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Structural performance assessment and repair of carpentry joints

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Background

> Assessment of ancient timber structures

- Necessary to know {
 - mechanical properties of elements and joints
 - Effects of repair/strengthening techniques
- Building codes focus mainly modern industrialized joints



> Traditional timber carpentry joints

- Necessary to establish {
 - behaviour models
 - influence of several aspects (geometry, metal parts, moisture content, biological degradation, ...)
 - guidelines to future interventions in ancient timber structures