

The intervention described above will prevent in the future that the quantity of water coming from the meteoric leachate not only can accumulate in the intermediate levels of the embankment, before intercepting clay layers that prevent it from spreading to the lower layers, but also that it continue to filter towards the foundation layers (if the clayey layers were positioned more at the bottom) constituting a sliding surface which, as the analyzes have shown, would cause the ruinous collapse of the wall in its entire development for the inevitable triggering of such a kinematical mechanism.



INTERVENTION OF REARRANGEMENT AND **OPTIMIZATION OF THE DRAINAGE AND RAINWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM AT THE LEVEL OF THE SUMMIT RAMPART WALKWAY**.

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The drainage and collection system has been designed in two assembled sections: the top collects surface water and the grid prevents the canalization from becoming clogged with various material the second collects the water penetrated into the ground and conveys it in the canalization; the water finds the way out by the transversal channels that externally end with a brick element, decorated













In correspondence of each intersections between the side-beam and the brackets, a reinforced concrete drilled piles, with a 30 cm diameter section and an insertion length in the ground of 8 meters, will be positioned. The intervention described has the aim of re-stitching up, in continuity, the original system of foundations, constituting an enlargement of the base, for a better distribution of the pressure on the ground, and an effective protection against any phenomena of overturning or sliding of the masonry structures that make up the walls of the rampart.



STRENGTHENING AND CONSOLIDATION OF FOUNDATIONS SYSTEM THROUGH THE UNDERPINNING METHOD. RE-STITCHING OF THE BASE OF THE WALL FRONTS WITH REINFORCED CONCRETE CONTINUOUS SIDE BEAM, ANCHORED TO THE WALLS THROUGH REINFORCED CONCRETE **BRACKETS AND SUCCESSION OF DRILLED PILES**

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An important and significant general intervention, aimed at the strengthening of foundations system through the underpinning method, must be that relating to the construction of a continuous reinforced concrete side-beam, i.e. a sort of adjacent rib, placed at the level of the original foundation plan (predictably positioned at 1.20 - 1.40 meters below the ground level), anchored both to the masonry and to the ground behind, through reinforced concrete brackets with an axle distance of two meters from each other. The cross-section dimensions of the concrete side-beam are 0.80x0.50 m, those of the reinforced concrete brackets anchored to the behind structures are 0.50 x 0.50 m.

It is possible that the presence of some natural jumps in correspondence of the level of the original foundation oblige to realize a vertical offset of the foundation side-beam, without interrupting the continuity of the structure.





















CHARACTERISTICS OF IMPROVEMENT OF THE **RECONNECTION BETWEEN STONEWORK OF THE WALL AND THE GROUND** BEHIND, BELONGING TO THE INTERNAL EMBANKMENT, AIMED AT INCREASING THE STATIC CONSISTENCY AND THE STABILITY OF THE WALL STRUCTURA FACE.

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In general, it will be necessary to provide for the insertion of a diffused semi-deep connection system of the stonework front facing with the ground behind. This objective can be reached by adopting Bossong-type injected sock anchor devices (identifiable as a sort of artificial "diatons"), equipped with a bolt anchors positioned inside a niche specifically carried out in the masonry front apparatus of the wall, whether in the case that the latter be made of stone or brick elements.

The arrangement of these anchors on the wall must follow a quincunx geometry, that is a configuration characterized by staggered parallel rows, with relative axle spacing, inn this case, of about 2 meters. The intervention described has the function of making the wall stonework front facing and the ground behind interact, improving the anchoring and the general static consistency and the stability of the wall structural face.



PRELIMINARY OPERATIONS - Extraction of one or more stone blocks or brick segments close the chosen anchor point DRILLING - Anchors are embedded into boreholes made in the masonry to be strengthened through drilling machines with diamond bits, that work only with rotation movement in order to avoid vibration and percussion effects on the masonry. The borehole diameter is designed according to anchors size: it is usually about three times the steel bar diameter; the length of the anchor is a parameter to be evaluated for the right choice of the borehole diameter.

ASSEMBLING AND ISTALLING - After drilling works, before installing injection anchor with sock, it is necessary to insert, inside drilled boreholes, the special Bossong plastic sleeves BOS-TP, of the correct diameter, in order to make the insertion of anchors easier and to avoid the re-drilling work in case of boreholes obstruction.

GROUT INJECTION - The special grout is a mixture especially designed to be injected into the fabric sock; the pre-packed product that consists of a binder added with different graded aggregates, when mixed with water, produce a pumpable grout that exhibits. After mixing, the grout is introduced in and into a pressure pot with pressure limits between 3-5 bars. The injection is done gradually until the anchor is fully injected.

FINAL PHASE OF THE INTERVENTION - Positioning of the stainless-steel ribbed plates and the tightening bolt and relocation of stone blocks or bricks.

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The intervention is carried out at the most vertical wall fronts, which, as the analyzes have shown, are more exposed to the risk of overturning.

This type of intervention has also very specific characteristics, in the sense that it will be used exclusively at points particularly exposed to this type of risk.

DYWIDAG threadbar anchor is an actively tensioned ground anchor system completely independent of installation conditions on site as well as of existing deviations or alterations. Depending on requirements and steel grades, a variety of corrosion protection methods can be used.



DEEP ANCHORING OF THE MASONRY WALL WITH STEEL RODS (Dywidag-type) **POSITIONED** WITH TIE **APPROPRIATE INCLINATION, AIMED AT PREVENTING** ANY MECHANISMS OF OVERTURNING THE WALL FACE.

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EXECUTIVE PHASES OF IMPLEMENTATION:

- 1. Removal of the first facing of bricks or stone elements and creation of a niche that houses the anchor head.
- 2. Execution of the main hole Ø 100 for the entire length (6 8 m), with an inclination of about 24°.
- 3. Drilling of holes Ø 30 for the insertion of the four head bars Ø 18, insertion of the bars with compensated shrinkage mortar resistant to sulphates.
- 4. Insertion of the main anchor rod Ø 30 in high resistance steel with continuous thread, complete with sleeves for prolonging the elements, special centering element, geotextile lining and injection tube.
- 5. Injection of compensated shrinkage sulphate-resistant cement mortar.
- 6. Once the injected mortar has matured, the head plate is installed and the tie rod is tensioned by tightening the nut (F = 5 ton).
- 7. Restoration of the open compartment in the masonry by means of the implementation of compensated shrinkage thixotropic cement mortar.
- 8. The load bearing capacity of each anchor is tested during an approval test.
- 9. Replacing of the brick or stone elements of the facade.



















