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From BIM to Digital Twins: Engineering Innovation and Smart Construction Solutions

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Graduation Project: Shanghai Lin'gang Modern Logistics Warehouse Center

1. Project Profile

Key Parameters: 22.4m-height structure with dual-layer warehouse and office mezzanines. Dedicated vertical circulation system for heavy vehicles.

Critical Objectives: Integrated storage-office spatial configuration. Direct second-level loading platform access for 40-ton trucks.

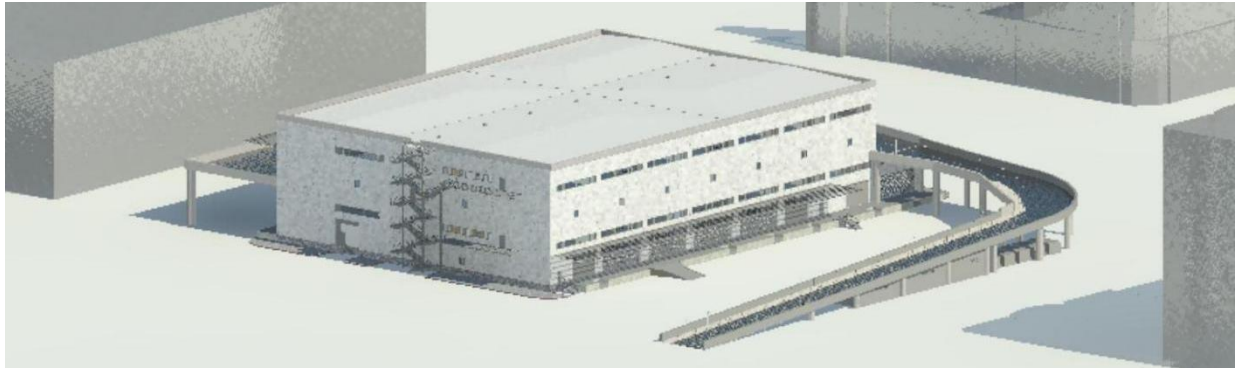
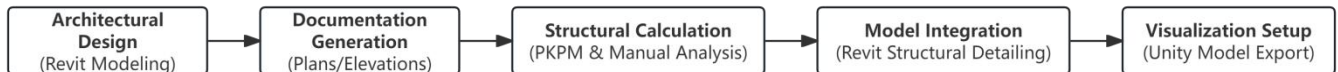


Figure 1. Shanghai Lin'gang Modern Logistics Warehouse Center

2. Methodology: BIM-Driven Forward Design

Architectural-structural coordination via model-centric workflow.



3. Technical Implementation Highlights

3.1 Architectural Design Optimization

Performance-Based Modeling: Solar analysis-driven spatial planning.

Logistics Simulation: 8% gradient ramp & Minimum turning radius feasibility optimization.

Loading Bay Optimization: Balancing maneuverability constraints and operational throughput.

3.2 Structural Verification

Primary System: Cast-in-situ reinforced concrete frame (12×12m grid).

L2 Floor Innovation: Waffle slab + composite steel deck.

Load Validation: PKPM global analysis & Manual spot-checks (critical joints).

3.3 Digital Delivery

BIM Documentation: 24×A1 drawings + auto-generated 3D details.

Unity Visualization(Figure 2): Truck transit animation & Physics-enabled FPV/Aerial navigation.

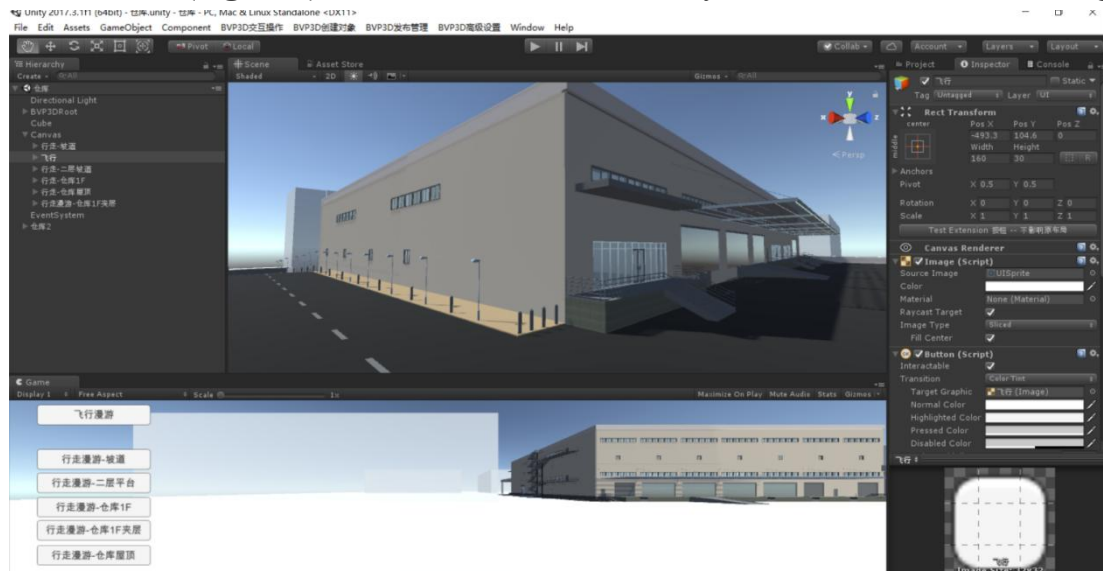


Figure 2. Unity development process page

Project Experience: Qiantan Plot 21 Project

(Aug 2020 – Mar 2023 | BIM Engineer & Engineering technician)

1. Project Profile

Location: East of Jiyang Rd, West of Dongyu Rd, Pudong, Shanghai

Scope: 608,784m² mixed-use complex (378,460m² aboveground + 230,324m² basement)

Structures: 2 commercial towers (195m & 159m), 4 residential towers (150m), Podium (30.95-35.5m)



Figure 3. Qiantan Plot 21 Project

2. Core Contributions

BIM Implementation & Innovation: Supported the BIM lead in delivering LOD 400 architectural and structural models and routine applications such as 4D construction sequencing. Took the lead in developing innovative BIM applications to showcase project-specific highlights.

Workflow Transformation: Implemented parametric modeling for multi-connection sump pit detailing, automating 2D detailing workflows and reducing design time from 5 days to 0.5 hours. Enabled real-time design modifications during fast-track construction by integrating parametric design principles. (Figure 4)

Carbon Intelligence & Green Optimization: Calculated embodied carbon from BIM quantities, predicted and monitored emission risks of key materials in real-time. Reduced transport emissions by 28% via logistics algorithms and increased recycled aggregates in concrete to ~30%, selecting materials with lower carbon footprints.

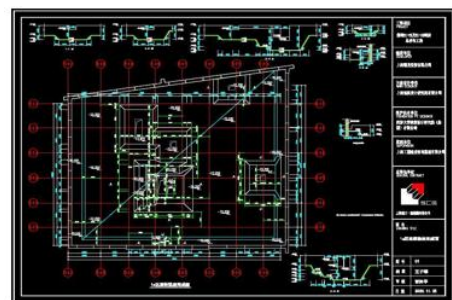
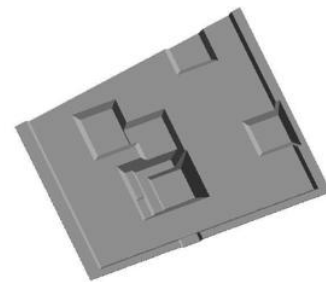


Figure 4. Concrete cushion model & Drawings via parametric detailing

Project Experience: Huaxin New City Project

(Mar 2023 – Ongoing | BIM Manager)

1. Project Profile

Location: West of Zhejiang North Rd, North of Hai'ning Rd, Jing'an, Shanghai

Scope: 551,391m² mixed-use development (390,872m² aboveground + 160,519m² basement)

Structures: 2 commercial towers (320m & 156m), 3 residential towers (147m), Podium (23.75m)



Figure 5. Huaxin New City Project

2. Core Contributions

Project BIM Management: Led full-cycle BIM implementation, coordinating architectural & structural, MEP and steel structure teams. Delivered multi-LOD parametric models for detailing and clash coordination, reducing field rework by over 30%.

BIM-Driven Detailing Reuse: Adapted and refined deepened detailing workflows from Qiantan 21 project across disciplines, enabling rapid, accurate model delivery.

Model-Based Quantity Extraction: Utilized BIM models to generate precise quantities for procurement and cost estimation, including paintable basement pipelines, self-leveling floor materials, and scenario-based take-offs.

Mechanical Design & Simulation: Led BIM-based mechanical design and Finite Element Analysis simulation of the self-climbing core platform, optimizing structural stability and anchorage. Produced 3D models and animated sequences to support site assembly.

Settlement & Inclination Monitoring: Integrated real-time sensor data into BIM for predictive deformation analysis, enabling early warnings and timely construction sequence adjustments.(Figure 6)

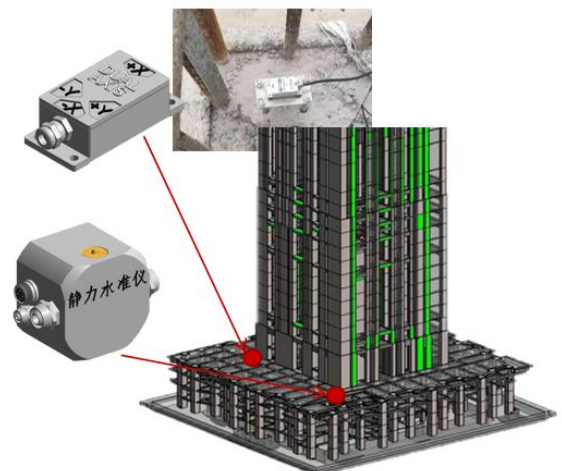


Figure 6. Installation of Static Level and Tilt Sensor in Huaxin New City Project.

Research Project: Digital Twin Applications

(Aug 2024 – May 2025 | Independent BIM-to-UE5 Development)

1. Project Profile

Executed two distinct digital twin developments using Unreal Engine 5, both integrating BIM models with real-time simulation:

Underwater Data Center (Zhuhai, Guangdong): A high-complexity build involving millimeter-precision LOD 400+ modeling of the capsule, GIS-based seabed terrain integration, and UE5-based marine simulation with fluid dynamics and real-time material systems. Simulated operational workflows for installation and maintenance via a shore-connected service lane.(Figure 7)



Figure 7. Overall Rendering of the Underwater Data Center Digital Twin Project.

Pingnan Stormwater Detention Tank: Developed an interactive digital twin focused on construction-phase safety monitoring. Integrated live and simulated data from diaphragm wall inclination, supporting beam axial force, and pile settlement sensors. Delivered dashboards and predictive charts to support real-time risk assessment and decision-making.(Figure 8)

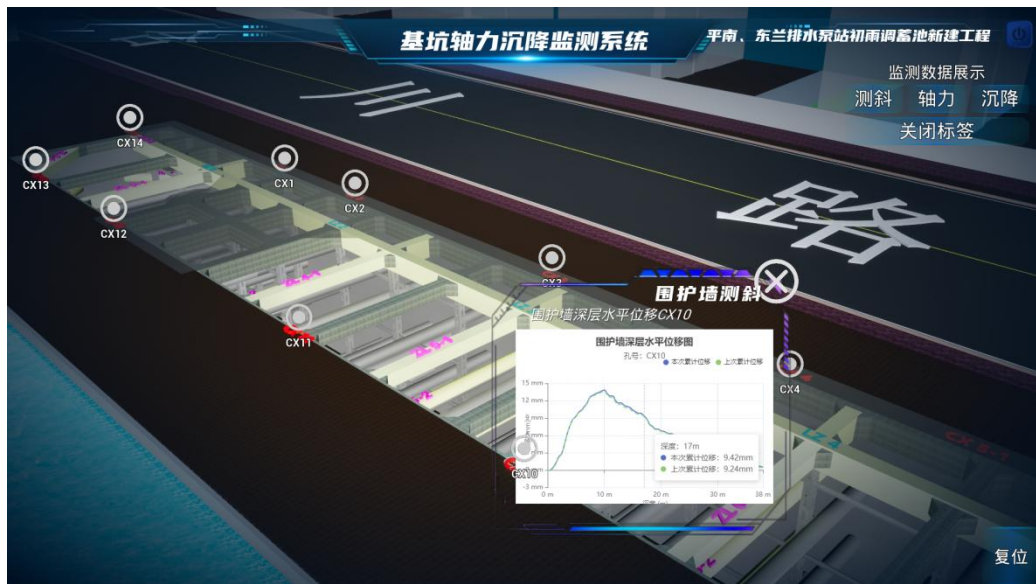


Figure 8. Digital Twin Monitoring of Diaphragm Wall Inclination in the Pingnan Project.

2. Core Contributions

Independently delivered the complete pipeline—from Revit modeling to fully interactive UE5 environments. Applied advanced real-time rendering, environmental simulation, and workflow sequencing for accurate planning. Integrated IoT and sensor data into both projects for live visualization, environmental monitoring, and predictive analytics, with scalable frameworks for future device connections.

Construction Machinery Design Support: Reinforced Concrete Core Steel Platforms

(BIM-Aided Detailing & Visualization)

1. Overview

For the reinforced concrete core construction, two large-scale mechanical systems were deployed: the integral climbing steel platform for superstructure construction and the integral descending steel platform for deconstruction.

Both machines share a structural composition of:

Top Section: Integrated steel working platform.

Bottom Section: Full-coverage supporting framework.

Middle Section: Multi-layer truss assembly.

These sections are connected via vertical steel columns.

2. Functional Principles

● Integral Climbing Steel Platform (Construction Phase, Figure 9)

Designed to remain fixed at a designated height during reinforced concrete core construction, with the top platform accommodating key construction equipment such as a placing boom, two luffing tower cranes, and a construction hoist.

Load-bearing during work phase: Supported by multiple corbels at the bottom section.

Lifting phase: Hydraulic jacks at the top bear on the core walls and, in conjunction with the bottom corbels, enable upward climbing.

● Integral Descending Steel Platform (Deconstruction Phase, Figure 10)

Top structure replaced with a cable-stayed system.

Load-bearing during work phase: Supported by multiple corbels at the bottom section.

Lowering phase: After completing one floor's demolition, winches retract cables to lower the top guide rails onto the wall tops for load transfer, then release the bottom corbels to drop the entire platform. Alternating cycles of cable adjustment and base release achieve progressive lowering for dismantling.

3. BIM-Driven Design Support

Throughout the mechanical design process for both platforms, provided continuous BIM-based visualization and coordination:

Modeled all structural and mechanical components in 3D with parametric precision.

Simulated climbing/descending sequences to verify spatial clearances, load paths, and mechanical feasibility.

Supported iterative design upgrades by quickly producing visual alternatives for engineering review.

Delivered final as-built BIM models used for on-site installation guidance and operation training.

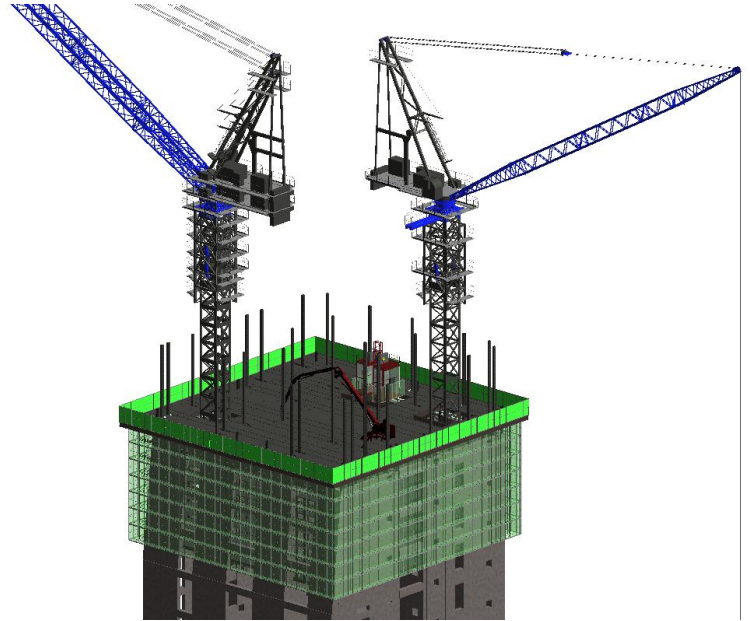


Figure 9. Design Model of the Integral Climbing Steel Platform

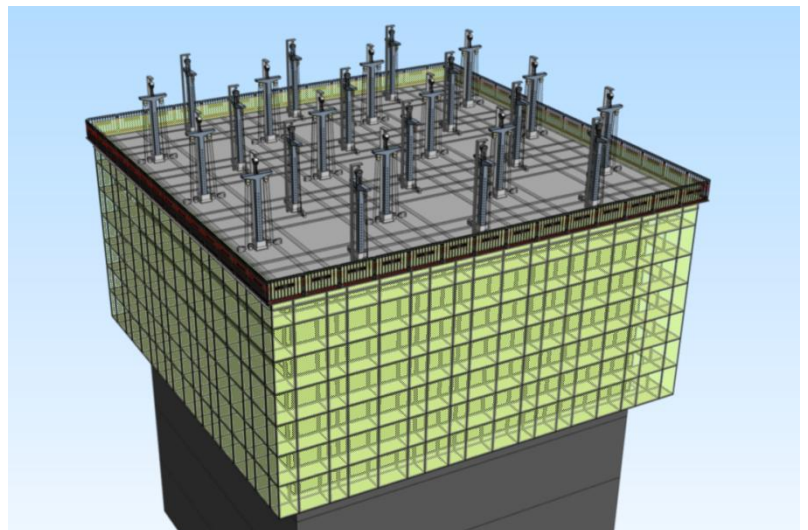


Figure 10. Design Model of the Integral Descending Steel Platform

Construction Machinery Design Support: Specialized Platforms and Protective System (BIM-Aided Visualization & Design Iteration)

1. Modular Shield Wall System

A modular exterior shielding system designed to replace traditional scaffolding safety nets for high-rise construction. The shield wall is suspended from the building facade, serving as both a dust and noise barrier. (Figure 11)

Modular Design: Panels are fabricated in standard modules for rapid assembly, disassembly, and transportation.

Dust-Tight Connections: Both ends of each panel are fitted with retractable soft curtains, enabling corner sealing and dust containment between adjoining panels.

Operational Advantages: Improves environmental protection performance while reducing scaffold erection time and cost.

BIM Role: Provided detailed 3D modeling of panel modules and connection interfaces; simulated installation sequences and corner sealing performance for design validation.

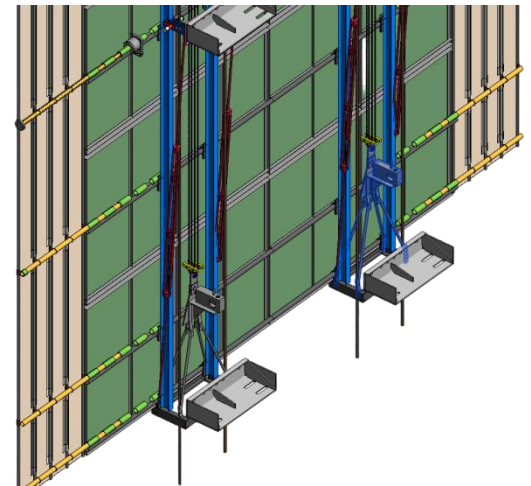


Figure 11. Design Model of the Modular Shield Wall System

2. Self-Climbing Elevator Shaft Platform for Formwork Installation

Designed for confined 2.4m x 2.4m elevator shafts, this platform enables efficient installation and removal of internal steel formwork.

Two-Level Configuration: Consists of a top platform (equipped with an overhead steel frame for formwork hoisting) and a bottom platform, connected by a central lifting column.

Mechanical Drive: An electric motor mounted beneath the top platform powers vertical climbing.

Support Mechanism: Both platforms feature four-sided, eight-point corbel supports, which alternate to achieve safe and stable climbing.

BIM Role: Delivered precise 3D models of the platform structure and moving components; simulated climbing sequences for spatial clearance checks; optimized the design for rapid and safe formwork handling within restricted shaft dimensions. (Figure 12)

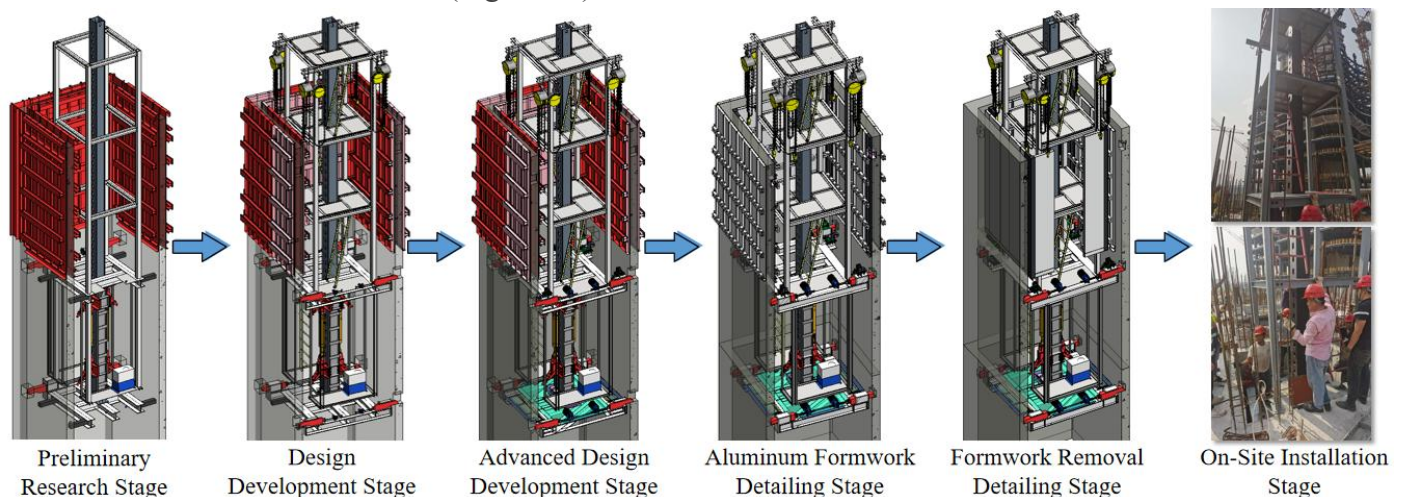


Figure 12. BIM iteration deepening and upgrading of self-climbing elevator shaft platform.

3. Self-Climbing Elevator Shaft Platform with Integrated Placing Boom (Prototype Only)

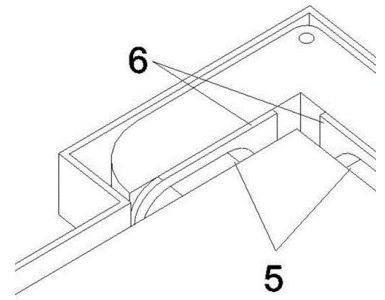
A functional extension of the Self-Climbing Elevator Shaft Platform, incorporating a concrete placing boom mounted at the top and internal pump lines for in-shaft concreting.

BIM Role: Modeled the placing boom integration and internal routing of pump lines; simulated operational reach within the elevator shaft. The concept remained at the prototype stage and was not implemented on site.

1. Monitoring Method for Temporary Openings in Construction Sites Enabled by BIM Technology (基于 BIM 技术的施工现场临时洞口的监测方法)

Chinese Patent No. 202110899612.9

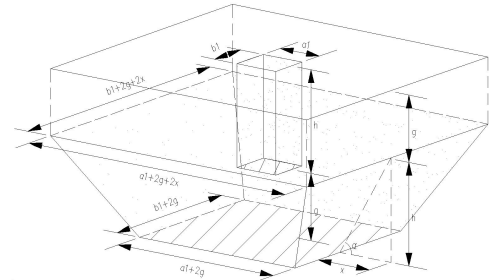
A BIM-based method to monitor temporary openings (such as vents or access points) on construction sites. This method employs BIM models to capture and track the status of these openings in real time, enhancing safety supervision and ensuring that temporary structures maintain compliance throughout construction.



2. Method for Modeling Multi-Connection Sump Pit Using BIM Technology (一种基于 BIM 技术的多联集水井建图方法)

Chinese Patent No. 202110847145.5

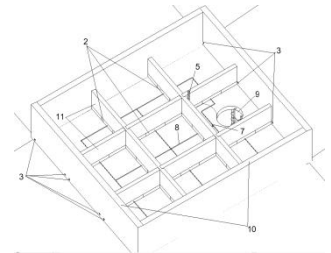
A BIM-driven approach to modeling multi-junction sump pits. This method automates the creation and detailing of interconnected catchment wells within the BIM environment, significantly improving accuracy and reducing manual modeling time.



3. Irrigation System for Sloped Roofs with Soil Cover (一种斜屋面覆土建筑的浇灌系统)

Chinese Patent No. 202211560163.6

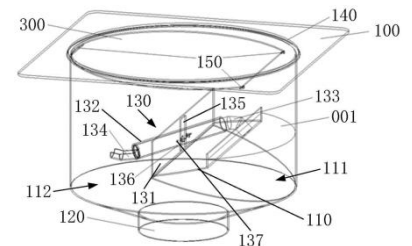
An irrigation smart system designed specifically for sloped roofs that are covered with soil. The system integrates controlled water distribution channels applicable for green roof applications, optimizing irrigation efficiency and promoting vegetation growth.



4. Self-Sedimenting Capillary Floor Drain (一种自沉淀过滤毛细地漏)

Chinese Patent No. 202211560167.4

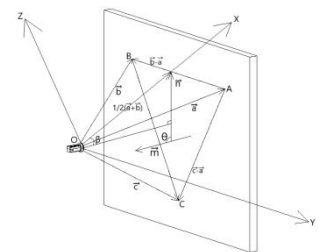
A novel floor drain system that employs capillary action to enable self-sedimenting filtration. Designed to separate and retain sediments at the drain inlet, the system enhances drainage efficiency while reducing clogging and maintenance frequency.



5. Wall Verticality Measurement Method Based on Vector Computation and Laser (一种基于矢量计算的墙面激光测垂方法)

Chinese Patent No. 202211120084.3

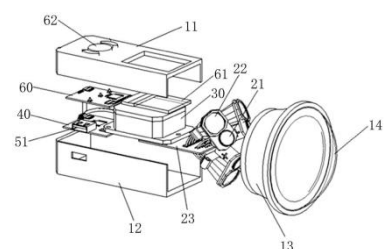
A method combining vector calculations with laser-based measurements to determine the vertical alignment of wall surfaces. Utilizing BIM platforms, this method enhances accuracy in detecting plumbness deviations in real-world walls and supports precise quality control during construction.



6. Wall Verticality Laser Measurement Instrument (一种墙面激光测垂仪)

Chinese Patent No. 202310030508.5

An instrument specifically created to measure the plumbness (vertical alignment) of wall surfaces using laser technology. Intended for high-precision verticality assessments on construction sites, offering faster and more accurate readings compared to manual methods.

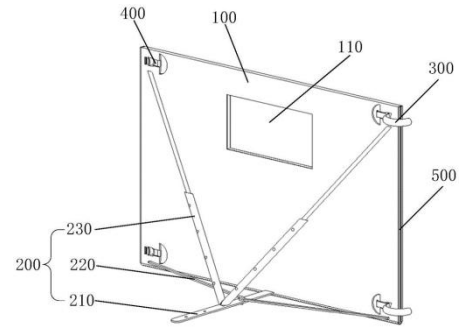


7. Multi-Functional Guardrail and Its Usage Method

(一种多功能护栏及其使用方法)

Chinese Patent No. 202310347355.7

A versatile guardrail system designed for dual purposes: directing and controlling pedestrian flow during evacuation scenarios, and serving as a water-blocking barrier on uneven ground surfaces. The guardrails can be interconnected at various angles to form flexible layouts, and their modular design allows for quick disassembly and compact storage when not in use.

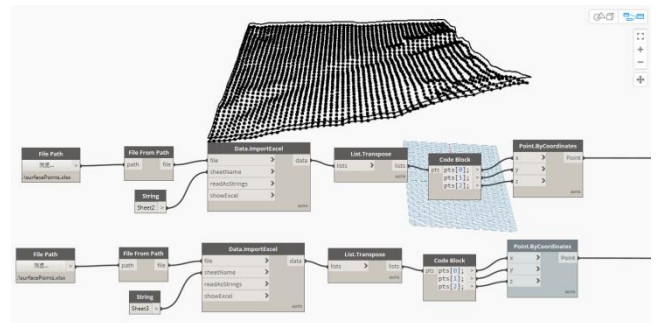


8. Adaptive Skin Modeling Method on Terrain Surface Based on Dynamo and Revit

(基于 Dynamo 和 Revit 的地形曲面上自适应表皮建模方法)

Chinese Patent No. 202310399129.3

A modeling method that leverages Dynamo (visual scripting for Revit) combined with Revit's API to adaptively generate building skins (facades or surface structures) on complex terrain surfaces. This method enables flexible surface modeling that conforms to topographic variations, improving design adaptability and efficiency.

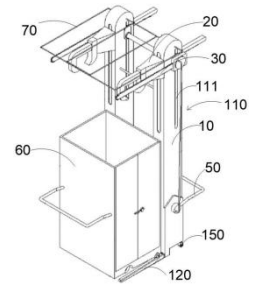


9. Integrated Cable-Tray Dismantling and Recovery Machine

(一种电缆桥架拆除回收一体机)

Chinese Patent No. 202310738599.8

A mechanized system that combines dismantling and material recovery functions for cable trays on construction sites. The device automates the safe detachment of cable tray segments, collects recovered metal components, and reduces manual labor and on-site waste handling. Designed to improve efficiency during renovation or dismantling works and to streamline recycling logistics.

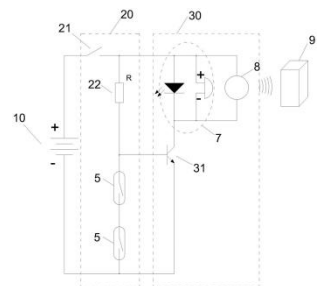


10. Safety Protection System for Construction Sites

(一种用于施工现场的安全防护系统)

Chinese Patent No. 202110899613.3

An integrated safety-protection solution tailored for construction environments. The system likely combines physical protective devices, sensor-based monitoring, and alerting mechanisms to prevent accidents and enforce safety zones. It aims to provide continuous site protection, automated hazard detection, and rapid response support for on-site personnel.

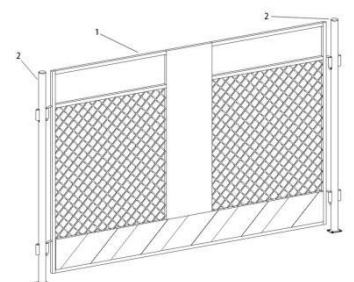


11. Monitoring Circuit and Intelligent Guardrail Upright Post

(一种监测电路及智能护栏立杆)

Chinese Patent No. 202110899621.8

A monitoring circuit designed to be integrated with guardrail upright posts, enabling the posts to report status information (e.g., connection integrity, impact events, tilt). The invention supports smarter safety barriers that can detect anomalies, feed data into site monitoring systems, and trigger maintenance or emergency procedures.



Paper: *The Deepening Design Technology and Application of Multi-Sump Based on BIM Technology*

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Abstract:

This paper addresses the inefficiency and inflexibility of traditional deepening design methods for collecting wells. It proposes a BIM-based multi-sump deepening design technology that streamlines data processing and drawing tasks, eliminates manual errors, and allows for rapid adaptation to design changes and temporary construction optimizations. By adopting this digital approach, the process delivers more accurate drawings and data to guide on-site construction, significantly reducing the workload of technical staff and improving design efficiency.

Keywords: BIM; collecting well; deepening design; parameterization

