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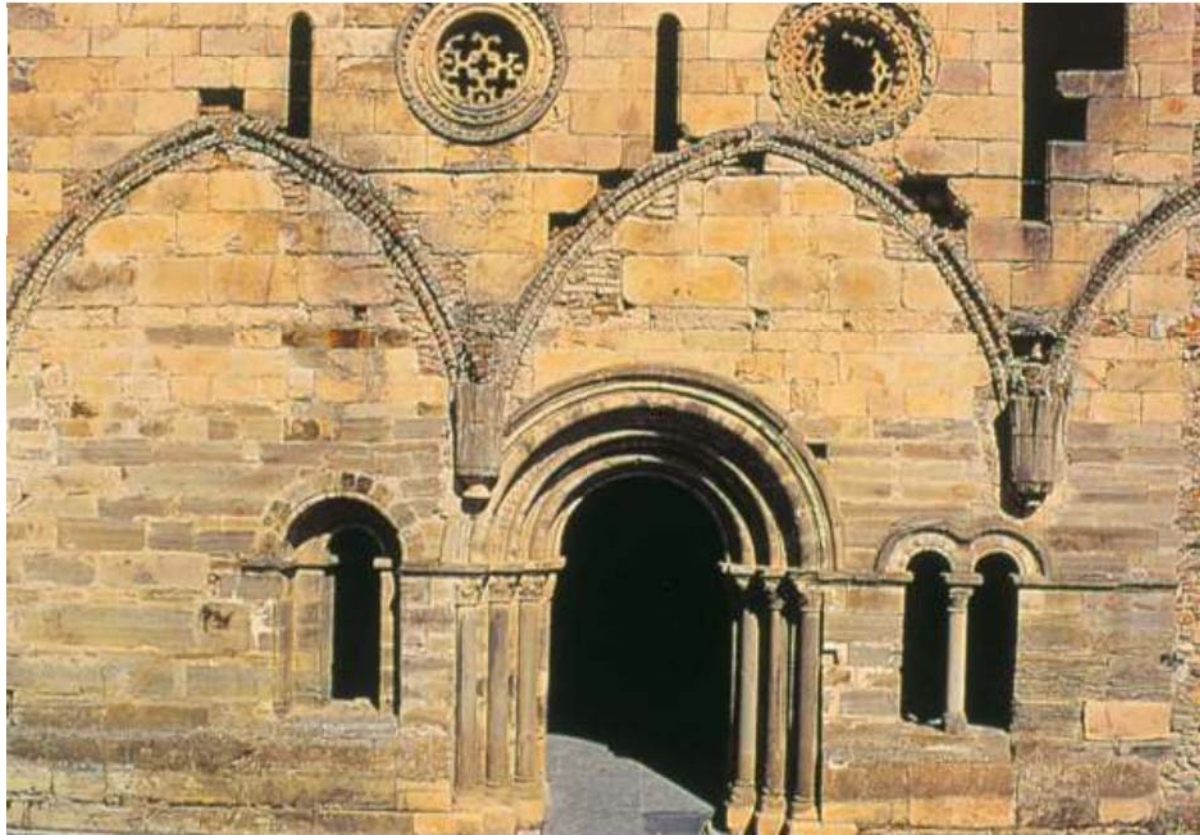
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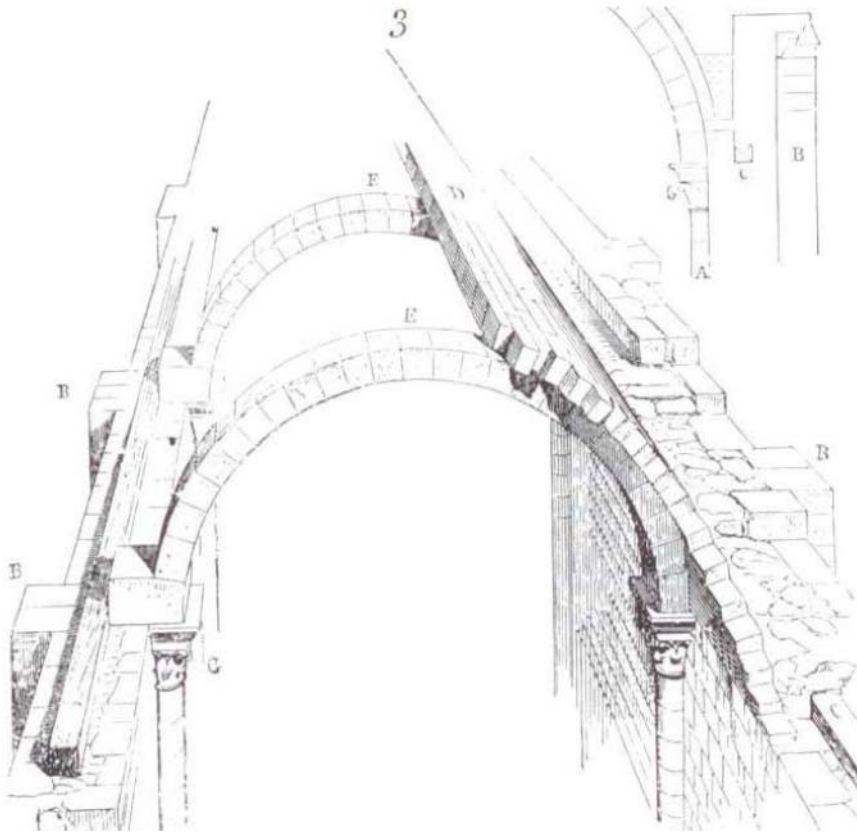
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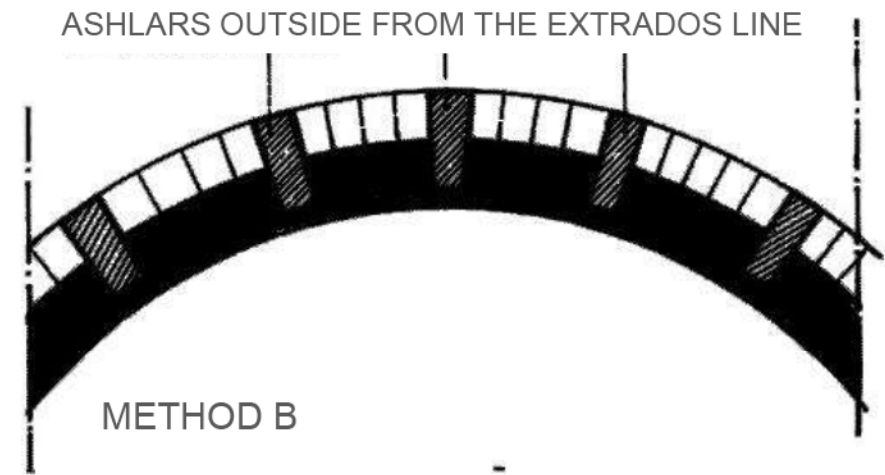
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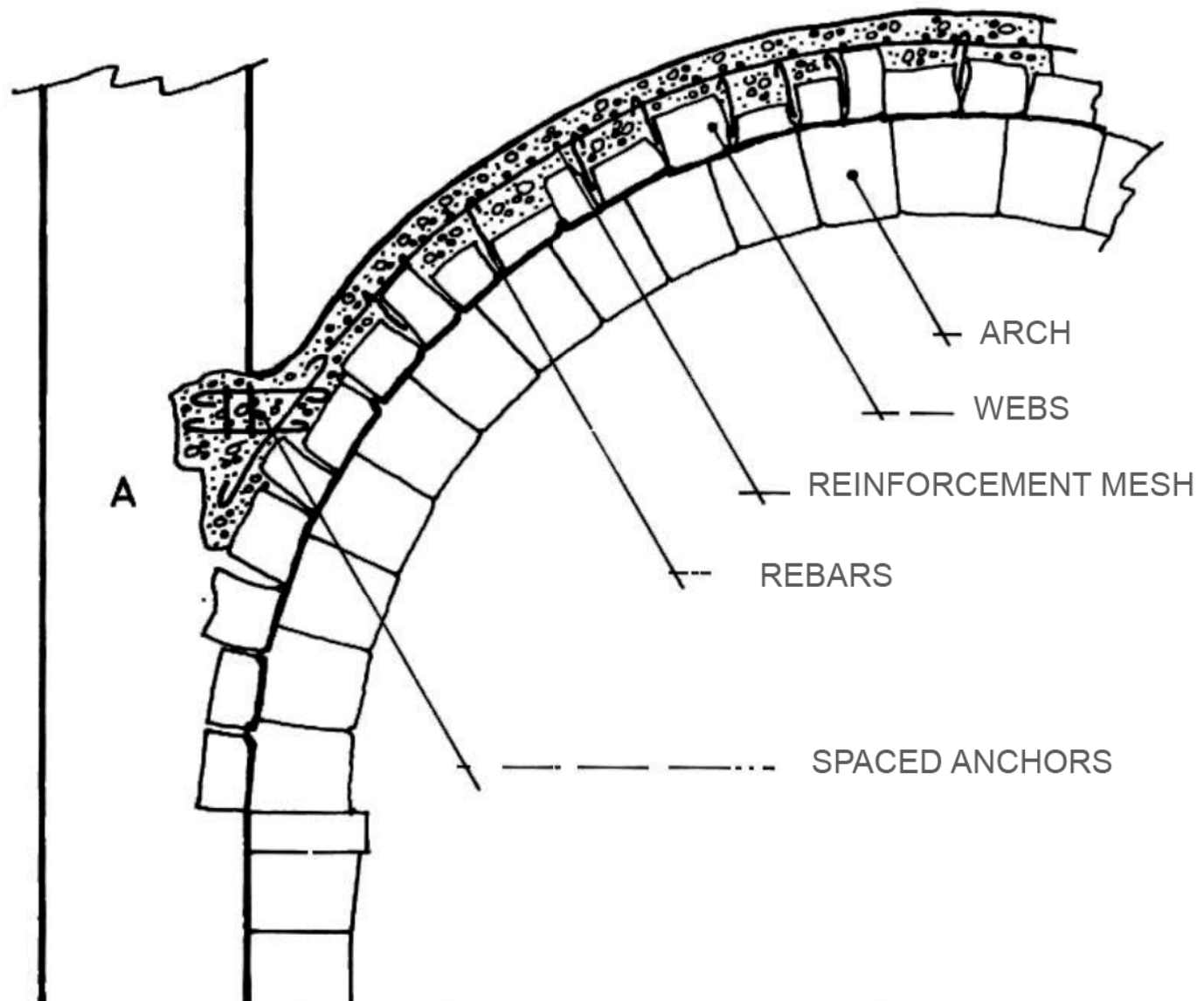




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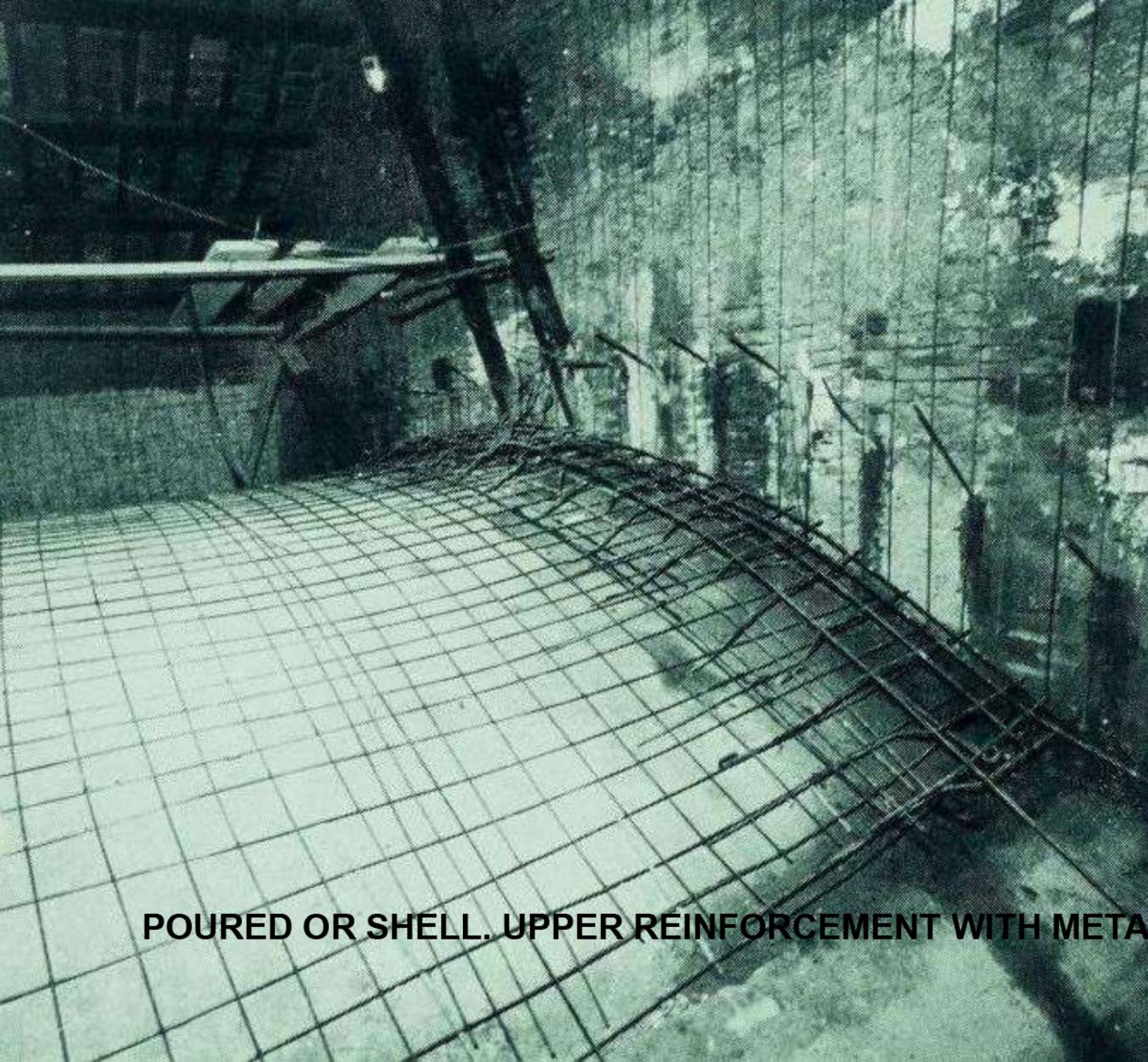


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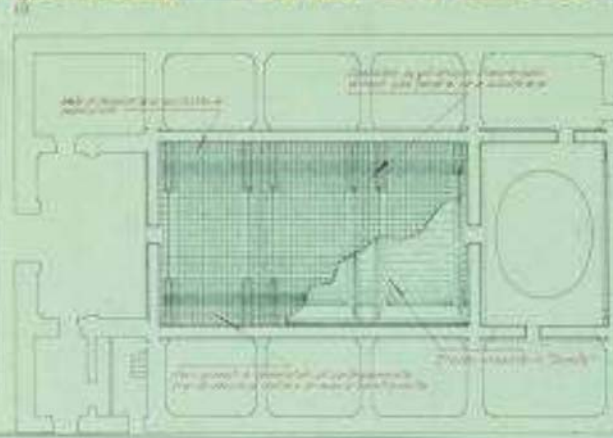
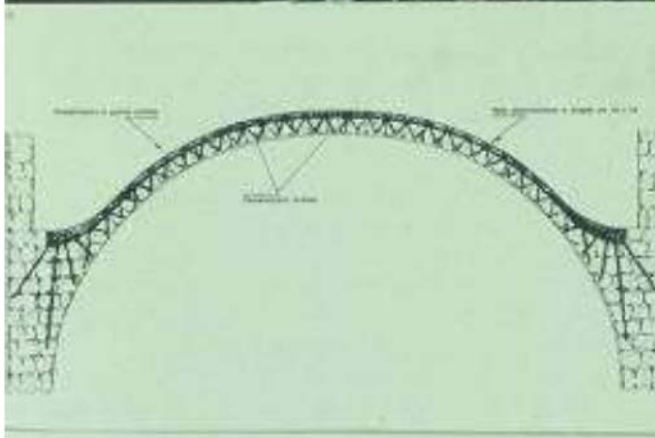
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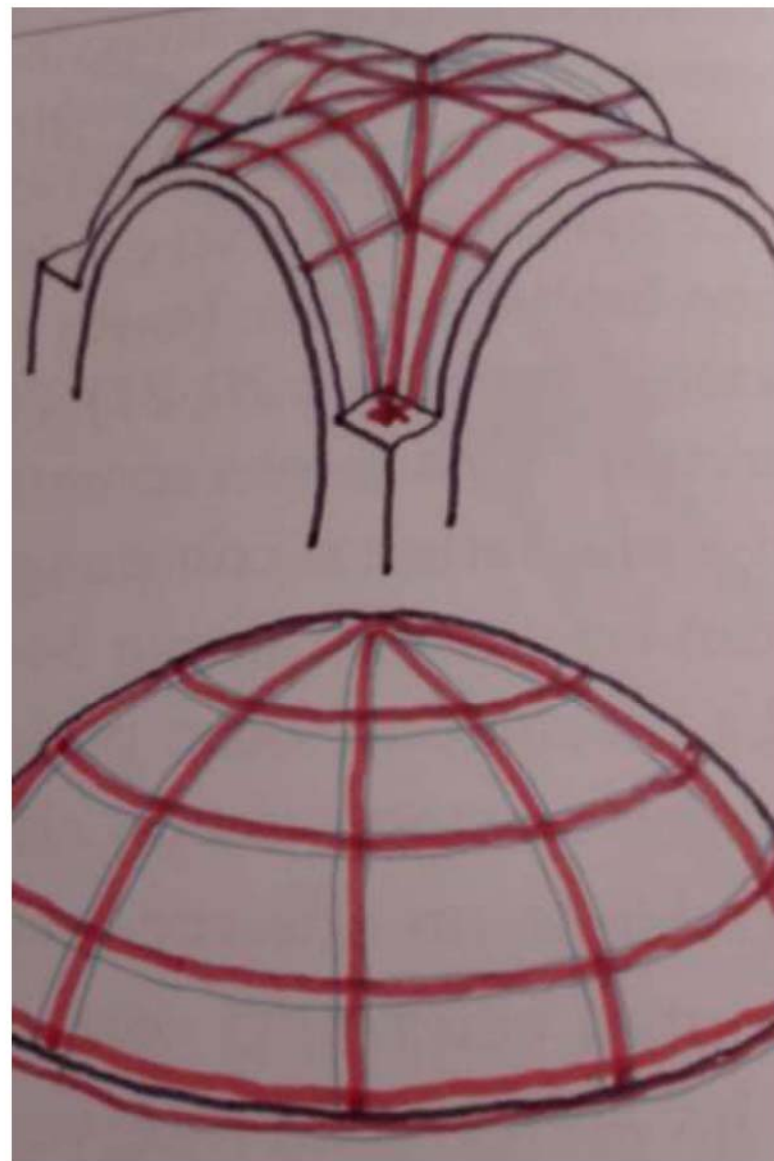
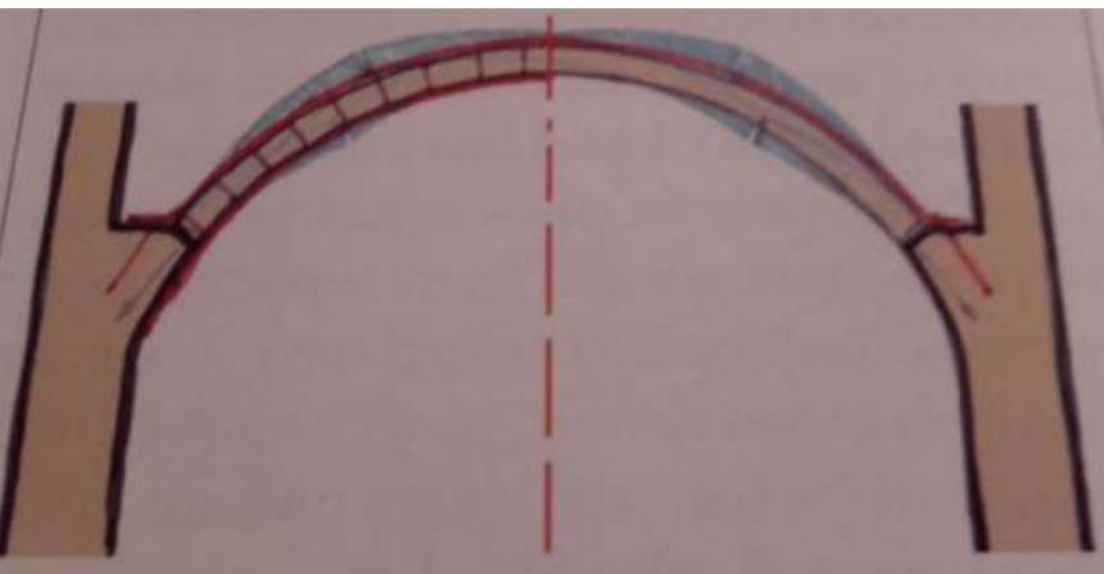


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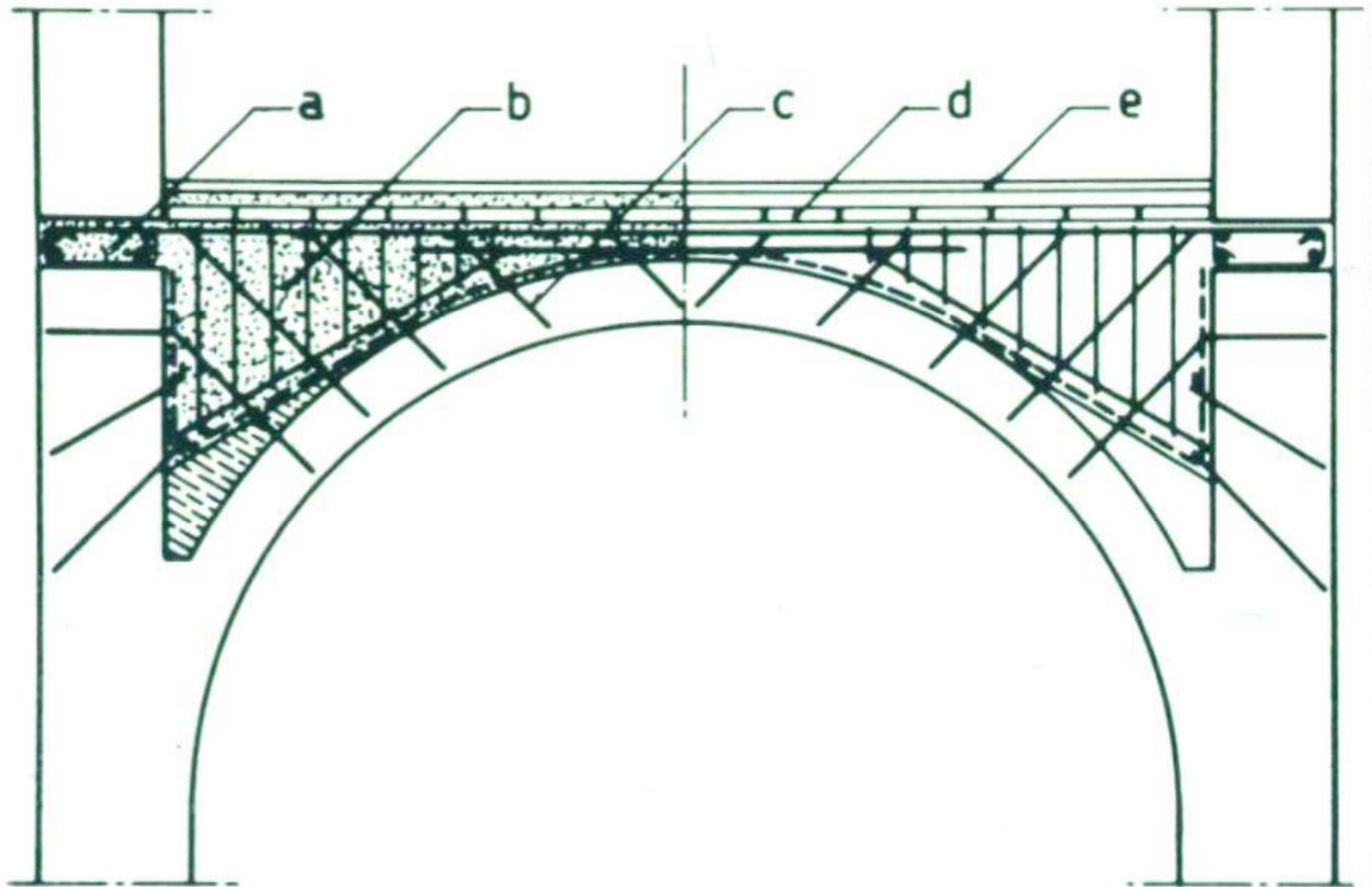


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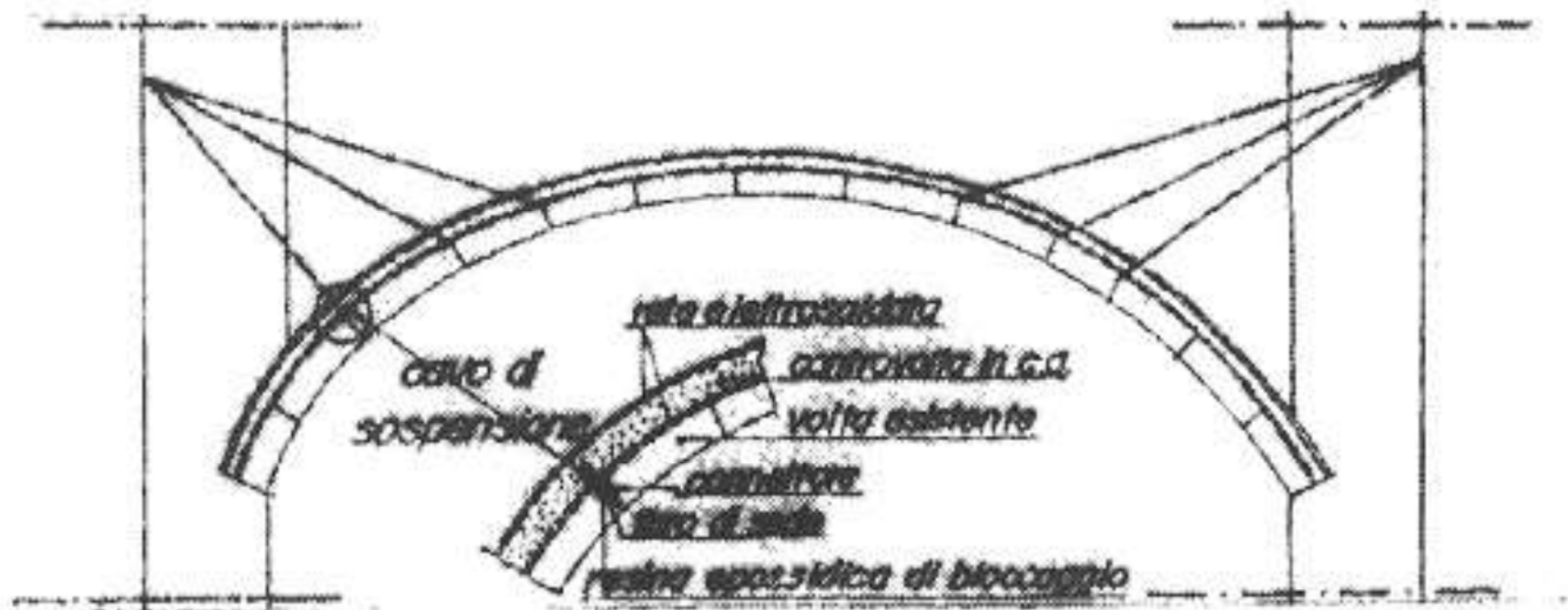


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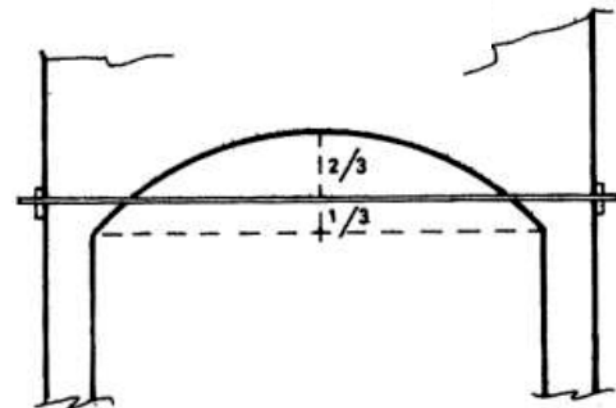
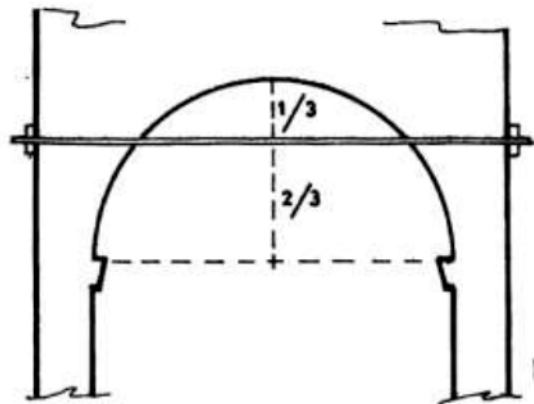
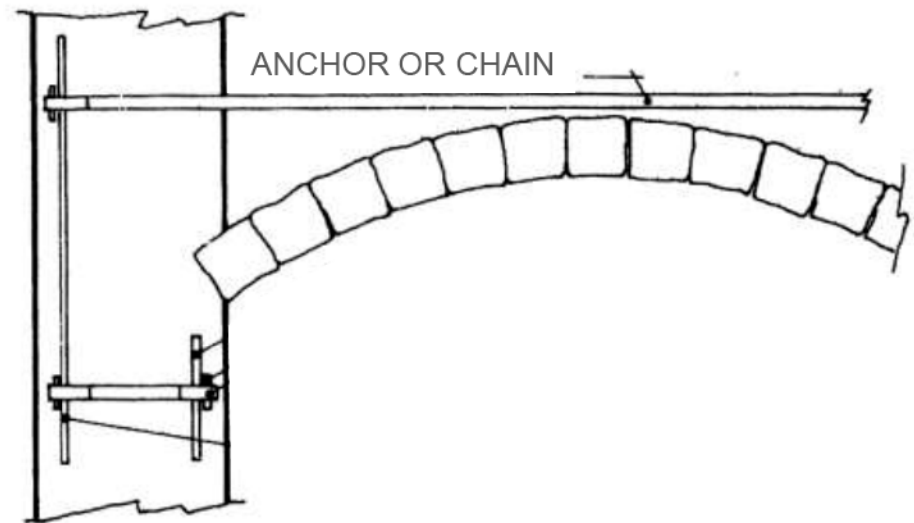
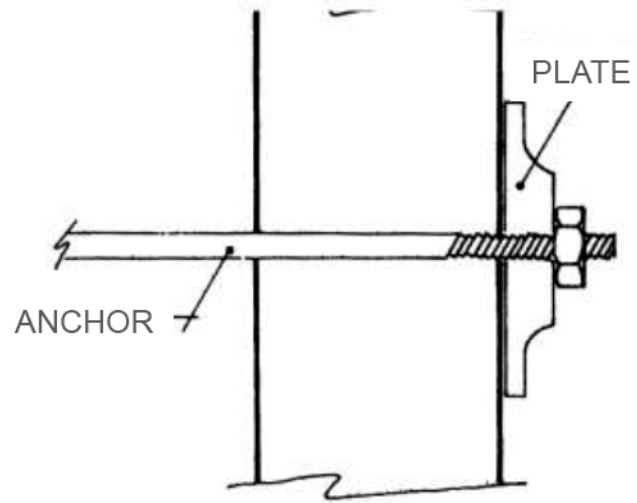


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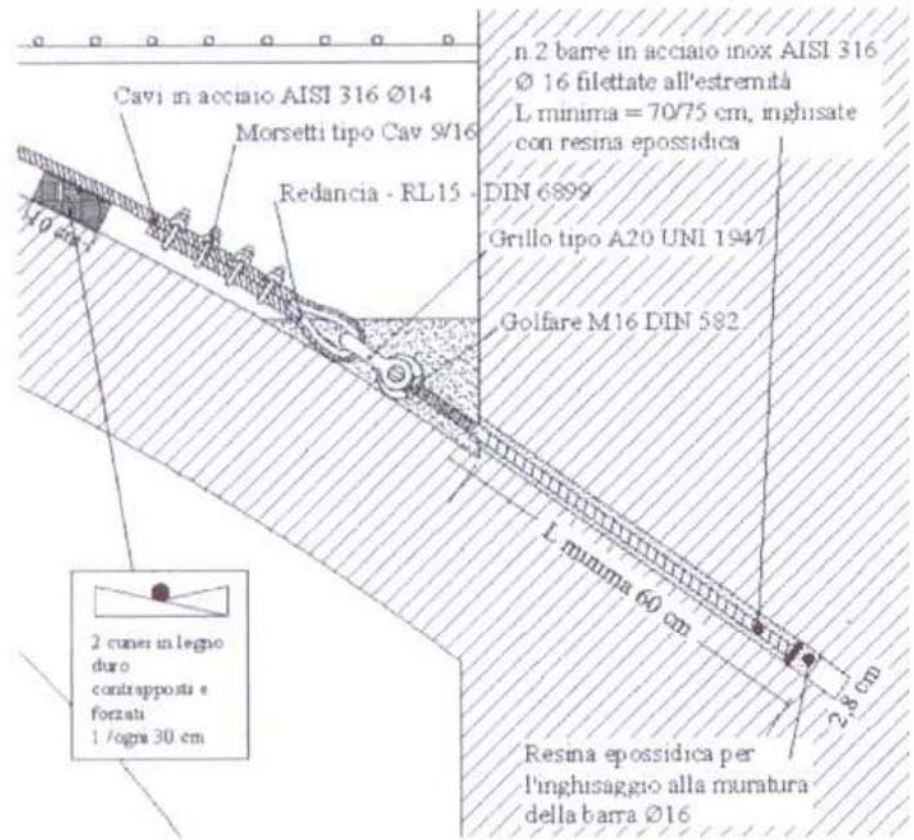


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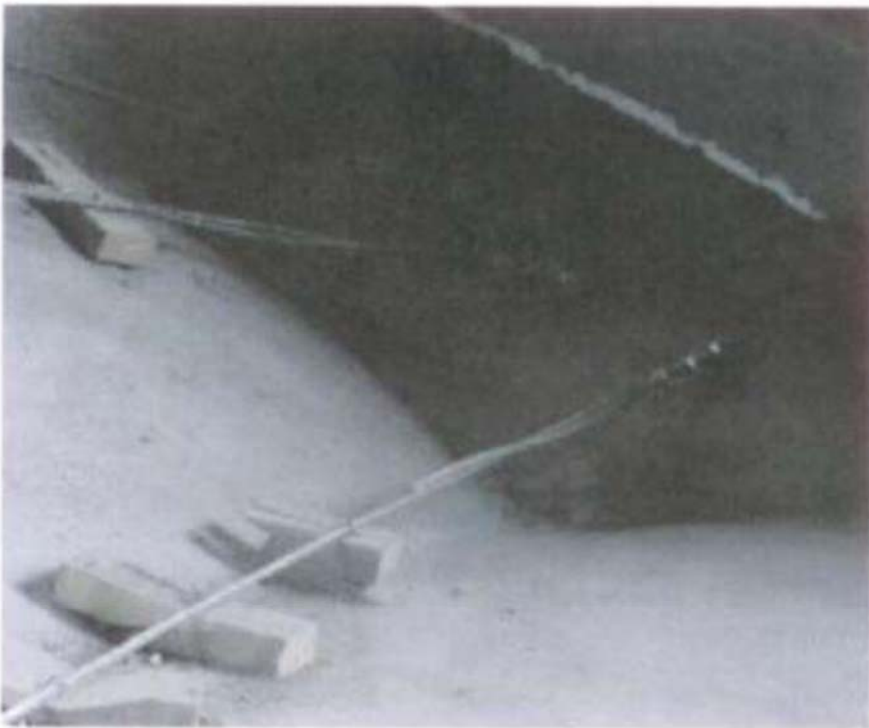


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Castello Mediceo. Intervention carried out by Lorenzo Jurina using the “reinforced arch” method, applied to the extrados of the vault. Details of the anchoring of the ties to the masonry, with post-tensioned by wooden wedges.

**“REINFORCED ARCH”**  
RETURN THE SHAPE TO THE VAULT



Monasterio Olivetano. Intervention carried out by Lorenzo Jurina using the “reinforced arch” method, applied to the extrados of the vault. Details of the anchoring of the tie-rods to the masonry and of a crossing of tie-rods, with post-tensioned by wooden wedges.

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## THE "REINFORCED ARCH METHOD": A NEW TECHNIQUE IN STATIC CONSOLIDATION OF ARCHES AND VAULTS

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### Abstract

The principles of a new technique developed by the author for structural consolidation of arches and vaults, called "Reinforced Arch Method", are illustrated along with scale experimental tests carried out and some applications in conservation interventions. Technological and structural aspects are illustrated in relation to some recent applications.

### Introduction

The current debate about restoration and consolidation of historical constructions assumes that an historical building is the primary source of knowledge, a significant testimony in its full complexity. Thus, it is essential to deal with the individual object as a unique, unrepeatable instance, assigning equal value, dignity, importance, and right to protection to all the components of the building and all the material evidence contained in it. Hence, a strengthening project has to be preceded by a scientific diagnostic approach and has to minimise the impact of the intervention, by choosing the most compatible solution with respect to the building's current state, with the aim of preserving it as better is possible.

Therefore, the actual approach to restoration leads to the requirement of new "active" reinforcement technologies, able to work in parallel and in cooperation with the existing structures, and moreover characterized by the fact to be light, durable and possibly removable. The "reinforced arch method" acts in this direction, by using stainless steel cables as additional consolidation element, thus providing durability and considerable strength with minimum increase of mass. Moreover it represents an easy, quick and quite cheap innovative instrument for removable consolidation.

The method was tested with experimental full-scale investigations and a certain number of applications in restoration works were performed. Theoretical investigation and practical aspects could therefore be correlated.

### The "reinforced arch method": principal aims and technical aspects

As well known, arches and vaults collapse by a collapse mechanism of four hinges (Figure 1).

The different blocks that form the arch transmit a compression force one to the other, and as long as it stays within a certain "core" of the section, all the stresses across the section will be compressive. If the resultant load moves out the central zone, the voussoirs attempt to separate as they are unable to transmit tensile stresses. Thus the cracked section represents a hinge-point. In other words, the point through which the thrust transmits between the voussoirs approaches one of the side surfaces.

While a three-pin arch is still a statically determinate

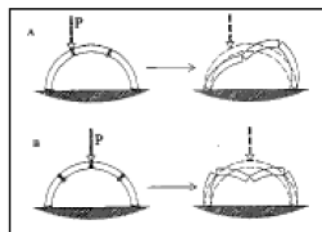


Figure 1



[http://www.jurina.it/10/2012/02/2003\\_The-rinforced-arch-method-a-new-technique-in-static-consolidation.pdf](http://www.jurina.it/10/2012/02/2003_The-rinforced-arch-method-a-new-technique-in-static-consolidation.pdf)





Support constructions or parts of constructions in order to structurally stabilize and transfer loads to the ground.

## 09 VAULTS III SOLUTIONS **SHORING**





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