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# Restoration of load-bearing structures

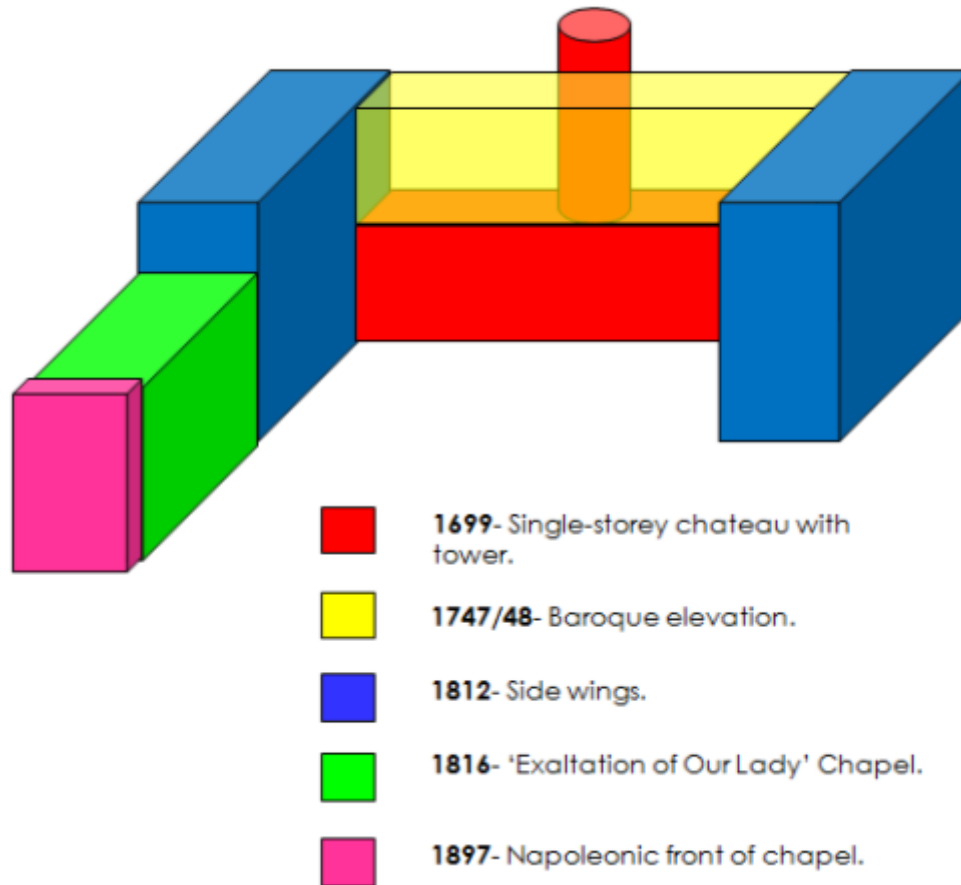
Buštěhrad

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# History of the object

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- ▶ different parts of the castle by the time construction



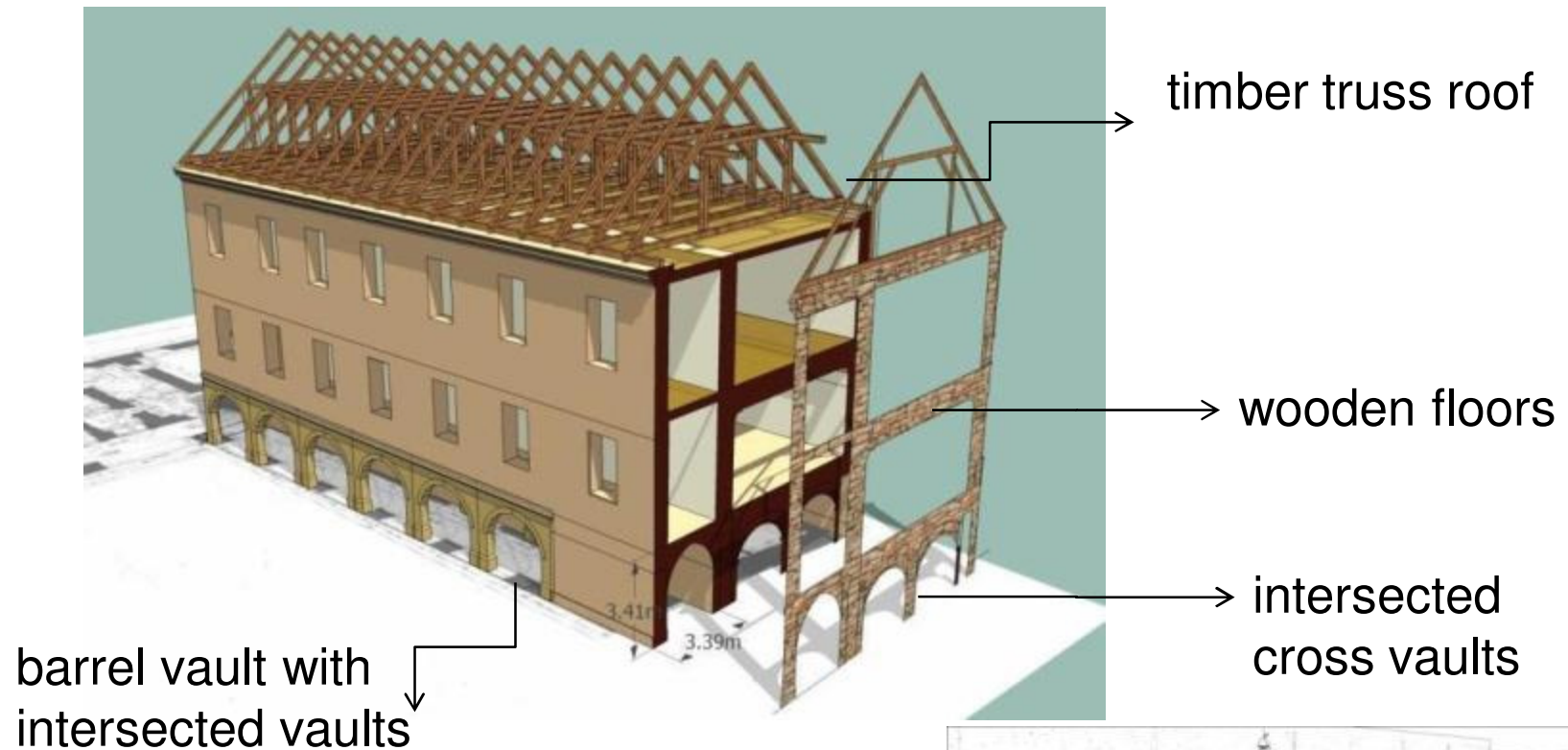
# Description of the object

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- ▶ Bustehrad castle in the Kladno surroundings
- ▶ look of the facade of the castle

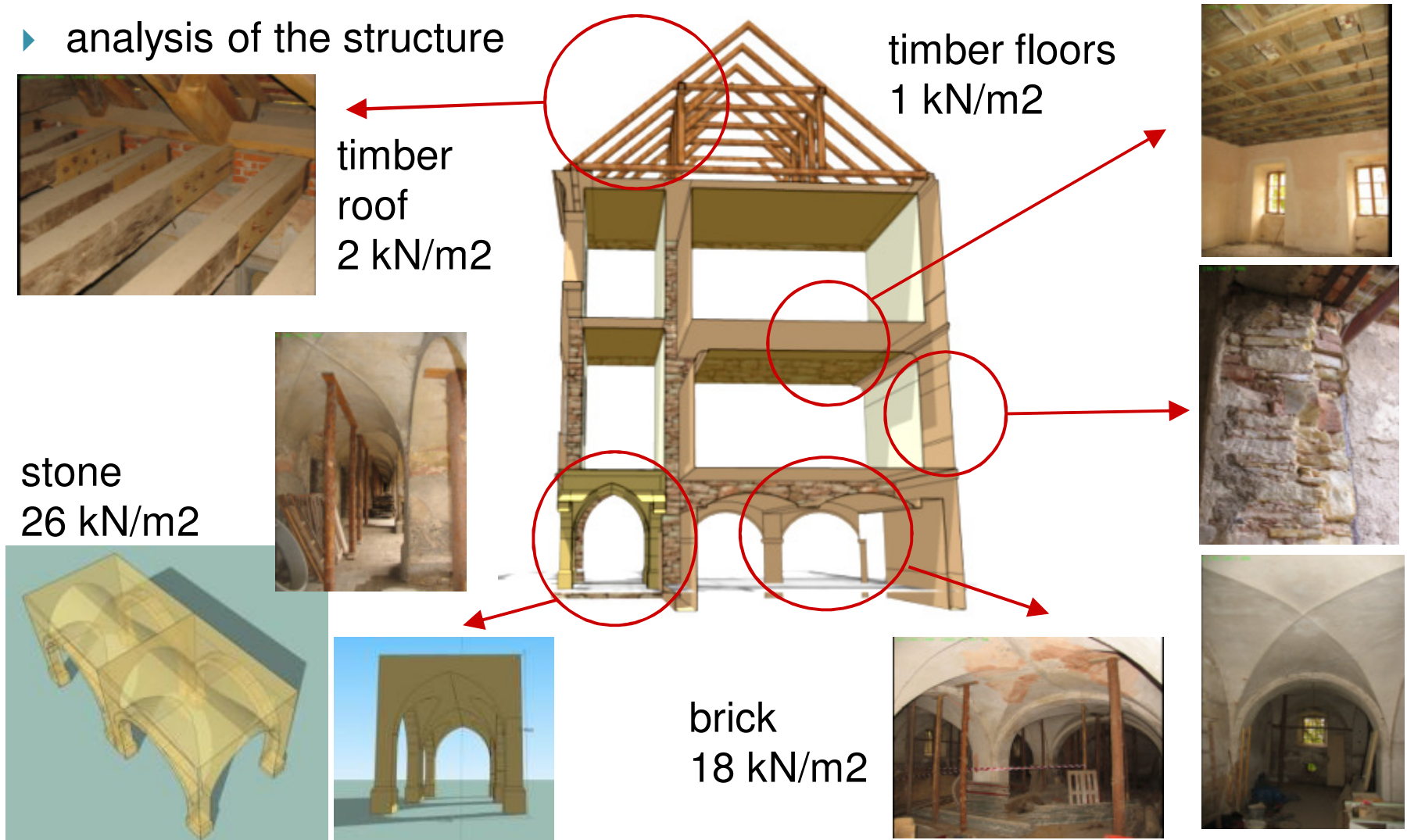


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## ► analysis of the structure

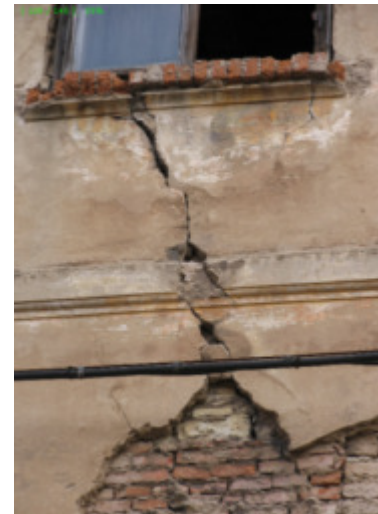




# Description of the defects

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- ▶ structural damages
  - ▶ arch failure mechanism
  - ▶ scaling and spalling
  - ▶ diagonal cracks
  - ▶ efflorescence



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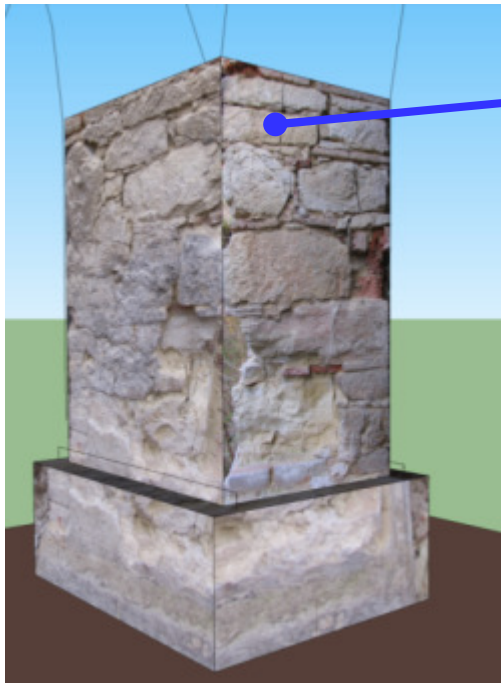
- ▶ architectural damages
  - ▶ brick – blistering, exfoliation
  - ▶ erosion
  - ▶ missing elements



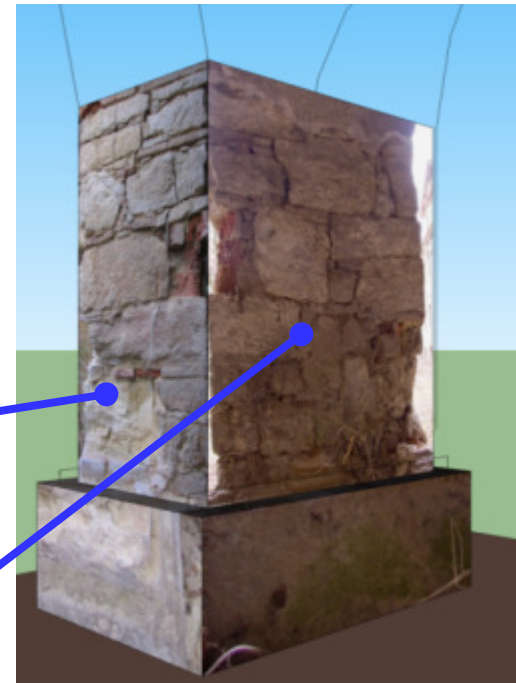
# Technical analysis of structures

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- ▶ column 1x0,6 m, height 1,5 m (ground to springing)



front view



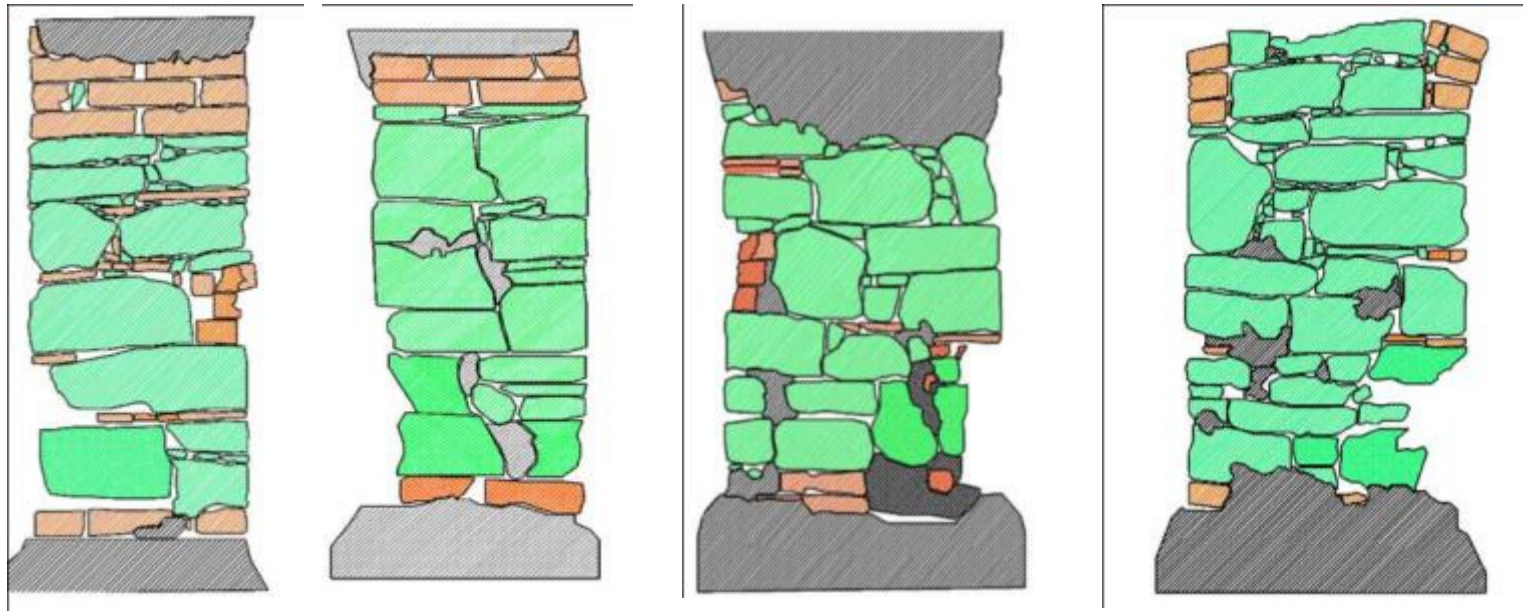
back view



# Technical analysis of structures, defects

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- ▶ material composition
  - ▶ composite masonry (opuka + bricks)
  - ▶ heterogeneous courses, poor interlocking
- ▶ visible damage
  - ▶ plaster loss, surface deterioration, reduction of cross section at base



# Technical analysis of structures, defects

## ► cracs

- in mortar ①
- at corner of section ②
- in brick ③
- in opuka ④

①



②



③



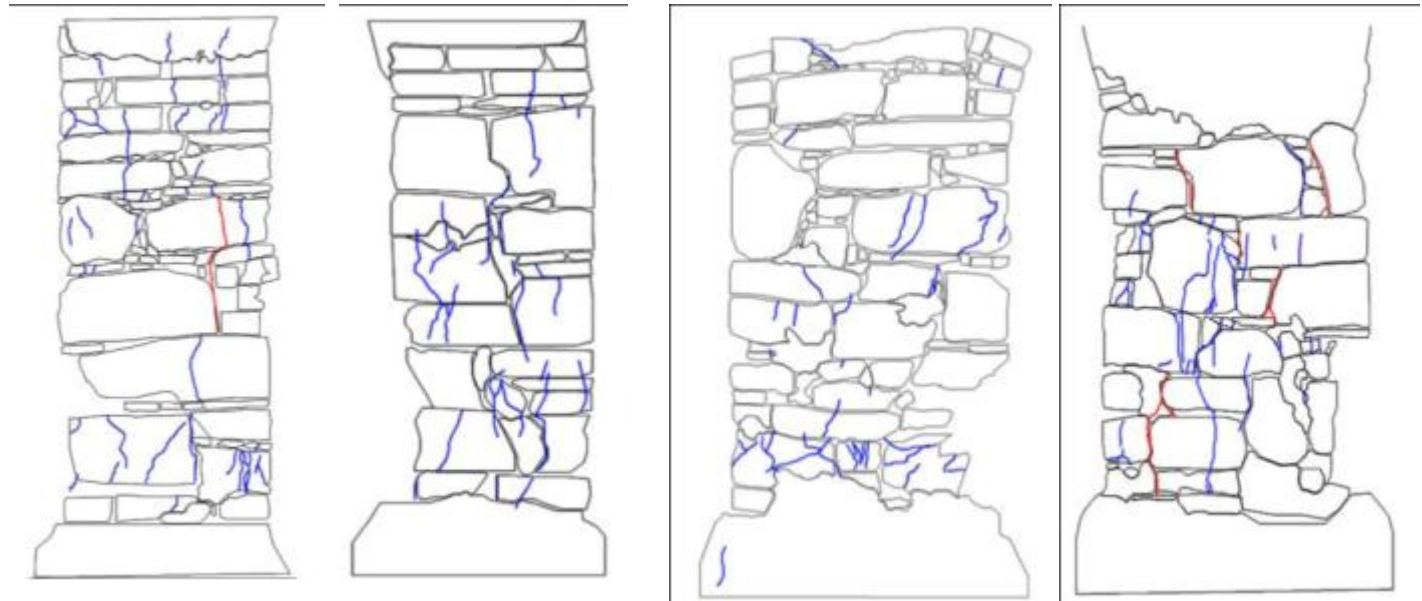
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# Technical analysis of structures

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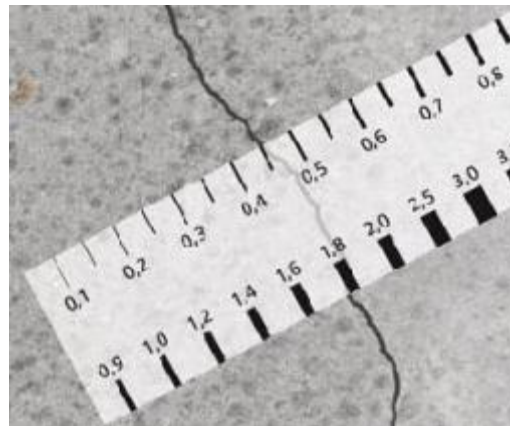
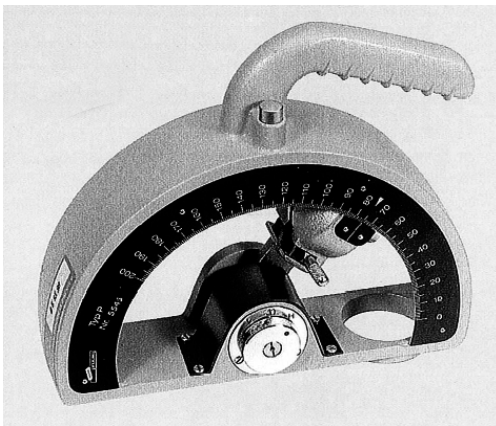
- ▶ cracking
  - ▶ vertical cracs – lenght up to 80 cm
  - ▶ most of cracs active
  - ▶ severe cracking through mortat joints
  - ▶ concentrated at reduced section of base





# Technical analysis of structures

- ▶ equipment for inspection in-situ
  - ▶ folding rule (2m)
  - ▶ tachymeter Leica TCR 303
  - ▶ infrared thermography camera
  - ▶ Schmidt-hammer type PT
  - ▶ crack meter
  - ▶ Moisture monitor M49





# Technical analysis of structures

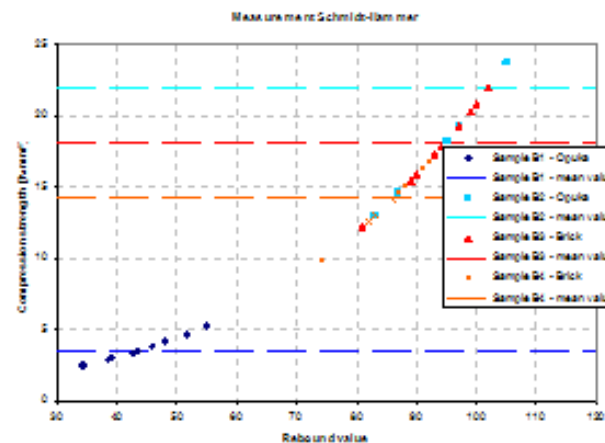
- ▶ Schmidt-hammer type PT

- ▶ opuka

- ▶  $B1 = 3.6 \text{ N/mm}^2$
- ▶  $B2 = 22.0 \text{ N/mm}^2$
- ▶  $\text{Lab} = 30.24 \text{ N/mm}^2$
- ▶ Big difference between measured values

- ▶ brick

- ▶  $B3 = 18.2 \text{ N/mm}^2$
- ▶  $B4 = 14.3 \text{ N/mm}^2$
- ▶  $\text{Lab} = 14.34 \text{ N/mm}^2$
- ▶ compressive strength matches relatively well to the laboratory tests



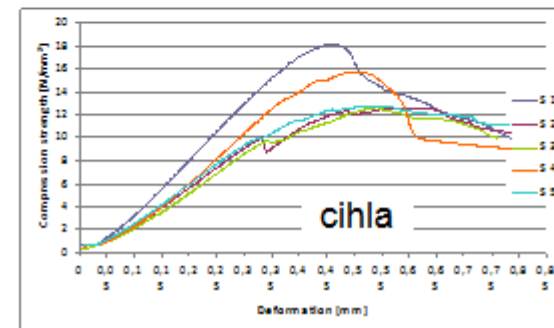
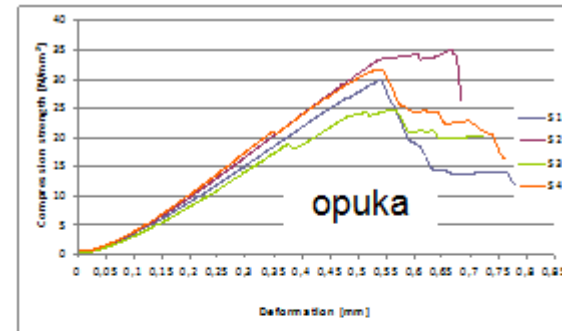
# Technical analysis of structures

- ▶ laboratory tests – compression tests
  - ▶ determine the compressive strength of the masonry (brick, opuka)
  - ▶ selecting of 4-5 samples for each stone type
  - ▶ cutting out cylindrical specimen ( $d=35\text{mm}$ ,  $h=40\text{mm}$ )
  - ▶ perform the compression test until the failure of the material (cracking)
  - ▶ results for the compressive strength and the Young's modulus



# Technical analysis of structures

- ▶ laboratory tests - results
  - ▶ characteristic strength is  $\approx 2/3$  of the average value
  - ▶ maximum compression stress:
    - ▶ opuka 19,0 N/mm<sup>2</sup>
    - ▶ brick 8,6 N/mm<sup>2</sup>
  - ▶ modulus of elasticity
    - ▶ opuka 2138,0 MPa
    - ▶ brick 1133,2 MPa



# Technical analysis of structures

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- ▶ laboratory tests – bending test for opuka
  - ▶ determine the tensile strength
  - ▶ cutting out a rectangular specimen (distance between supports 100mm)
  - ▶ perform the bending test until the failure of the material (cracking)
  - ▶ storing the results and evaluate the tensile strength and the Young's modulus
  - ▶ result: tensile strength
    - ▶  $0.38 \text{ N/mm}^2 - 0.73 \text{ N/mm}^2 \rightarrow$  negligible for the calculation





# Technical analysis of structures

- ▶ Laboratory tests – moisture content
  - ▶ determine of the moisture content in the opuka and the brick
  - ▶ removing the sample for each stone type and put them into airtight bags
  - ▶ weigh the samples in the original state
  - ▶ drying the specimen in an oven (24h)
  - ▶ weigh the samples after drying
  - ▶ result: moisture content
    - ▶ opuka 2.7%
    - ▶ brick 4.1% → can be assumed as 'dry'



# Analysis of defects

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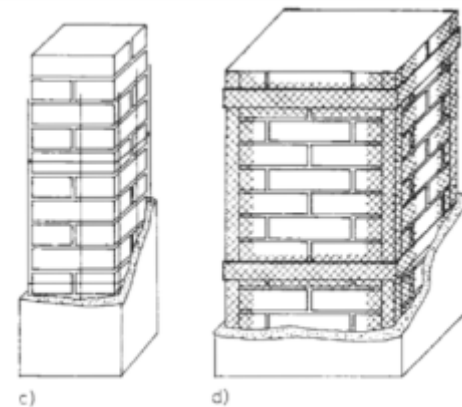
- ▶ failures of the pillar are caused by the decrease of the column strength and modulus of elasticity of masonry elements for long-term exposure effects of humidity and climate change



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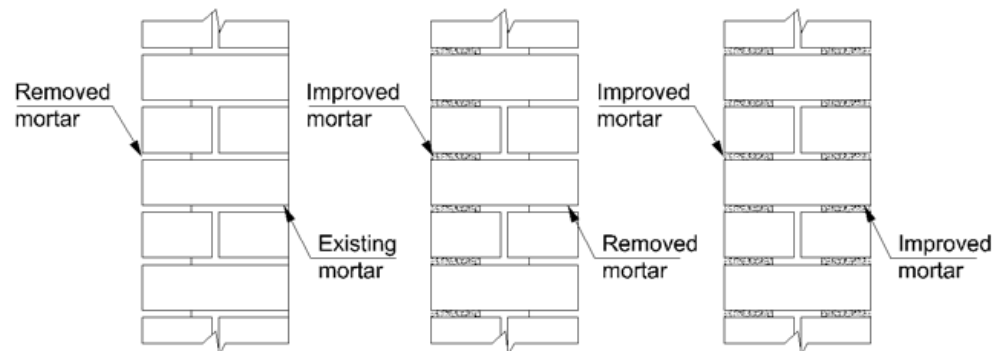
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- ▶ factors to be considered
  - ▶ historical building with a cultural value → minimum intervention
  - ▶ keep as much as possible from the old building/structure
  - ▶ no change of the overall impression
  - ▶ safety aspect and nowadays requirements to buildings
  - ▶ before any intervention the cause that led to the damage should be abolished (checking by monitoring of the building)
- ▶ redevelopment proposal for the optimal solution – steel reinforcing
  - ▶ apply vertical reinforcement with steel bars, connected by brackets
  - ▶ set in concrete



# Restoration of defects

- ▶ mortar & joints repointing



- ▶ moisture prevention against rising damp

- ▶ mechanical driving of metallic sheets
- ▶ surface finish
- ▶ remedial plaster system

