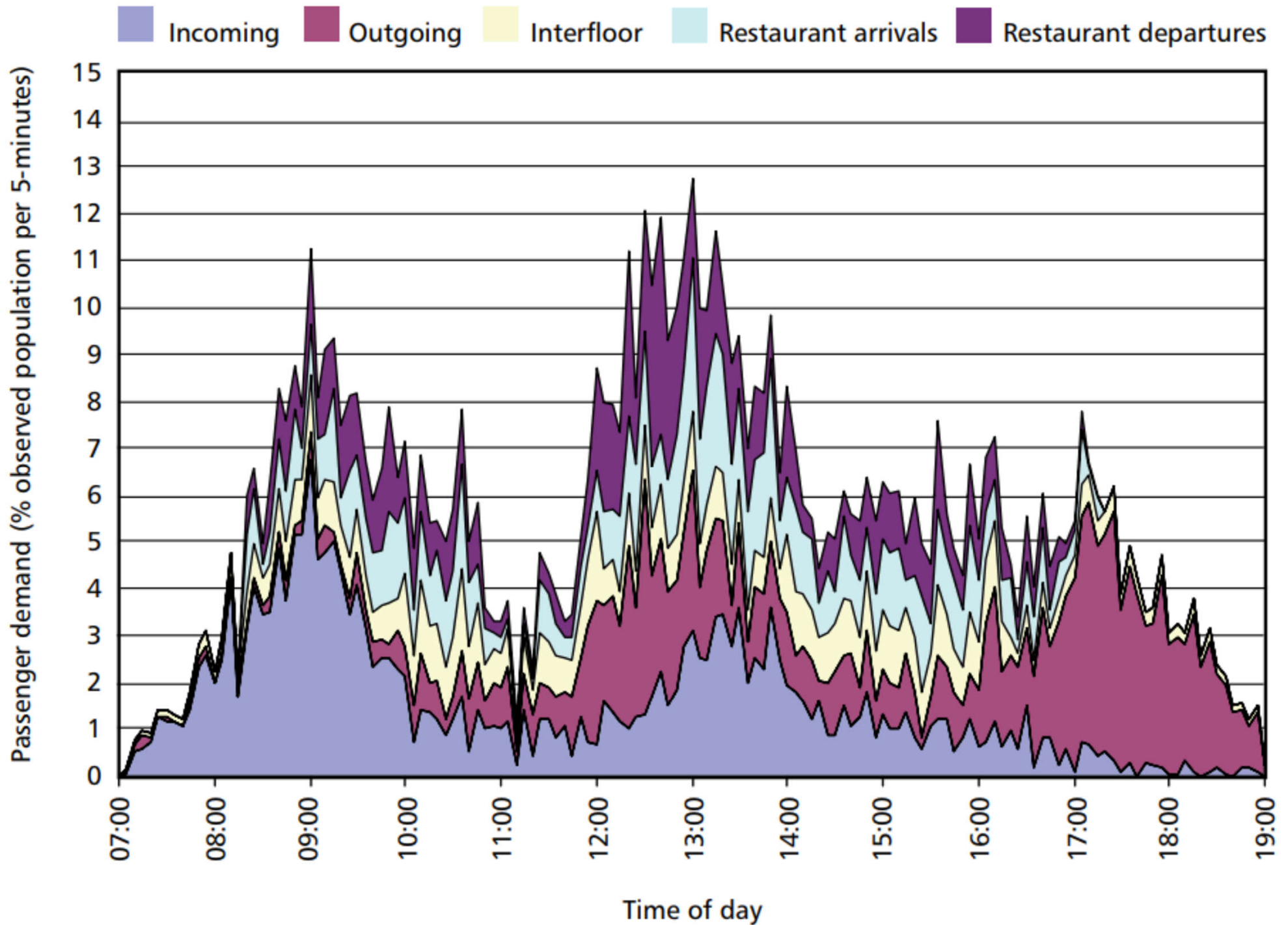
- Separate elevators for different purposes
- If the same lifts are to serve office and residential areas, they should be selected according to the highest estimated peak traffic demands

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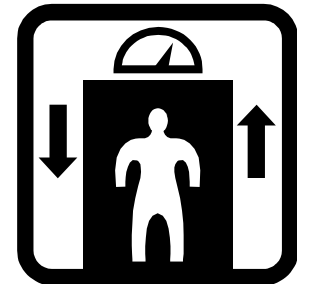
- Mid-rise commercial buildings
 - Hotels: the selection largely depends on the number of rooms and beds. Additional lifts are required for service purposes
 - Office buildings: three peak traffic hours generally occur: morning up peak, lunchtime mixed traffic and evening down peak
 - Up peak is normally used in lift planning
 - Lunch hour traffic is often heavier than the morning up peak

Passenger demand for office building with a restaurant at an upper level



[Source: CIBSE Guide D]

Advanced Traffic Planning



- High-rise commercial buildings

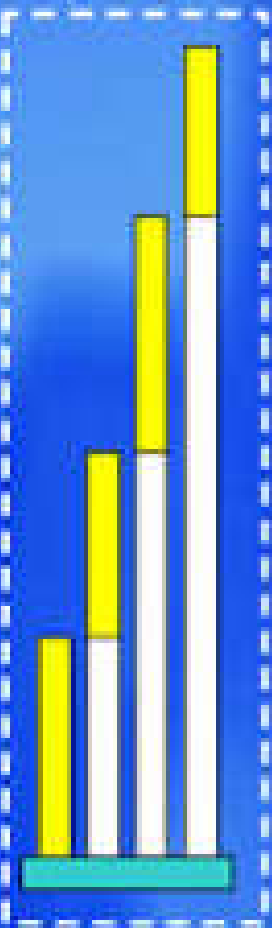
- One lift group alone cannot meet all needs. They are often divided into zones, served by separate lifts groups
- In mega-high-rise buildings (> 50-60 floors), either double-deck lifts are used or lift groups are stacked on top of one another in sky lobby arrangements
 - Shuttle groups serve traffic between the main entrance floor and the sky lobby
 - Local elevator groups start from both the main floor and from the sky lobby
 - Shuttle group criteria: $HC > 16\%$ / 5 min.; Interval < 32 sec

Typical lift arrangements in Mega high rise buildings

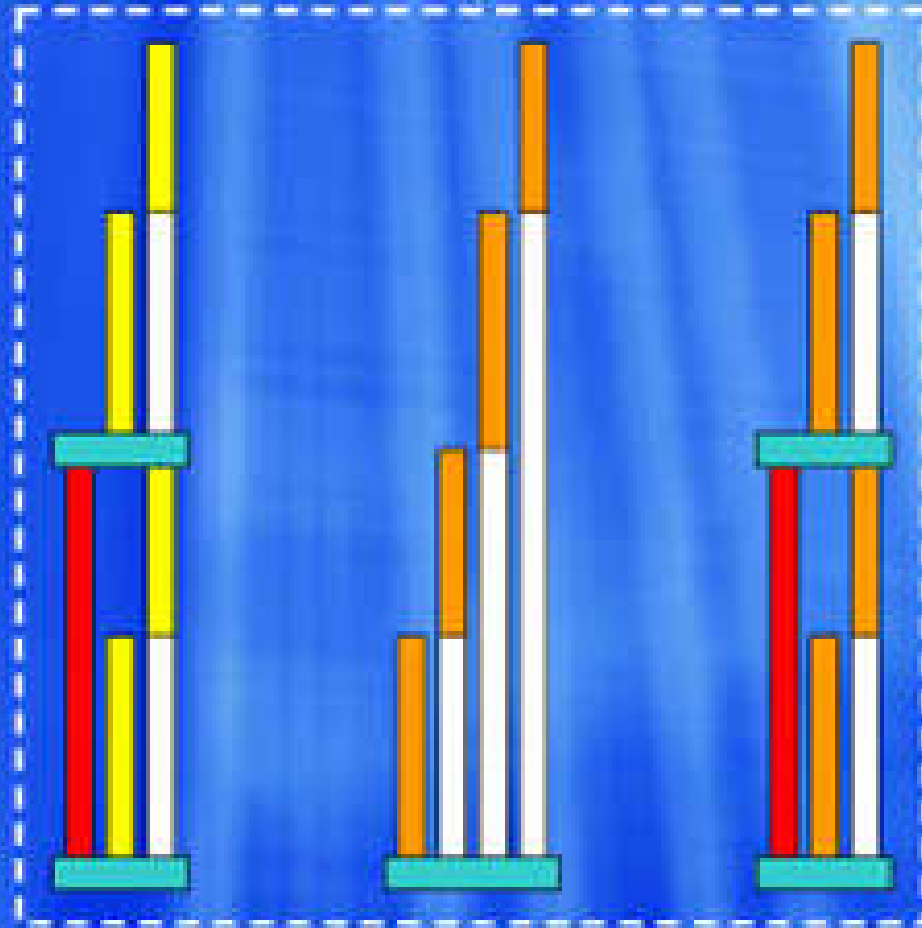
Traditional groups

Double - Deck arrangements

- Single-Deck local group
- Double-Deck shuttle group
- Double-Deck local group
- Express zone
- Lobby



Up to 60 floors

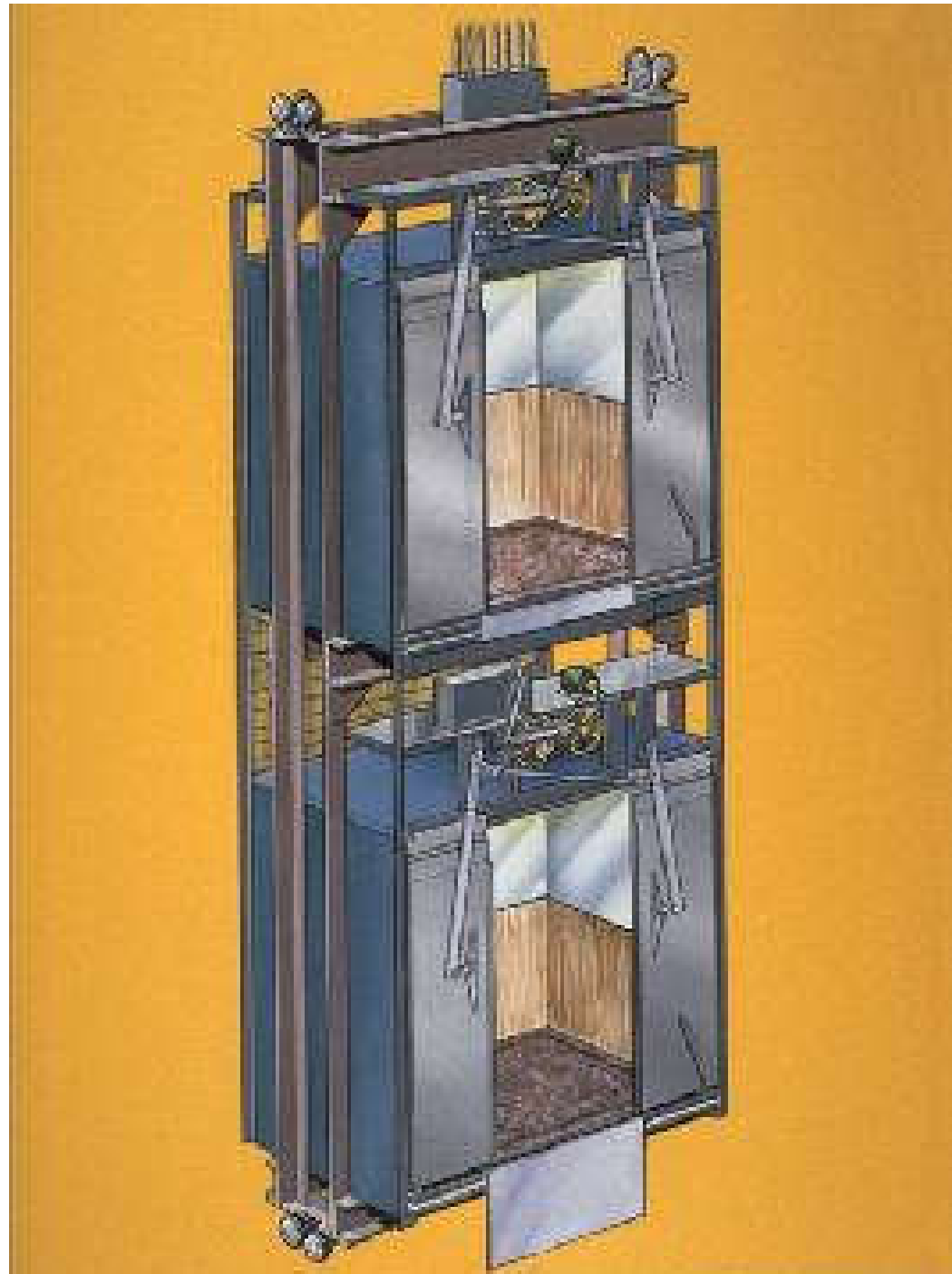


50 - 80 floors

30 - 90 floors

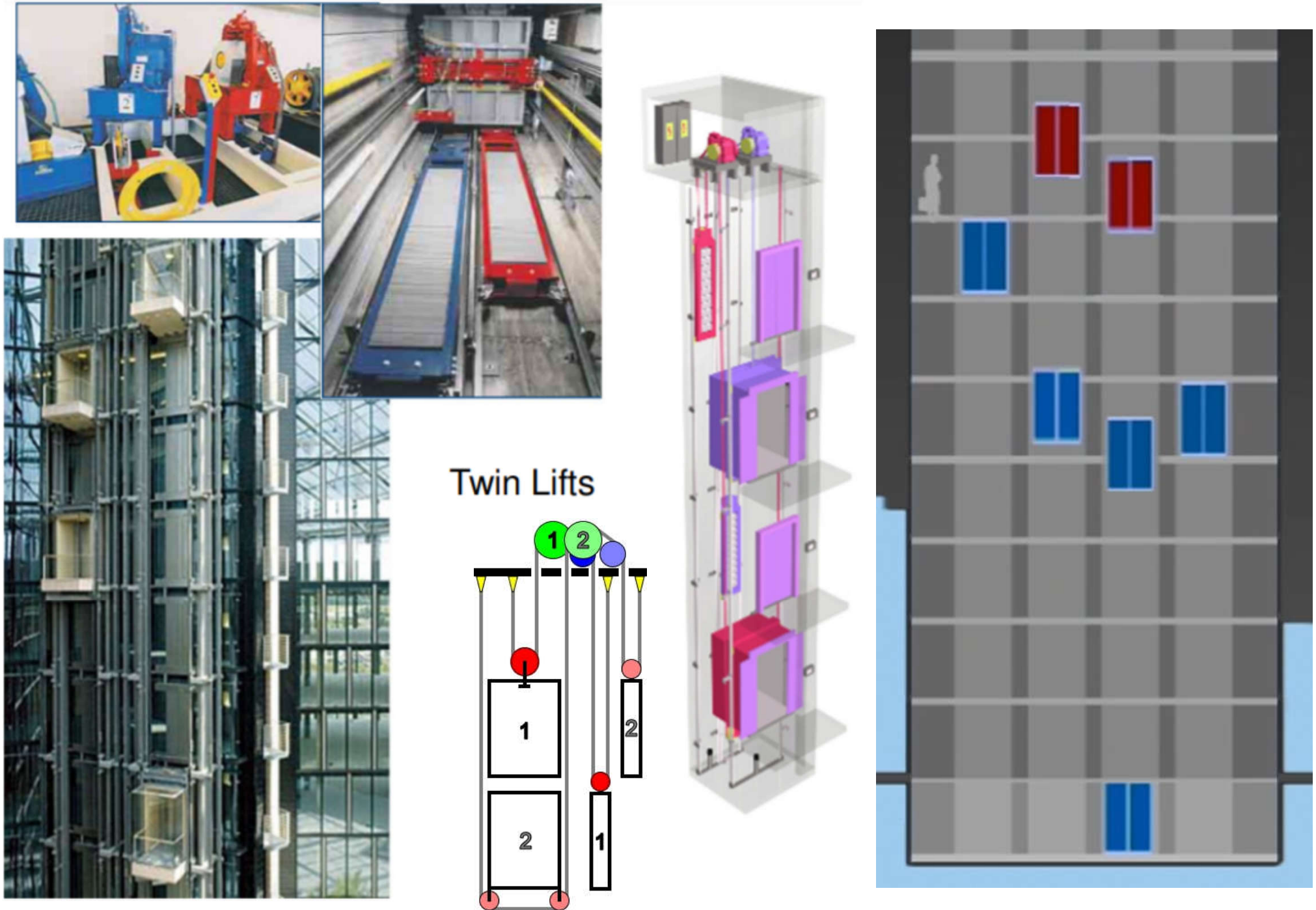
70 - 140 floors

Typical double-deck lifts



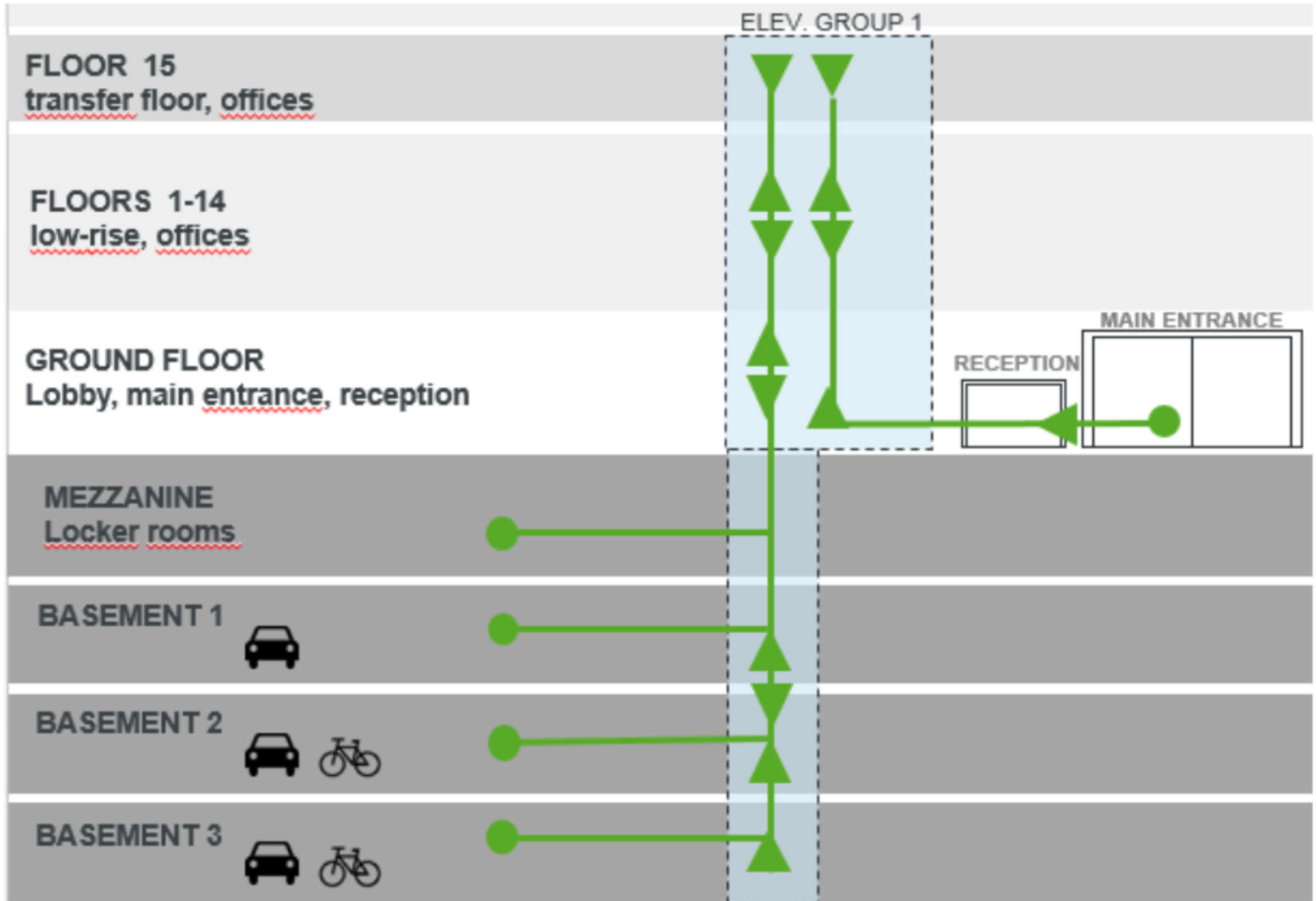
[Source: <http://www.elevator-world.com>]

Twin lift (two independent cars running in one shaft)



(Source: <https://www.thyssenkruppelevator.com/elevator-products/twin>)

Example user groups and their typical routes in a building

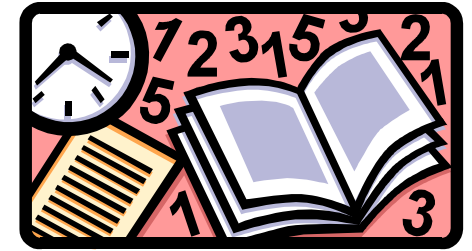


(Source: KONE Corporation, Finland)



Further Reading

- General Planning Guidance for Elevators and Escalators
 - http://ibse.hk/IBTM5660/planning-elevators_escalators.pdf
- Typical traffic calculation method and examples of traffic calculations (extracted from BS 5655-6:2011)
 - http://ibse.hk/IBTM5660/BS5655-6-2011_p63-67.pdf
- Examples of vertical transportation systems for tall buildings
 - http://ibse.hk/IBTM5660/Examples_of_vertical_transportation_systems_for_tall_buildings.pdf
- Lift traffic data calculations
 - http://ibse.hk/IBTM5660/Lift_traffic_data_calculations.pdf
- Lift Information Net 電梯資料網 <http://www.hkelev.com>
 - Elevators 升降機 http://www.hkelev.com/ind_elev.htm
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