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Concrete and timber structures

Case studies

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Assessment of existing structures

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Structural reassessment

Inadequate reliability;

Structural modifications;

Changes in category of use and design working life;

Damage or deterioration (environmental, chemical or biological, attack);

Damages due to accidental loads (earthquake, impact or explosion), settlements or other unintentional events

Preliminary investigations

Acquisition of original information (design and structural conception of the building, reference structural codes, if any);

History of structural modifications (addition or demolition, and/or deep maintenance interventions);

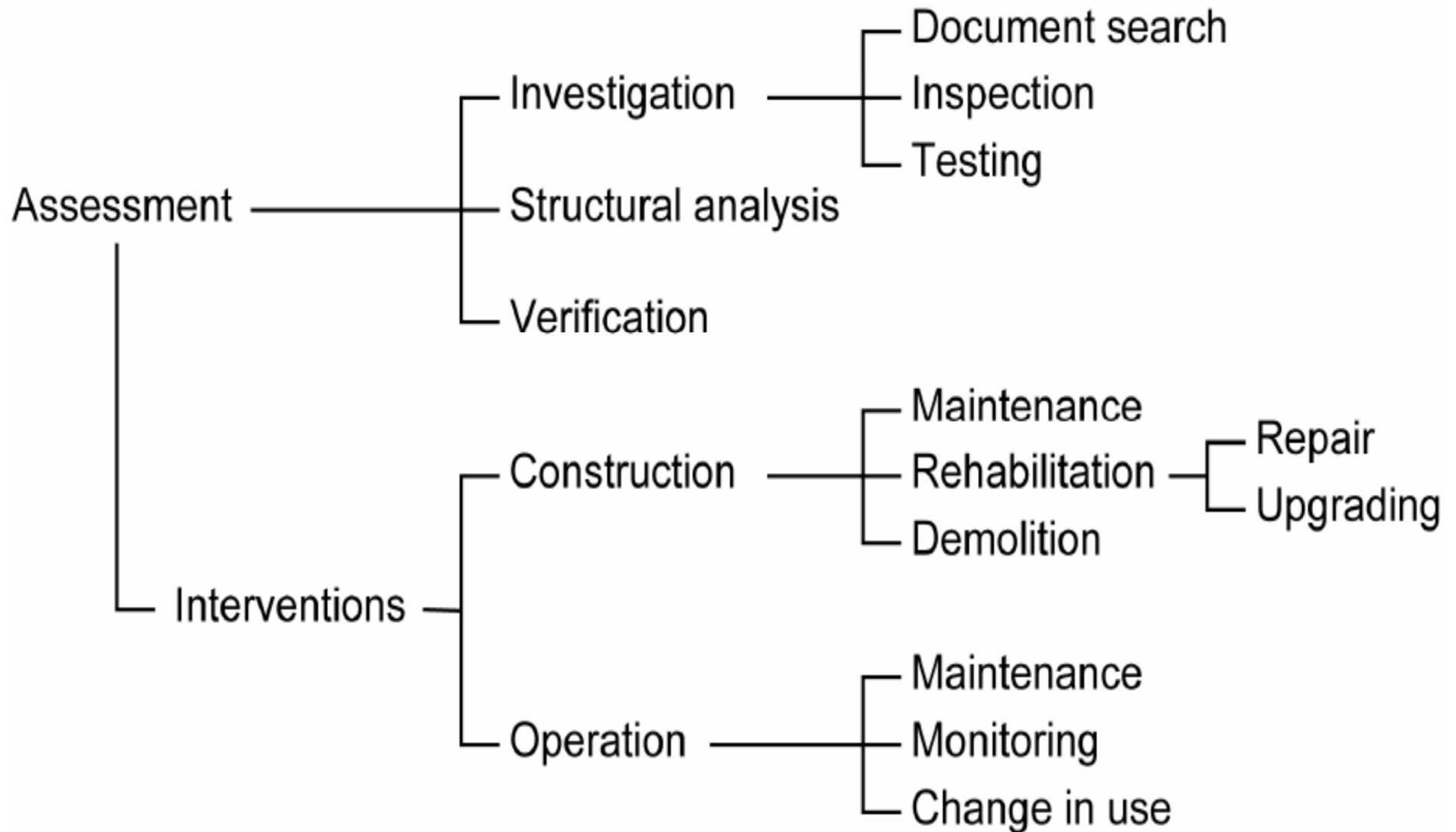
actual damage and/or crack patterns;

actual material properties;

required performance level.

ISO 13822

Hierarchy of terms



CASE STUDY N. 1

STRENGTHENING OF R.C. COLUMNS



General view of the building



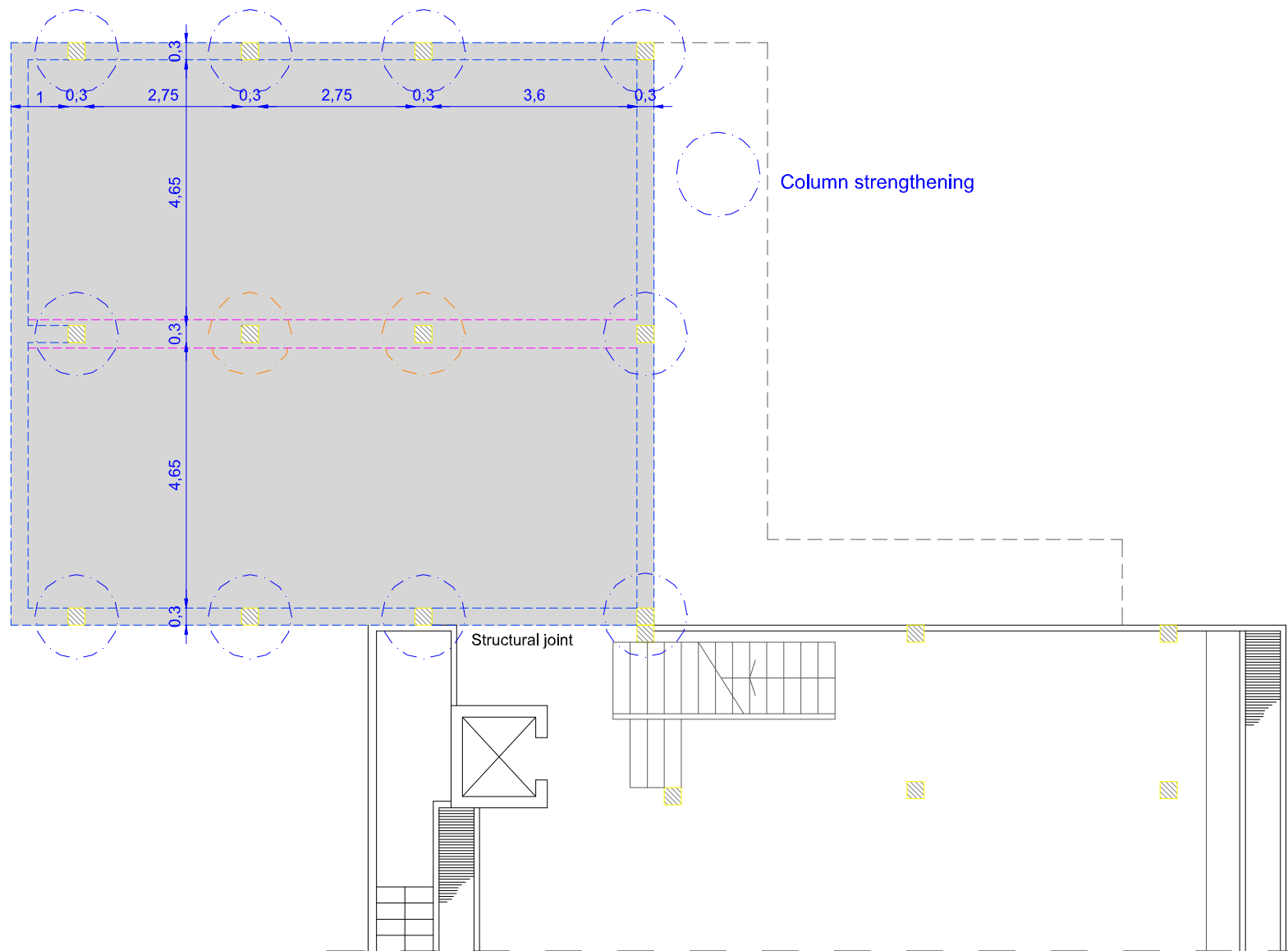
Damaged columns



Corroded rebars



**Cracking of concrete
cover**



Building plan with indication of columns to be strengthened

Rehabilitation of damaged r.c. columns can be done using FRP or steel as reinforcing material.

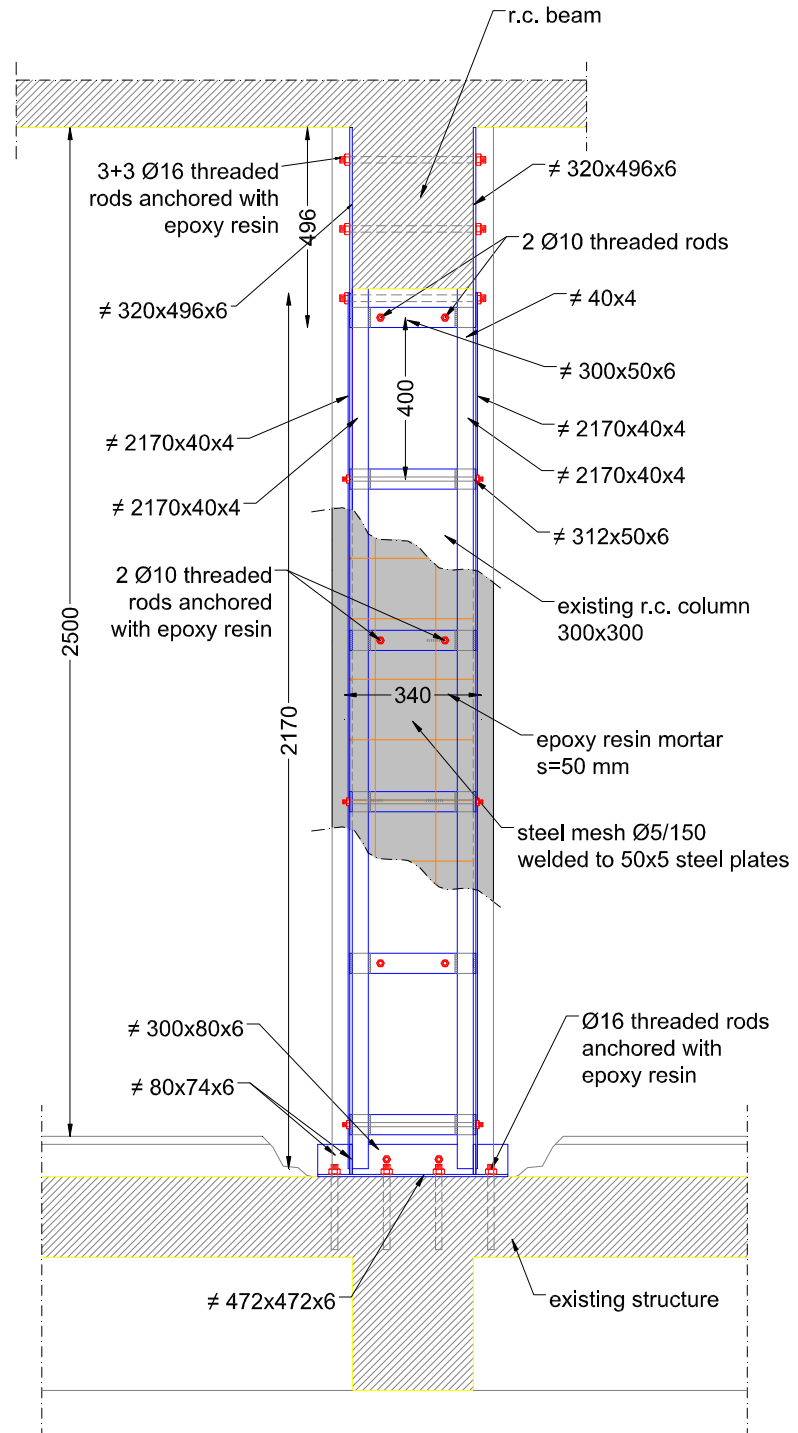
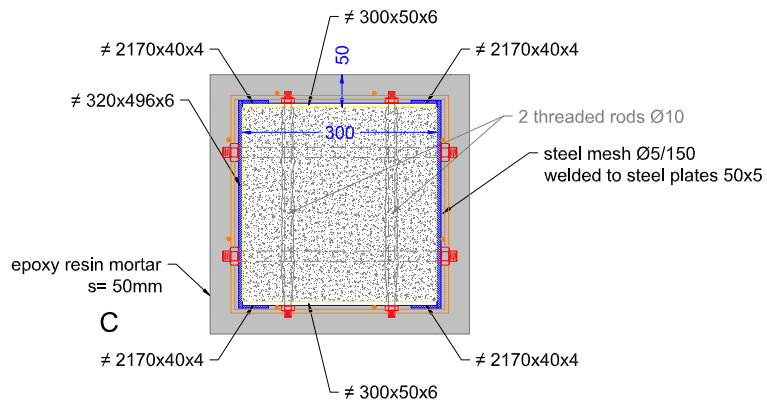
In the choice of repair technique we must consider:

good confinement (it is assured by both techniques);

efficiency of the reinforcement in transferring the stresses from the original column core to the new parts.

Steel is better as it could be mechanically bonded to the existing concrete column using shear connectors, while

FRP reinforcement relies on the surface grip between the adhesive agent and the concrete, which can fail due to peeling or delamination.



Strengthening of the column



concrete cover removal



rust removal and passivation
of the reinforcing bars



execution of holes in concrete necessary to allow the passage of connecting devices (threaded rods)



positioning of transverse steel plates and of connecting devices using epoxy resin to anchor the rods and epoxy mortar to regularize the surface



positioning of the longitudinal reinforcement and of the end joints, devoted to connect the reinforcement to the foundation and to beams



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welding of steel mesh to
the steel



execution of the additional
epoxy mortar layer ($s=50$ mm)



execution of the additional epoxy mortar layer (s=50 mm)



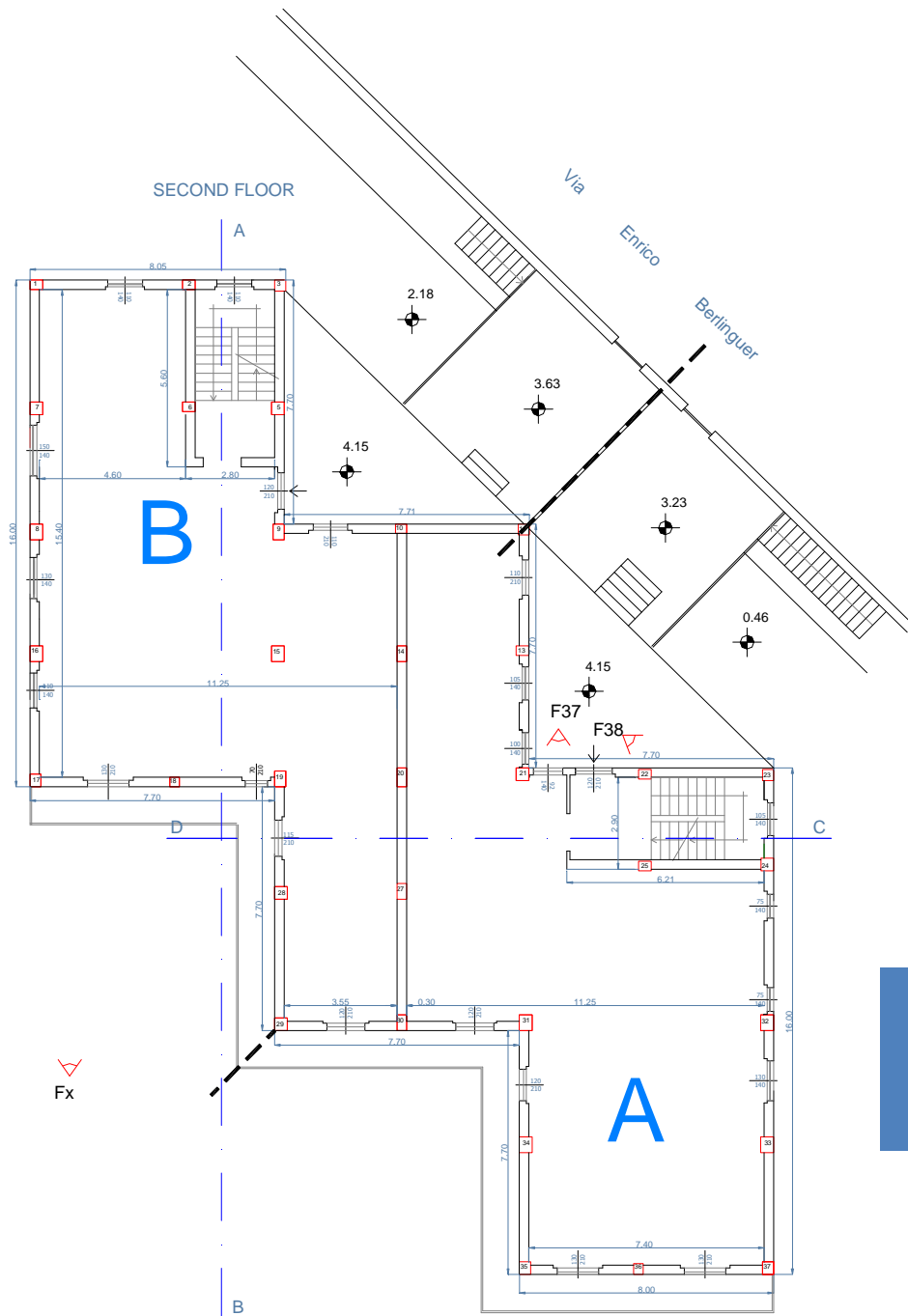
execution of the surface finish

CASE STUDY N. 2

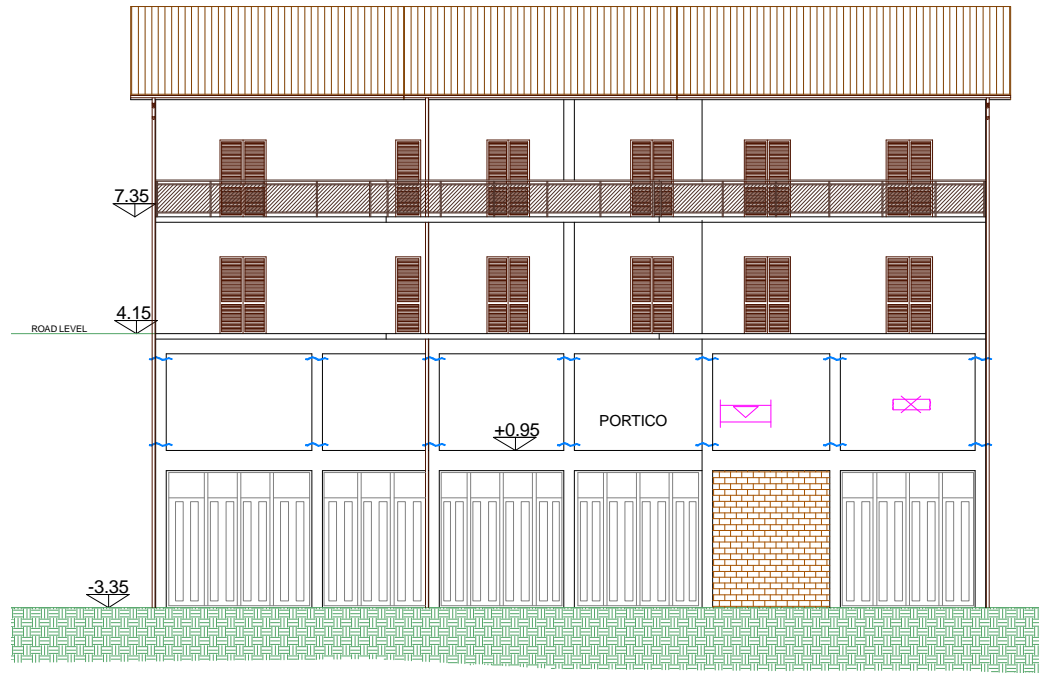
REPAIR AND STRENGTHENING OF AN EARTHQUAKE DAMAGED BUILDING



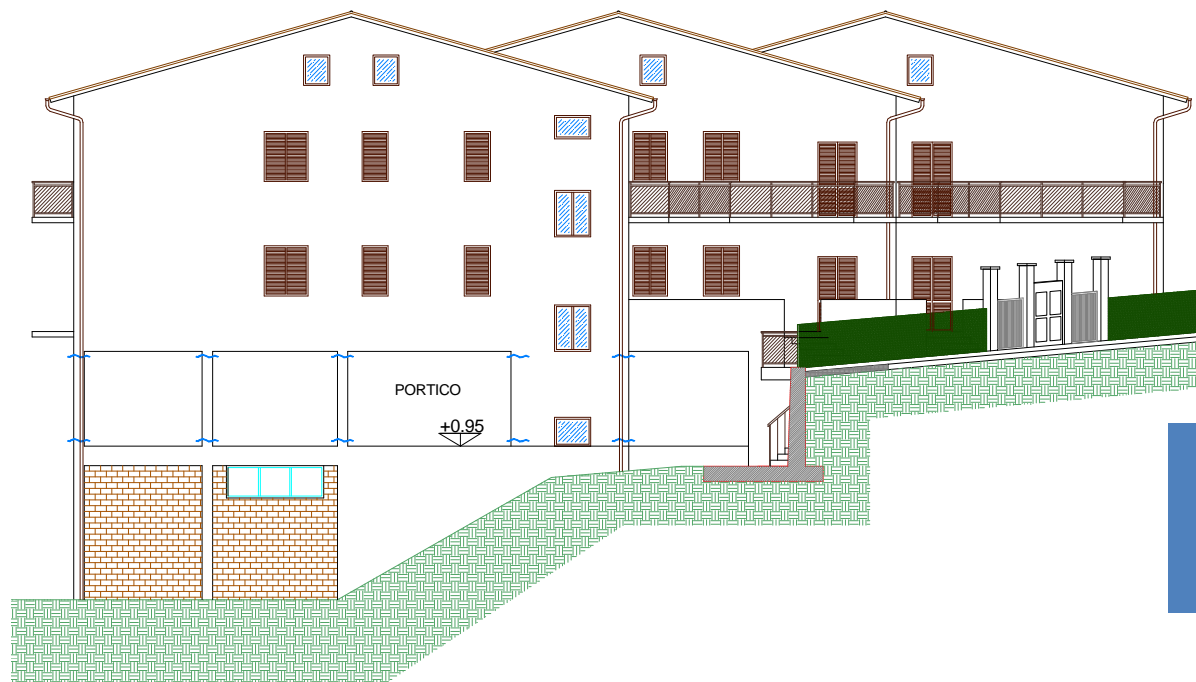
Views of the existing building



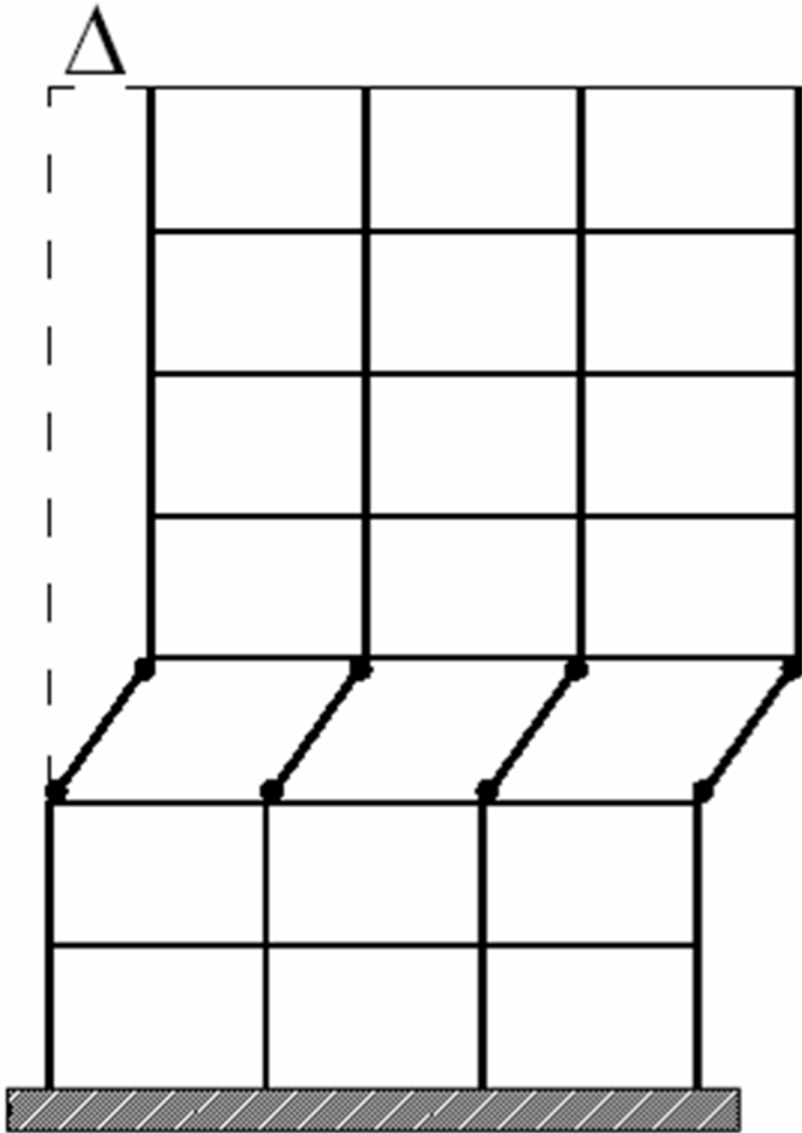
Plan of the 2nd floor



Front view



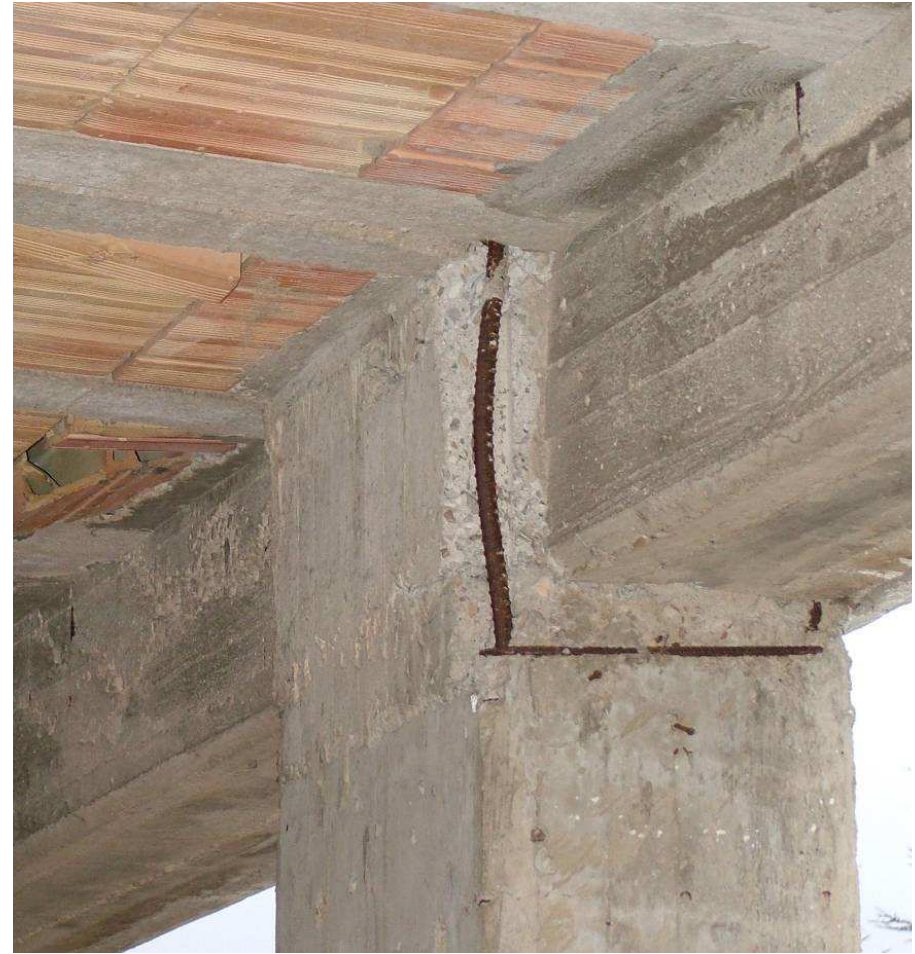
Side view



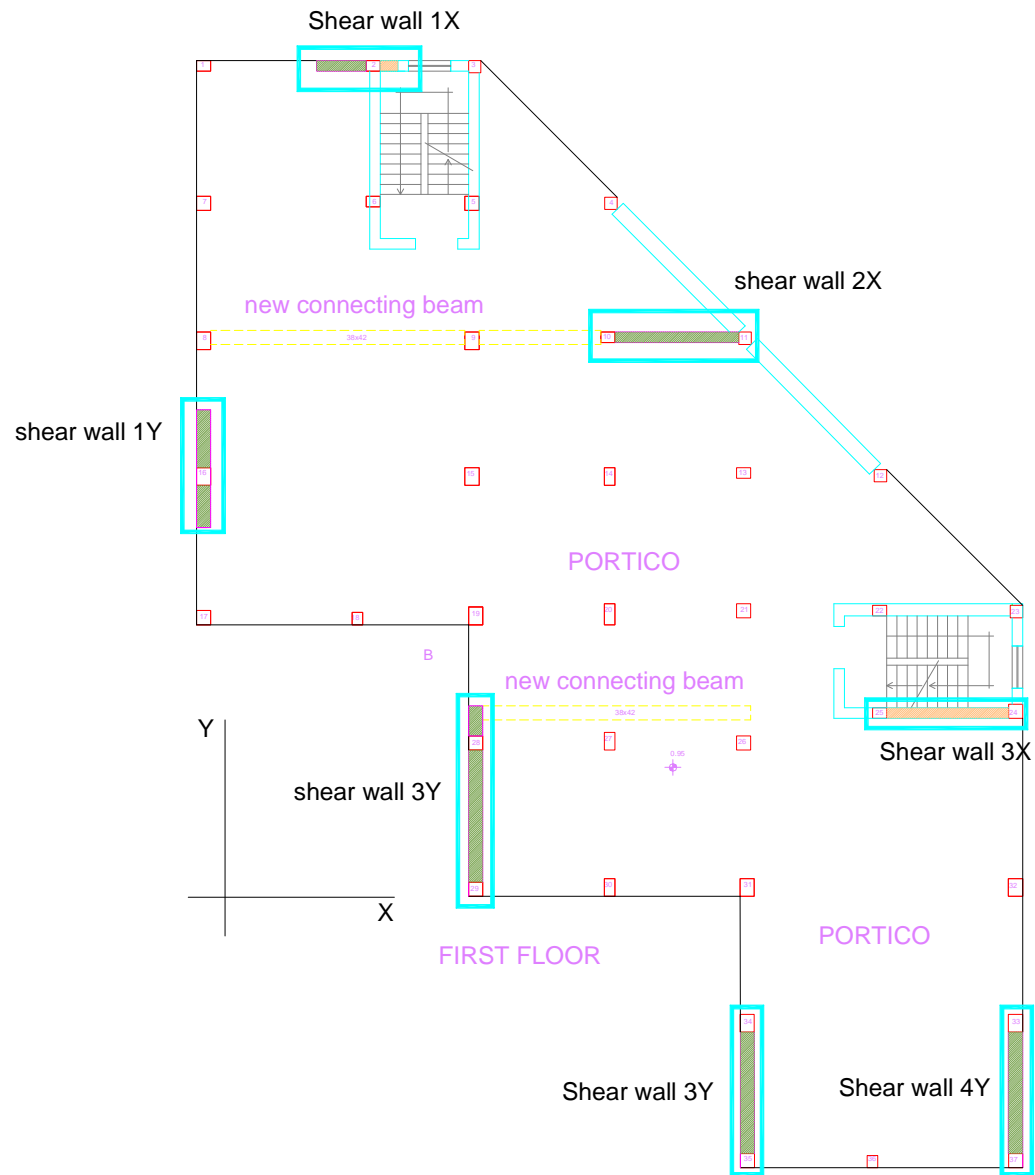
Shear type collapse
mechanism



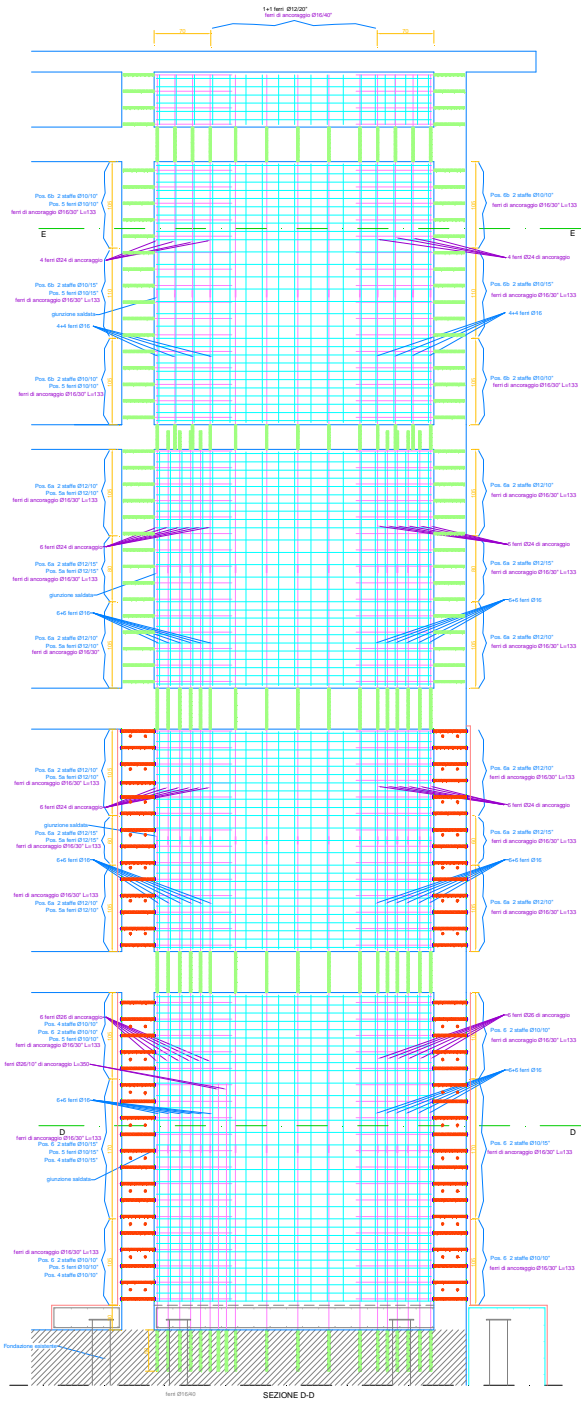
Damages induced by the earthquake



Damages at the ends of the columns



Shear walls system



Vertical section of a shear wall



Execution of the shear walls



Execution of the beam and column repairs

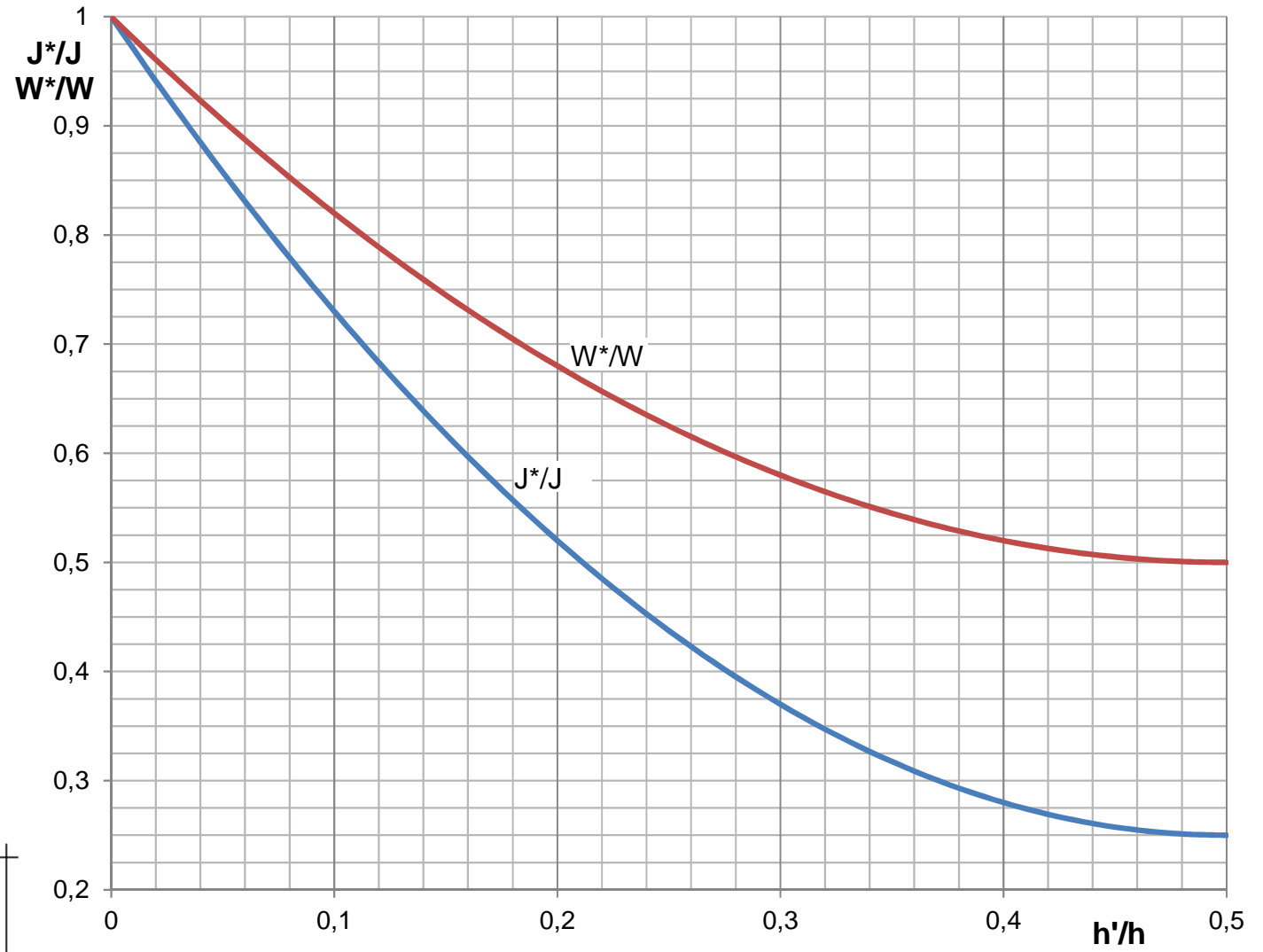
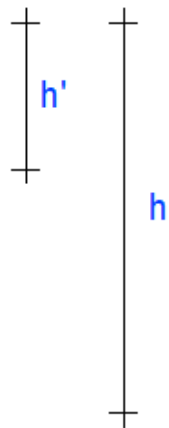
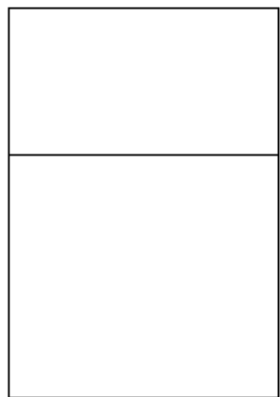


Execution of the connecting beams



Execution of the connecting beams

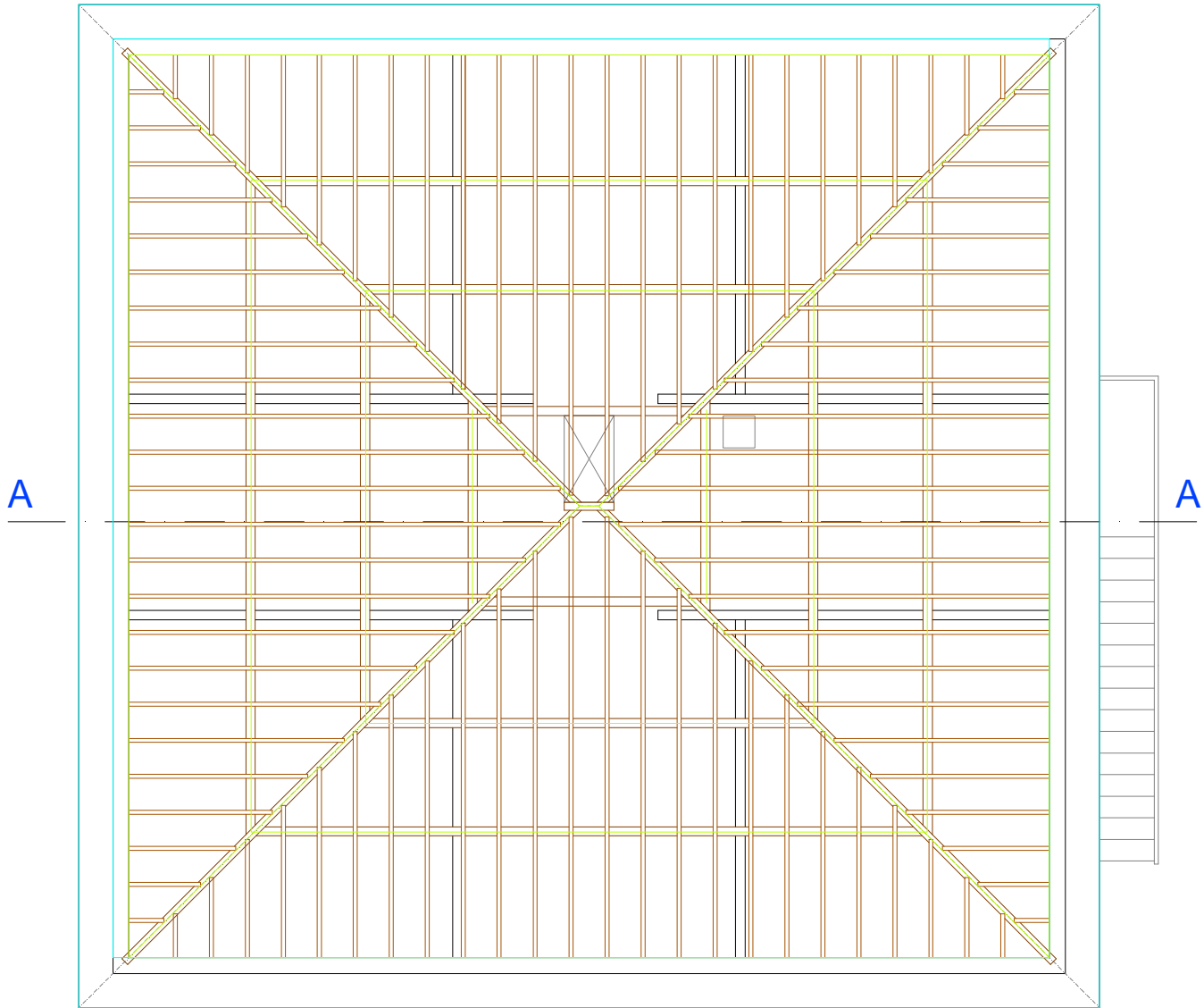
PRELIMINARY REMARKS ON
CRACKING OF TIMBER BEAMS



Effect of height of fibre splitting

CASE STUDY N. 3

STRENGTHENING OF A TIMBER ROOF





Cracked beam



Connection between ridge beam and hip beams



Joint detail

Joint detail

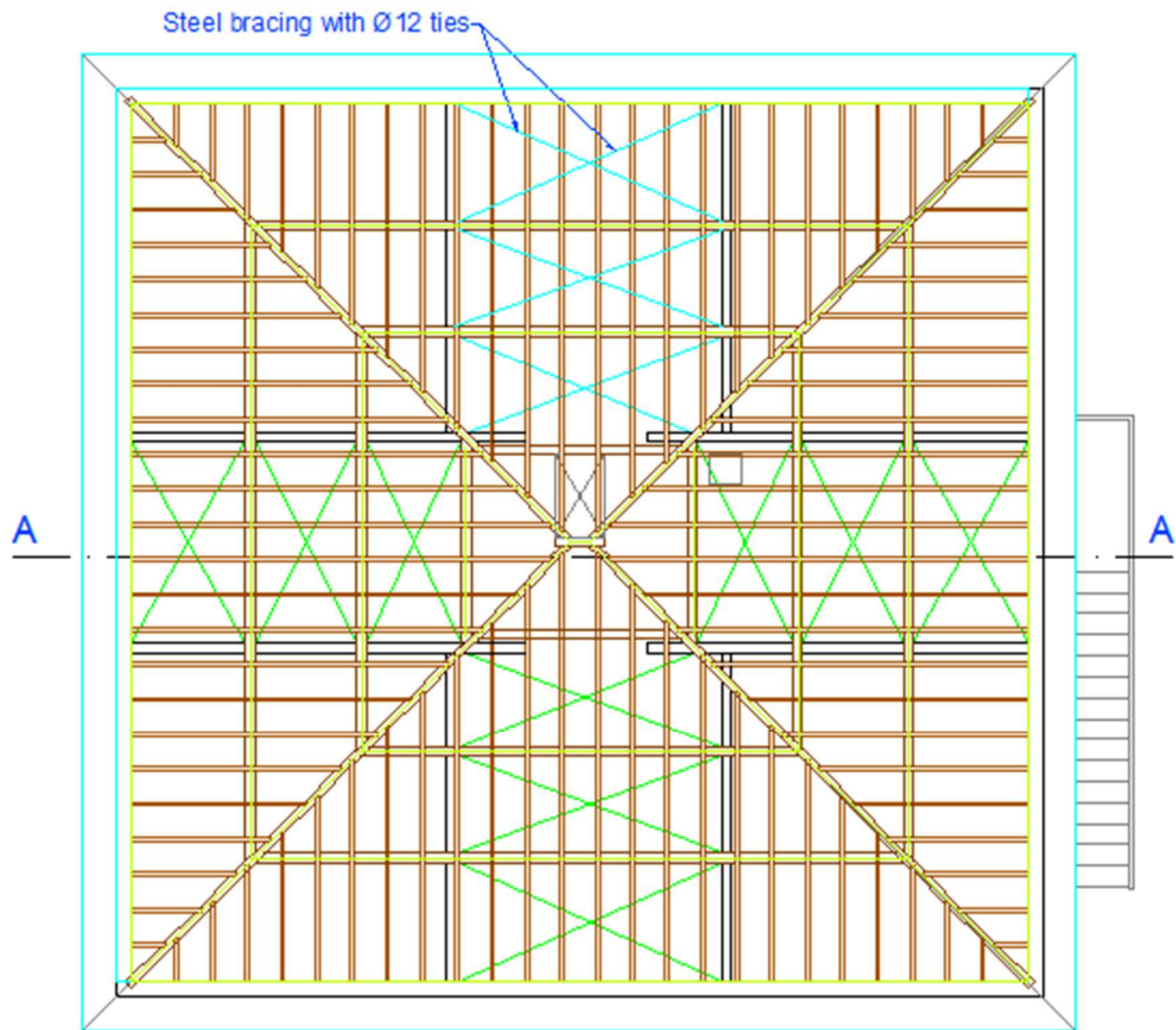




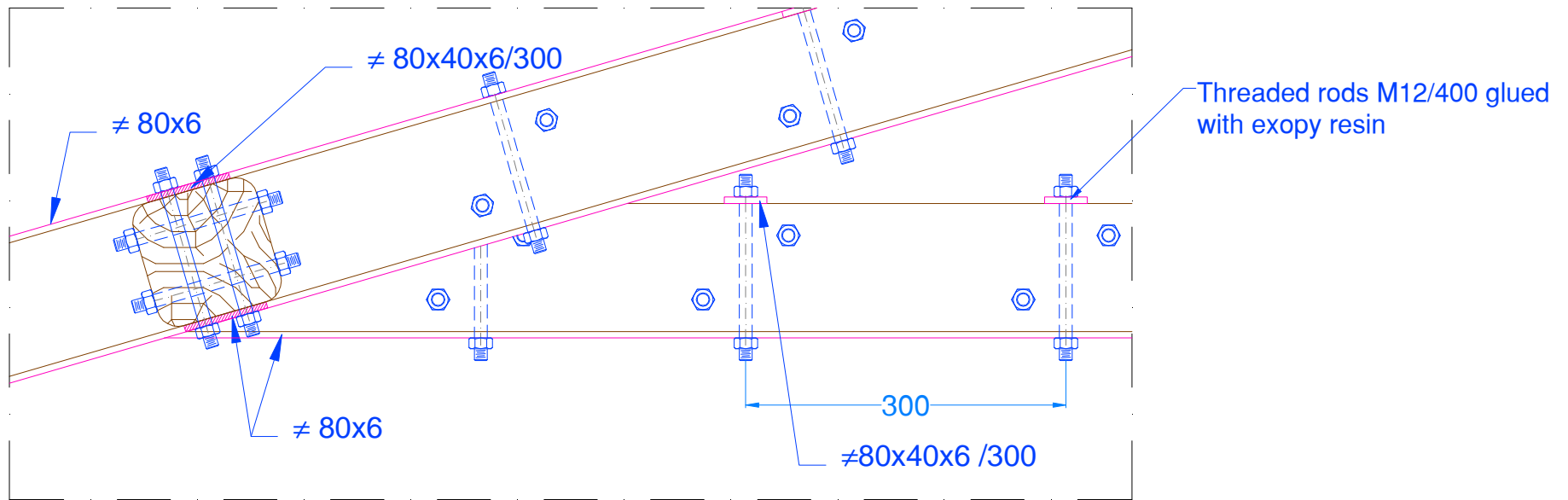
Crack pattern in a beam



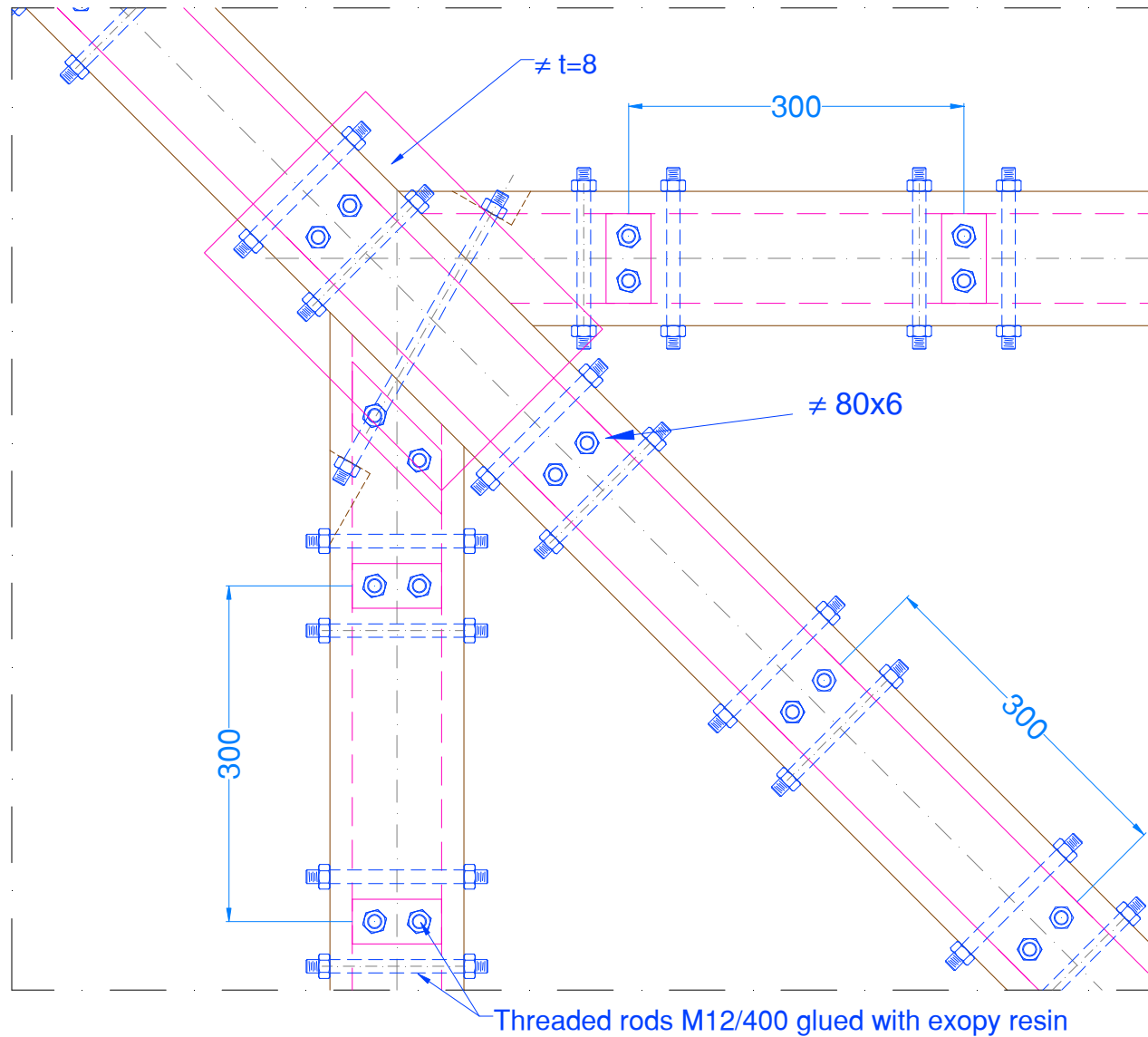
Cracked beams



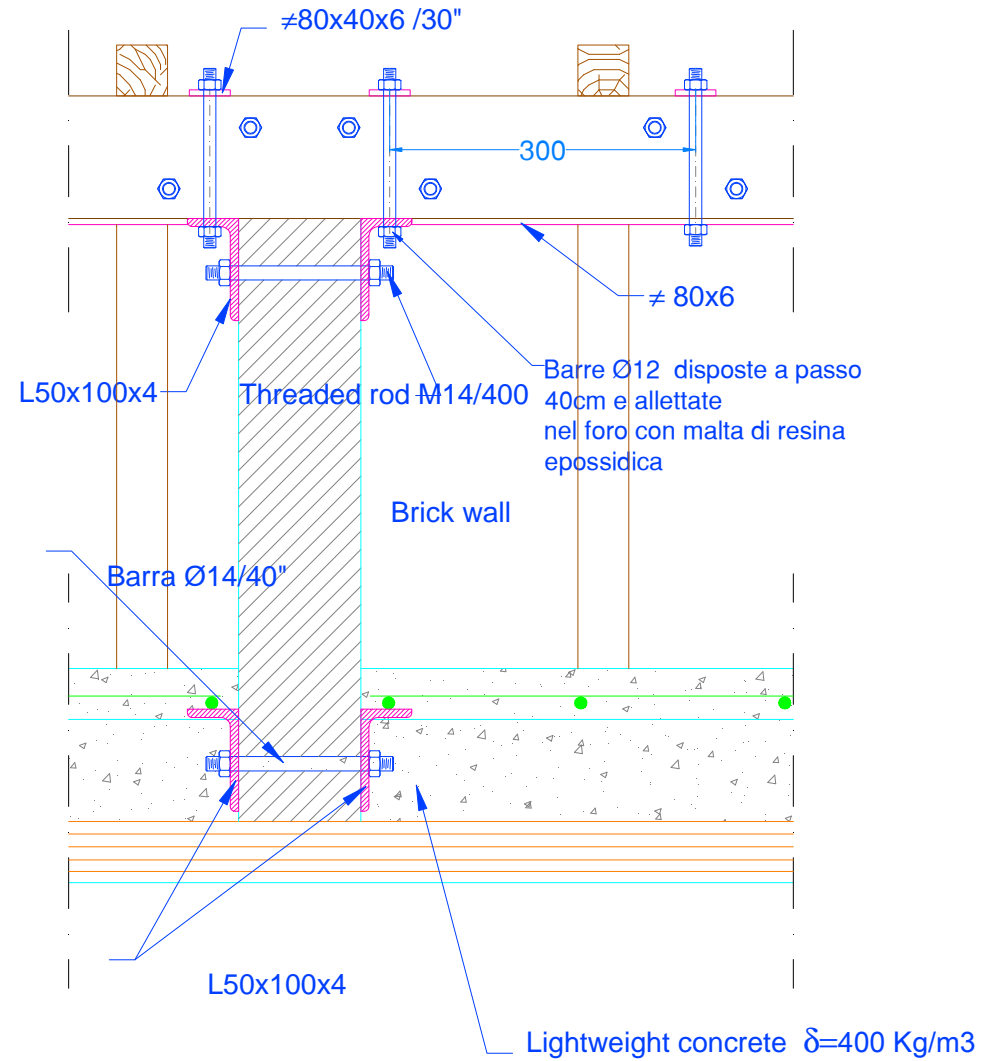
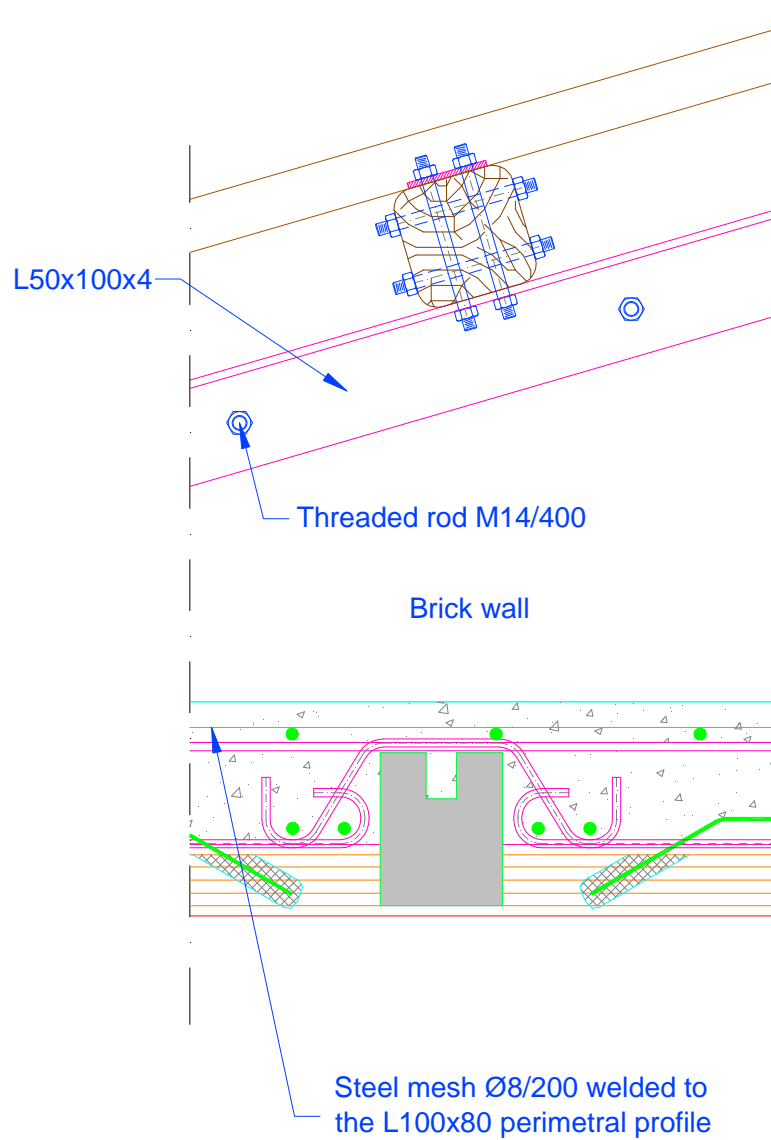
Roof plan



Strengthening of the beams



Strengthening of the connection



Connection with the upper part of the shear walls



Strengthening of hip beams (main beams)



**Strengthening of
secondary beams**



Strengthening of the roof during the works



Strengthening of the roof during the works



Strengthening of the joints



Beams and joint after the strengthening



Strengthening of the beams - Detail



Details of the connections with intermediate brick walls



View of the roof during the work



Strengthening of brick wall

CASE STUDY N. 4

ANALYSIS AND REPAIR OF TIMBER BEAMS



Insufficient cross section – Uncorrect wood fibre pattern



Insufficient cross section – Uncorrect wood fibre pattern



Insufficient cross section – Uncorrect wood fibre pattern



Beam supported with a pack prop



Beams supported with pack props



Support and crack



Crack pattern in a beam



Beam covered with wood plates



General view of the floor



Detail of the cover



A surprising arrangement of the cover



Detail of the supports



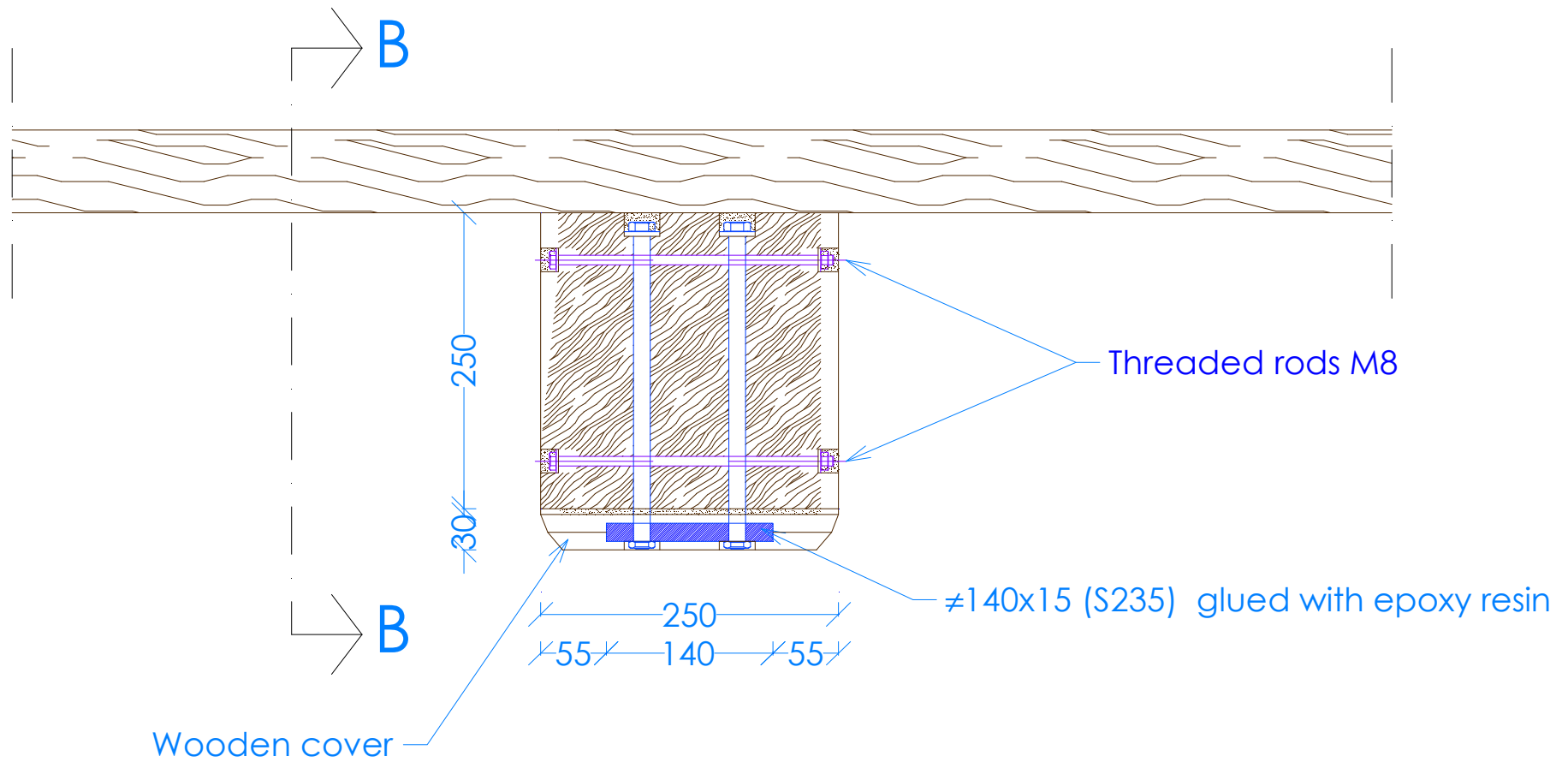
Typical crack pattern



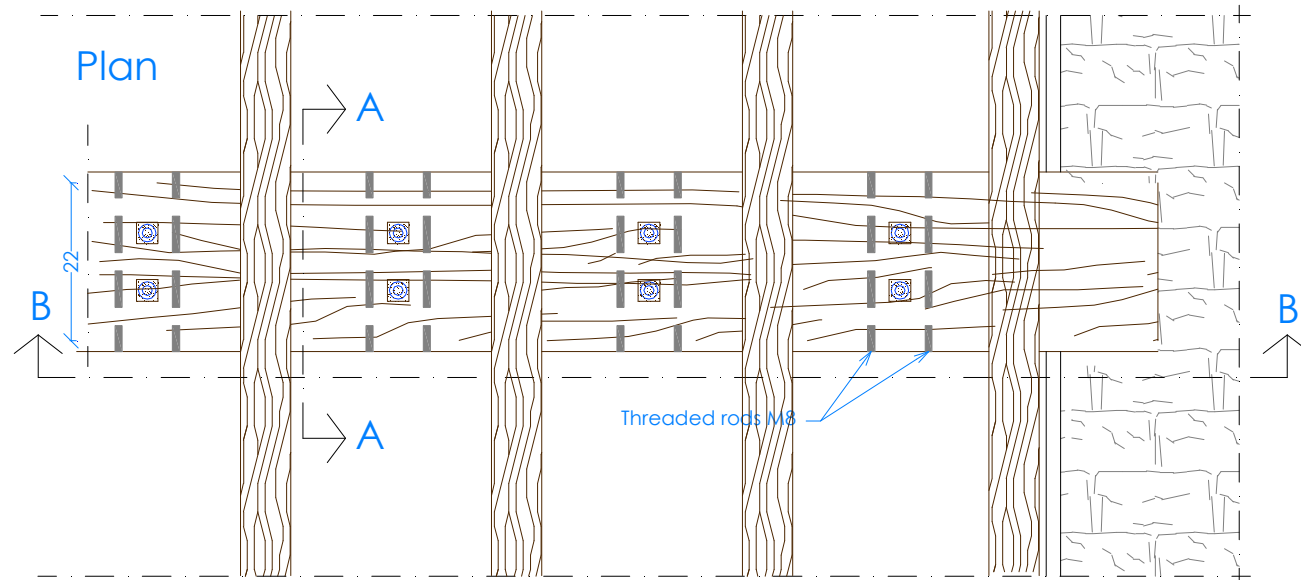
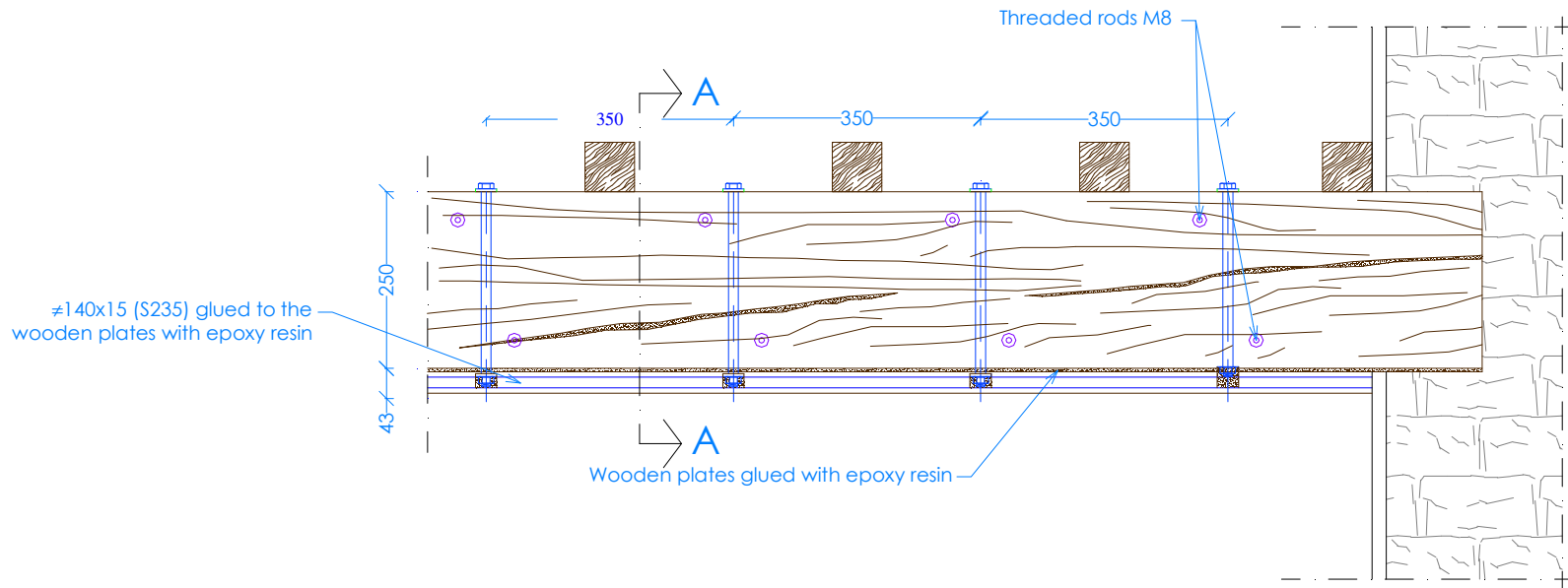
Covered beams



Painted vault



Strengthening of timber beam preserving the exterior aspect



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CASE STUDY N. 5

SUBSTITUTION OF TIMBER BEAMS

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A- SUBSTITUTION OF TIMBER BEAM



Substitution of the floor

CASE STUDY N. 5

B- SUBSTITUTION OF TIMBER BEAMS FROM BELOW



Removal of the beam supporting the floor



Insertion of the new beam



Preparation of the support



Beam substitutions completed



Arch to be strengthened



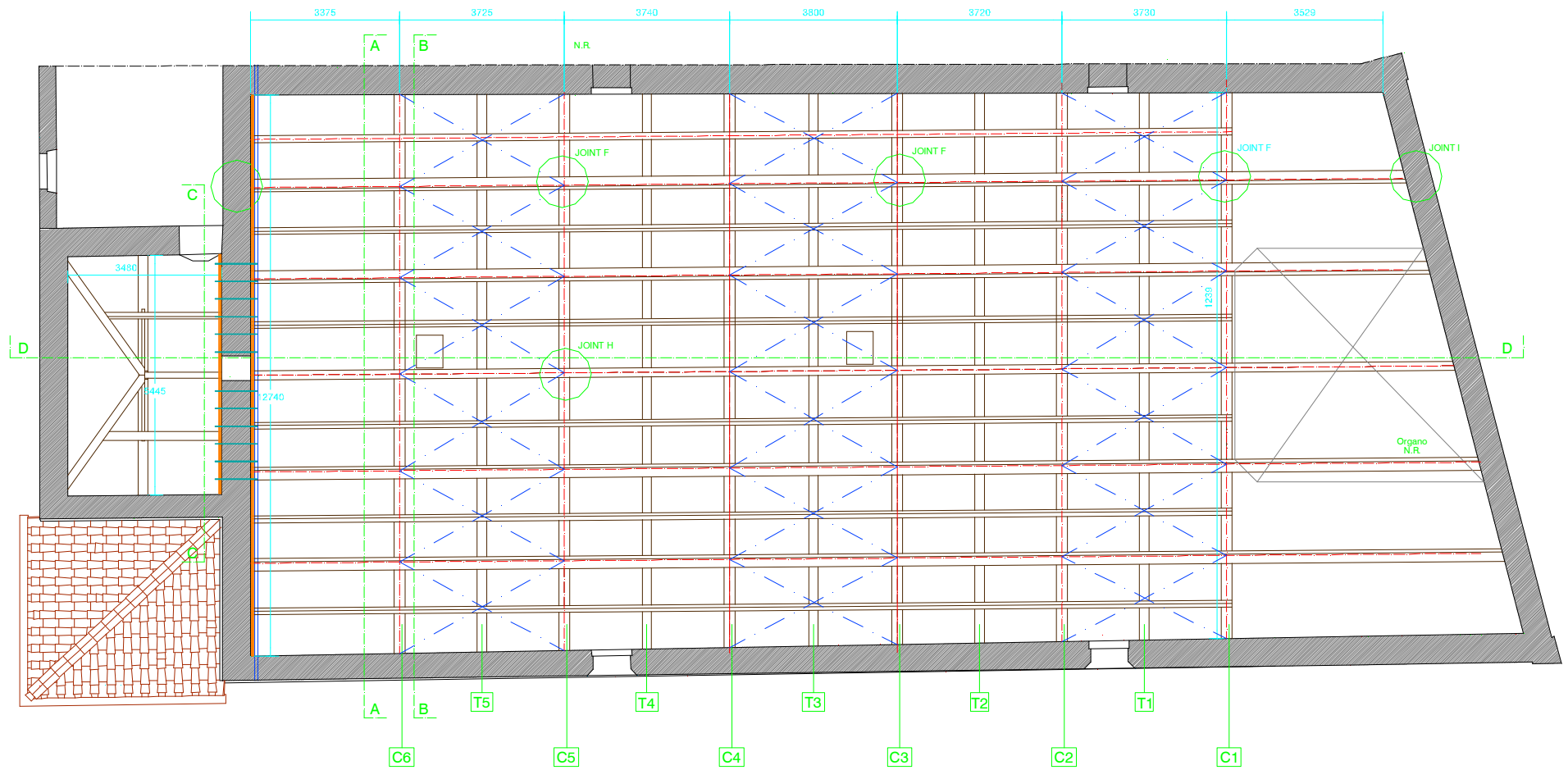
Arch strengthening

CASE STUDY N. 6

STRENGTHENING AND REPAIR OF A WOODEN TRUSS ROOF SUSTAINING A PAINTED CEILING



The interior of the Church



Plan of the roof structure



Typical strut-tie joint



Suspension of the cieling



Connection of the truss tie - Jupiter dart



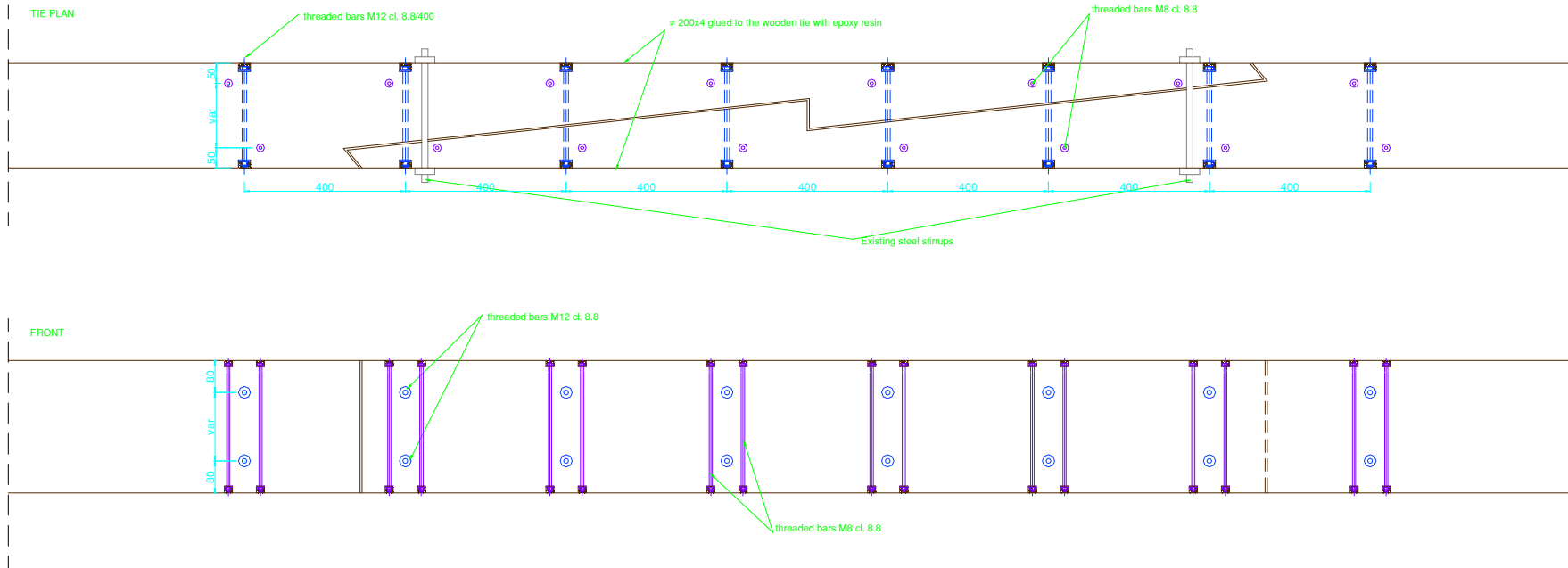
Connection of the truss tie - Jupiter dart



Repair of the strut



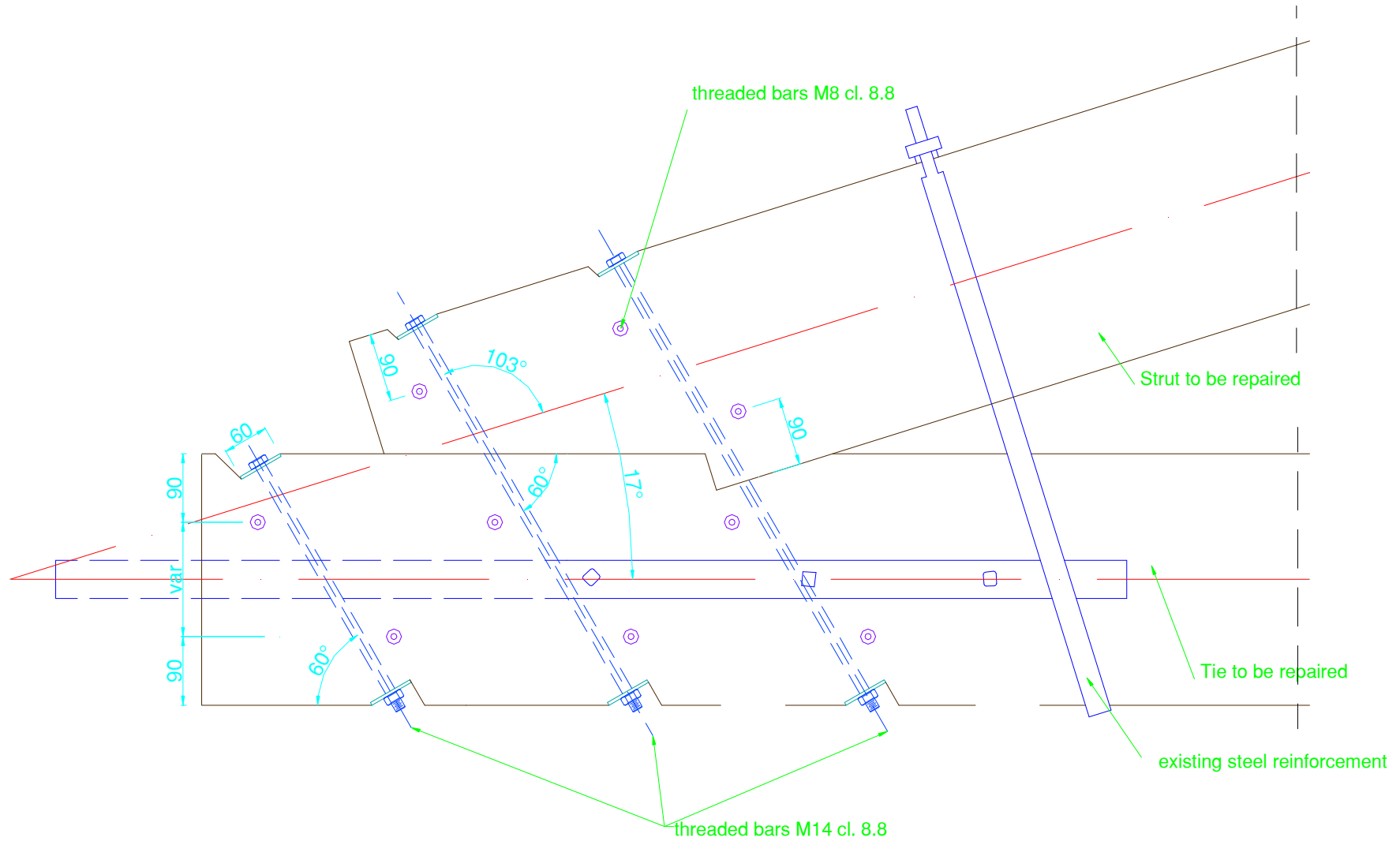
Repair of the truss and temporary chain



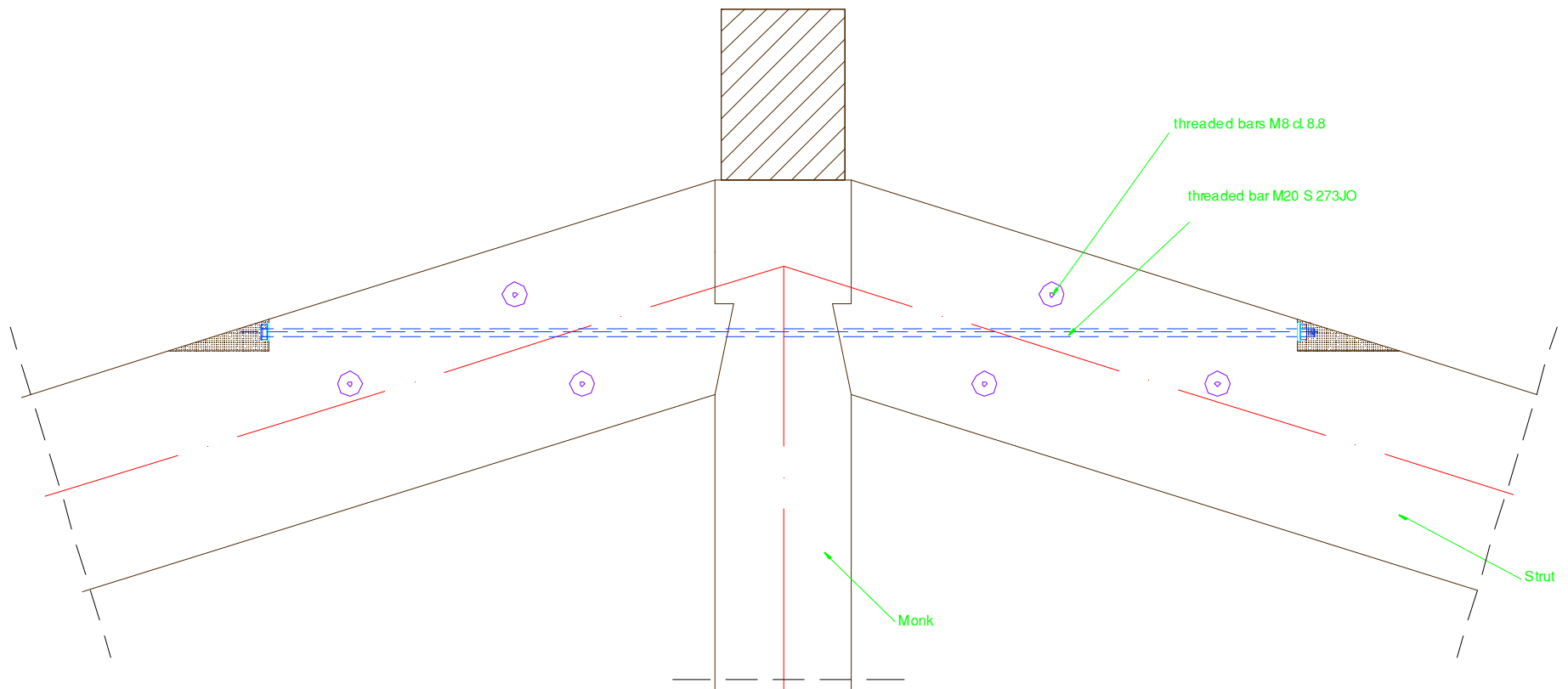
Repair of the Jupiter dart



Repair of the Jupiter dart



Repair of the strut-tie connection



Repair of the strut-monk connection



Repair of the strut-tie connection



Temporary suspension of
the truss



Repair of a damaged head



Repair of a damaged head



Steel bracings



Strengthening of the facade wall

Thank you for your kind attention