

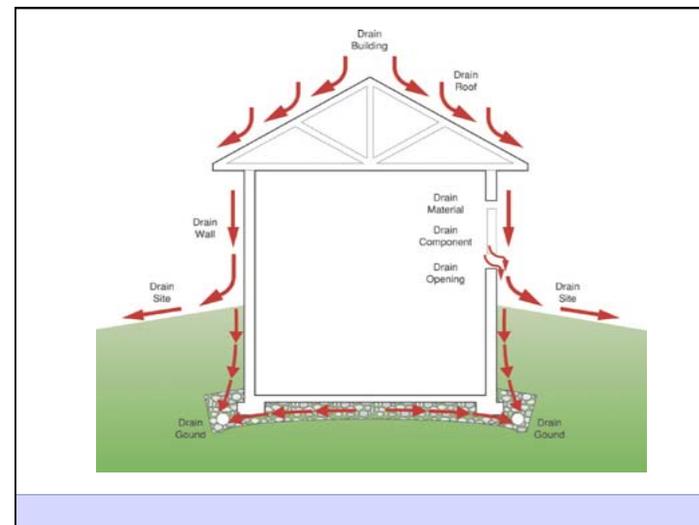
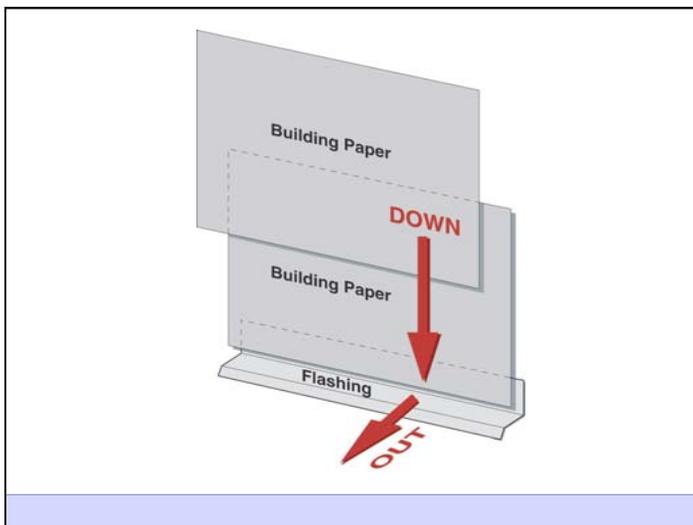
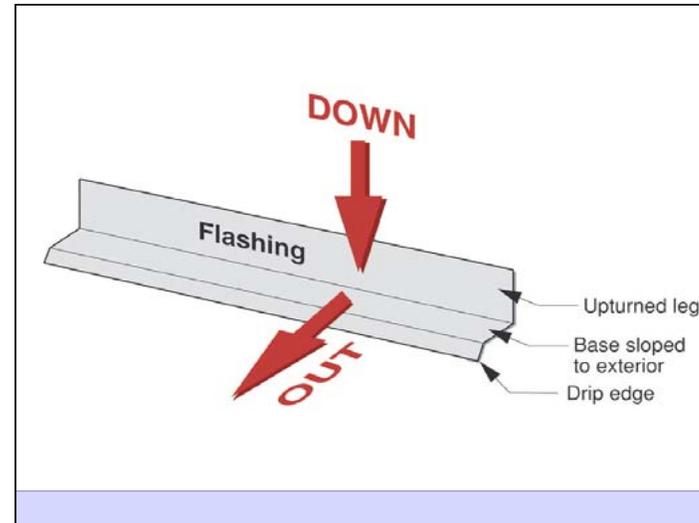
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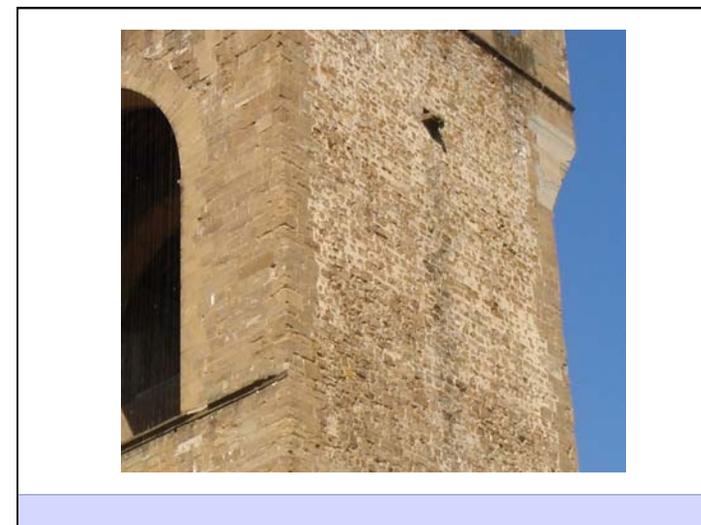
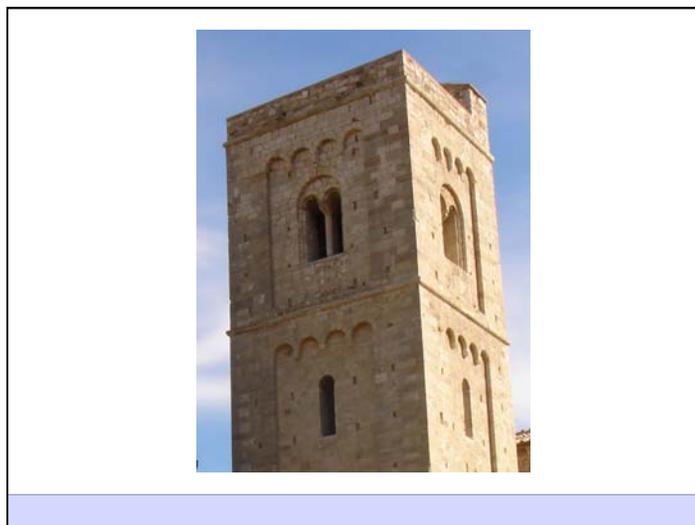
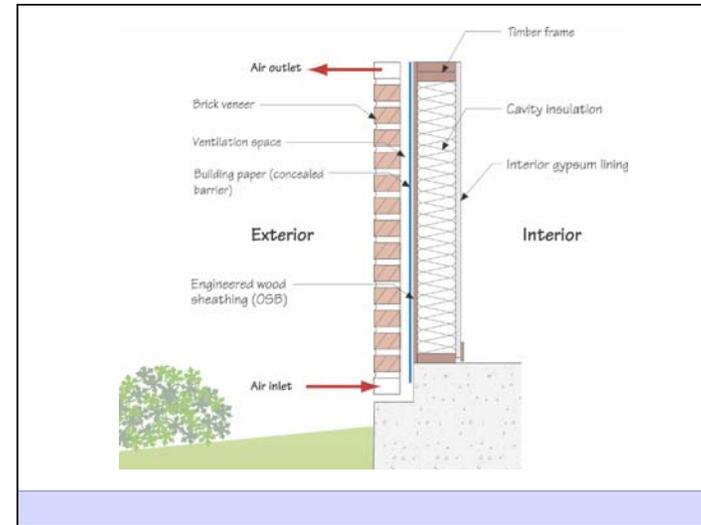
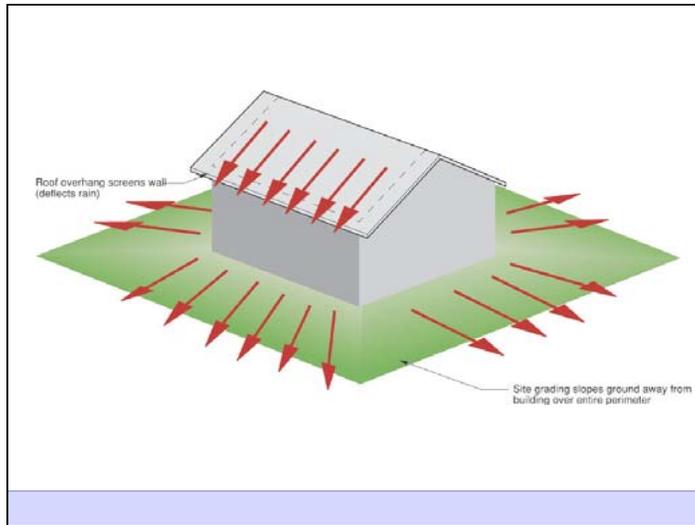
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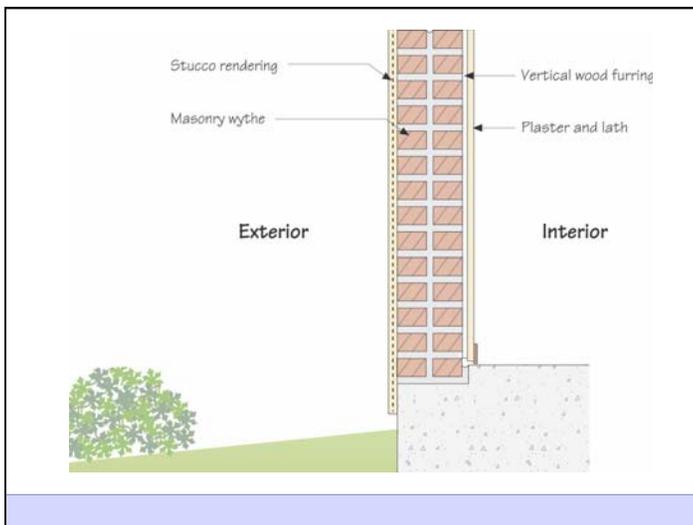
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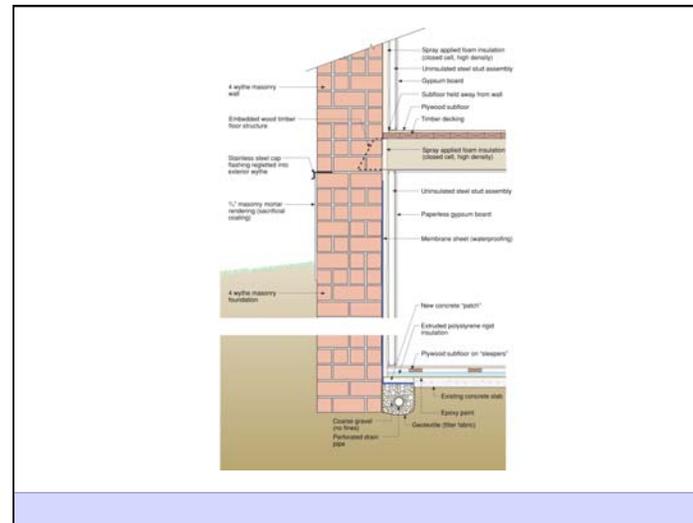
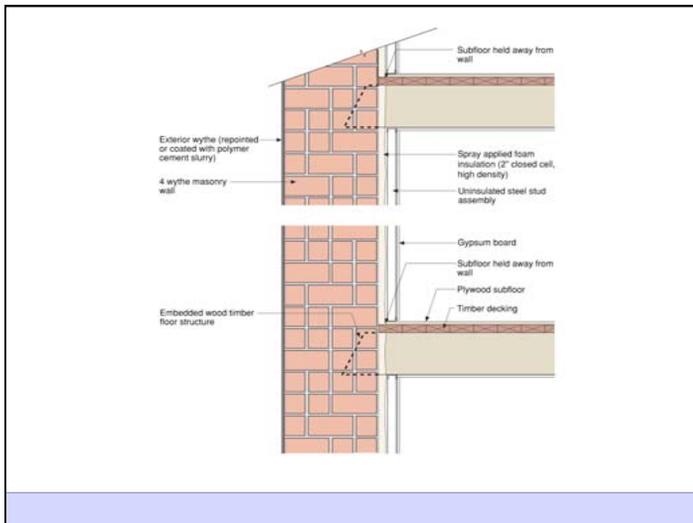
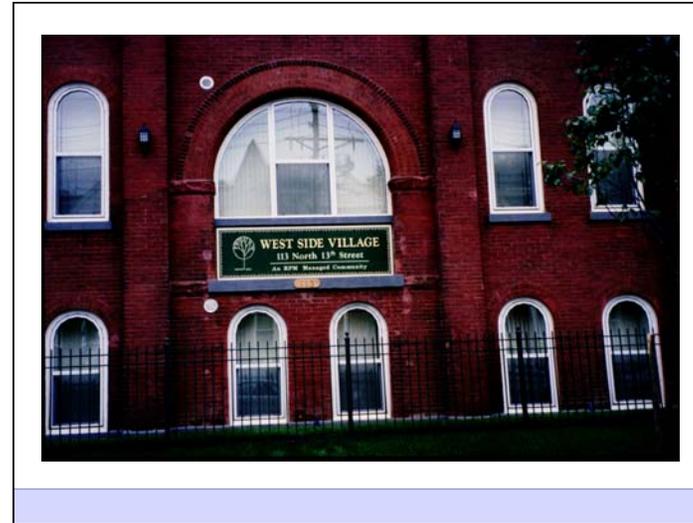
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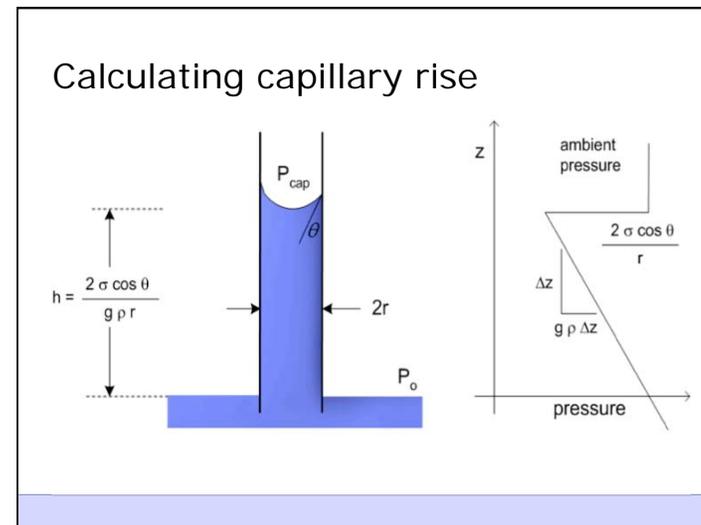
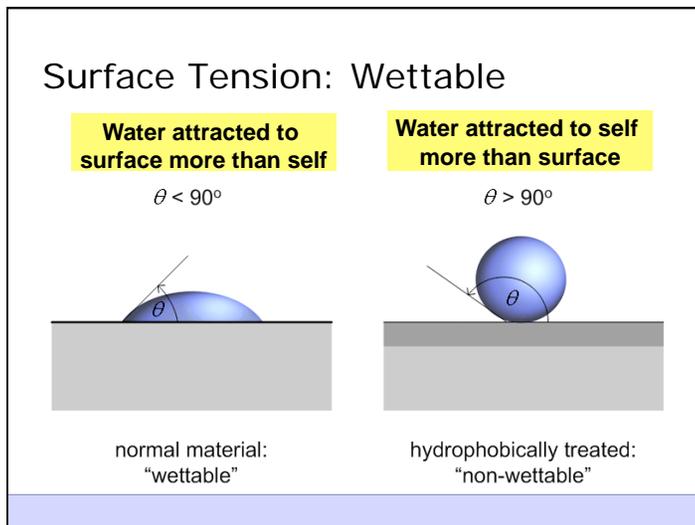
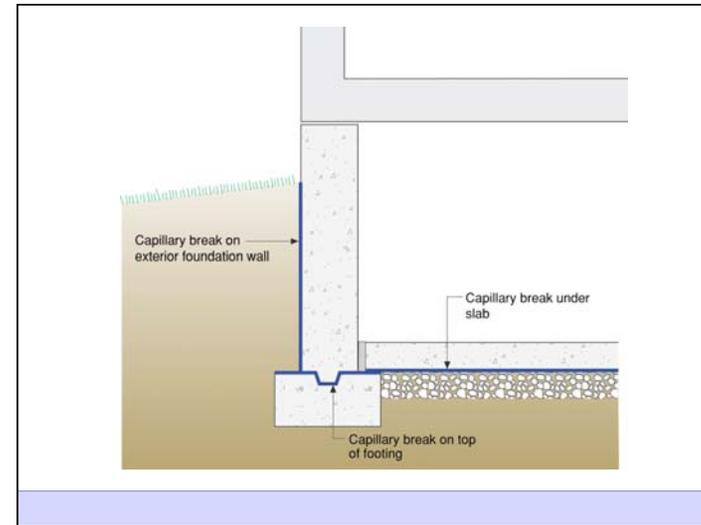
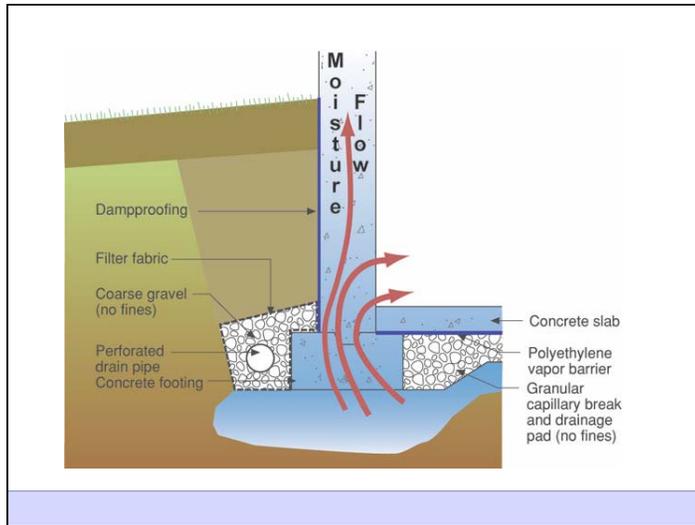




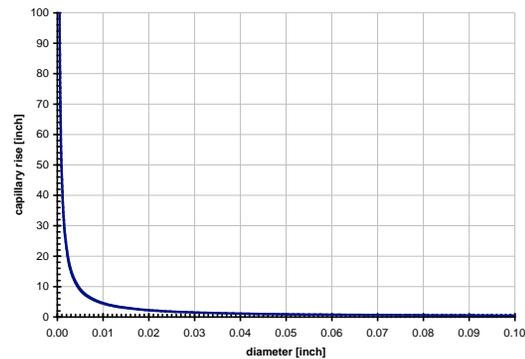






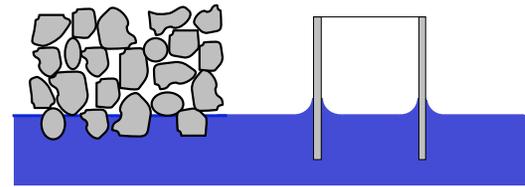


Capillary rise versus diameter



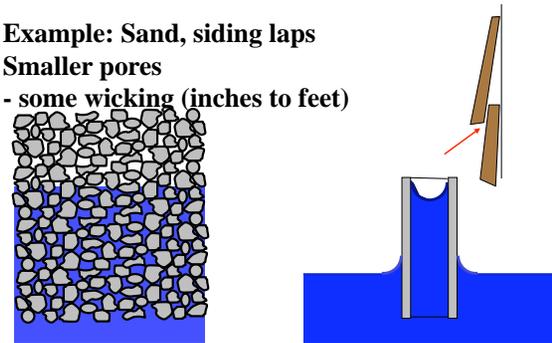
Capillary Flow

- Eg. : Crushed stone, air gaps
- large pores - no suction (“wicking”)



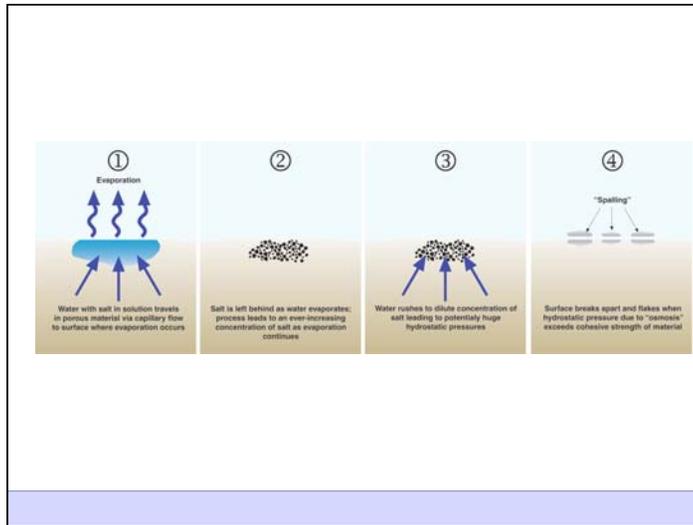
Capillary Flow

Example: Sand, siding laps
Smaller pores
- some wicking (inches to feet)



Capillarity + Salt = Osmosis

- Mineral salts carried in solution by capillary water
- When water evaporates from a surface the salts left behind form crystals in process called efflorescence
- When water evaporated beneath a surface the salts crystallize within the pore structure of the material in called sub-efflorescence
- The salt crystallization causes expansive forces that can exceed the cohesive strength of the material leading to spalling



Diffusion + Capillarity + Osmosis = Problem

- Diffusion Vapor Pressure 3 to 5 psi
- Capillary Pressure 300 to 500 psi
- Osmosis Pressure 3,000 to 5,000 psi

