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Analysis Methods for Unreinforced Heritage Masonry

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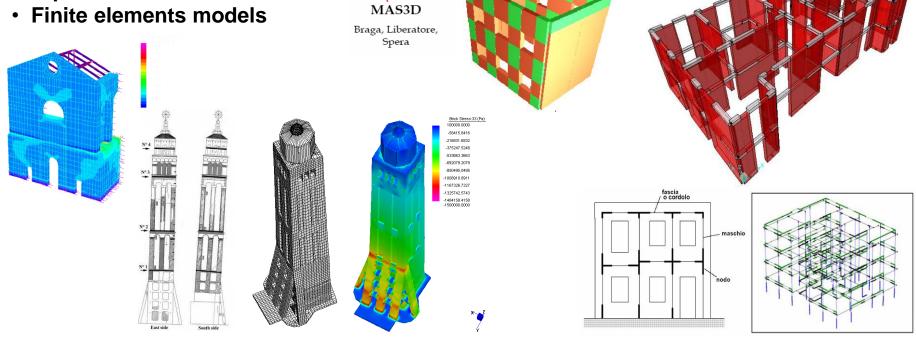


Structural modelling and seismic analysis methods

For existing masonry buildings it is possible to consider **different analysis methods**, according to the considered **appropriate model** which describe the structure and its seismic behaviour.

It is possible to consider:

- Macro-elements models
- Equivalent frame models



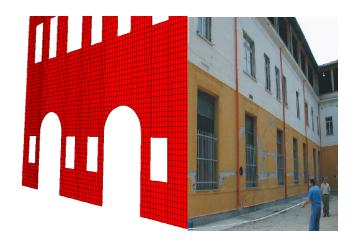


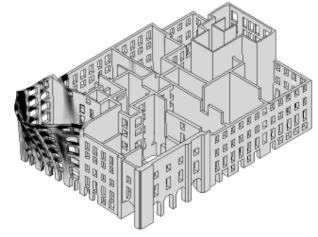
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The **Finite Element Method** (FEM) is a powerful tool to study stresses and displacement in solids. A mathematical description of the material behaviour, which yields the relation between the stress and strain tensors in a material point of the structural element, is necessary for this purpose.

Constitutive models of interest for practice are normally developed according to a phenomenological approach in which the observed mechanisms are represented in such a manner that simulations are in reasonable agreement with experiments.

Several examples of non linear relatively **simple 2D or 3D models** can be found (e.g. structural elements as churches' triumphal arches, vaults, or structures as chimneys, bell towers). Relatively few studies considering full scale complex structures, for their seismic assessment, are on the contrary available.





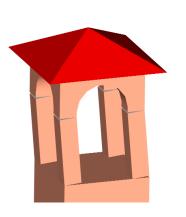


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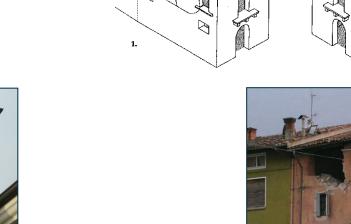
The effective response of an existing masonry building to horizontal actions can be hardly defined, in the majority of cases, by just considering the global behaviour of the structure

Main causes:

- Lack of connection between walls
- Lack of connection between walls and floors
- Low in plane stiffness of floors
- Masonry composition
- Existing deterioration/damages







Salò-Garda lake earthquake (24/11/2004)



Giuffrè, 1993

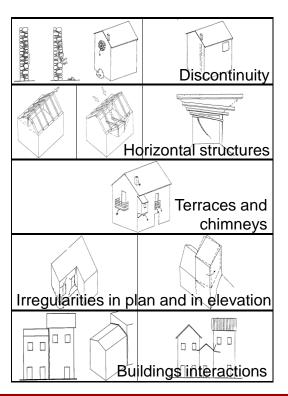


Structural modelling and seismic analysis methods

A wide research was performed to appreciate the reliability of the proposed models, also in **comparison** with "traditional" global assessment methods used for masonry buildings: in general, global analytical procedures applied to historical masonry building can be misleading in the interpretation of the actual behaviour of the analyzed buildings.

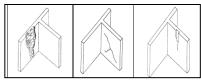
External walls

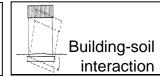
Out of plane In plane



Analytical approach procedures considering the modelling of the elementary failure mechanisms with the limit analysis of local rigid body kinematic mechanisms of structural macroelements (portions of the buildings with homogeneous constructive characteristics and structural behaviour) found a better match with the observed damage

Internal walls









Structural modelling and seismic analysis methods

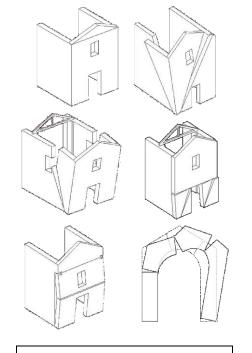
The adoption of suitable interpretative models can not disregard the **structural typologies** of the considered buildings (**isolated or aggregate buildings**, **churches**...). Several **abaci** graphically depicting the more common failure modes, based on a vast damage mechanism classification work after the recent seismic events and referred to specific constructive typologies, were defined.

Further input data:

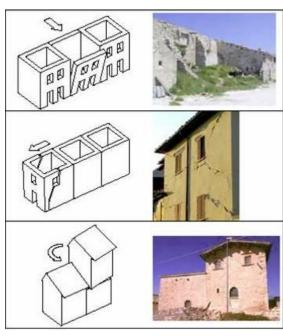
- the construction of the building following "correct" empirical rules
- the historical response of the building to past seismic events









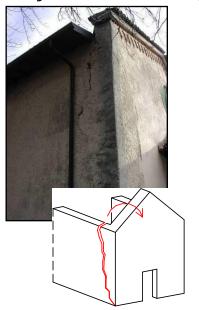


Aggregate buildings

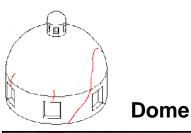


Observation of the damages of the churches

Façade Overturning





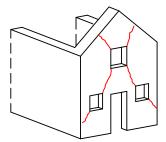




Hall transverse response



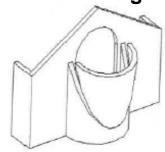




Bell tower

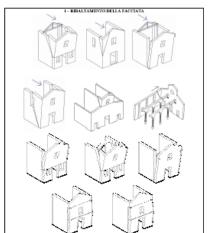


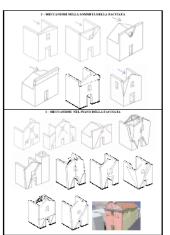
Apses overturning

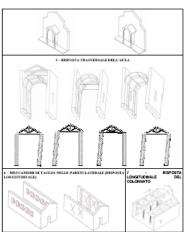


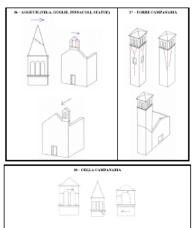


Classification of damage mechanisms for churches







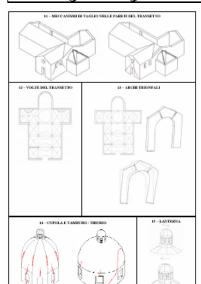


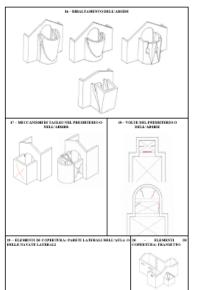


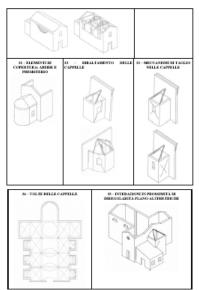






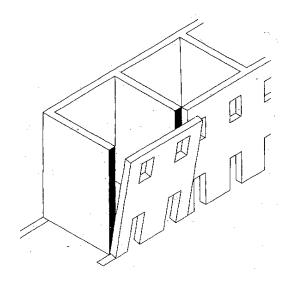


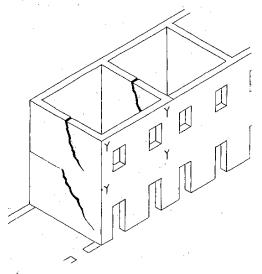












Local behavior

"FIRST MODE" MECHANISMS

Out-of-plane collapse of the walls due to absence of connections with perpendicular walls and floors

Global behavior

"SECOND MODE" MECHANISMS

In-plane cracking of the walls, in presence of effective constraints, bearable force levels much higher than in the previous case.

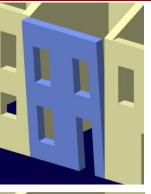


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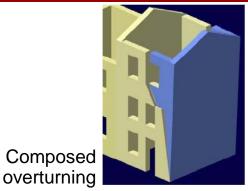
OUT-OF PLANE MECHANISMS

Vertical strips of masonry:

Simple

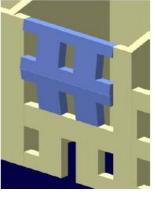




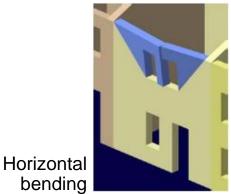




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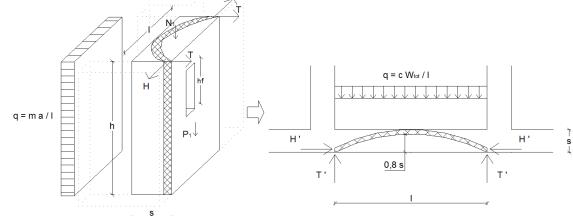






Vertical bending

Horizontal strips of masonry:





IN PLANE MECHANISMS

Scarce quality of masonry and presence of openings and discontinuities





- Shear collapse of the walls Rotation and in plane overturning



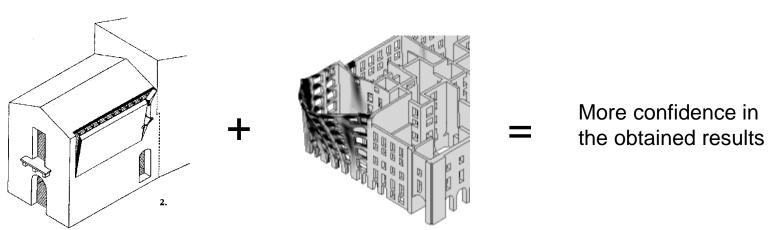


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It is in general inappropriate to propose an assessment tool instead of another, since the strategy adopted depends on several factors.

The choice of the more suitable methodology/ies should be then made taking into account their advantages and limitations and, more important, the **definition of the aims and limits of the analysis to be performed**.

Standing however the several uncertainties denounced, it seems sensible to use **more than a single technique** to the evaluation of the seismic response of a historical masonry structure, possibly arising from different studies and underlying theories, to finally perform a final comparison of data emerged, thus increasing the degree of confidence in the obtained results.





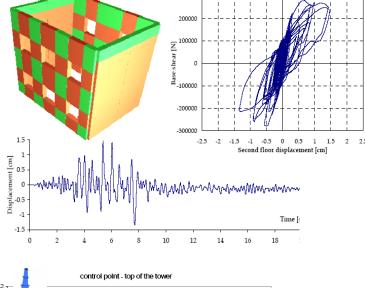
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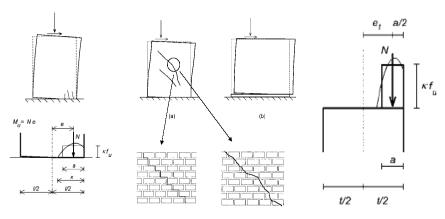
In the case of cultural heritage buildings the assessment of the structure capacity and seismic safety must be considered at local and global level, using suitable analysis methods.

It is possible to consider:

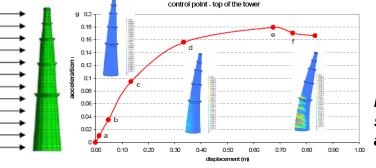
- linear static analysis
- modal dynamics analysis
- non linear static analysis
- non linear dynamics analysis

Example of not linear dynamic analysis (using 3muri software)





In-plane and out-of-plane mechanisms (bending, shear, sliding...) that have to be verified when considering a linear static analysis



Non linear static analysis

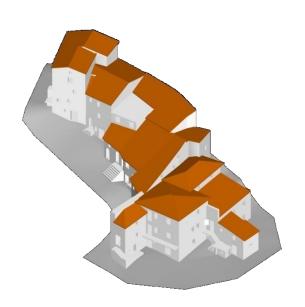


SIMPLIFIED METHODOLOGIES FOR SEISMIC VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT ON LARGE SCALE

Historical Centres:

- minor building as a cultural heritage
 - masonry buildings
- traditional rules of art and intervention techniques















Simplified methodologies for seismic vulnerability assessment

Seismic vulnerability analysis of historic buildings at a territorial level



Evaluation carried out on numerous samples



Simplified methodologies and models, that are reliable, based on empiric parameters

- Levels of analysis
- Methods of analysis









Simplified methodologies for seismic vulnerability assessment

Automatic procedures for the systematic assessment of the existing masonry buildings vulnerability developed by the University of Padova:

<u>Vulnus</u>: global seismic vulnerability analysis (vulnerability assessment and damage probability) of isolated or clustered masonry buildings through different in plane and out of plane mechanisms combinations and qualitative informations.

<u>c-Sisma</u>: local analysis of vulnerability through the application of single kinematic models applied to the more significant macroelements. It also performs the safety analysis according to the Italian regulation







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THE CHURCH OF 'MADONNA DEL PIANTO' (Padova)







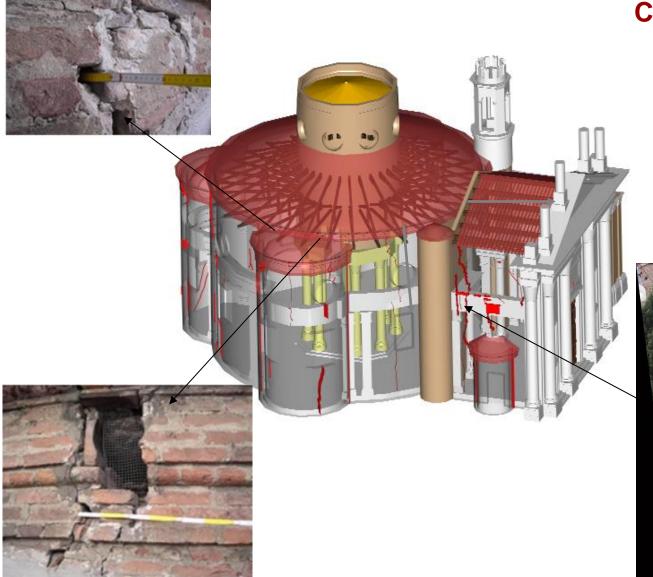
XVIII Century church by Frigimelica with central plan and some irregularities due to following resets done in the first half of the XX Century







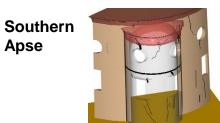
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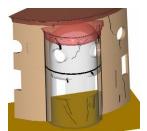














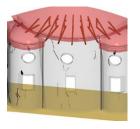
Wall C

Western **Apse**

Wall B

Identification of the macroelements

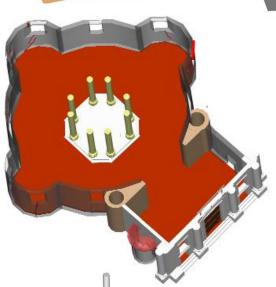




Eastern Apse





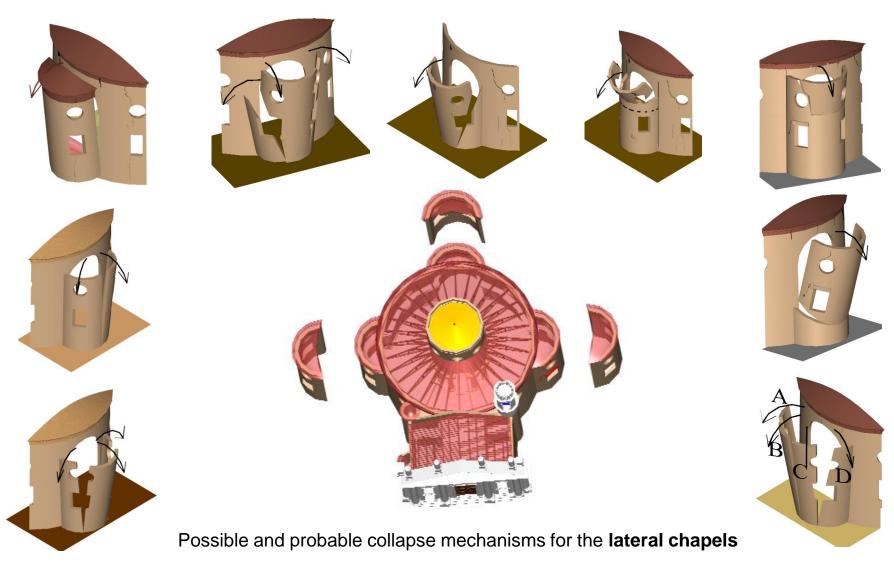




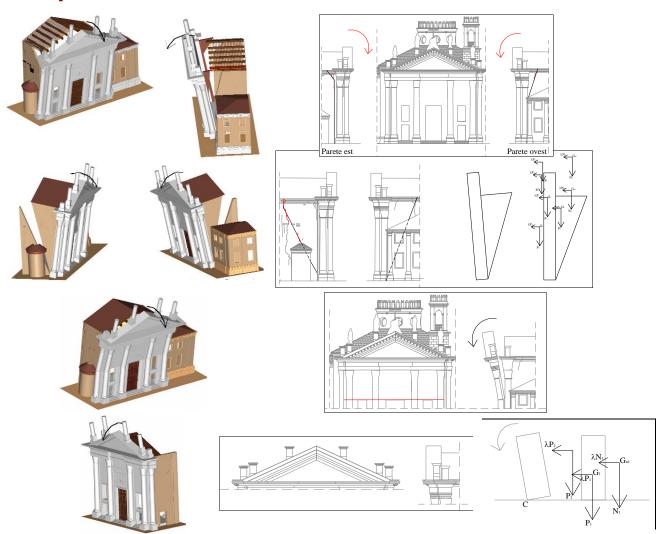
Lateral Wall F Eastern Bell Tower Baptismal Font











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 $M_{st} = 236220 \text{ daN m}$ $M_{inst} = 4441250 \text{ daN m}$ c = 0.05319

 $M_{st} = 2125 \text{ daN m}$ $M_{inst} = 148300 \text{ daN m}$ c = 0.0143

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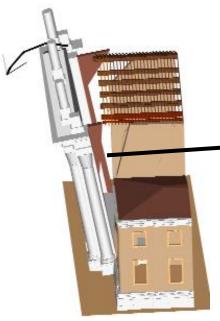
Possible and probable collapse mechanisms for the **façade**

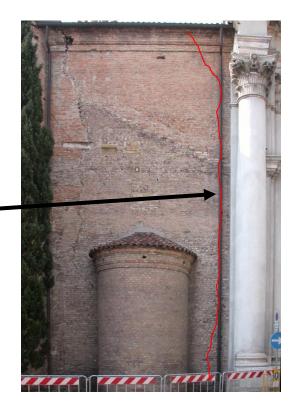


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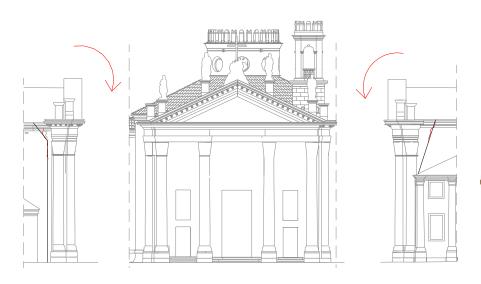






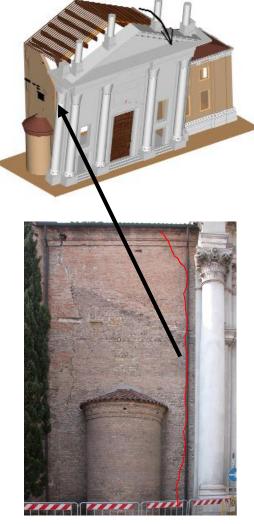


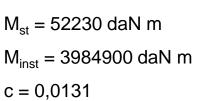
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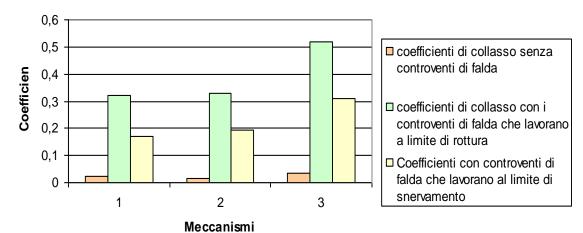


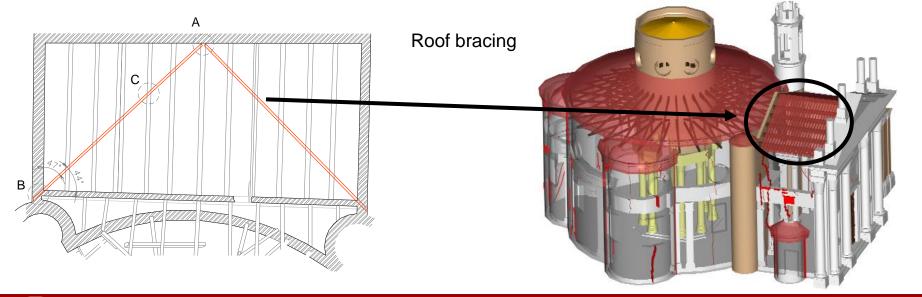




Example of seismic improvement: the church of S. Maria del Pianto

Collapse coefficients in the previous state (orange) and simulating bracings (green), installed between 2003 and 2004 on the roof above the façade. This has significantly improved the seismic response of the façade, as shown by the increase of the collapse coefficient for the overturning.





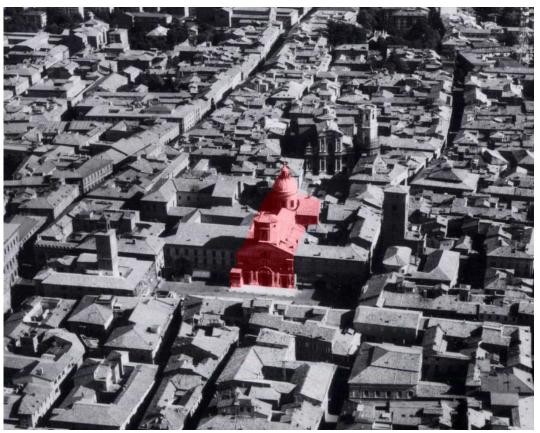


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Santa Maria Assunta Cathedral - Reggio Emilia







Main façade

Main nave

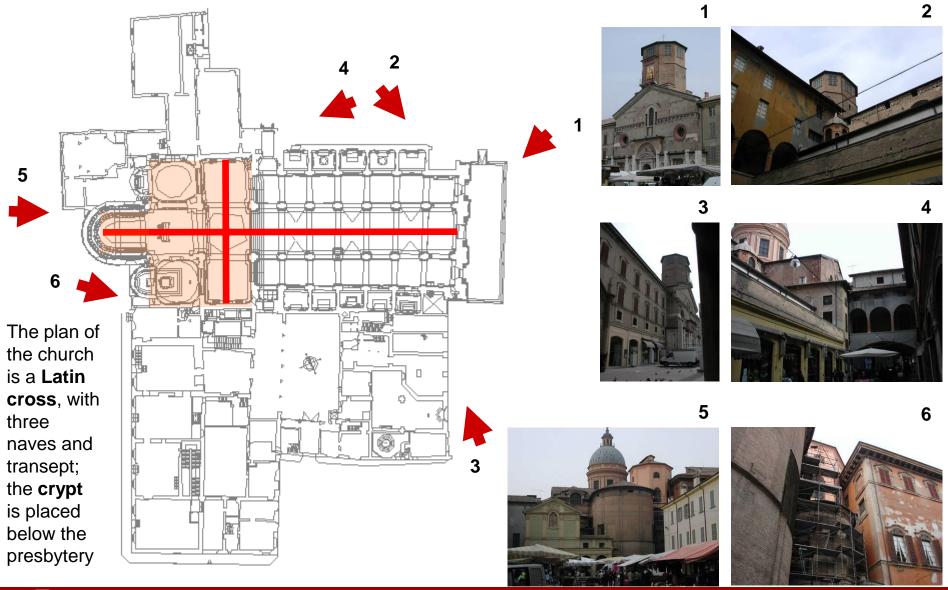








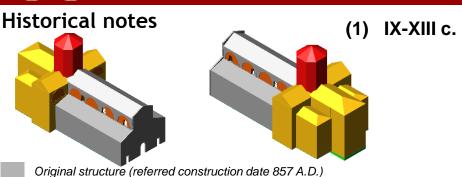
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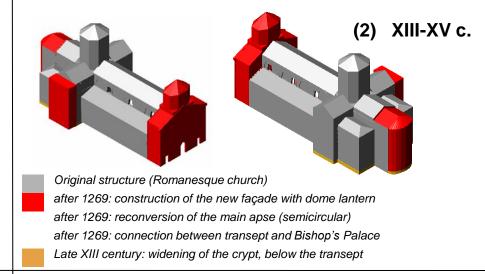


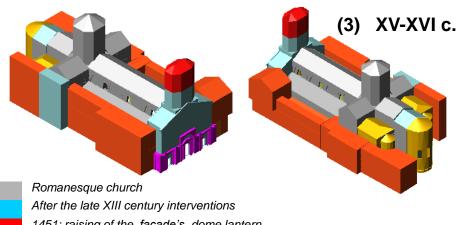
X-XI centuries: erection of the transept and apses

Early XIII century: construction of the dome lantern

XIII century: construction of the crypt below the main chapel

XIII century: closing of the clerestory windows





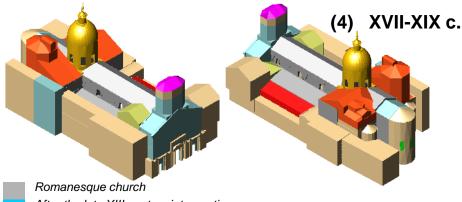
1451: raising of the façade's dome lantern

1505-1506: widening of the main chapel and construction of the two side chapels

Half XV - end XVI centuries: erection of the aisles' chapels. The Bishop's and

Canonicals' Palaces surround the Cathedral

Half XVI century: marble veneers on the façade



After the late XIII century interventions

After the XV-XVI centuries interventions

Early XVII century: raising of the right aisle's chapels

1624-1624: substitution of the old dome lantern with a dome

1767, 1774: Modification of the transept's chapels

1832: lowering and reconstruction of a wall of the façade dome lantern

Late XIX century: closing of the main apse's windows





The structures of the Cathedral are generally composed by **clay brickwork masonry**. The diversified constructive phases comported the use of different materials, and some structural elements or parts (e.g. Romanesque pillars, lower façade veneers) are made of **stone**.



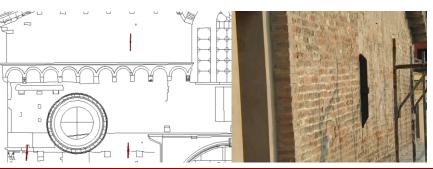




The façade presents towards the church square a rough and heterogeneous external aspect



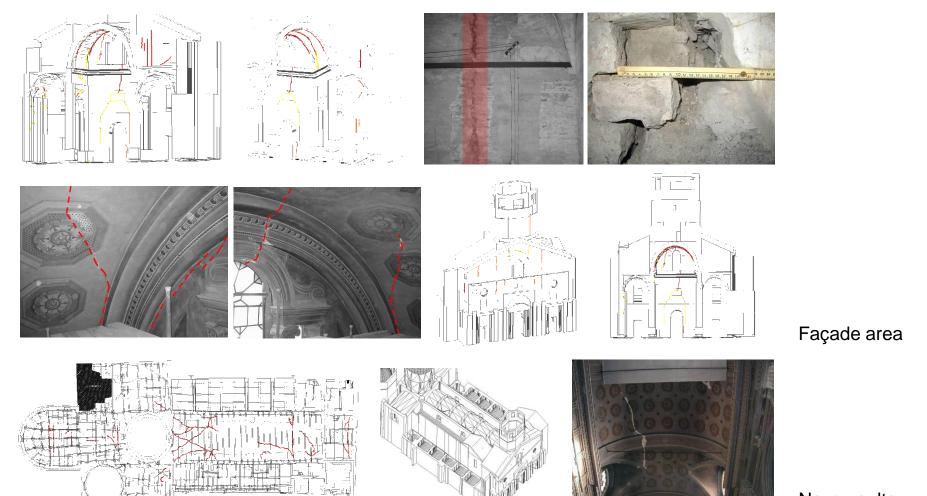
The masonry walls of the **clerestory** present a strongly **composite aspect**, being subject to past interventions comporting remarkable size windows closing



The Cathedral is generally provided with **connective systems** (metallic tie-beams), present in the central nave and in the aisles, in the arches connecting the dome sustaining pillars, in the transept, in the apses, in the dome lantern and in façade



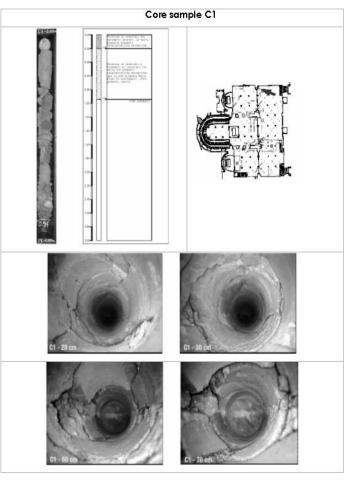
The **present damage pattern** shown by the Cathedral is highly indicative of the structural response of the building, and denounces the areas manifesting higher seismic vulnerability



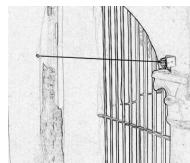
Nave vaults



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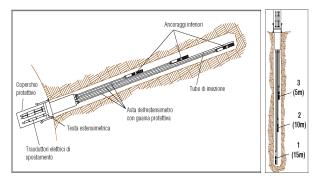
□ Core samples;□ endoscopy.



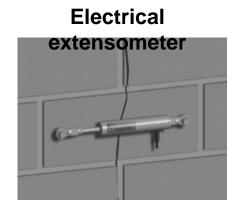
Extensometer cables

Static monitoring:

- □ Relative displacements between the vertical structures;
- eventual variations in the openings on the main cracks;
- settlements of the foundation soils below the crypt's two main pillars;
- □ air temperature control.



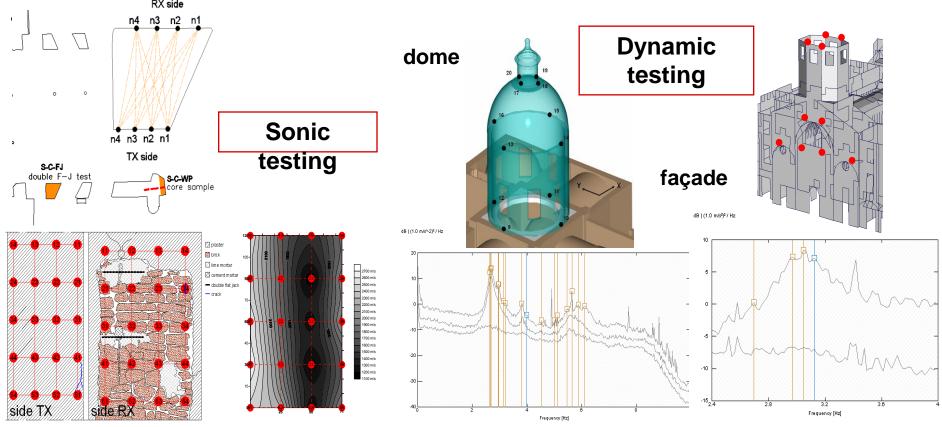
Multi-base extensometer





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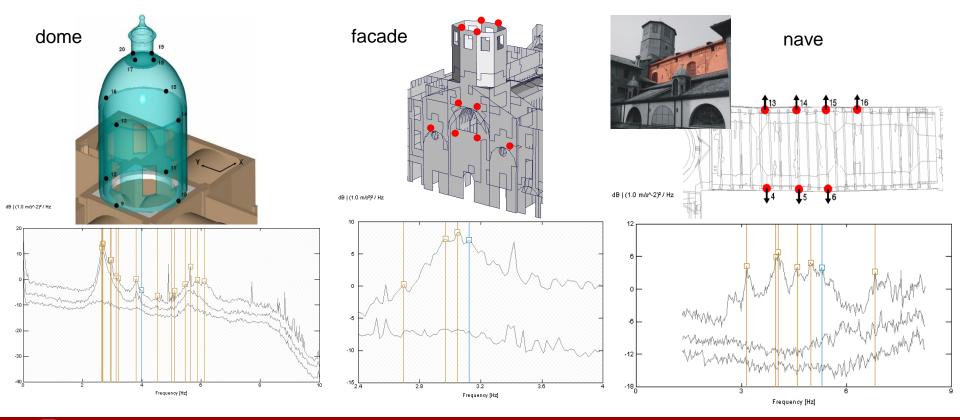
Several investigation procedures have been implemented; the attempt is to use non destructive techniques (NDT) as much as possible. With the exception of few MDT investigation techniques that can provide information about quantitative characteristics of materials and structural elements, most of the procedures can give only qualitative results





Dynamic tests

This testing methodology is currently the only one that allows to experimentally measure parameters related to the **global structural behaviour** of an historical construction. The obtained results are related to several **structural/physical parameters** (geometry, mass distribution, stiffness, connections effectiveness, presence of damage and boundary conditions). Dynamic investigations were carried out considering **ambient vibrations** (AVT).

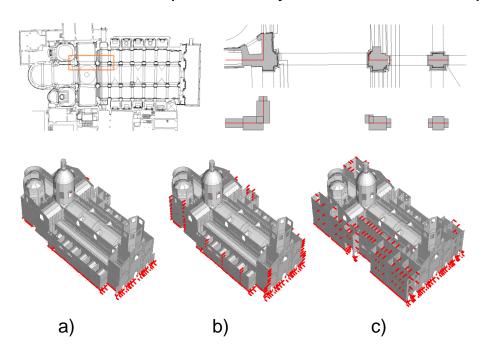


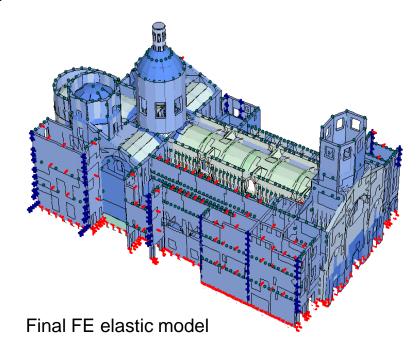


Structural modelling: FEM

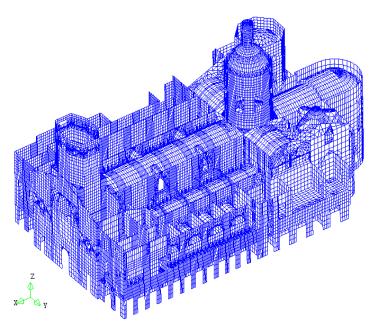
The numerical simulation of Reggio Emilia Cathedral considered in the first instance several **linear elastic Finite Element models**. All of them represented the global Cathedral's structure, since the overall dynamic response can not be evaluated by considering partial models.

From the first model, considering the structures of the Cathedral as disconnected from the other adjacent buildings, several refinement were introduced, subsequently applying **lateral constraints** and then **adding portions of the surrounding structures**: the final model can be considered acceptable for dynamic identification purposes.





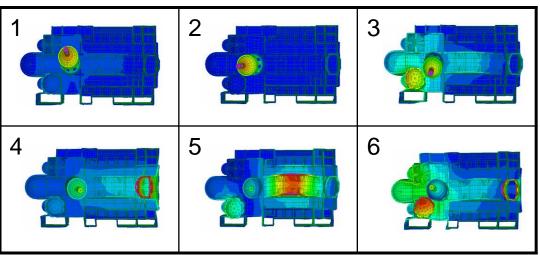




The **full model** comprises 60,158 elements with 161,218 nodes: besides the 2D rectangular curved shell quadratic elements, it was necessary to use triangular elements because of the complex model's geometry.

A **non linear behaviour** was adopted for all elements, with the exception of the vaults' infill, that was assumed linear elastic throughout the analyses.

The numerical model has been **validated** on the basis of the experimental results of dynamic tests: the complexity of the structure did not allow a simple comparison and only for the **first frequencies and corresponding mode shapes** it was possible to obtain fair good results.



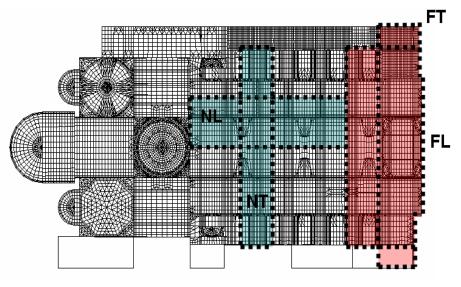
Mode nr.	Frequency	mass participation (%)		Mode description
	(Hz)	Longit.	Transv.	
1	2,65	0,21	16,24	Transverse bending, dome
2	2,66	7,76	0,28	Longitudinal bending, dome
3	2,90	1,36	20,05	Transverse bending, dome
4	3,02	27,82	1,20	Longitudinal bending, façade
5	3,33	0,02	9,05	Transverse bending, nave
6	3,89	16,17	1,07	Apses area - Longitudinal bending, façade



Significant portions of the full model were extracted and separately analyzed. The subdivision of the global model in sub-models was decided following the **macroelement** approach, in order to directly **compare the numerical results** to the outcomes of the limit analyses.

Attention was paid to the **structural unitariness** of the selected parts, in a way to have the possibility to separate them still not loosing significance the analysis: the Cathedral's parts considered in the sub-models were selected on the basis of geometrical, historical-constructive and damage pattern preventive evaluations.

Two models for the **façade** longitudinal and transversal response (FL and FT) and two for the **nave** (NL and NT, longitudinal and transversal response) were considered.

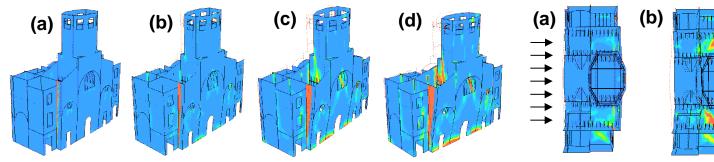


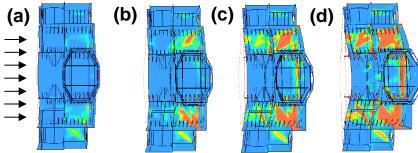
MODEL	FL	FT	NL	NT
MASS DENSITY - STRUCTURAL (kg/m³)	1800	1800	1800	1800
MASS DENSITY - VAULTS' FILLING (kg/m³)	1500	1500	1500	1500
YOUNG MODULUS (MPa)	2100	2100	2100	2100
POISSON'S COEFF.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
TENSILE STRENGTH (MPa)	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
CRACK BANDWIDTH (m)	-	-	0,5	- 0,5
Gf ^I (J/m ²)			100	100
COMPR. STRENGTH (MPa)	INF.	INF.	INF.	INF.
NUMBER OF NODES	38959	28282	12667	9767
NUMBER OF ELEMENTS	14683	10500	4806	3704

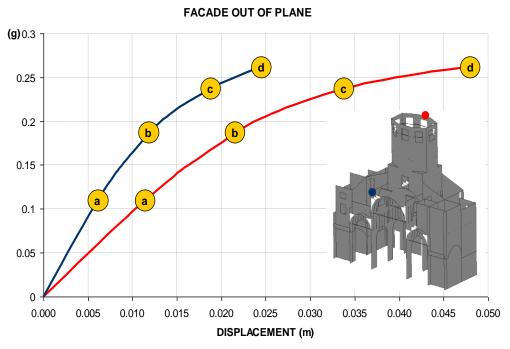


Model FL

The **horizontal mass proportional growing load** was applied towards the Cathedral's square.







Progression of the damage mechanism; deformation is magnified (x100)

The analysis stopped at a value of horizontal acceleration equal to 0.26 g. Defining the parameter k (**structural stiffness**) as: $\Delta F \quad m \cdot \Delta \alpha$

 $k = \frac{\Delta F}{\Delta \delta} = \frac{m \cdot \Delta \alpha}{\Delta \delta}$

the final k value, evaluated on the last two load steps, was approximately equal to 13% of the initial k, evaluated on the control point at the top of the dome lantern.

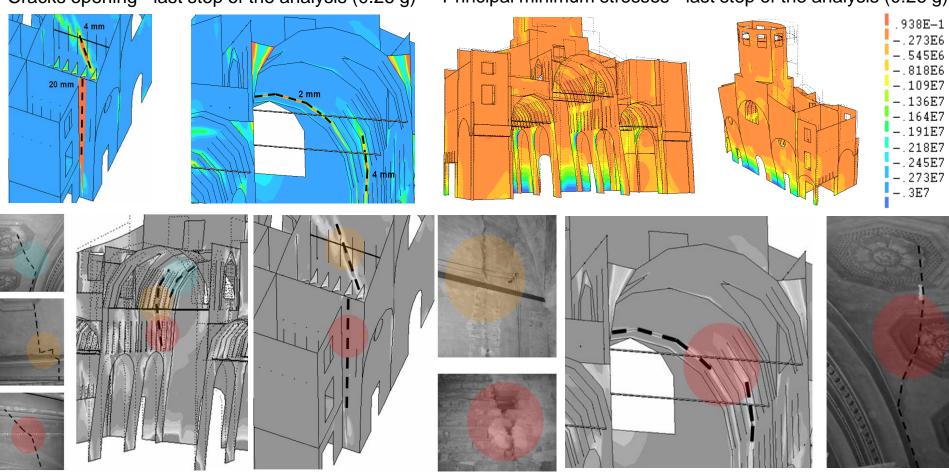


Model FL

The **damage pattern predicted** by the analysis finds a remarkable correspondence with the **effective damage** denoted by the structures, in several positions:

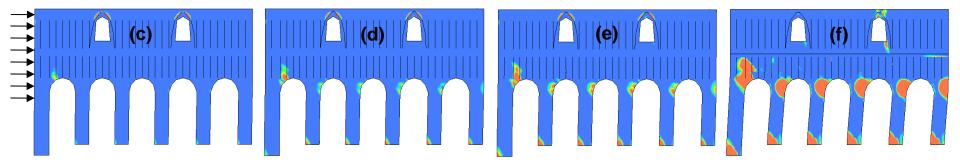
Cracks opening - last step of the analysis (0.26 g)

Principal minimum stresses - last step of the analysis (0.26 g)

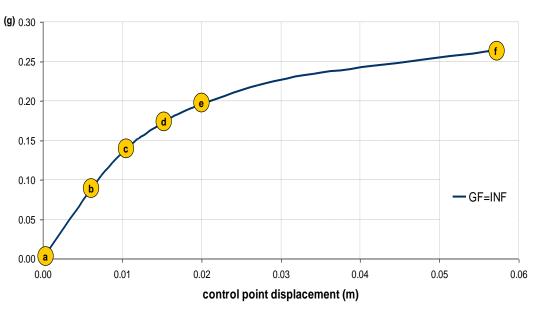




Model NL



LONGITUDINAL RESPONSE - NAVE



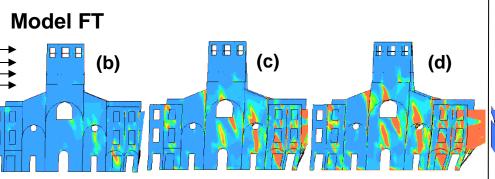
The failure mode, following the application of growing horizontal loads, is determined by the overturning of the pillars

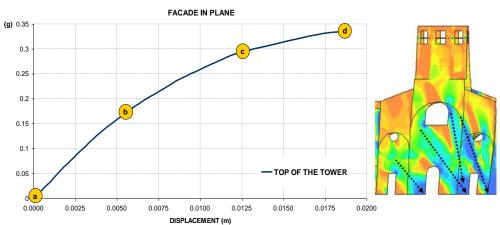
Damage identification – model prediction experimental verification



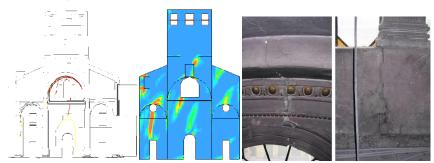
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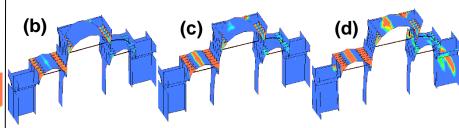




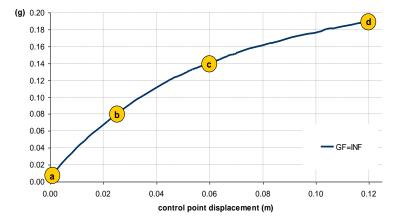
Damage identification



Model NT



TRANSVERSE RESPONSE - NAVE



Damage identification





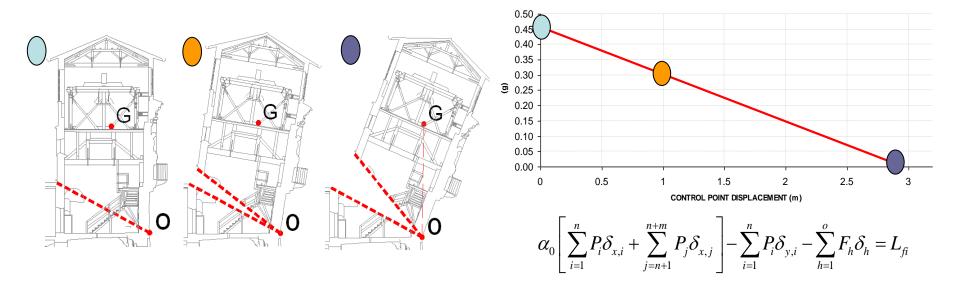




Structural modelling: Limit analysis

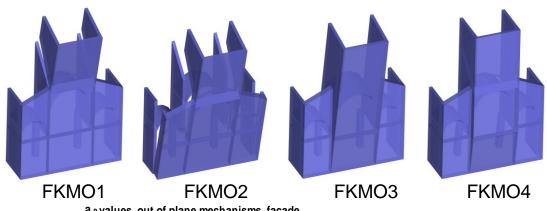
The **possible failures** implemented were selected on the basis of the damage pattern, of the typical seismic vulnerabilities, of the historical analysis and of the comparative evaluation of the numerical simulation results.

Several failure scenarios were evaluated, and corresponding safety factors ($\alpha_0 = c$) and capacity curves were defined. The different α_0 values of the considered mechanisms give then an indication about the range of horizontal acceleration values that possibly will bring the onset of the envisaged failure scenarios.

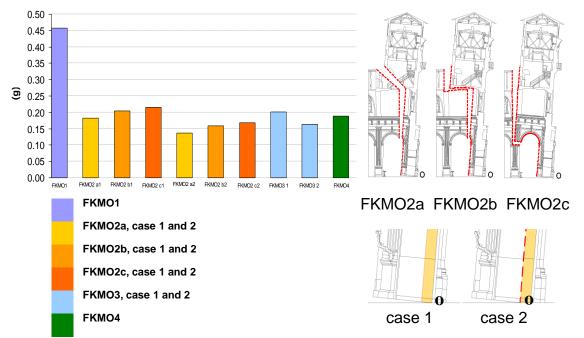




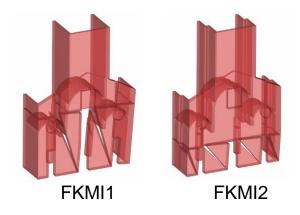
Out of plane façade failure

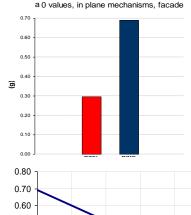


a o values, out of plane mechanisms, facade

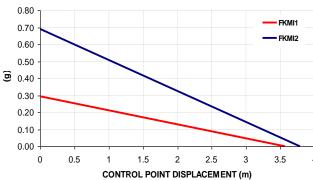


In plane façade failure





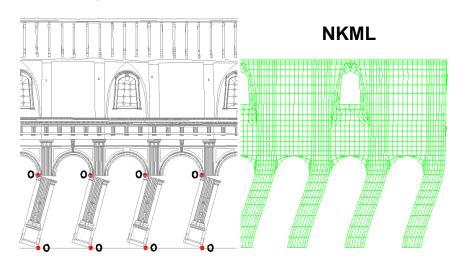
The mechanisms' centre of masses was considered as reference point.

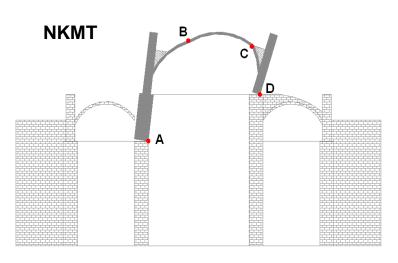




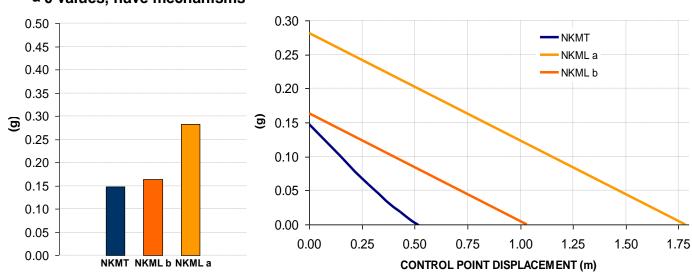


Nave longitudinal and transversal failure mechanisms





a 0 values, nave mechanisms

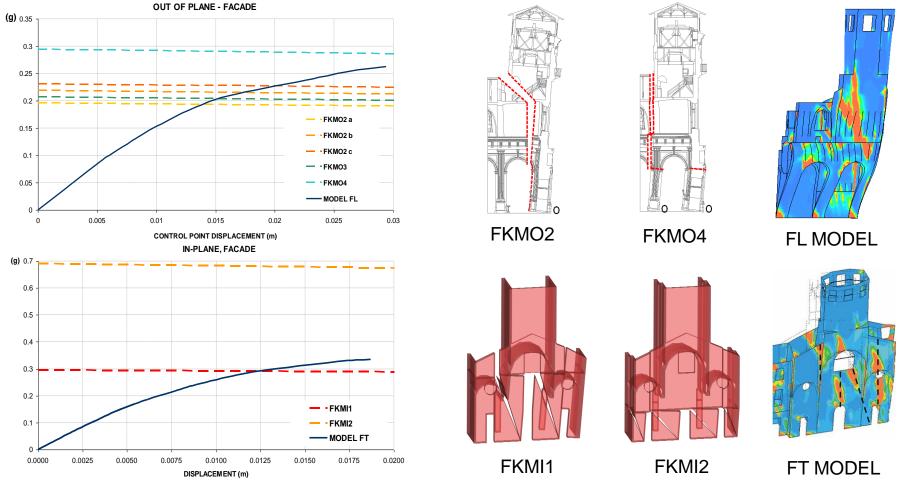


Two kinematic mechanisms were considered, evaluating the nave longitudinal seismic capacity and the response of the barrelled vault of the main nave to transversal seismic actions



Both the limit analysis **kinematic approach** and the **FE modelling** strategy provided fairly **satisfactory results in terms of comparative evaluation**.

From the comparison between models, it is evident that, according to the numerical outcomes, the closer failure mode implemented with the limit analysis corresponds to model **FKMI1**



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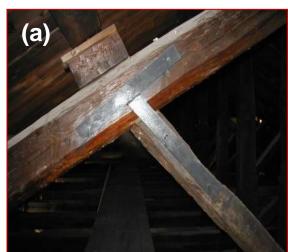
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General interventions were carried out by using traditional techniques, devoted to give back to the structure its integrity and continuity, to reestablish connections between structural elements and to substitute damaged structural elements. The typology of these interventions are:

- □ the traditional "scuci-cuci" (substitution of damaged elements with new ones);
- □ mortar repointing and grout injections, especially in the cracked vaulted system.

Other strengthening interventions were carried out at the roof level:

- □ restoration of the wooden truss structure;
- □ reestablishment of the connections between wooden structural elements.





Roof wooden trusses: (a) metallic "T" shaped connection elements; (b) substitution of the old wooden trusses of the left nave with new elements, with stainless steel tie beams. Roof level: (c) a "scucicuci" intervention.

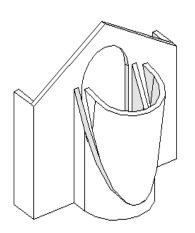




Specific strengthening interventions are conceived to improve the seismic behavior of the portions of the complex manifesting higher vulnerability rather than to modify the overall structural response of the structure:

- □ walls of the lateral apses;
- □ lantern at the top of the dome;
- vaults of the central apse;
- □ vaults of the main nave;
- □ façade area.

Lateral apses





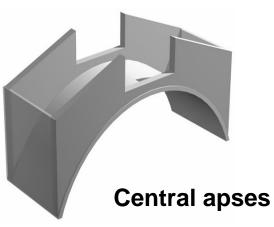
Lantern











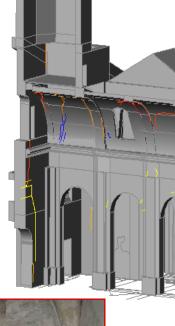






Façade

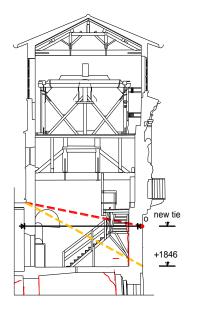




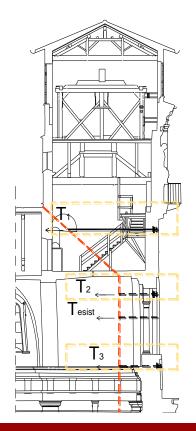


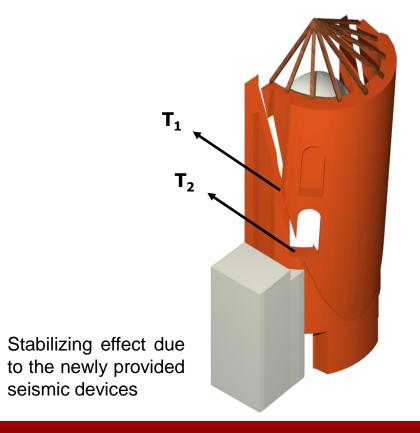
Effectiveness evaluation

The seismic verification according to the national seismic standard (OPCM 3431/2005) is obtained for almost all the considered kinematic mechanism, even before the strengthening interventions: to appreciate the extra stabilizing effect of the structural interventions, the kinematic mechanisms implemented were re-evaluated considering the contribution of the newly installed seismic devices (stainless steel tie beams and confinement rings).



Mechanism's modification

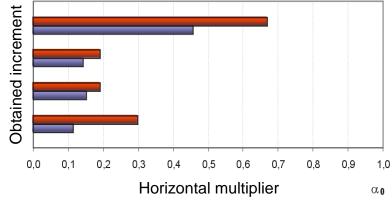


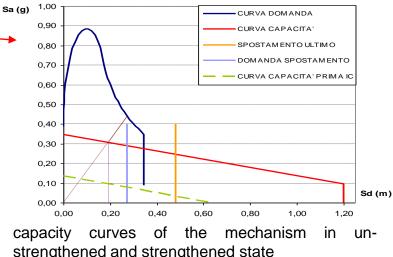


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Results obtained indicate a considerable α_0 value increase; the stainless steel tie beams positioning is particularly effective for the overturning mechanism of the façade corner part, presenting high seismic vulnerability in its previous state (not verified according to the national seismic standards).

Facade Out-of-plane damage Collapse coefficient (q) mechanisms Pre strengthening Post strengthening increment intervention intervention 0,670 0.457 +47% 0,143 0,190 +33% 0,151 0,191 +26% 0,115 0,299 +160% **Apses**





Out-of-plane damage Collapse mechanisms coefficient (q) Pre strengthening Post strengthening increment intervention intervention North side apse 0,118 +66% 0,196 South side apse +54% 0.102 0.157



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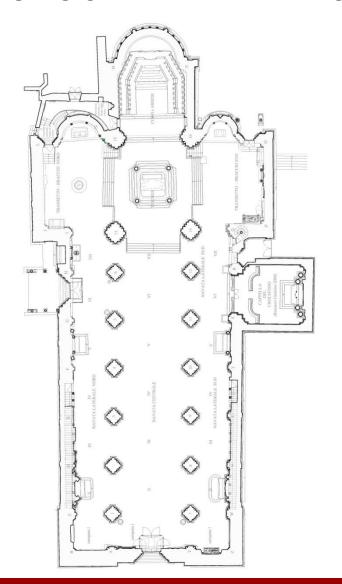


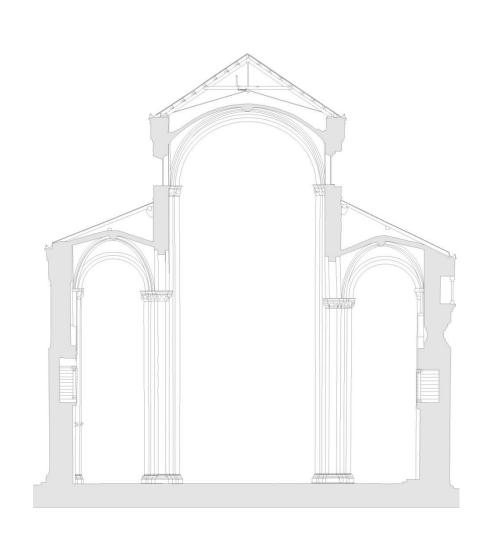






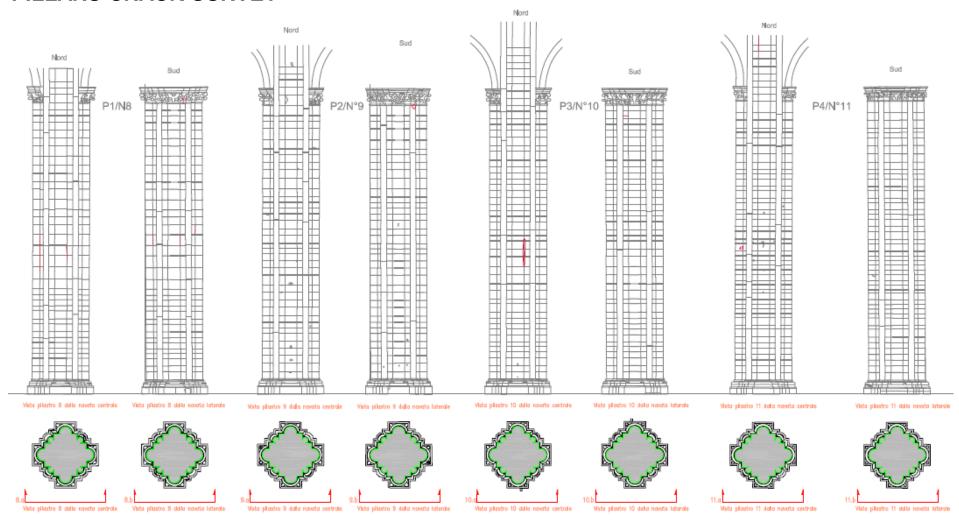
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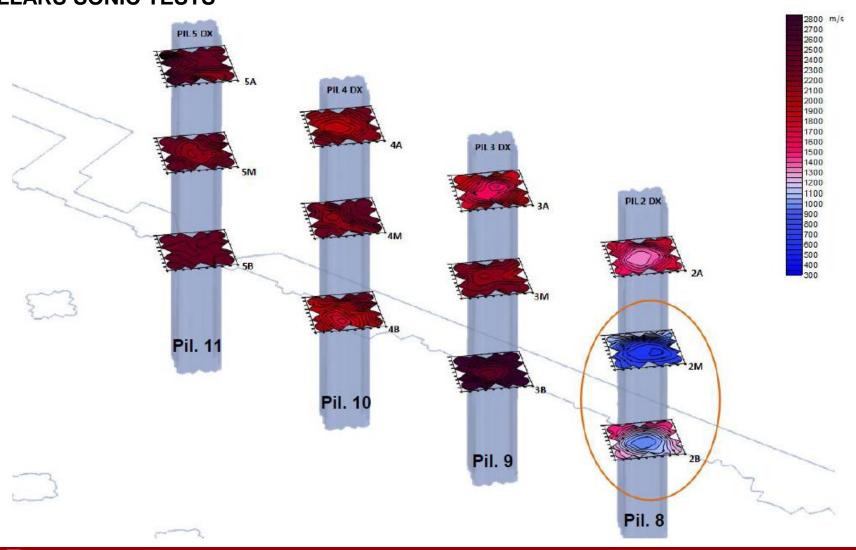


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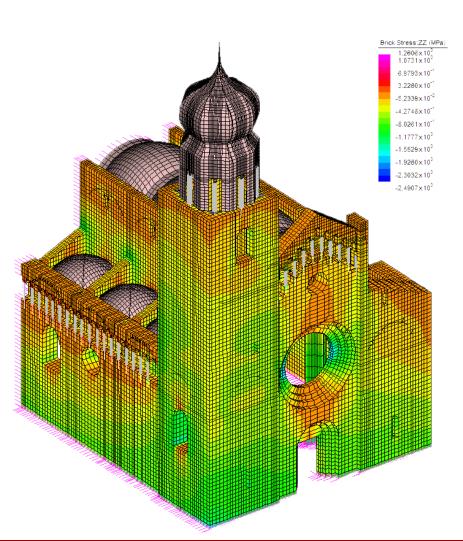
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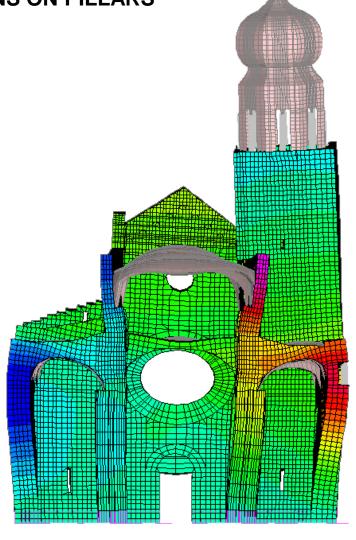




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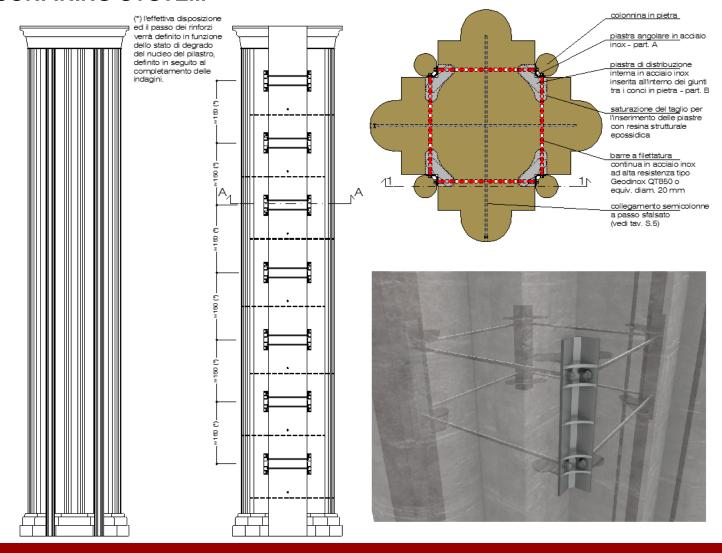






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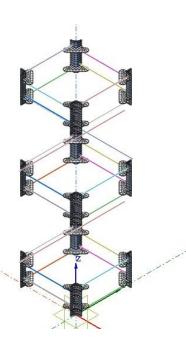
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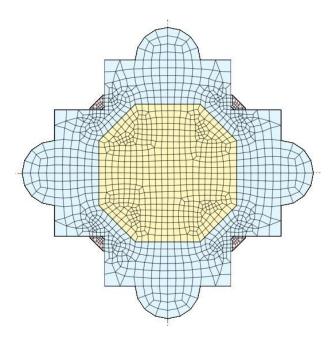


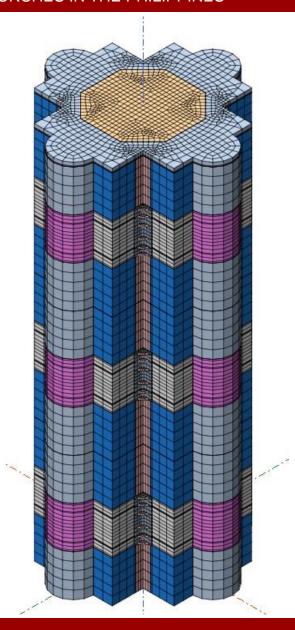
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CONFINING SYSTEM



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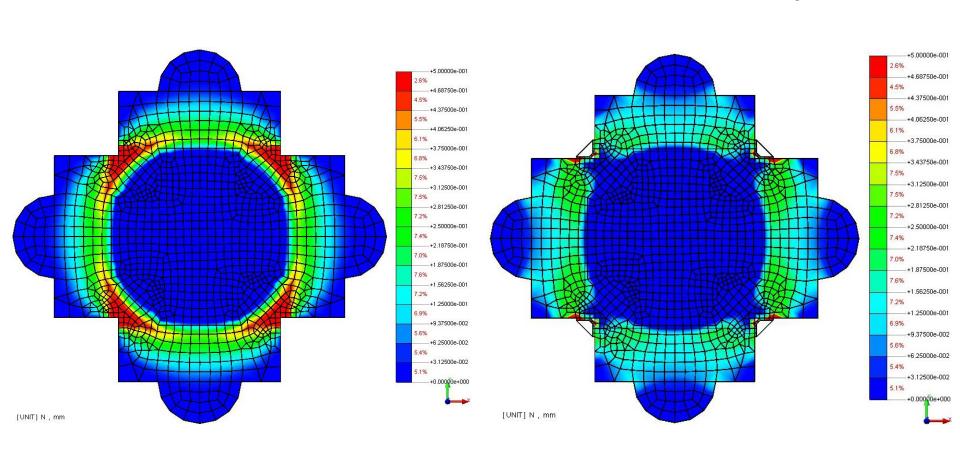




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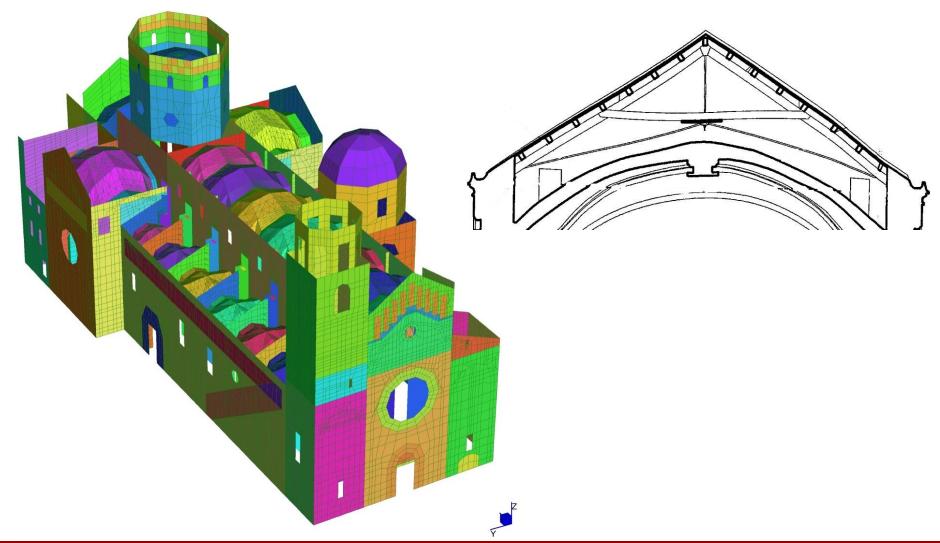
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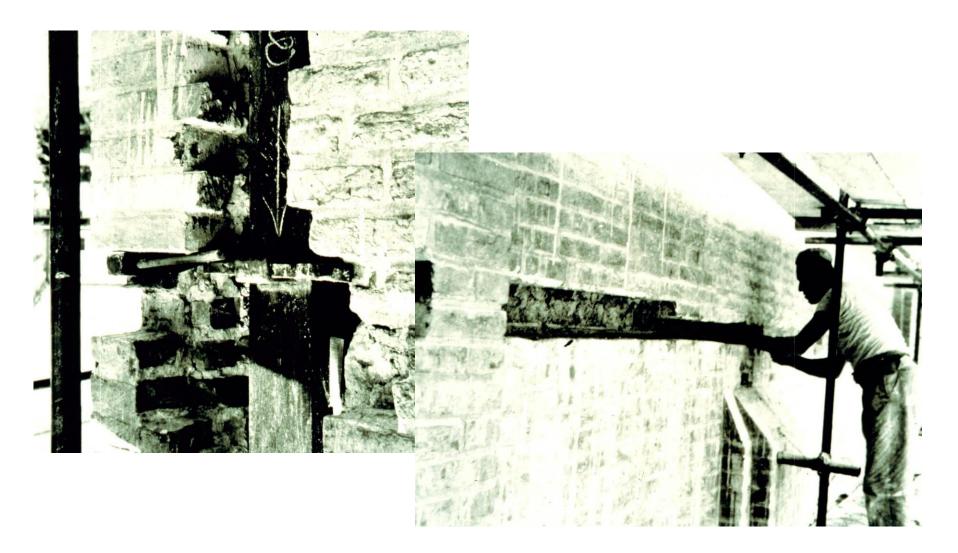


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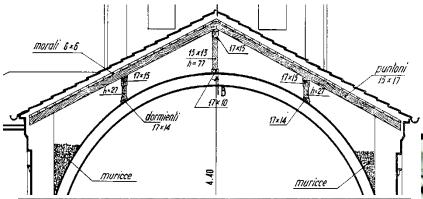










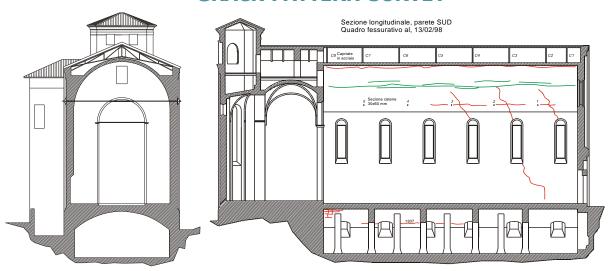






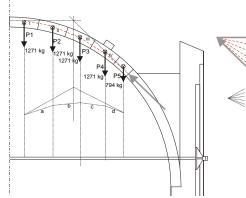


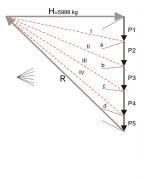
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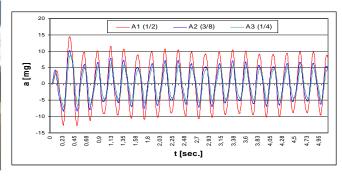


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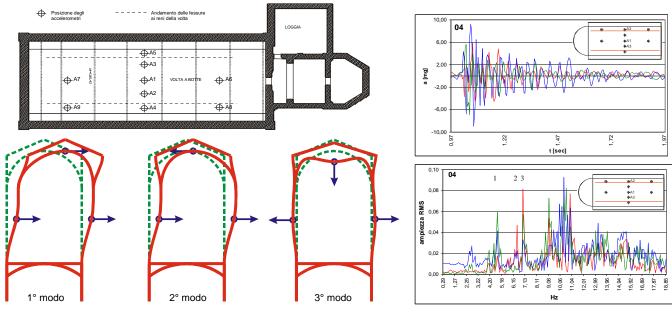




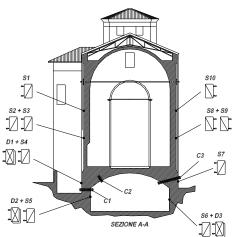


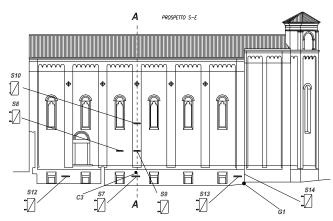






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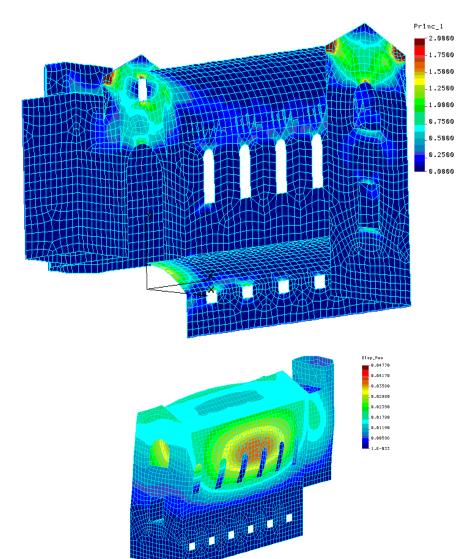
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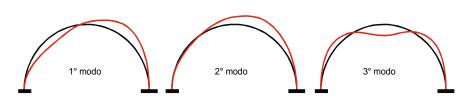
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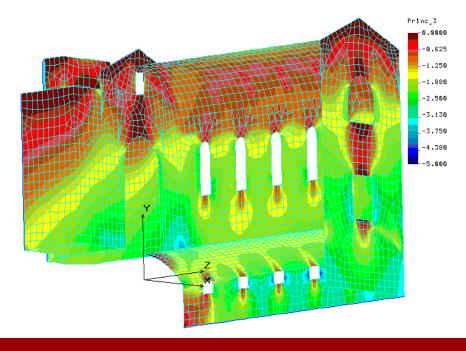
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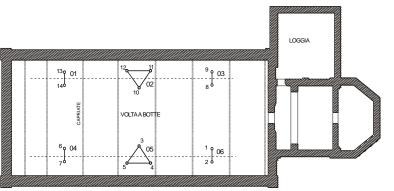


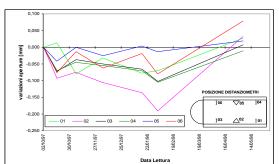
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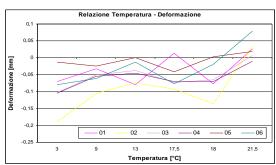




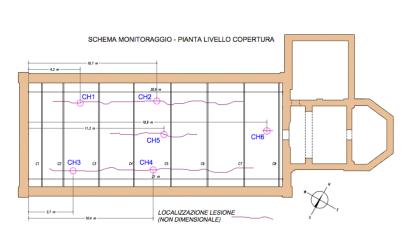
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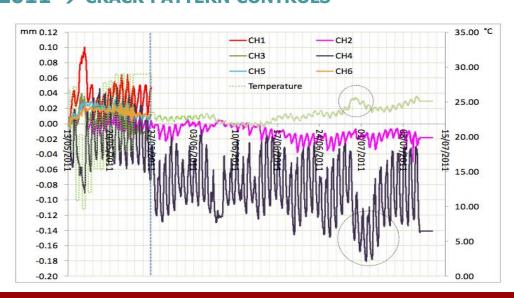




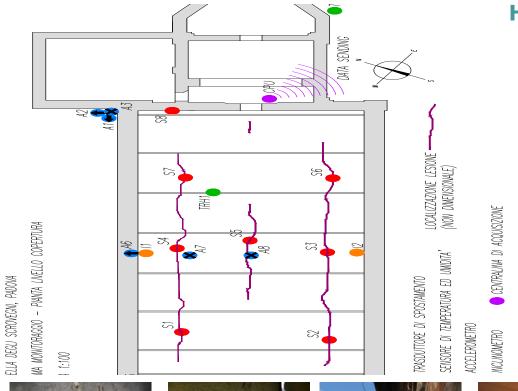


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PERMANENT STRUCTURAL HEALTH MONITORING SYSTEM (INSTALLED OCT. 2013)

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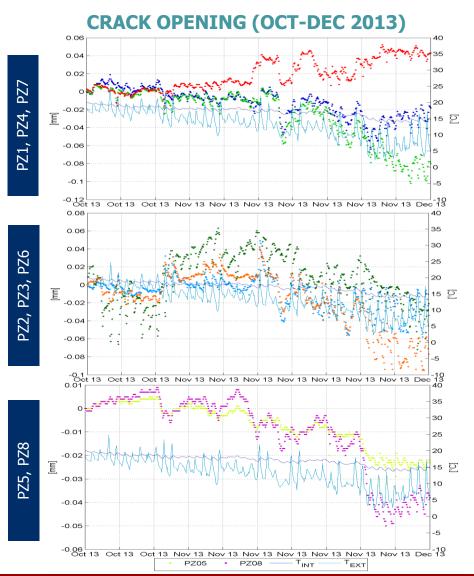




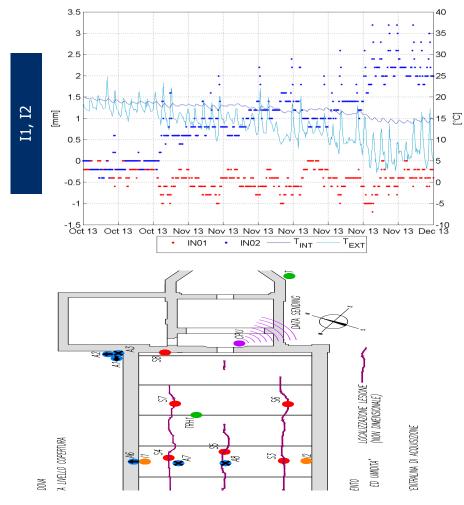




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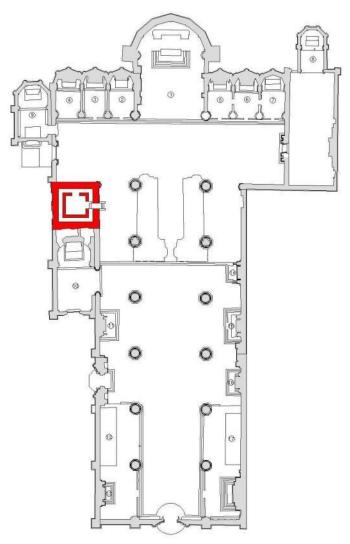




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1st PHASE (1361-1396): CONSTRUCTION OF THE BELL TOWER

The tower, built next to the church between 1361 and 1396, was originally conceived as a completely independent structure

It is 65 m tall, has a square base of about 9.5m and shows a double pipe brick masonry structure, supporting the internal staircase.





1902: COLLAPSE OF THE BELL TOWER OF THE ST. MARK BASILICA

STRUCTURAL INTERVENTION IN THE 20TH CENTURY

Monitoring of the venetian towers, including the "Frari" bell tower

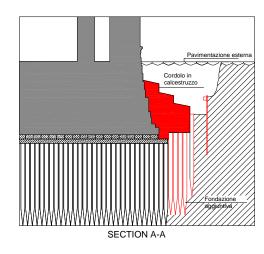
RESULTS OF THE MONITORING:

- ➤ DIFFERENTIAL SETTLEMENT BETWEEN CHURCH AND TOWER: 30 cm
- > OUT-OF-PLUMB: 76cm ON A HEIGHT OF 42.5m

1903: Intervention on tower's foundations

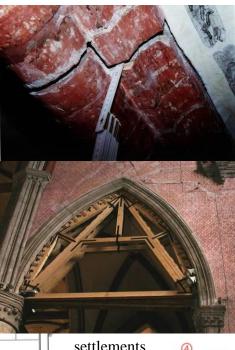
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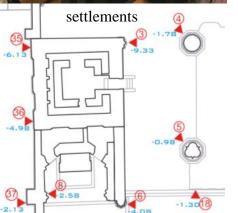
- > Reverse of tower's rotation toward the church
- ➤ The new structural configuration caused the formation of widespread cracks and extensive damages on structural elements of the church directly connected to the bell tower











Experimental investigations and monitoring

1990 - fotogrammetric survey;

- geotechnical investigations on the foundation's soil;
- endoscopies;
- single and double flat-jack tests on the masonry elevation structures;
- sonic tests on steel ties;
- monitoring of the main cracks, by means of extensometers;
- positioning of clinometers (detection of rotations of the bell-tower).



discrete stability of the tower structure; out of plumb of about 0.8 m

2000 - worrying sign of structural deterioration (new crack patterns; widening of already existing fissures; falling of small portions of plaster and bricks from the vaults).

- survey of differential settlements in different points of the complex



disconnectedness of the stone ashlars of the aisle arch adjacent to the bell-tower (differential settlement of the arch supports) \rightarrow installation of a timber prop

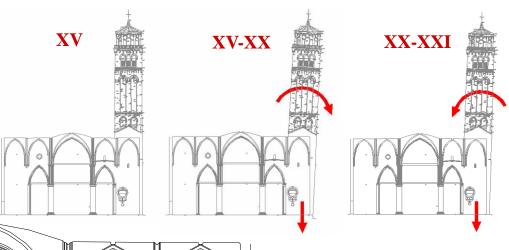
average subsidence of the structure of the church: $-10 \div -20 \text{ mm}$ average subsidence of the area of the bell-tower base: -49.8 mm East corner

- 61.3 mm South corner

- 93.3 mm West corner







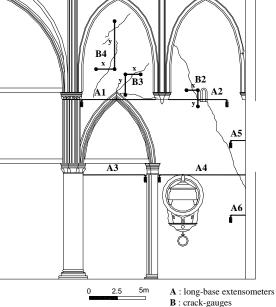
The differential settlements and the comparison between the fotogrammetric survey of 1995 and 2000, indicated that the bell-tower is tilting in the opposite direction respect the "historical" tendency, meaning that it is going back towards its vertical.



- **6 long base extensometers** relative displacements between the walls of the bell-tower and the adjacent structures of the basilica;
- **8 crack-gauges** installed on the main cracks of the South-West side of the bell-tower and of the wall above the stone arch.

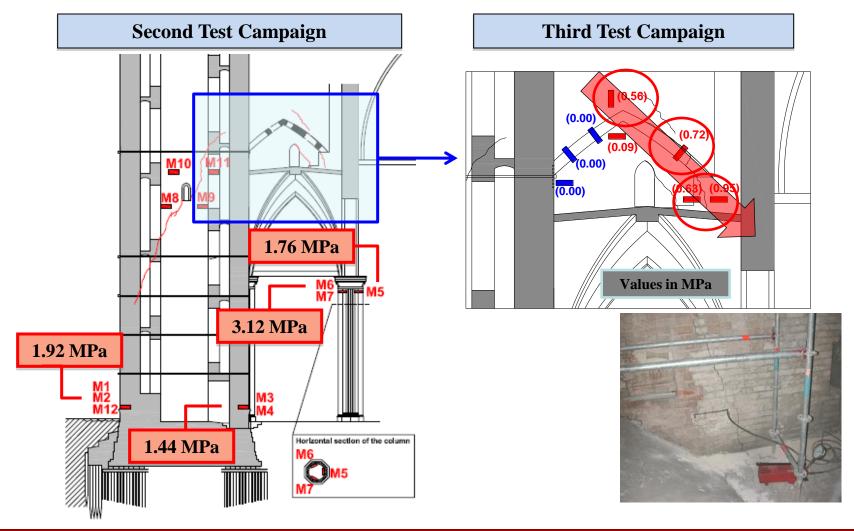


the opening of the cracks is only partly caused by the settlement noticed at the foundations level





2003 investigation campaigns - analysis of the state of stress: flat jack tests

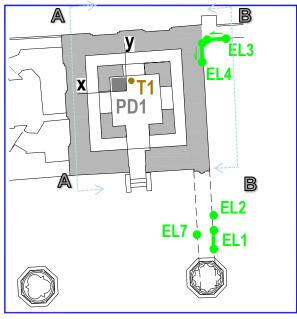






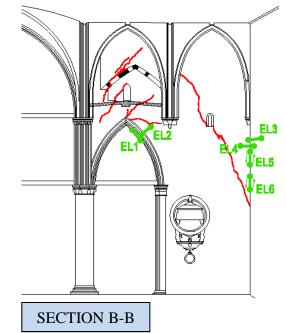






2003 extension of the automatic monitoring system

- Direct Pendulum
- > Crack-gauges
- > Strain Gauges
- > Temperature sensors

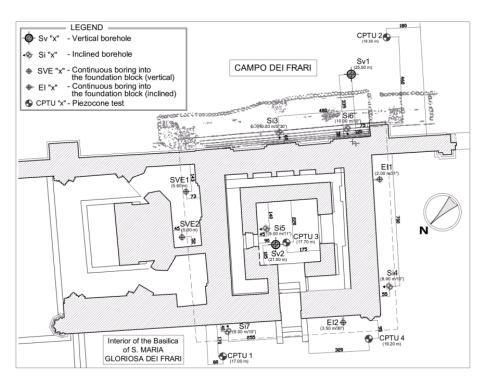


SECTION A-A



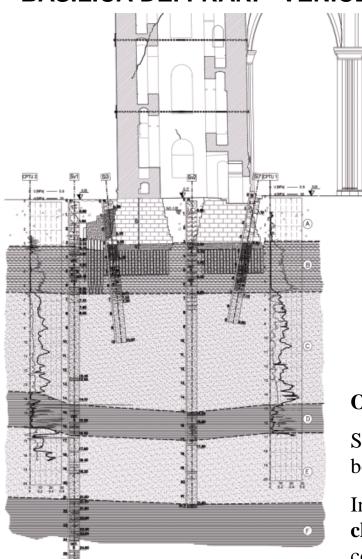
2003 extensive geotechnical investigation campaign

- analysis of the subsoil stratigraphy and geotechnical properties;
- exploration of the exact geometry and typology of the **foundation block**;
- definition of an accurate **geotechnical model** of the foundation finally completed;
- in situ tests:

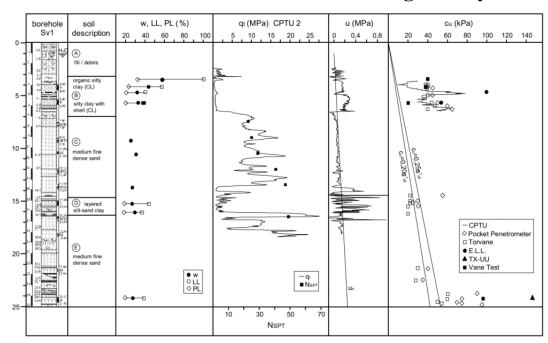


- 2 **vertical boreholes**: outside the church, to a depth of 25.50 m and inside the bell-tower, to a depth of 21.50 m;
- 5 inclined boreholes;
- 4 continuous **borings** into the foundation block:
 - -EI1 and EI2 inclined of 30°, drilled for length of 4 m and located inside the basilica;
 - -SVE1 and SVE2 short vertical borings, carried out on the NE side of the bell-tower;
- 4 **static penetrometer tests** with monitoring of pore water pressure (piezocone tests CPTU) pushed to variable depths (17.00 ÷ 19.20 m);
- **Standard Penetration Tests** (SPT), in boreholes;
- **Extractions** of soil and foundation samples.





Geotechnical section and foundation geometry

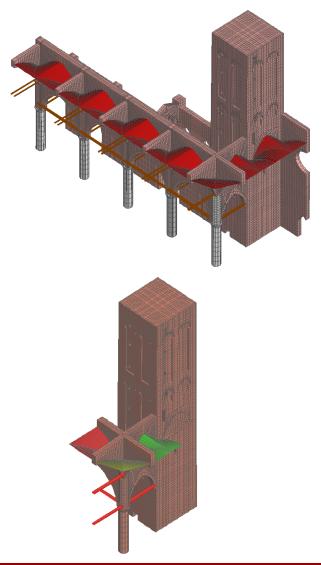


Origin of continuous settlements and stability problems

Some **progressive failure of the soft silty clay layer**, squeezed between the piles end and the unit C, must be taken into account.

In addition, a **possible increasing decay of the mechanical characteristics of the wooden piles** under the foundation block could also be seen as concomitant cause.





Structural modeling

The modelled portion of structure includes the **bell-tower and the adjoining parts of the church** that were mostly affected by the interaction with the tower

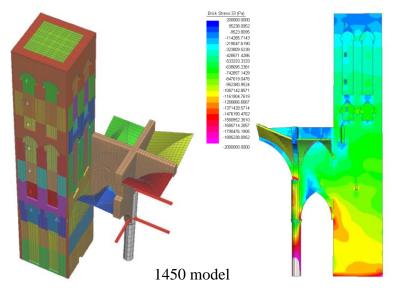
The only load condition considered is the **self weight**. The load corresponding to some parts of the real structure not modelled (timber structure roof of the basilica, belfry), was imposed as external forces; the crossed vaults' filling was included as surface load.

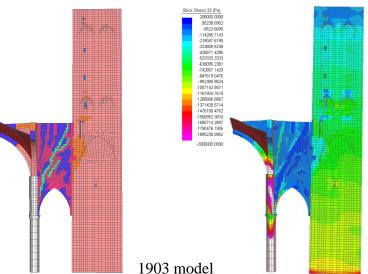
The **mechanical properties** chosen to describe the materials arise from the results of previous tests performed on the masonry structures. In particular:

- **elastic modulus** E = 3300 MPa (average of the results of double flat jack tests performed on the bell-tower masonry)
- **density** $\rho = 2000 \text{ kg/m}^3$

The material is considered homogeneous and isotropic, and the analyses performed are linear elastic.







Two **previous models**, calibrated with the available experimental data (historical drawings, surveys, monitoring and on site tests), were analyzed before implementing the actual one, by means of imposed rotations and translations at the base of the bell-tower:

- after the construction (1450);
- before the strengthening intervention on the bell-tower (1903).

In each model, after running the analysis, a higher deformability was assigned to the elements subjected to an excessive tension respect the assumed strength of the material, in the successive analysis.

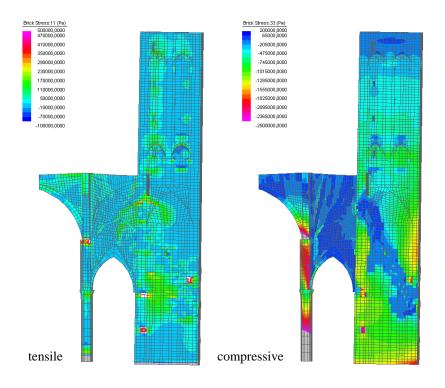
A **tensile stress concentration** appeared in the model where a **real crack pattern** is evident. The propagation of some principal cracks was followed by the subsequent iterative process.





The **final model** reflects the tendency of the XX century. An "inverted" rotation was imposed to the bell-tower, with an average settlement of 84 mm.

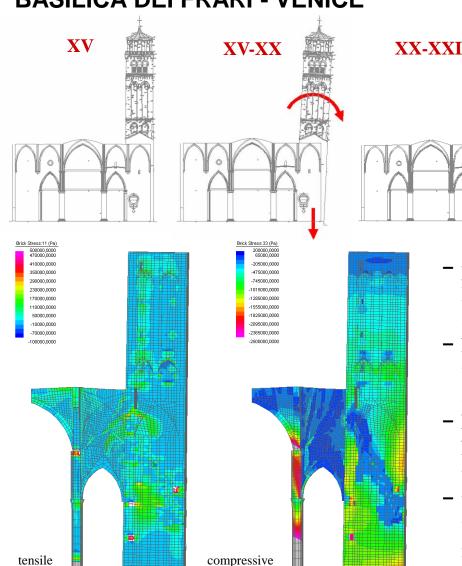
Results:



2002 model

- preferential channels of compressive stress localized inside the masonry wall above the propped arch;
- high **tensile stresses** found in the same masonry wall, due to the settlements of the bell-tower → wide crack patterns and loss of shape of the stone arch;
- high stress found below the capital of the column →
 horizontal thrust determined by the movements of
 the bell-tower;
- **tensile stress** in correspondence of the bell-tower window opening on the transept → presence of the main fissure on the external pipe of the bell-tower.

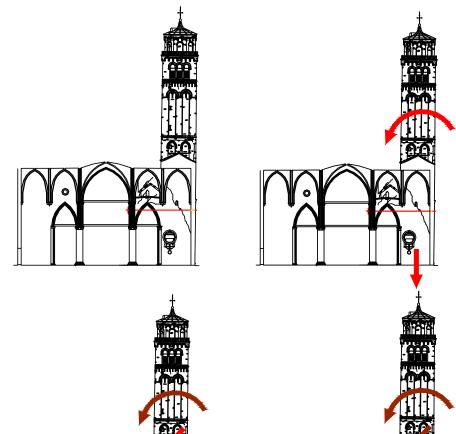




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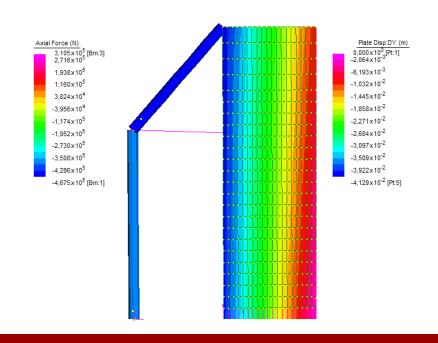
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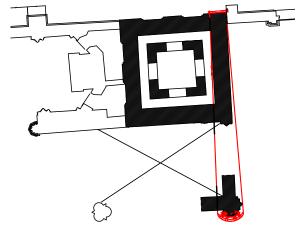


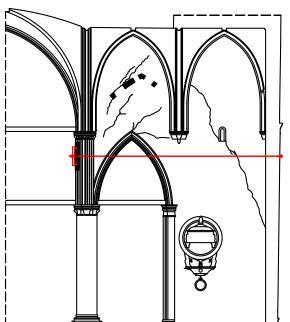
Realization of a provisional intervention for static control

Structural schemes considered for the design of the intervention









Realization of a provisional intervention for static control











Structural Diagnosis

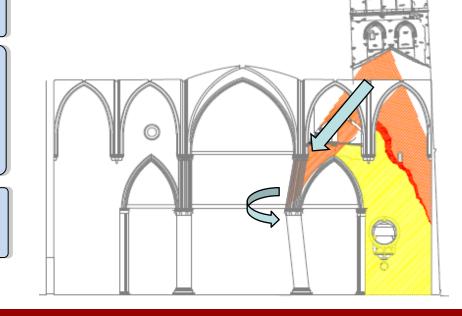


CONSEQUENCES OF THE INTERNAL STATE OF STRESS CREATED BY THE MECHANICAL INTERACTION:

increase of the compression load on the column

a strong transverse bending stress on the column, due to both the eccentricity of the vertical load applied to it and the horizontal component of the thrust

decrease of the vertical load (equal to the increase on the column) on the tower



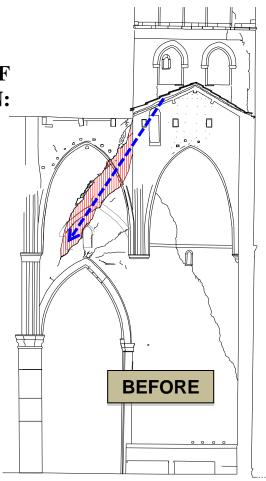


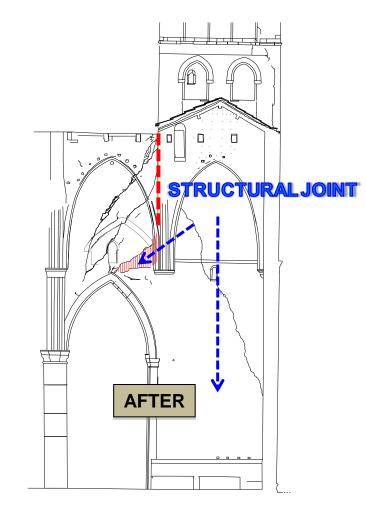
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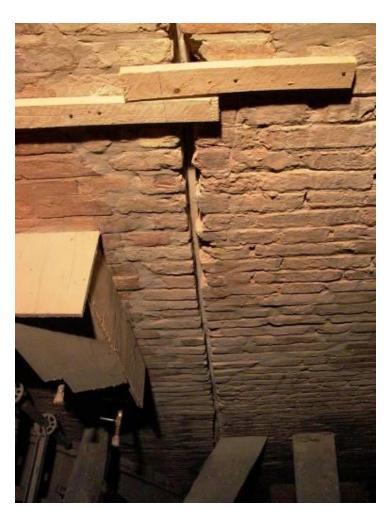
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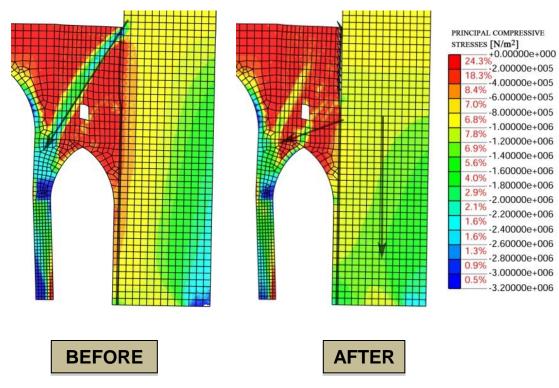
- Creation of a joint in order to separate the bell tower from the church and make them structurally more independent
- Reduction of the compressive forces that transfer part of the tower's self weight to the column













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- General issues on appropriate modeling strategies
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 - Santa Maria Assunta Cathedral in Reggio Emilia
 - San Vigilio Cathedral in Trento
 - Scrovegni Chapel in Padova
 - Frari Bell Tower in Venice
 - Aggregate building in L'Aquila



- Carry out a pilot case study of an aggregate building in L'Aquila historic center, to give an operational methodology;
- The work has been carried out by the "Working group for the evaluation of seismic safety and intervention strategies on masonry buildings in historic centres".



- Department of Civil Defense
- ReLUIS consortium
- Vice-commissioner for cultural heritage



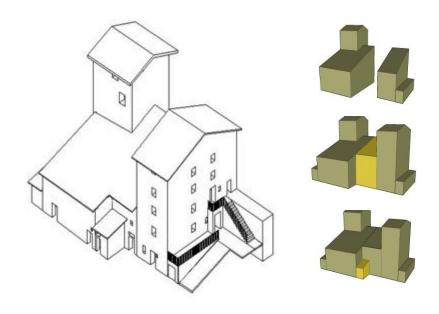






An aggregate building is set of portions that are the result of an articulated and not unitary genesis, due to several factors (construction sequence, change in materials, change of needs, change of owners, etc.).

In the analysis of a building that is part of an aggregate building it is necessary to take into account the possible interactions due to the close structures, which are interconnected or simply adjacent, with the aim of reducing the fragmentation into single intervention to a minimum.



It has to be preliminarily identified the structural unit (US) that is being studied and is formed by one or more estate units: it will have unitary structural behaviour against static and dynamic loads and will be delimited by open spaces, or structural joints, or close buildings made of different structural types, or material types, or built in different ages.

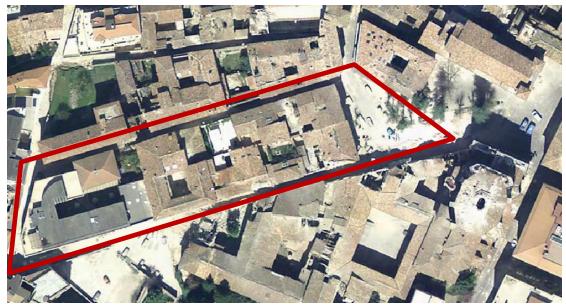


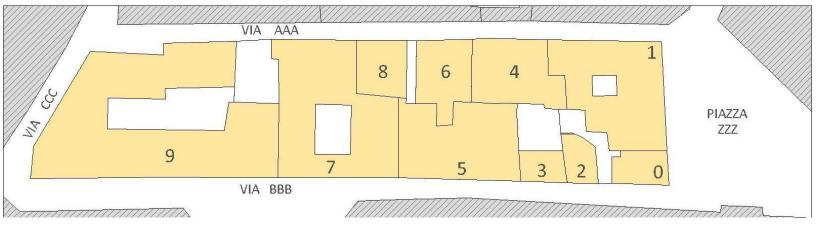
PHASE 1: SURVEY AND KNOWLEDGE

IDENTIFICATION OF THE BUILDING AGGREGATE

The block:

- Independent of neighbouring blocks
- analysed in a unified way,
 separately from the general context
- slope in both longitudinal and transverse directions
- three empty spaces





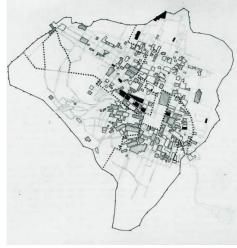


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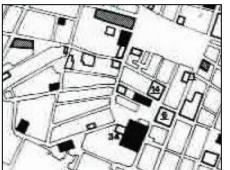
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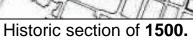






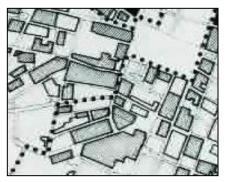








Historic section of 1700.



Historic section of **1703**. The earthquake-induced damages are highlighted



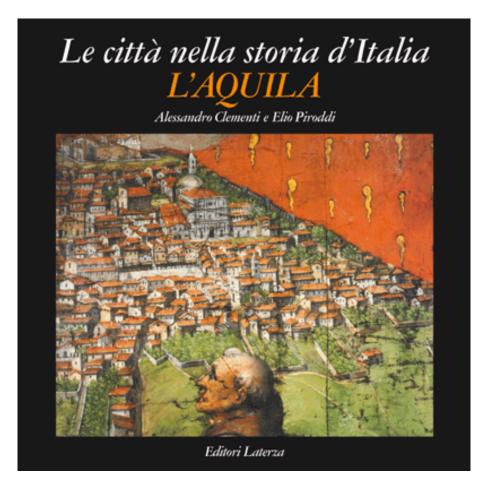
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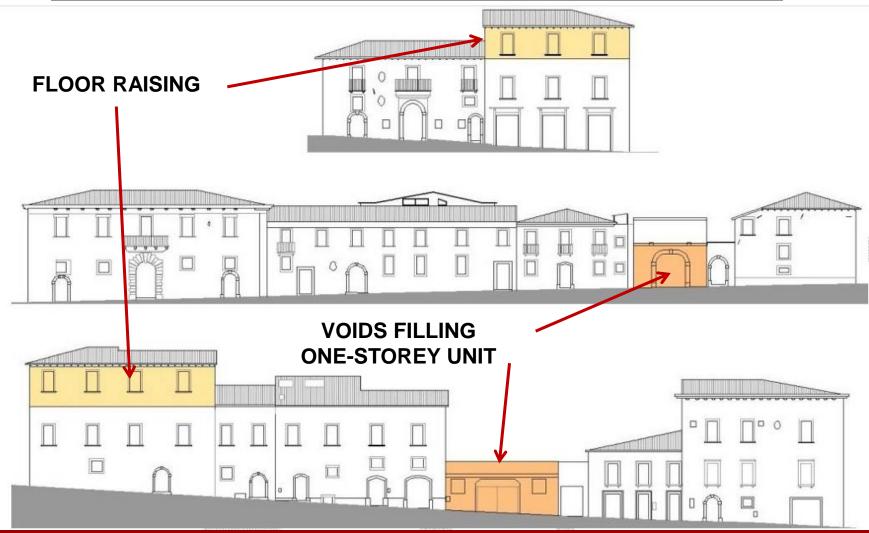






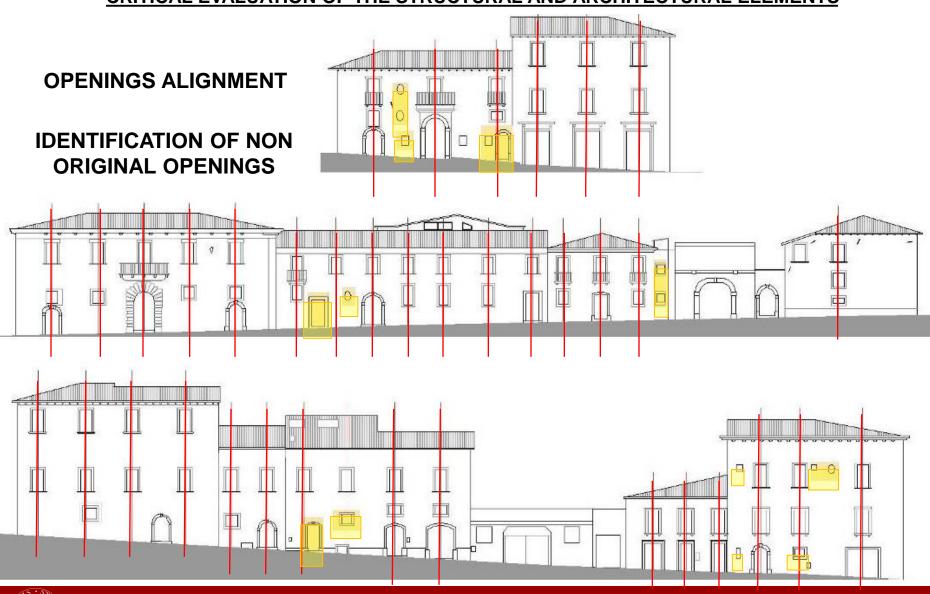
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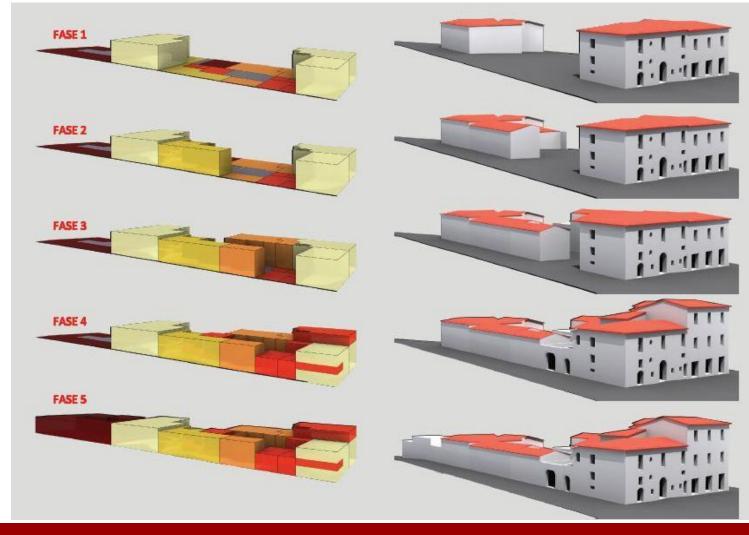




STUDY OF THE EVOLUTION OF THE AGGREGATE

HYPOTHESIS ON THE EVOLUTION OF THE AGGREGATE

Understand the evolution of the buildings, identifying or supposing first nucleus and following additions, in order to determine the structural behaviour





GEOMETRIC SURVEY

IDENTIFICATION OF THE PLAN AND ELEVATION CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CONSTRUCTION ELEMENTS

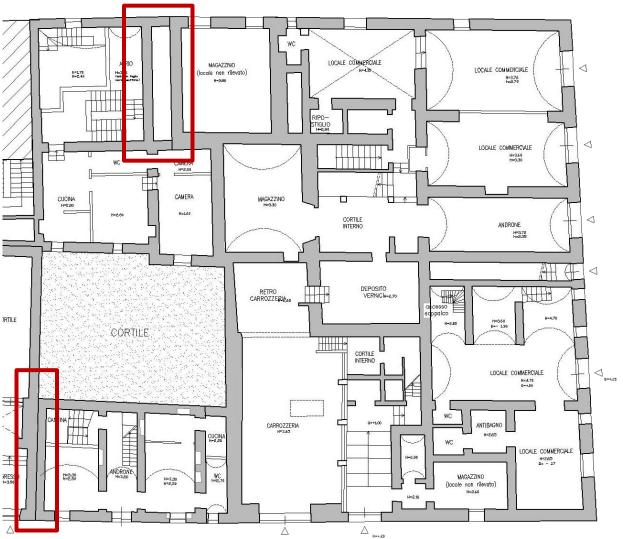


geometric and structural survey is carried out in order understand the structural behaviour of the buildings, to discover the local construction role and to identify any potential problem or alteration. It is often find possible to historical seismic protection systems tie like rods, buttresses and contrast arches.



GEOMETRIC SURVEY

STUDY OF THE BUILDINGS CONNECTIONS



STRUCTURAL JOINTS

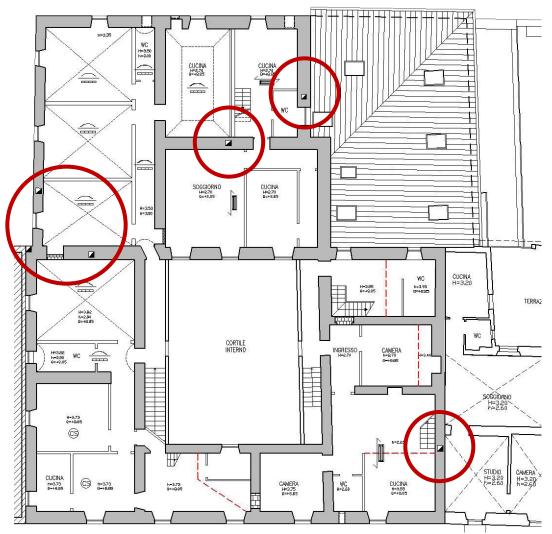






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SPECIAL ELEMENTS OF THE SURVEY



PRESENCE OF CHIMNEY IN THE WALL THICKNESS

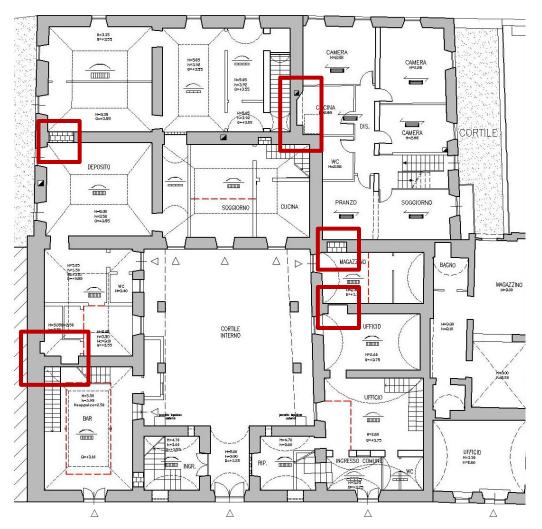








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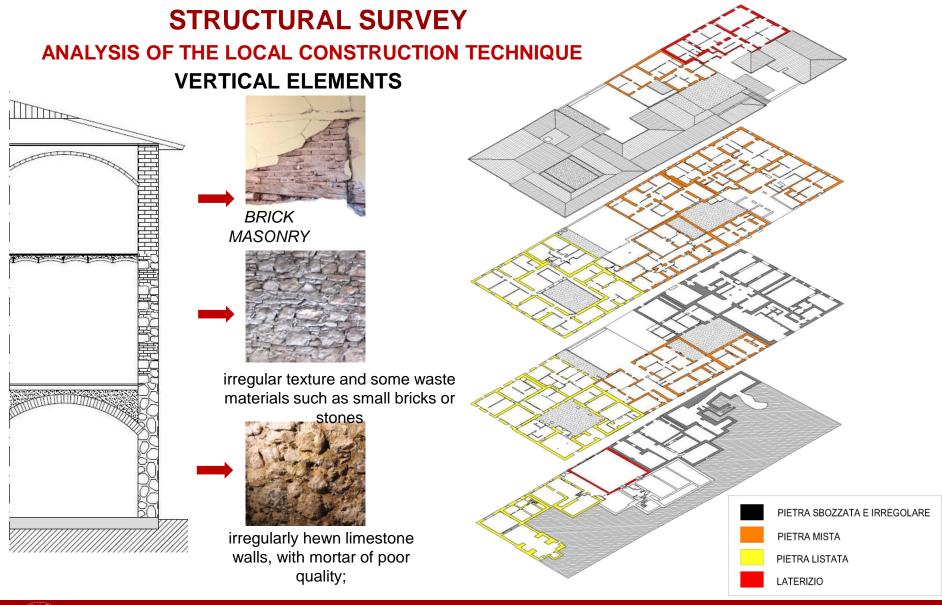
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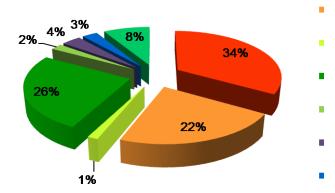




STRUCTURAL SURVEY

ANALYSIS OF THE LOCAL CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUE

HORIZONTAL ELEMENTS



The horizontal diaphragms play an important role in the seismic response of the building as:

- transferring the horizontal actions to the walls which are parallel to the seismic action;
- a constraint to the walls stressed by orthogonal actions to their plane and a connection between walls.

vaults with bricks laid edgewise or vaults with stones
vaults with bricks laid flatwise

vadite with brioke laid flatwice

steel beams and brick small tiles

steel beams and brick tiles

steel beams and brick vaults

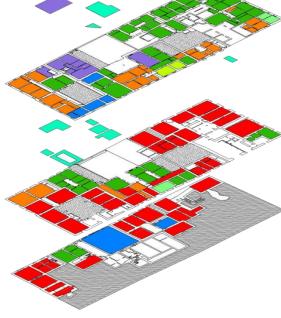
concrete and masonry

wooden diaphragms

light diaphragms

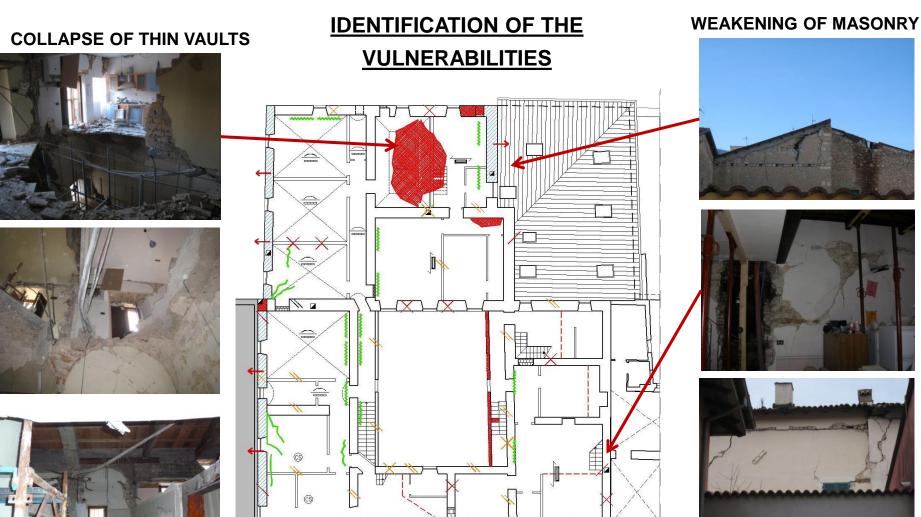


MIXED FLOOR: STEEL BEAMS AND BRICK HALLOW ELEMENTS





CRITICAL SURVEY OF DAMAGES



R.C TIE BEAM



CRITICAL SURVEY OF DAMAGES

ANALYSIS OF THE CRACK PATTERN

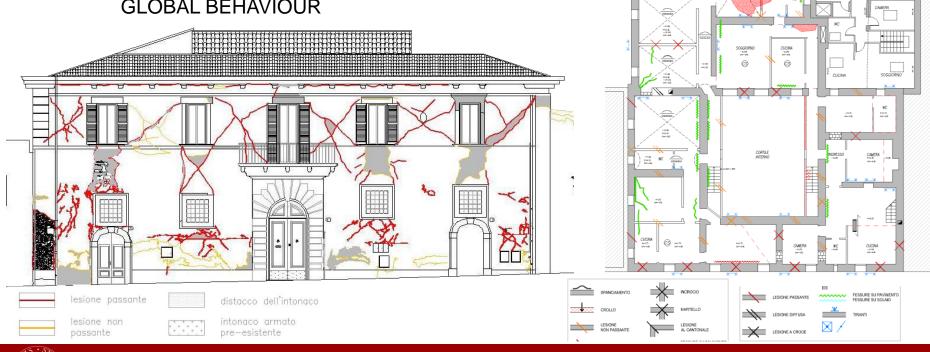
IDENTIFICATION OF THE ACTIVATED MECHANISMS

RECOGNITION OF THE CAUSES OF DAMAGE AND OF THE MAIN VULNERABILITIES

QUALITATIVE EVALUATION OF THE GLOBAL BEHAVIOUR

The critical survey of damage is necessary to identify critical elements, toward static or dynamic actions, of the structural system, including deterioration. The analysis and systematic description of the cracks pattern allows to understand the reasons of their existence:

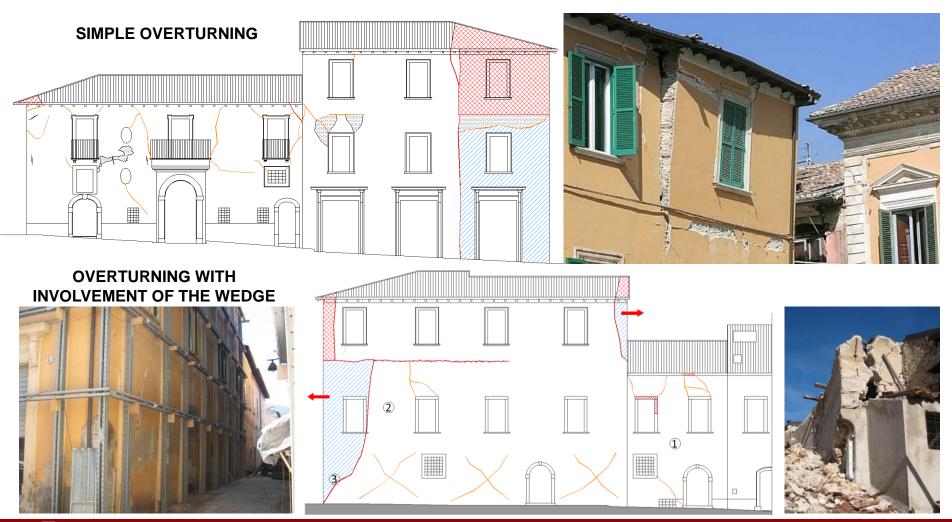
Identification of significant mechanisms of collapse





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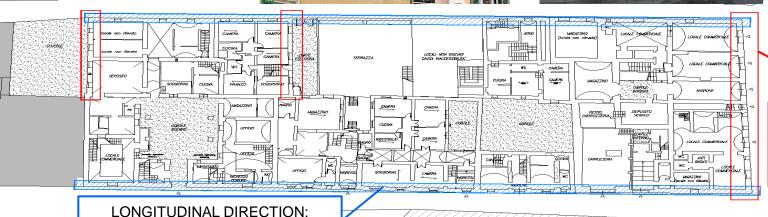
CRITICAL SURVEY OF DAMAGES

OF THE AGGREAGATE









TRANSVERSAL DIRECTION:
OUT-OF-PLANE
OVERTURNING

LONGITUDINAL DIRECTION: IN PLANE FAILURE









In existing masonry buildings under horizontal (seismic) loads, local and global mechanisms can develop.

The safety level of buildings must be evaluated against both types of mechanisms.

Existing masonry buildings





Global analysis and assessment



Global models



Comprehensive set of local verifications

Analysis & assessment of local mechanisms



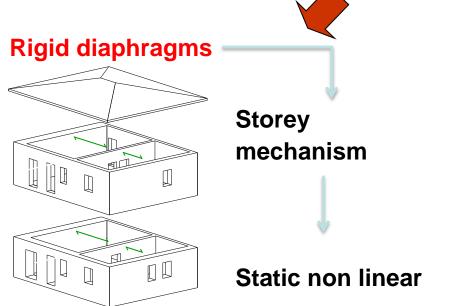
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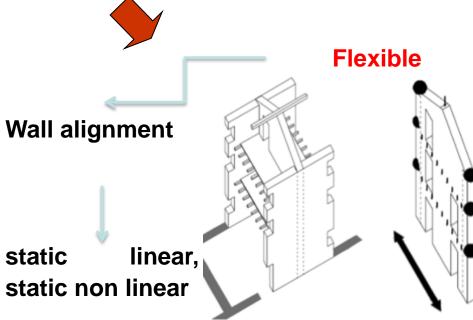


AGGREGATE BUILDINGS: SIMPLIFIED GLOBAL ANALISYS

When analysing a construction inside an aggregate building, we must take into account possible interactions [...] we must identify the structural unit (US) under study, and evidence the actions deriving from adjacent structural units. We can use

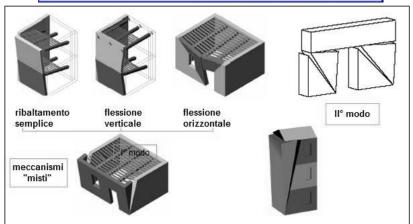
Simplified global methodologies







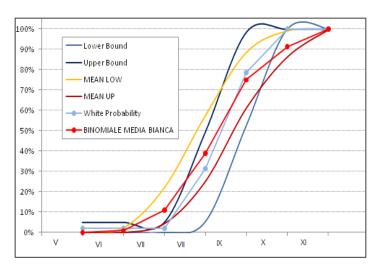




1- STUDY OF THE ACTIVATION OF COLLAPSE MECHANISMS IN PLANE AND OUT OF PLANE

VULNUS (v.3.2)

EVALUATION OF THE SEISMIC
VULNERABILITY OF ISOLATED MASONRY
BUILDINGS OR BUILDINGS IN AGGREGATE

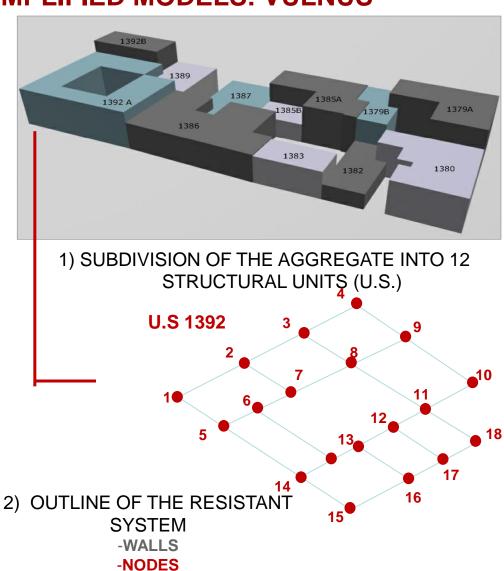


2- VULNERABILITY ANALYSIS OF SINGLE BUILDINGS AND OF THE AGGREGATE AND EVALUATION OF FORESEEN DAMAGES



SCHEME OF THE AGGREGATE

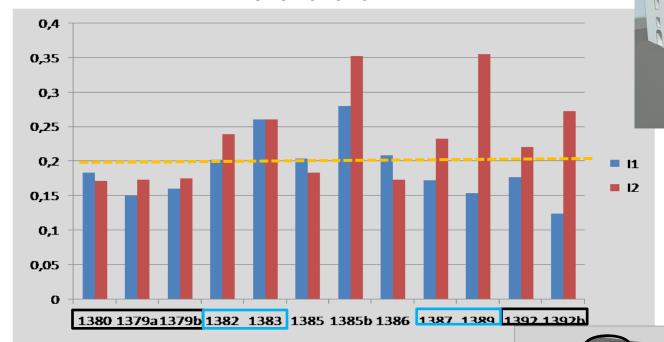






11: SHEAR STRENGTH OF MASONRY WALLS PARALLEL TO SEISMIC ACTION

12: OUT-OF-PLANE STRENGTH OF MASONRY WALLS PERPENDICULAR TO SEISMIC ACTION



OBJECTIVE

IDENTIFICATION
OF MOST VULNERABLE
MECHANISMS FOR EACH U.S.

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HIGHER IN-PLANE VULNERABILITY

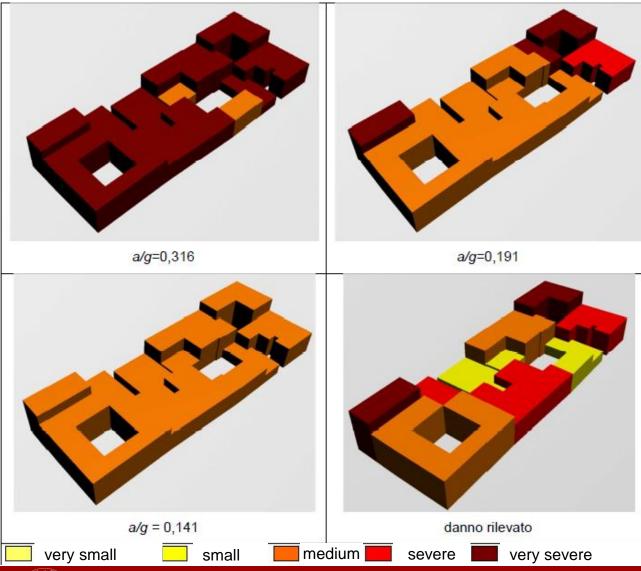
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*LOW VALUES OF I1 AND I2 FOR TALL BUILDINGS OR BUILDINGS AT THE ENDS OF THE AGGREGATE

LOW VULNERABILITY FOR SQUAT OR INTERNAL BUILDINGS

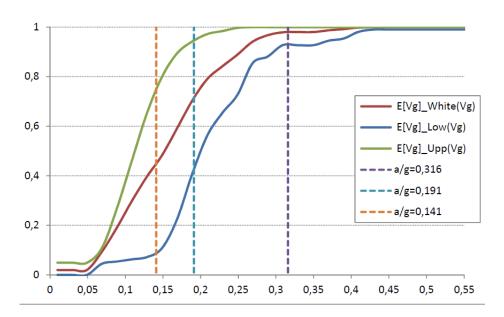






According to fuzzy set
theory, Vulnus
provides linguistic
vulnerability evaluations
of single
buildings and entire
blocks, at five different
levels





fragility curves obtained by considering all the buildings in the block, which yielded estimated overall vulnerability, and the three considered reference values of PGA/g Another procedure used by Vulnus to define vulnerability determines the expected values of severe damage E[Vg], depending on the PGA/g ratio of peak ground acceleration and gravity acceleration.

Vulnus provides diagrams (fragility curves) with three curves representing lower, upper and average values, which allow estimation of the expected frequency of serious damage at any value of PGA/g and the relative uncertainty of that value. The area between the upper and lower curves thus represents the range of most probable values of expected frequency of severe damage



VERIFICATION OF THE LOCAL MECHANISMS OF COLLAPSE



GLOBAL OVERTURNING

	ANALISI LINEARE										
t [m]	t [m] M_S [kNm] M_R [kNm] α_0 M^* [t] e^* a_0^* [m/s ²] a_0^* [m/s ²] $a_0^* \ge a_0^*$										
0,15	46,24	11072,63	0,004	154,65	0,7495	0,040	1,313	NO			
	ANALISI NON LINEARE										
θ [r	θ [rad]		d ₀ [m]	$d_u^*[m]$	$\overline{d_u^*}$ [m]	$\mathrm{d}_u^* \geq \overline{d_u^*}$ [m]					
0,0	0,0204		0,1536	0,0615	0,2209	NO					

NOT VERIFIED

ULTIMATE DISPLACEMENT CAPACITY **27%**PARTIAL OVERTURNING

ANALISI LINEARE										
t [m]	Ms [kNm]	M _R [kNm]	a 0	M* [t]	e*	a_0^* [m/s ²]	$\overline{a_0^*}$ [m/s ²]	$a_0^* \ge \overline{a_0^*}$		
0,11	342,91	5146,99	0,067	96,18	0,8217	0,589	1,31	ИО		
	ANALISI NON LINEARE									
θ [r	θ [rad]		d ₀ [m]	$d_u^*[m]$	$\overline{d_u^*}$ [m]	$\mathrm{d}_u^* \geq \overline{d_u^*}[m]$				
0,067		0,300	0,365	0,1461	0,1804	NO				

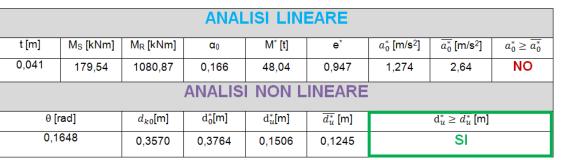
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ULTIMATE DISPLACEMENT CAPACITY 80%

HIGH HORIZONTAL THRUSTS DUE TO THRUSTING ELEMENTS

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ULTIMATE DISPLACEMENT CAPACITY 120%

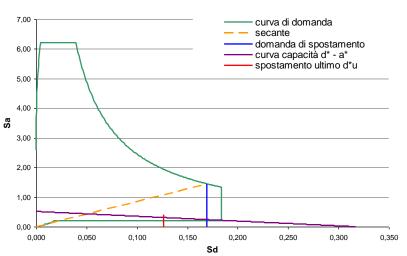


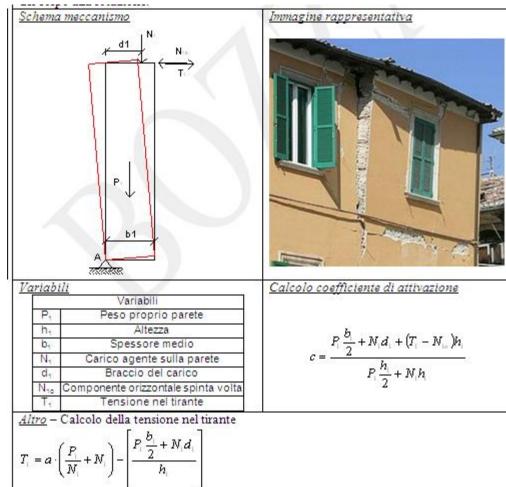


B.2 Schede per il calcolo del coefficiente di attivazione di tipici meccanismi cinematici

B.2.1 Ribaltamento di parete ad 1 piano monolitica

<u>Descrizione del meccanismo</u>: Il meccanismo si manifesta attraverso la rotazione rigida di intere facciate o porzioni di pareti rispetto ad assi in prevalenza orizzontali alla base di esse e che percorrono la struttura muraria sollecitata da azioni fuori dal piano. Si consideri l'azione sismica come forza statica equivalente data dal prodotto della massa della parete per l'accelerazione sismica, ipotizzata costante lungo l'altezza della parete. Questa sarà allora soggetta all'azione di un momento ribaltante (dato dall'azione sismica applicata a livello del baricentro della muratura in questione per il braccio pari ad d₁) che tenderà a farla ruotare attomo alla cerniera cilindrica che si forma alla sua base (punto A). A contrastare tale azione vi sarà un momento di segno opposto generato dalla forza peso della parete e dei carichi che su di essa gravano, e dall'azione di eventuali tiranti, diminuita dalla spinta di eventuali volte. Si determina quindi il coefficiente moltiplicativo dei pesi per cui si ha l'attivazione del meccanismo, ovvero il coefficiente c, attraverso l'imposizione delle condizioni di equilibrio del corpo alla rotazione.





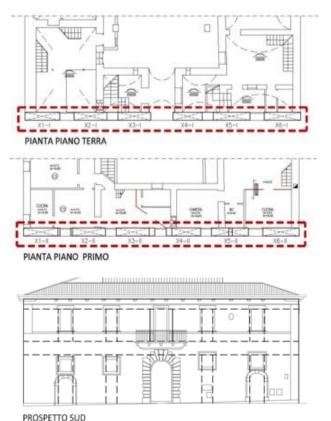


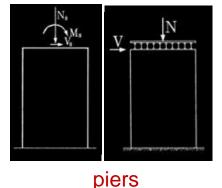


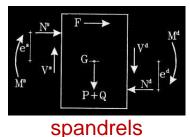
The strength and stiffness of floors in each direction must be evaluated and taken into account in

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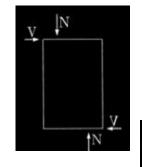
FLEXIBLE FLOORS: analysis of single walls and alignment of walls
IDENTIFICATION OF WALLS AND WALL ALIGNMENTS



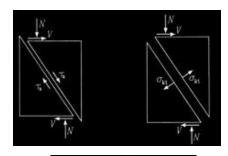


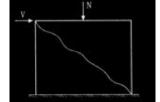


Flexure



Shear



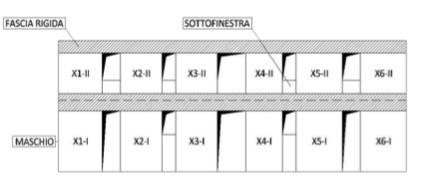




LINEAR STATIC ANALISYS



PROSPETTO SUD



VERIFICA LINEARE LIVELLO I									
SETTO	$V_{Sd,x}$ $M_{Sd,x}$ V_t $\eta = V_t V_{Sd}$ $V_t > V_{xi}$ M_u $\eta = M_u / M_{Sd}$ $M_u > M_S$								
	kN	kNm	kN			kNm			
X1	165,65	430,70	82,05	0,50	FALSO	137,00	0,32	FALSO	
X2	152,41	396,26	77,66	0,51	FALSO	69,76	0,18	FALSO	
Х3	151,53	393,97	67,69	0,45	FALSO	196,16	0,50	FALSO	
X4	121,26	315,27	61,68	0,51	FALSO	126,31	0,40	FALSO	
X5	183,47	477,03	89,80	0,49	FALSO	194,68	0,41	FALSO	
X6	180,79	470,06	84,74	0,47	FALSO	228,76	0,49	FALSO	
TOTALE	955,11		463,63	0,49	FALSO				

VERIFICA LINEARE LIVELLO II									
SETTO	V_{Sdx} M_{Sdx} V_t $\eta = V_t V_{Sd}$ $V_t > V_{xi}$ M_u $\eta = M_u / M_{Sd}$ $M_u > M_u$								
	kN	kNm	kŃ			kNm			
X1	102,76	223,50	72,71	0,71	FALSO	224,56	1,00	VERO	
X2	96,01	208,83	72,72	0,76	FALSO	214,94	1,03	VERO	
Х3	95,56	207,85	70,72	0,74	FALSO	208,12	1,00	VERO	
X4	79,77	173,50	61,36	0,77	FALSO	176,03	1,01	VERO	
X5	111,72	243,00	89,12	0,80	FALSO	287,30	1,18	VERO	
X6	110,38	240,08	85,17	0,77	FALSO	276,06	1,15	VERO	
TOTALE	592,21		451,81	0,76	FALSO				

Flexure

$$M_u = \frac{l^2 t \,\sigma_0}{2} \left(1 - \frac{\sigma_0}{0.85 \cdot f_d} \right)$$

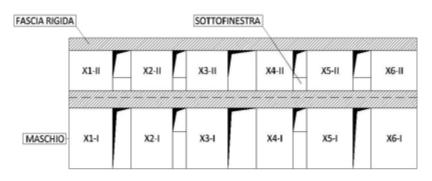
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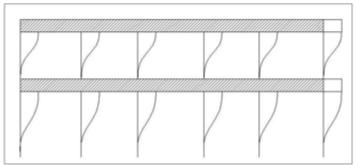
$$V_t = l \cdot t \cdot \frac{1.5\tau_{0_d}}{b} \cdot \sqrt{1 + \frac{\sigma_0}{1.5 \cdot \tau_{0_d}}}$$



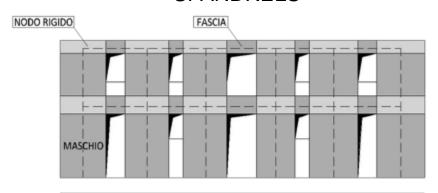
STATIC NON LINEAR ANALISYS

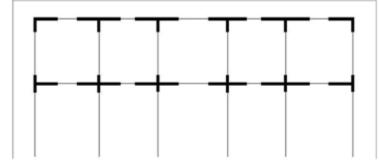
MACROMODEL WITH RIGID SPANDRELS





MACROMODEL WITH DEFORMABLE SPANDRELS

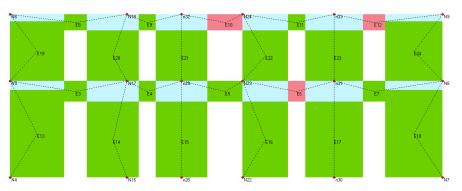


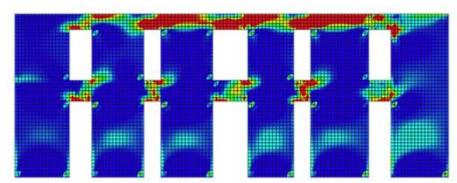




MACROMODEL WITH DEFORMABLE SPANDRELS

FINITE ELEMENT MODEL



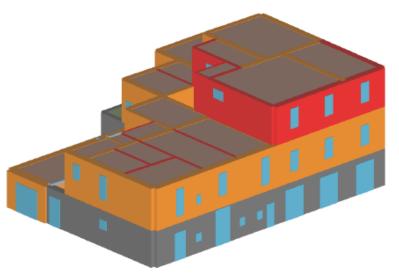


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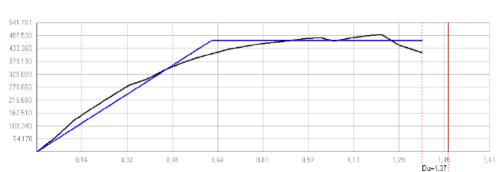
Curves (in terms of maximum wall strength) obtained under the assumption of the infinitely rigid (POR method) or infinitely linear elastic behavior of the spandrel;

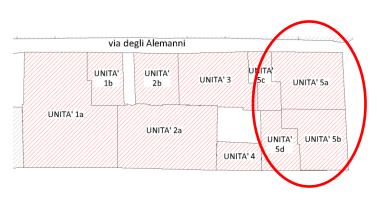
curves presume possible plasticization of spandrel walls. Indeed, the main differences are

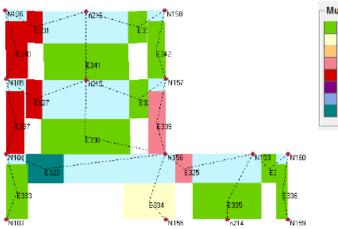




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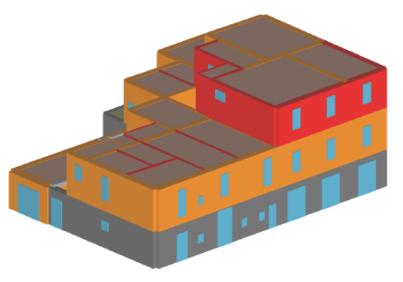




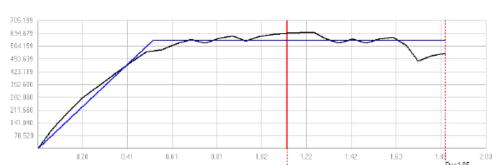
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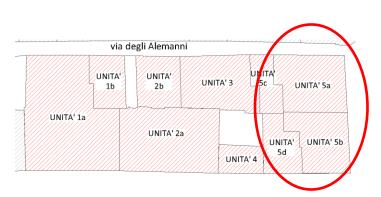


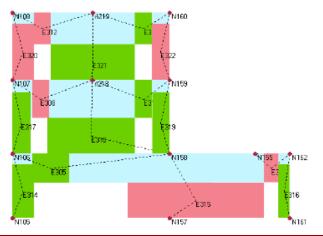


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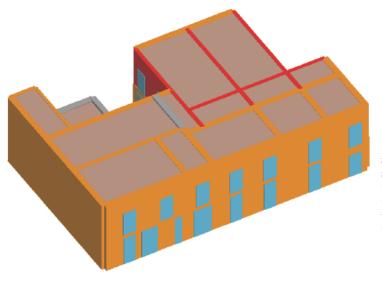




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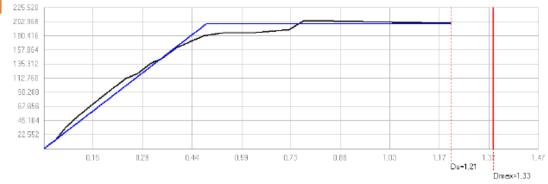


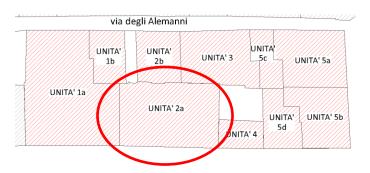


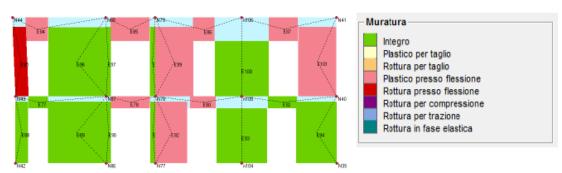


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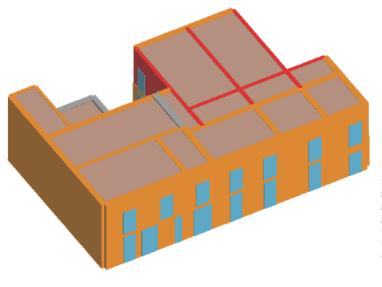
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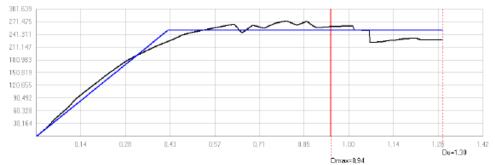


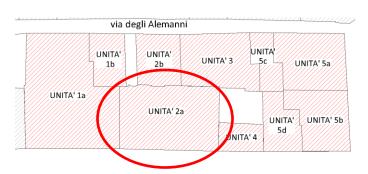


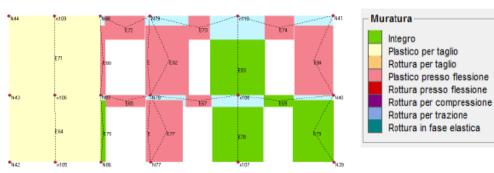


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