

Lifelong
Learning
Programme



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);

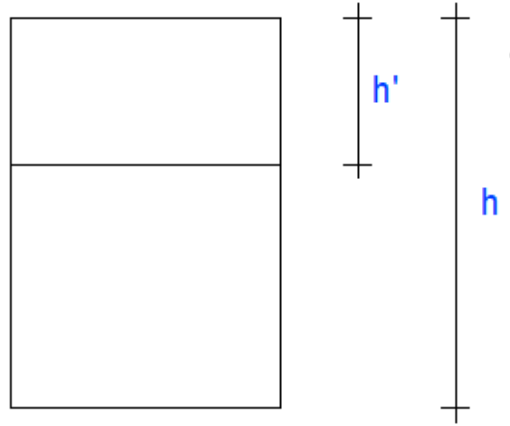
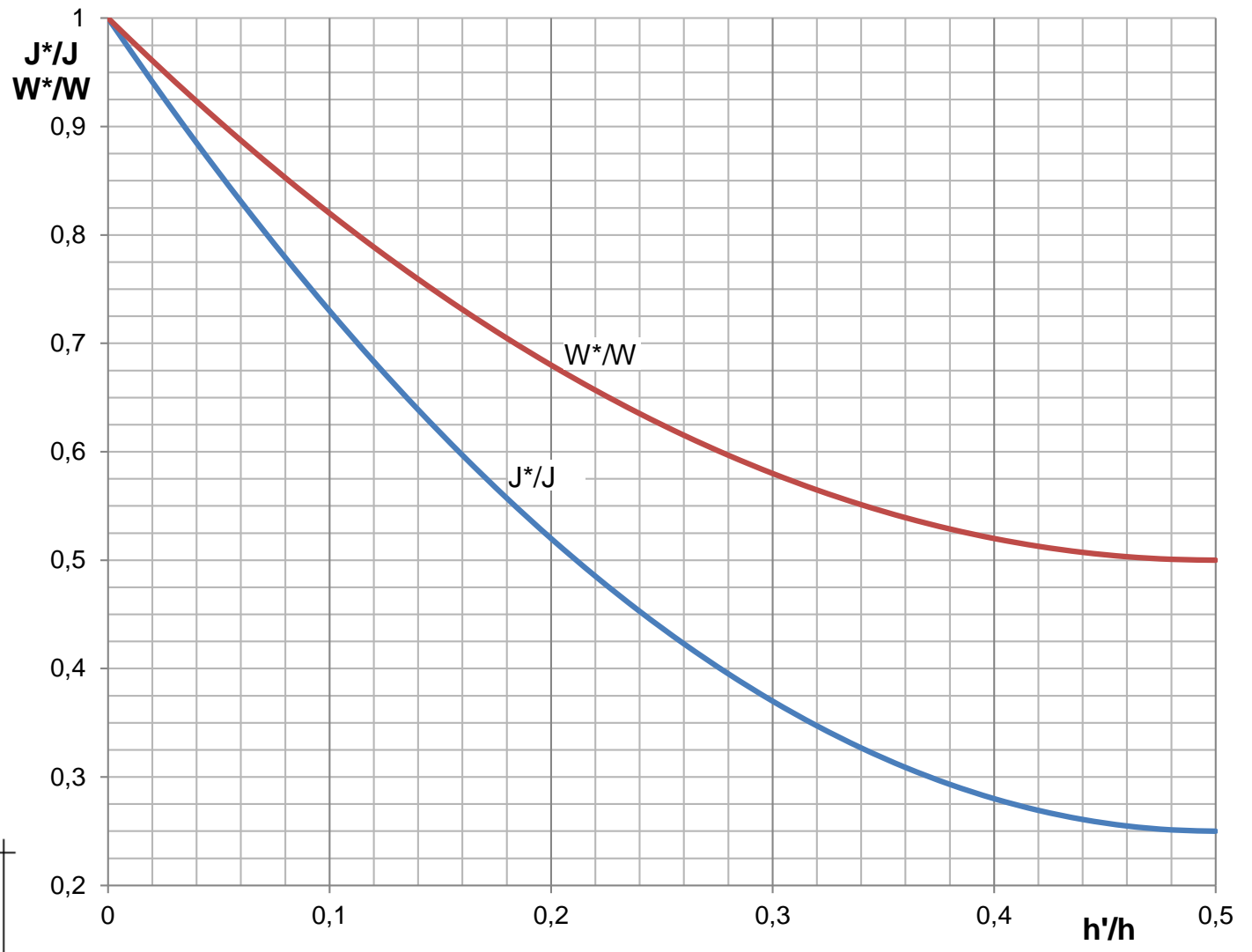
History of structural modifications (addition or demolition, and/or deep maintenance interventions);

actual damage and/or crack patterns;

actual material properties;

required performance level.

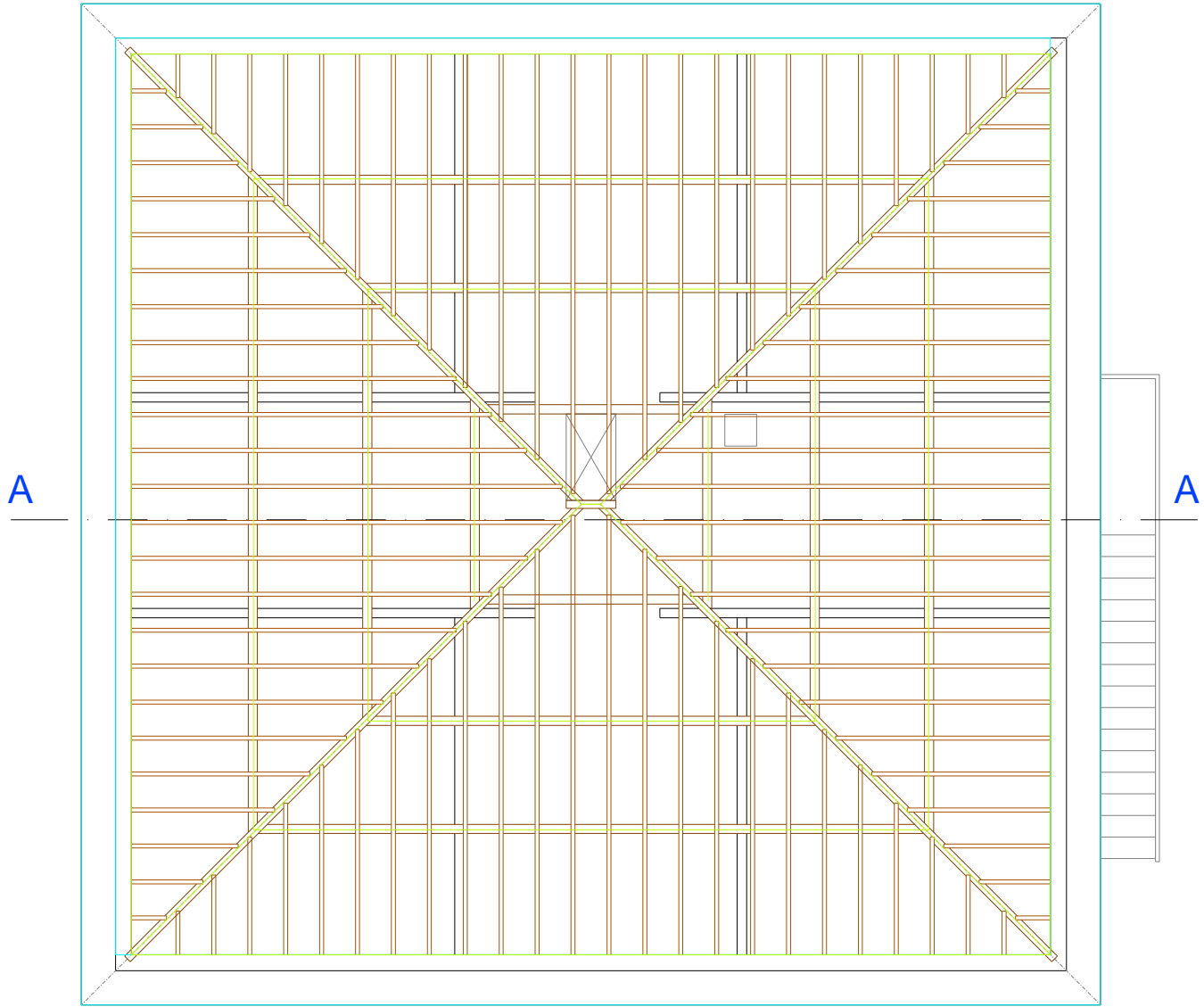
PRELIMINARY REMARKS



Effect of height of fibre splitting

CASE STUDY N. 1

STRENGTHENING OF A TIMBER ROOF





Cracked beam

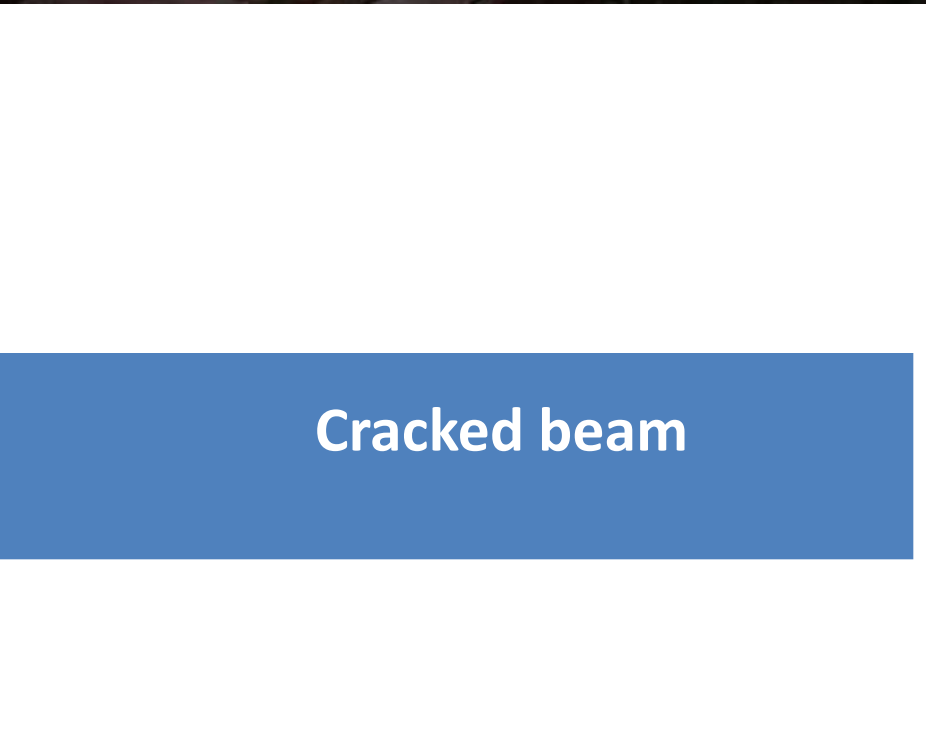


Cracked beam

Damaged columns



Damaged columns



Cracked beam



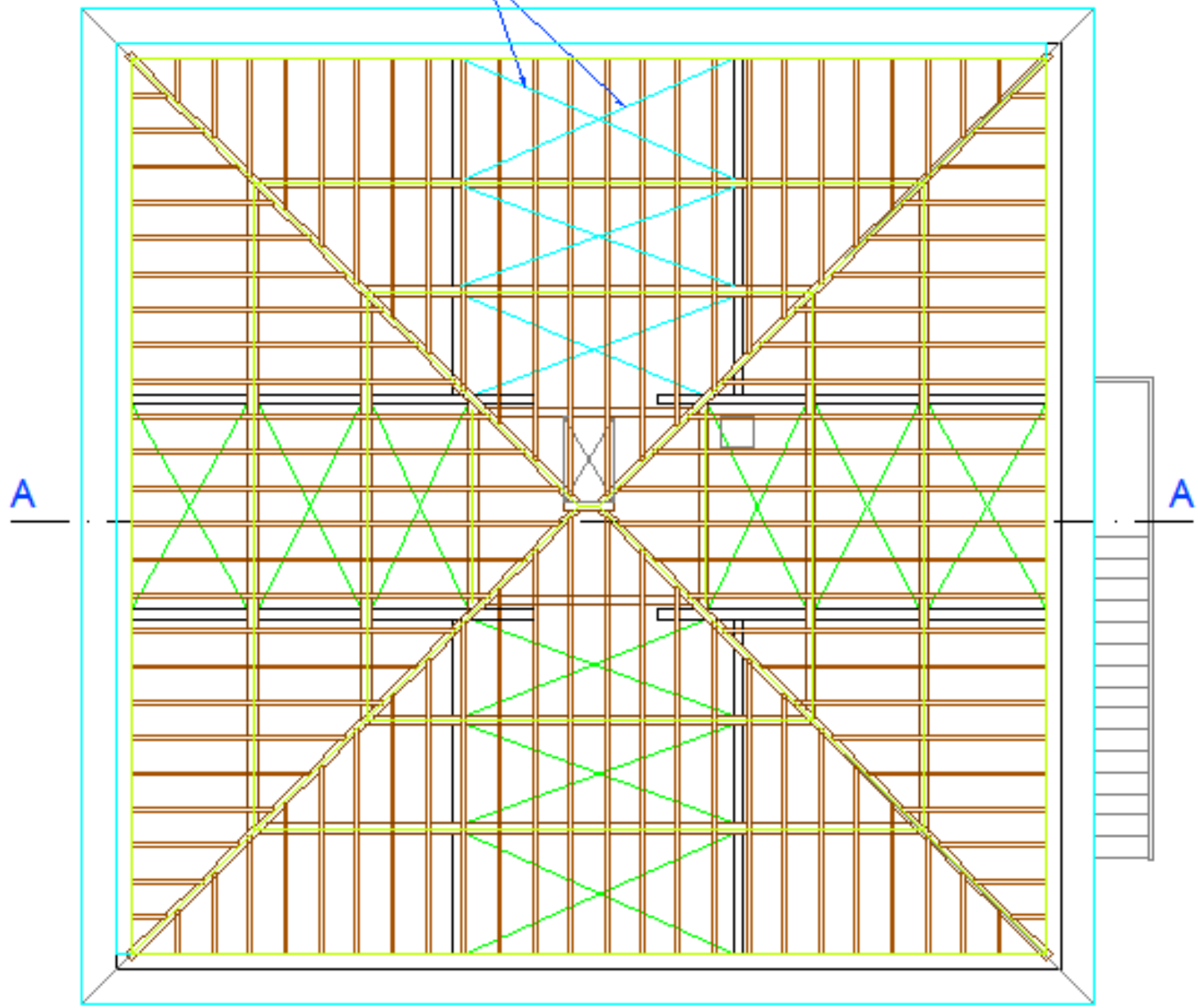


Crack pattern in a beam

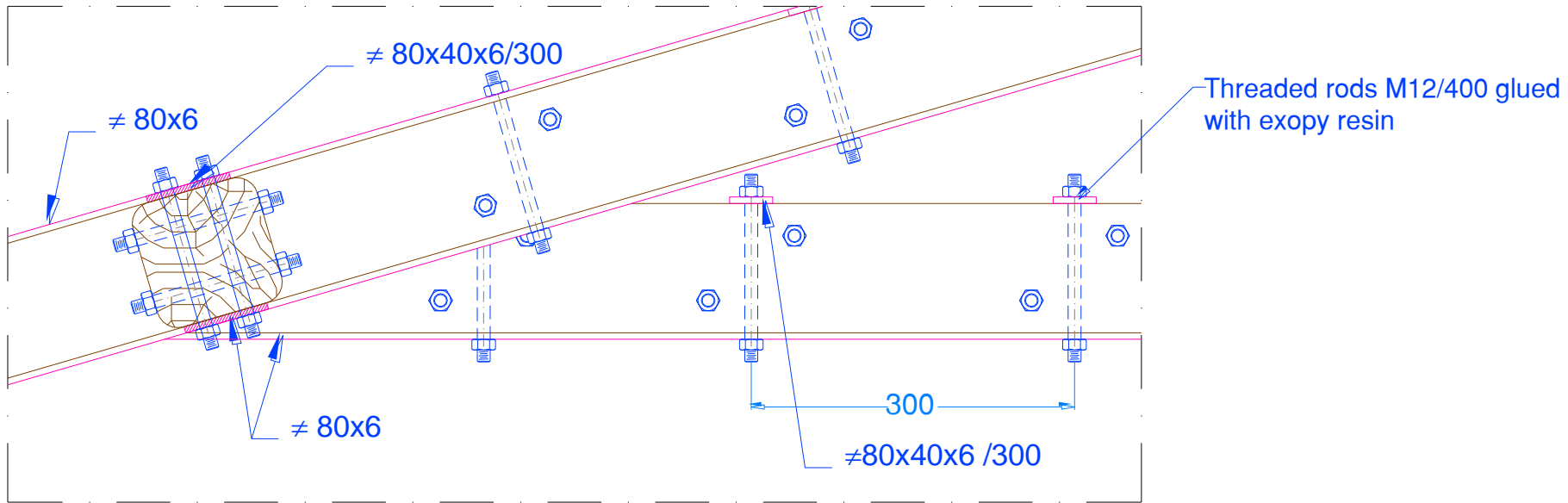


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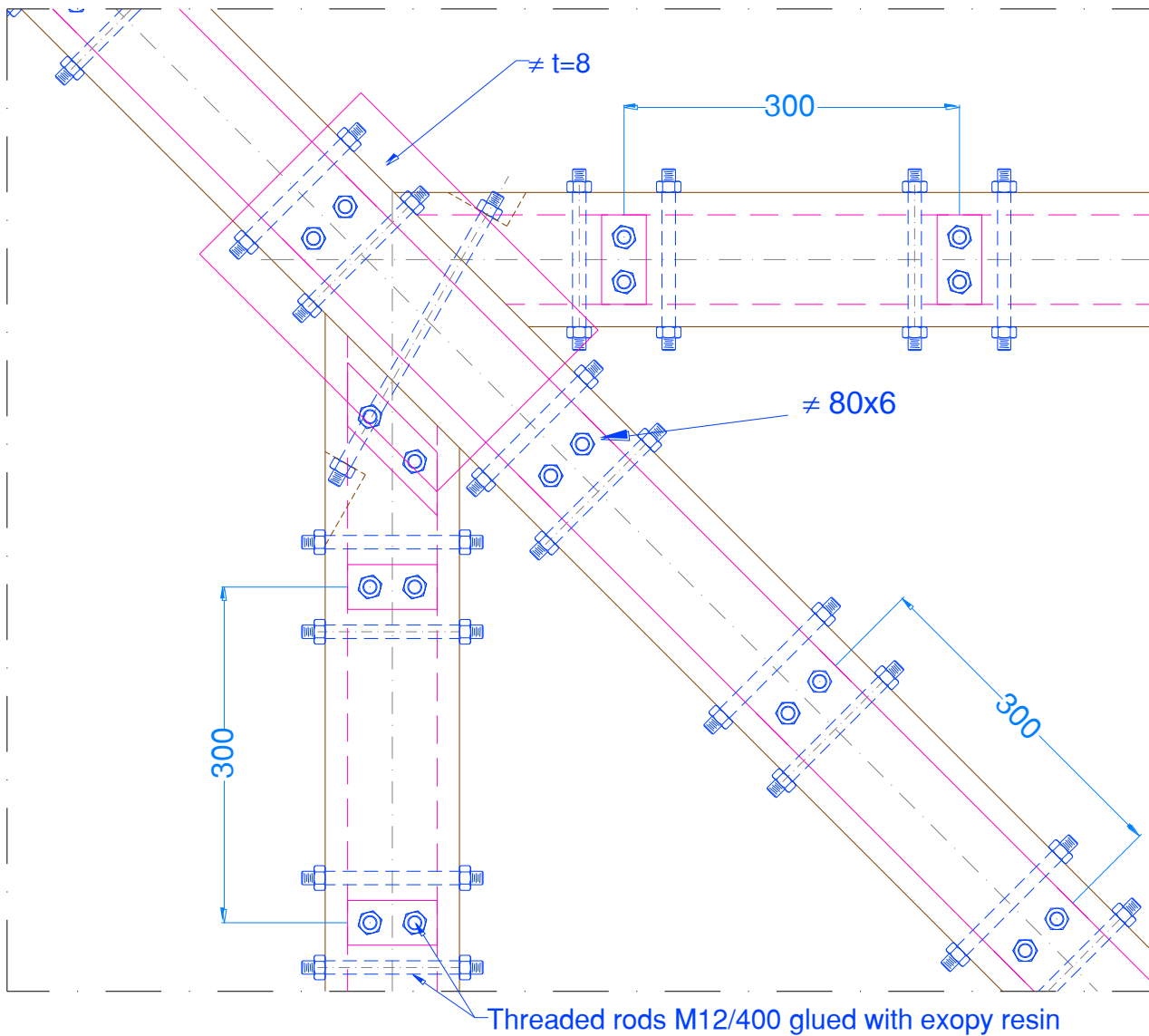
Steel bracing with $\varnothing 12$ ties



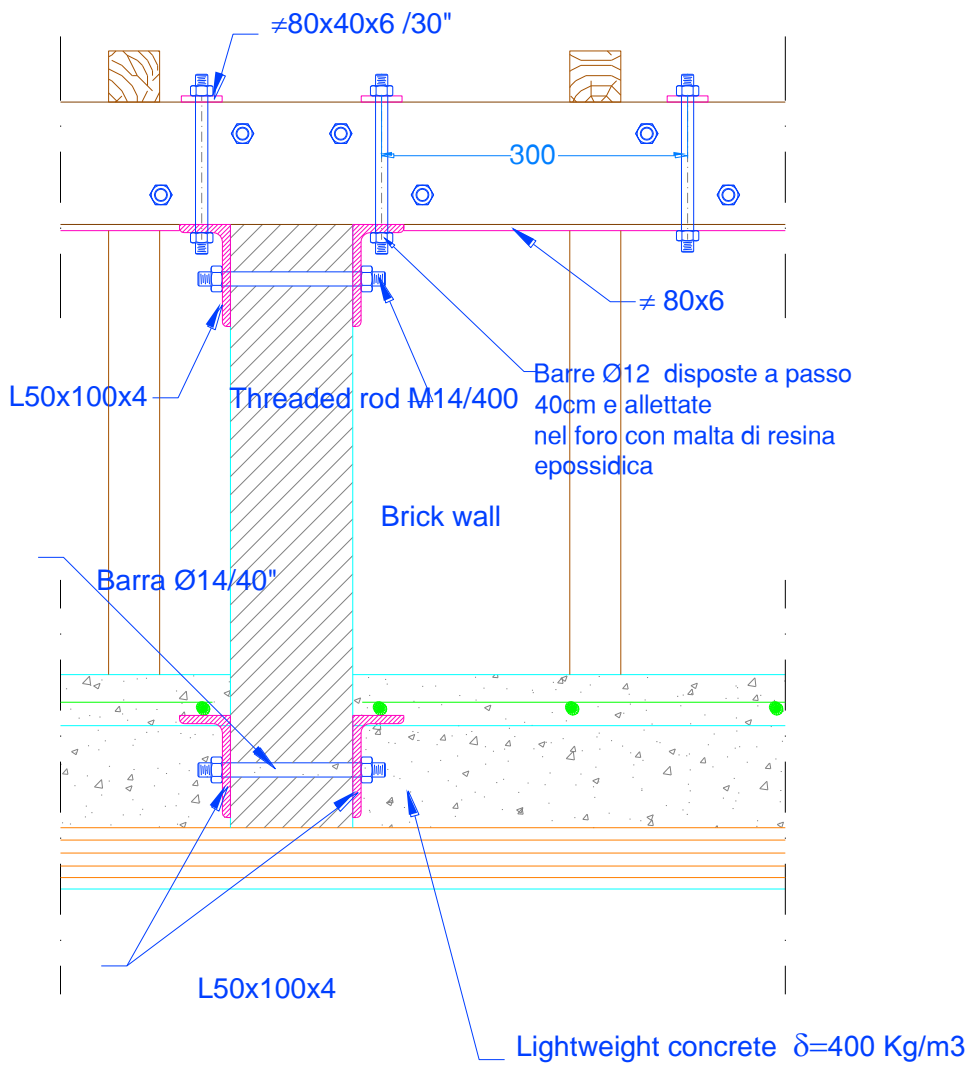
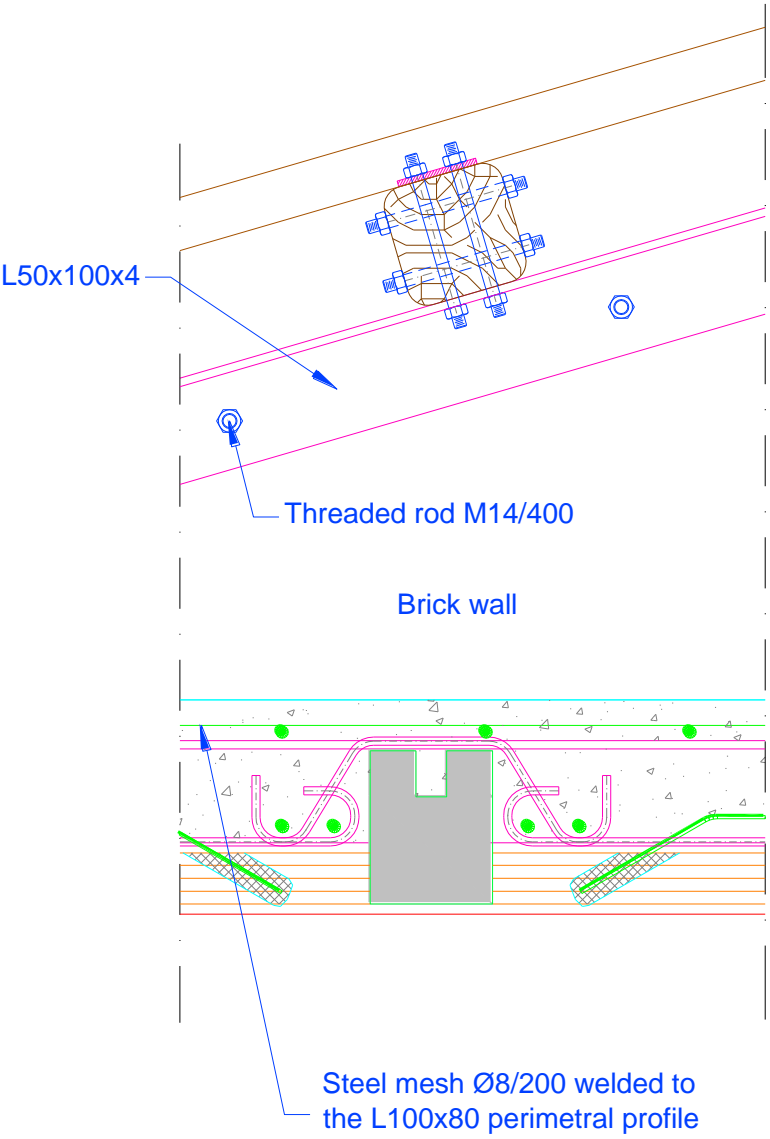
Roof plan



Strengthening of the beams



Strengthening of the connection



Connection with the upper part of the shear walls



Strengthening of the main beams



**Strengthening of the
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. 2

ANALYSIS AND REPAIR OF TIMBER BEAMS



Insufficient cross section – Uncorrect wood fibre pattern



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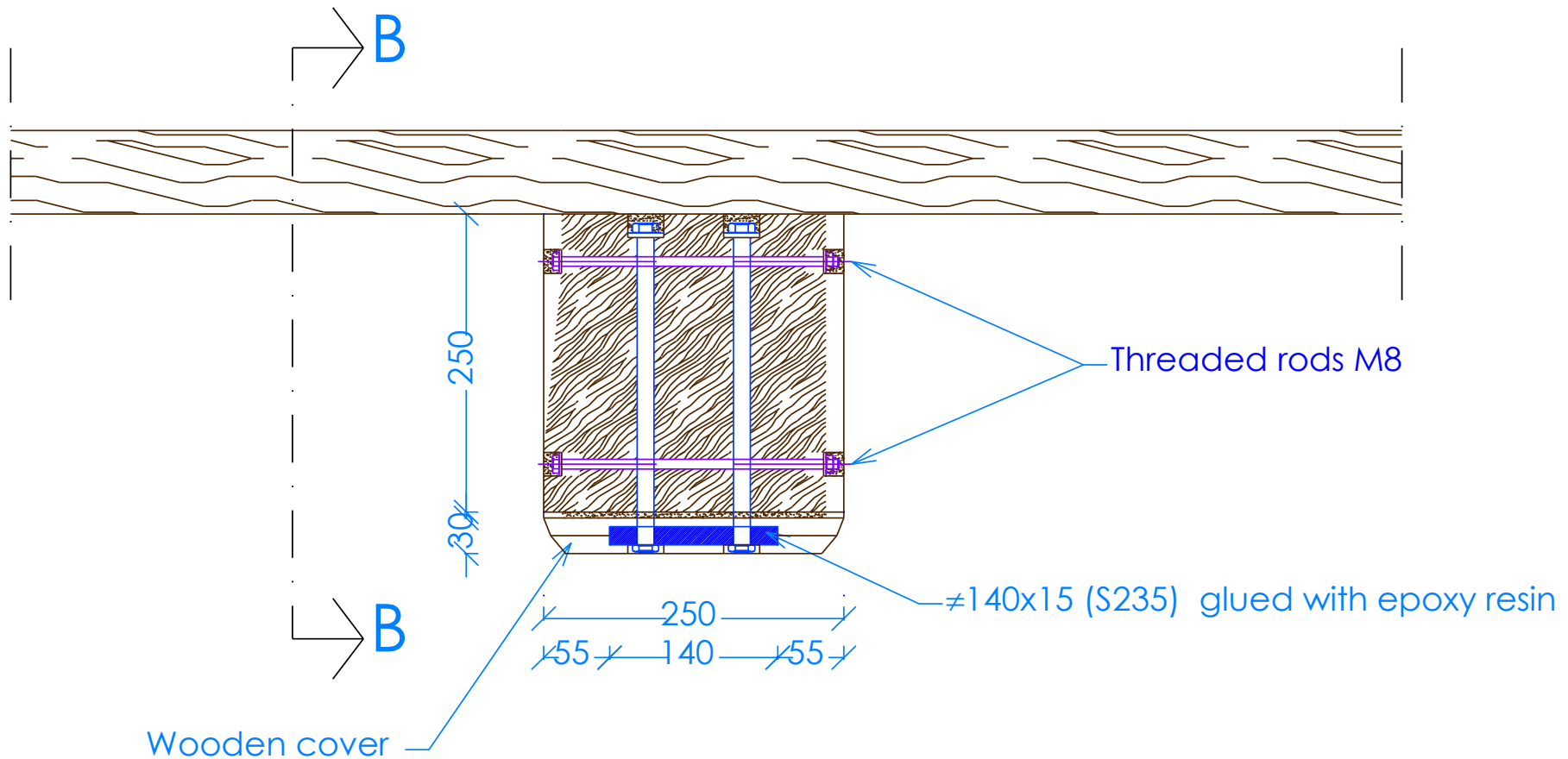
Beam supported with a pack prop



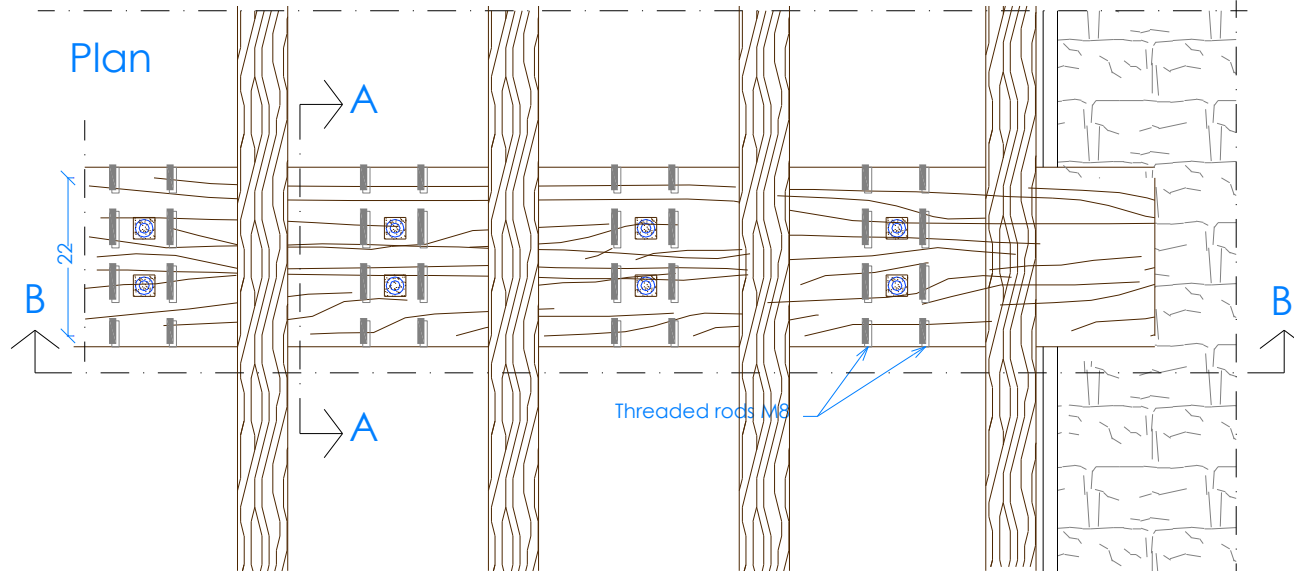
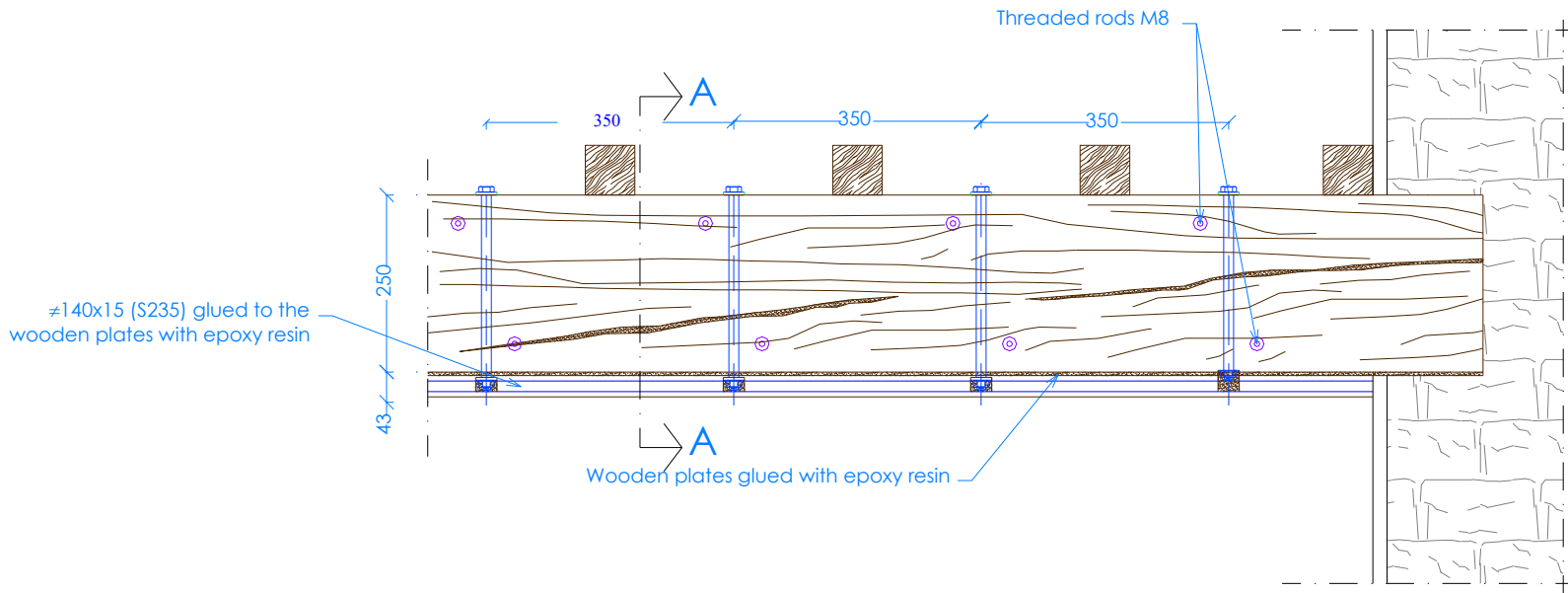
Beams supported with pack props



Support and crack



Strengthening of timber beam preserving the exterior aspect



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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

CASE STUDY N. 3

SUBSTITUTION OF TIMBER BEAMS

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Substitution of the floor

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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



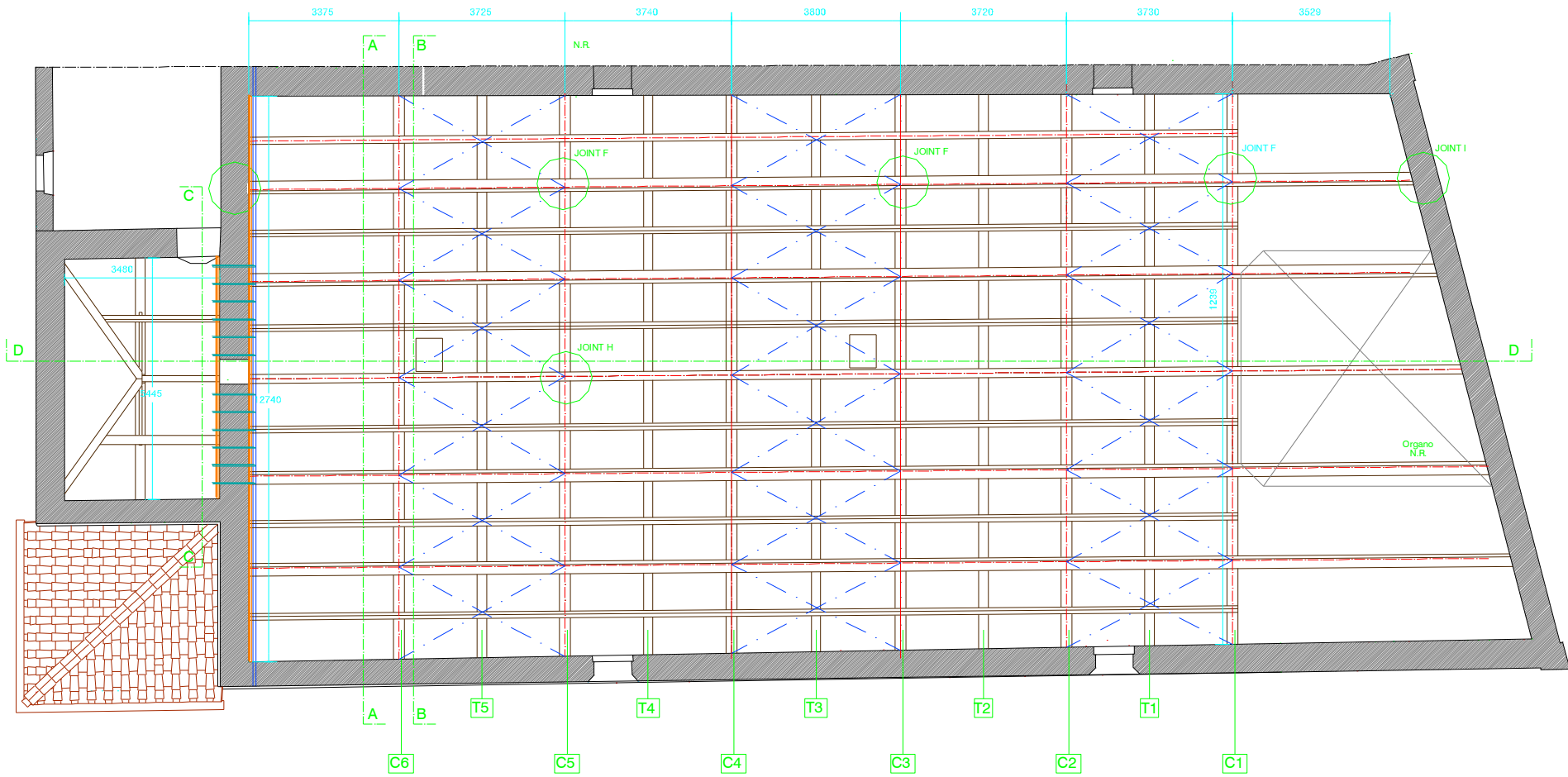
Arch strengthening

CASE STUDY N. 4

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



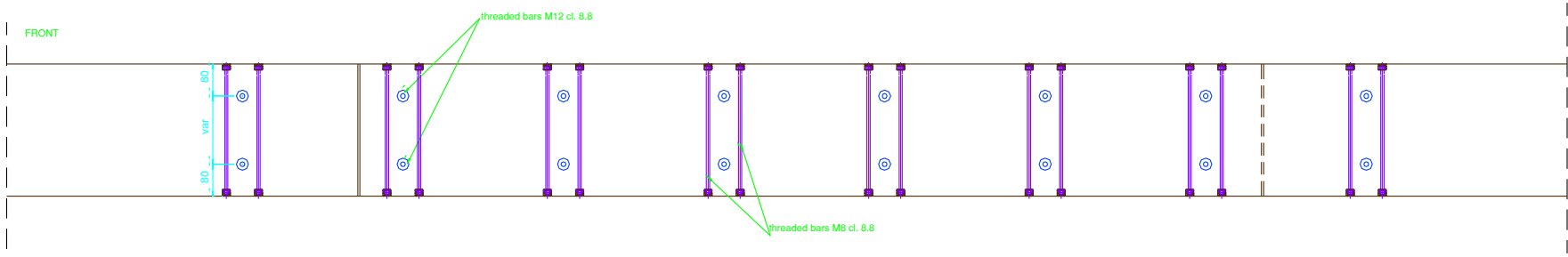
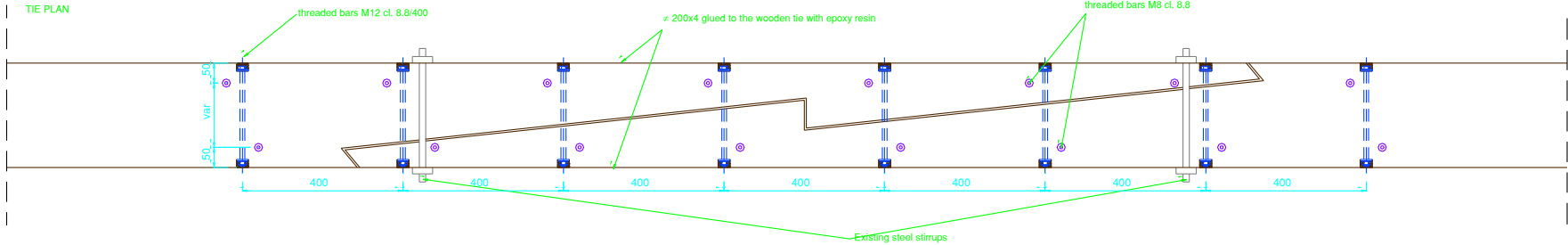
Connection of the truss tie - Jupiter dart



Repair of the strut



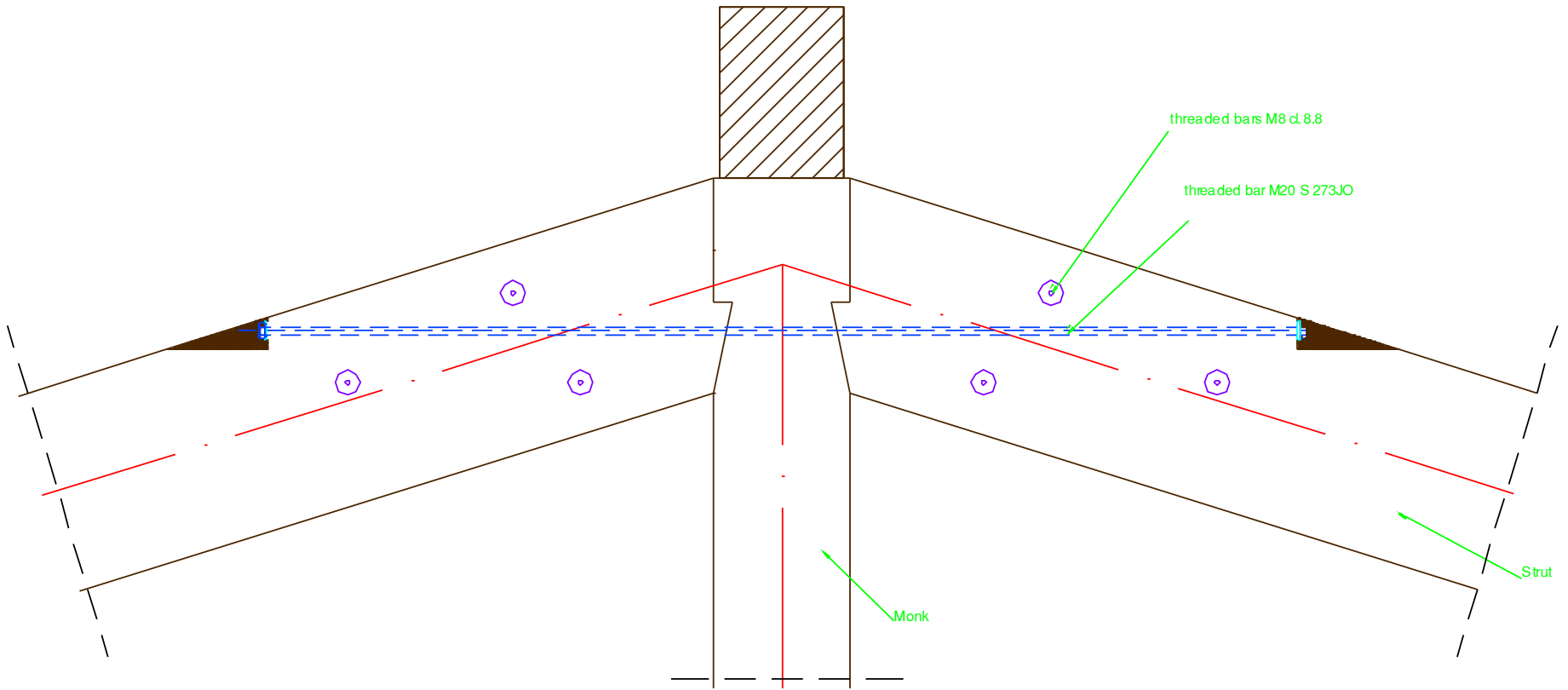
Repair of the truss and temporary chain



Repair of the Jupiter dart



Repair of the Jupiter dart



Repair of the strut-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