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## *TC 4.4 ROAD BRIDGES AND RELATED STRUCTURES*

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## *TC 4.4. Terms of Reference*



*2004 – 2007 four-year work cycle*

*Topic 1 : Design and construction for durability*

*Chairman : Mr. Hayes, Brian*

*Topic 2 : Increase of durability and lifetime of existing bridges*

*Chairman : Mr. Bjerrum, John*

*Topic 3 : Approaches to cost effective management of bridges*

*Chairman : Mr. Graham, Peter*





# ANAS

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ROAD AND MOTORWAY  
NETWORK MANAGED

27,000 KM



20,000 km (approx.) – national roads  
directly managed by ANAS

1,200 km (approx.) – motorways directly  
managed by ANAS

5,600 km (approx.) – motorways  
managed by 25 private contracting firms

# Mission

To manage Italy's road and motorway network of national importance, guarantee **mobility**, work constantly to adapt and maintain it in terms of efficiency, **safety** and passability, make provision for optimal **integration** with other transport systems and between different types of infrastructure giving special attention to **design and environmental quality**.





## *EXPERIMENTAL ROAD RESEARCH CENTER OF CESANO*

- *Built in 1962.*

- *Classified (in 1968) as official National laboratory, with the specific duty “to set up research, laboratory analysis and studies in the road field”*

- *Qualified (in 1971) as official National laboratory even in the field of concrete and metal structures (construction materials) after Legislative act n. 246 /1993 qualified as official laboratory for geotechnics analysis (soil and rock).*

- *Research Areas*

- - *Road database*

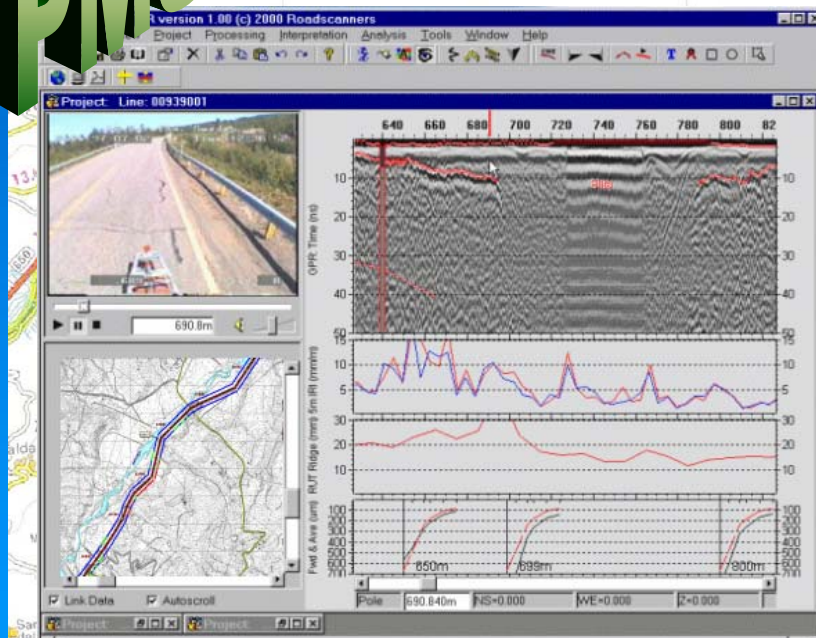
- - *Pavement Laboratory*

- - *Structures Laboratory*

- - *Energy and Environment*

# *Pavement Laboratory*

# PMS

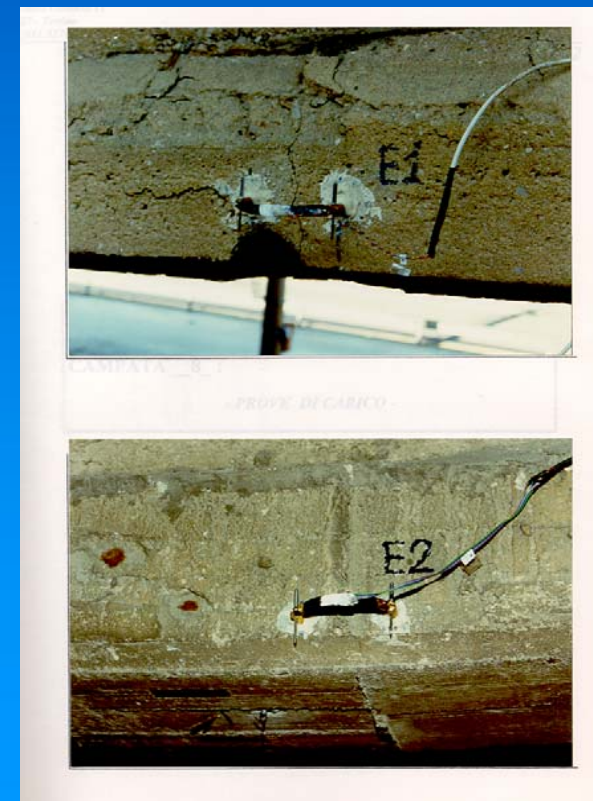


# PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

## *Structures laboratory*

### *S.M.S. : Structural Management System on bridges*

- Periodic inspection
- Non Destructive Techniques
- Experimental static and dynamic tests

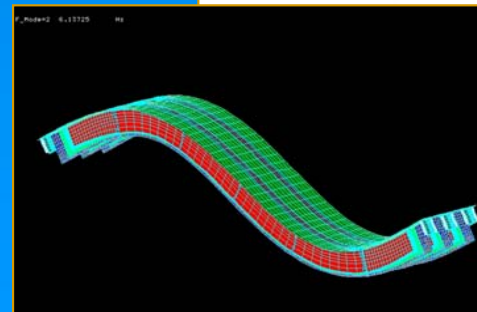
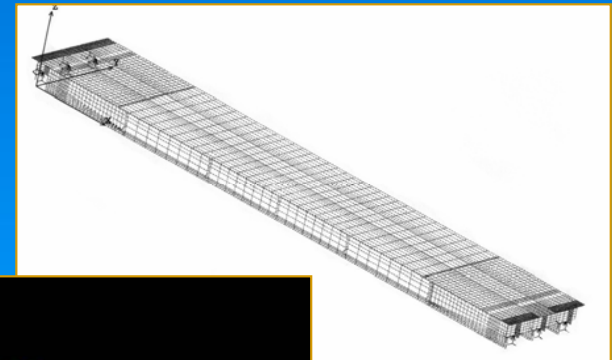


## *Structures laboratory*

### Monitoring system

The objective of a monitoring system is to point out as soon as possible structural damages or changes in mechanical characteristics of structures. In order to obtain this goal and to put in practice a correct maintenance of structures we have to carry out periodical experimental tests. For a better explanation of the experimental results we need:

- Numerical simulation techniques  
(Finite Element Method)
- Forecast models  
(Autoregressive systems,  
Probabilistic Neural Network,...)





## *Structures laboratory*

### Finite Element Method: FEM

The simulation models are very suitable for the understanding of mechanical behaviour of structures but we need to estimate the mechanical and elastic characteristics of structures under investigation

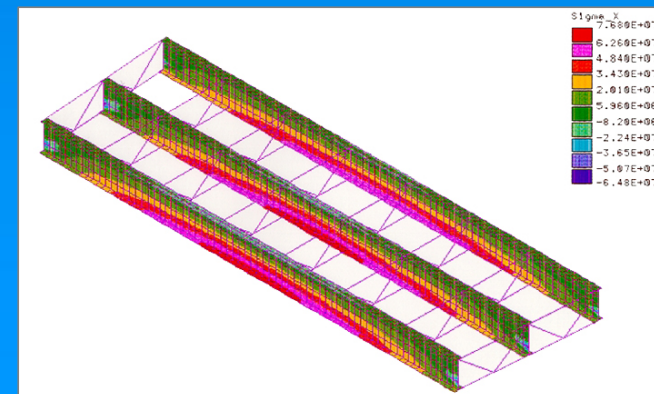
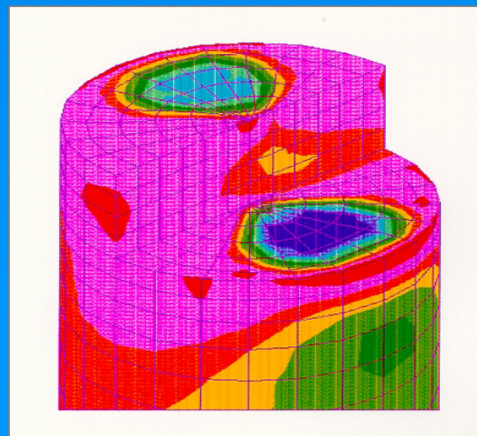
Geometrical, mechanical and elastic parameters of structures

Design

Survey

NDT tests

Static and dynamic experimental test





## *Working group*



### *EXTENDING THE SERVICE LIFE OF BRIDGES: GUIDELINES FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND MAINTENANCE STAGES*

*Analysis of the management aspects of existing road  
and highway bridges aimed at improving their  
performance characteristics and durability with  
a view to formulate technical recommendations for new bridges*



# *Work Programme*

- *Analysis of the reference standards*
- *General features of structures in service*
- *Causes of bridge deterioration*
- *Investigation methods and systems*
- *Assessment of extent of deterioration*
- *Methods of intervention on structures*
- *Bridge deck lifting methods*
- *Characteristics of materials used for repair measures*
- *Recommendations for new constructions*

*General Lines of Analysis*





*Liberta' Bridge  
(Venice)*



*Construction stage*



*View from above  
(Miozzi – Masonry arch bridge)*

*Bridge over Piave River at Cima Cogna  
(Belluno)*



*Side view*



*View from East abutment  
(Miozzi – triple arch supported-deck bridge)*

***GENERAL FEATURES OF STRUCTURES IN SERVICE  
SURVEY OF TYPICAL EXAMPLES***

*Poggettone e Pecora Vecchia Viaduct  
(Prato)*



*Side View*

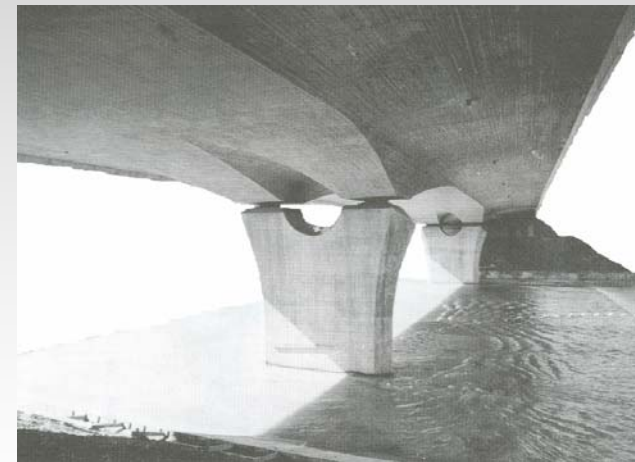


*View from above  
(Carè e Giannelli – Arch Bridge)*

*South Bridge on Parma Torrent  
(Parma)*



*Side View*



*View of piers and bridge deck  
(Zorzi – continuous reinforced  
concrete box girder)*

*GENERAL FEATURES OF STRUCTURES IN SERVICE  
SURVEY OF TYPICAL EXAMPLES*

*Cerrano Viaduct  
(Pescara)*



*Right carriageway*



*View from below  
(Tolaccia – box girder with monolithic piers)*

*Bridge over Tagliamento river at Pinzano  
(Udine)*



*View from above*



*Side view  
(Zorzi – hyperstatic reinforced  
concrete frame bridge)*

***GENERAL FEATURES OF STRUCTURES IN SERVICE  
SURVEY OF TYPICAL EXAMPLES***



*Bridge over Piave at Caralte  
(Belluno)*



*Side view*



*Mounting of the inclined pier  
(Matildi – inclined pier steel frame)*

*Bridge over Gorzone Canal  
(Venice)*



*View of the deck underside*



*View from above  
(Russo e Prisco – hyperstatic  
reinforced concrete frame)*

***GENERAL FEATURES OF STRUCTURES IN SERVICE  
SURVEY OF TYPICAL EXAMPLES***

*Fosso delle Macinaie Viaduct (Prato)*



*Panoramic view*



*Cross section  
(Zorzi e Luzzati - Simply supported  
composite steel concrete Bridge)*

*Viaduct over river Irminio (Ragusa)*



*View of deck spans and piers*



*Overall view  
(Morandi - steel box girder spans)*

***GENERAL FEATURES OF STRUCTURES IN SERVICE  
SURVEY OF TYPICAL EXAMPLES***



*Deterioration by physical actions:  
Washout and corrosion on halving joints*



*Deterioration by physical actions:  
Washout and corrosion on crossheads*

## ***CAUSES AND EXTENT OF DETERIORATION***





*Deterioration by physical actions:  
Freeze-thaw effects on the pier-bearing interface*



*Deterioration by accidental actions:  
Fire*

***CAUSES AND EXTENT OF DETERIORATION***



*Deterioration by accidental actions:  
Collision by over-dimension vehicles*



*Deterioration by hydrogeological actions:  
Pier scouring*

## ***CAUSES AND EXTENT OF DETERIORATION***



*Deterioration by design and execution errors:  
Insufficient concrete cover triggering  
rebar corrosion*



*Deterioration by overloading and bearing defects.  
Cracking induced by increased loads*

## ***CAUSES AND EXTENT OF DETERIORATION***





*Deterioration:  
Defects of expansion joints*



*Deterioration by chemical actions:  
Corrosion due to chloride attack*

***CAUSES AND EXTENT OF DETERIORATION***





# *Methods of intervention on structures*

- *Planned or Emergency - Repair measures*

- *Upgrading measures*

- *Improvement measures*

- *Consolidation measures*

*Italian Ministerial Decree*

*D.M. 14/09/2005*

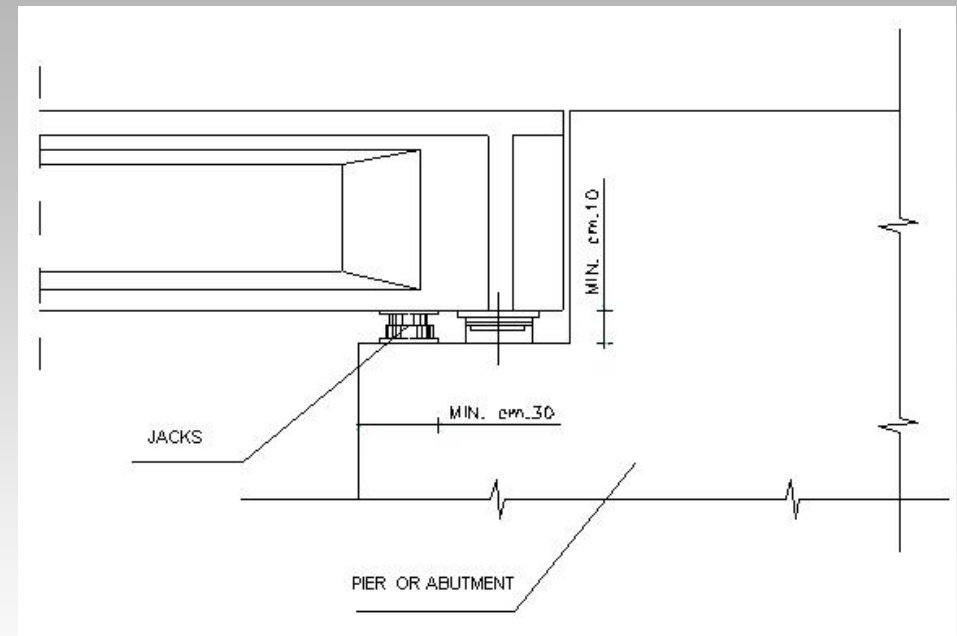
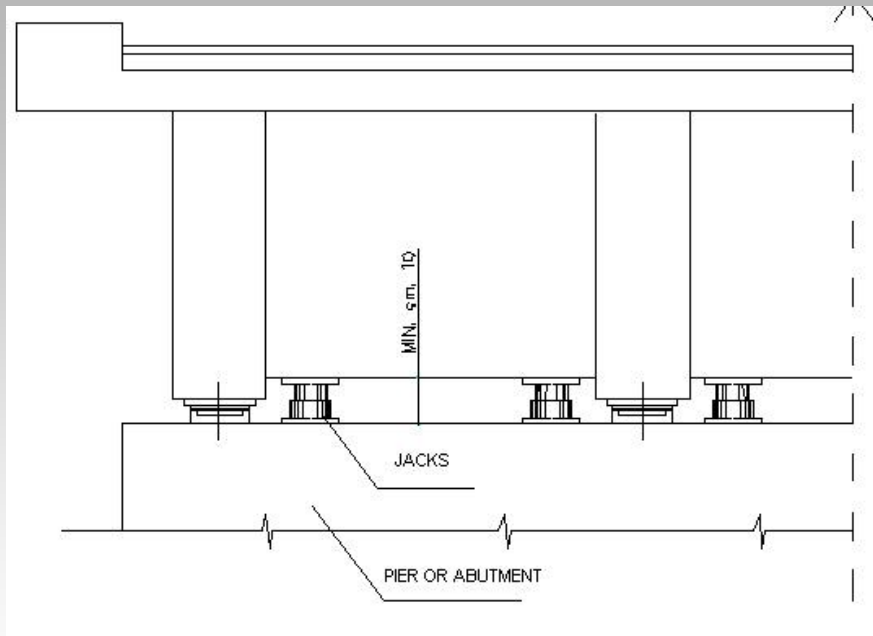
*Technical norms for construction*

*(Consolidated Act )*

*Italian Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport*



# *BRIDGE DECK LIFTING METHODS*



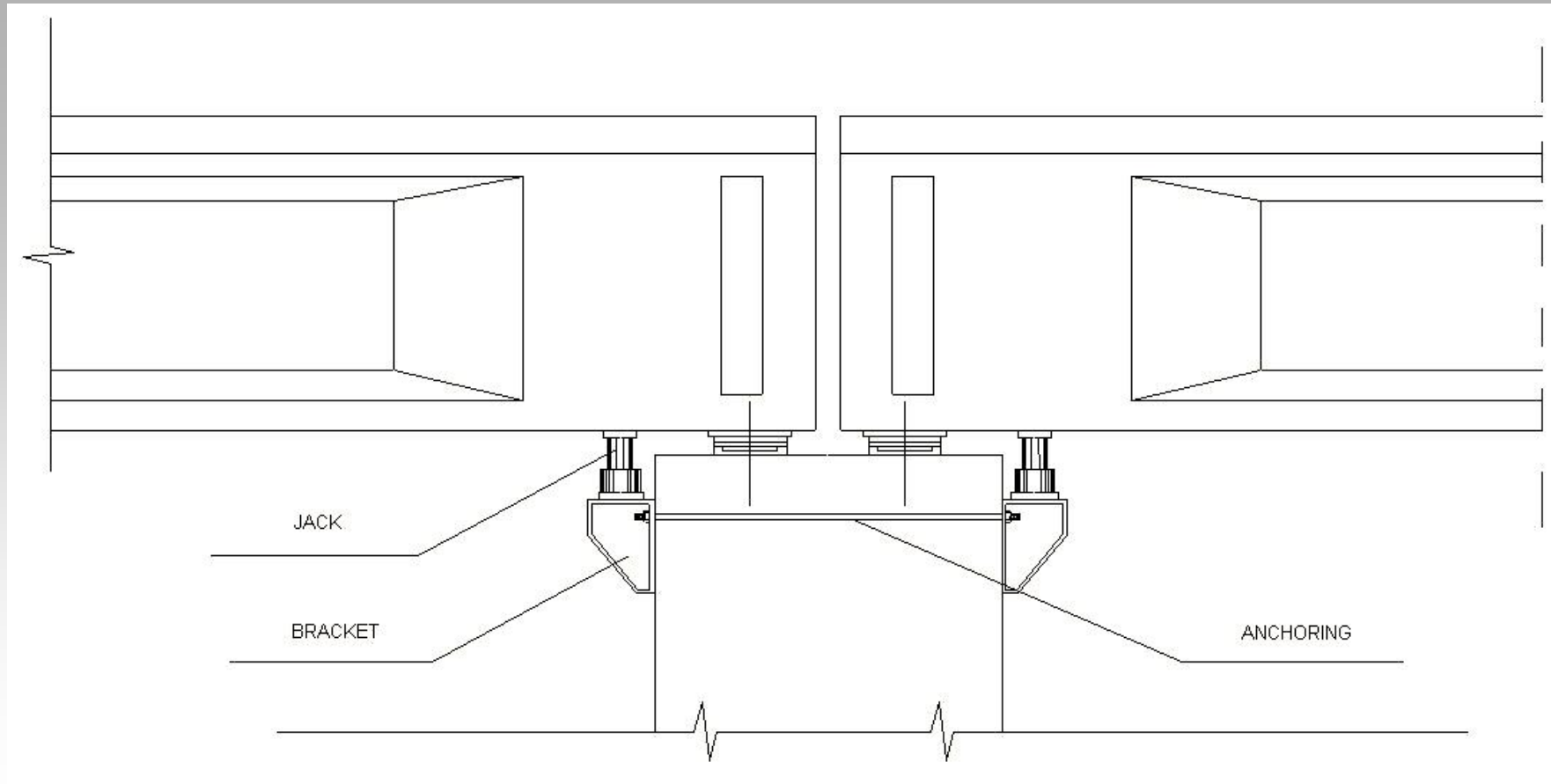
*BY INSERTING JACKS BETWEEN CROSSBEAM AND PIER OR ABUTMENT*

## *BRIDGE DECK LIFTING METHODS*



*JACKS INSERTED BETWEEN CROSSBEAM AND PIER OR ABUTMENT*

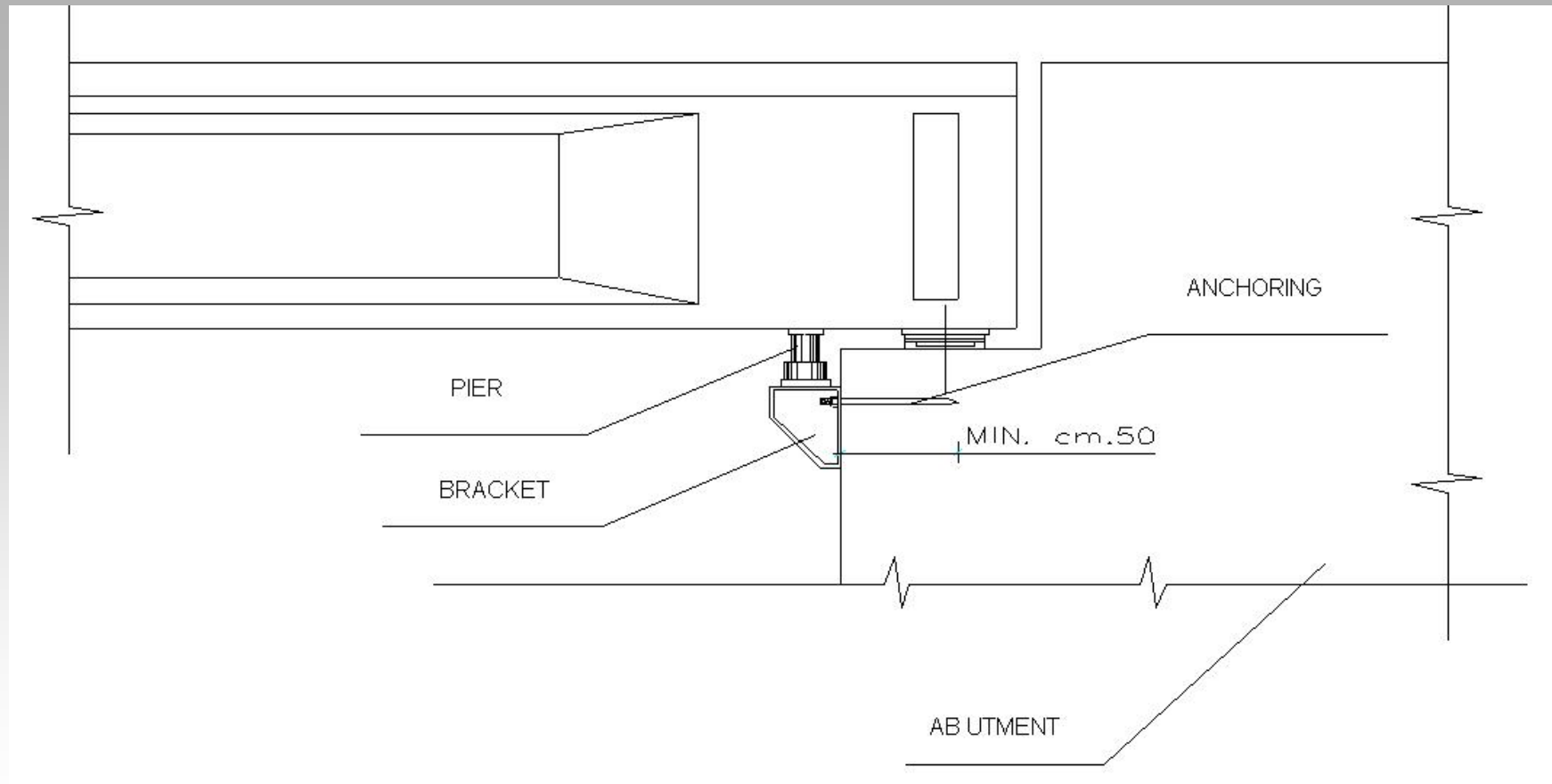
## *BRIDGE DECK LIFTING METHODS*



*BY MEANS OF INTERCONNECTED BRACKETS ATTACHED TO PIERS*

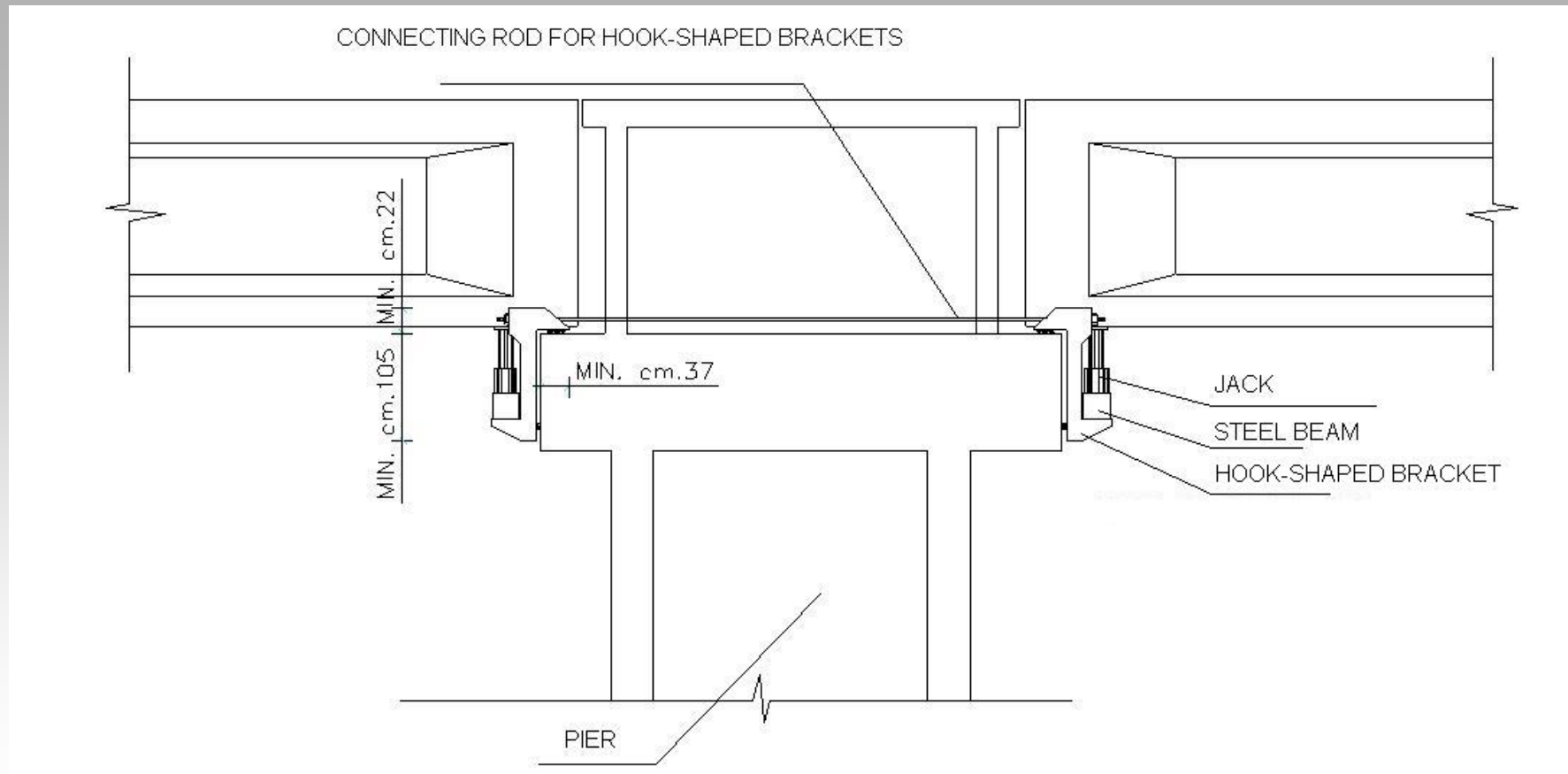


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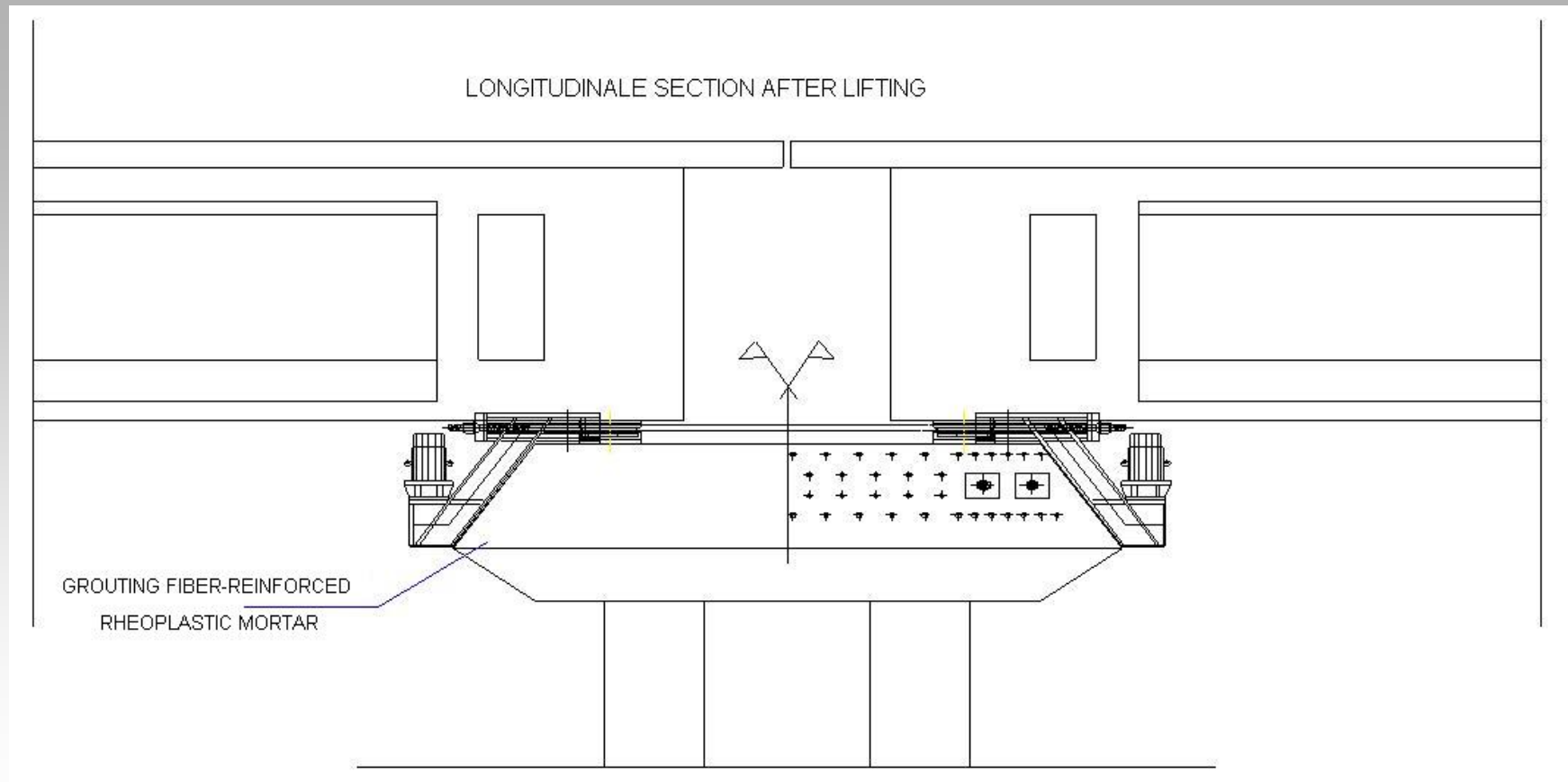
*BY MEANS OF STEEL BRACKETS ATTACHED TO THE ABUTMENT*

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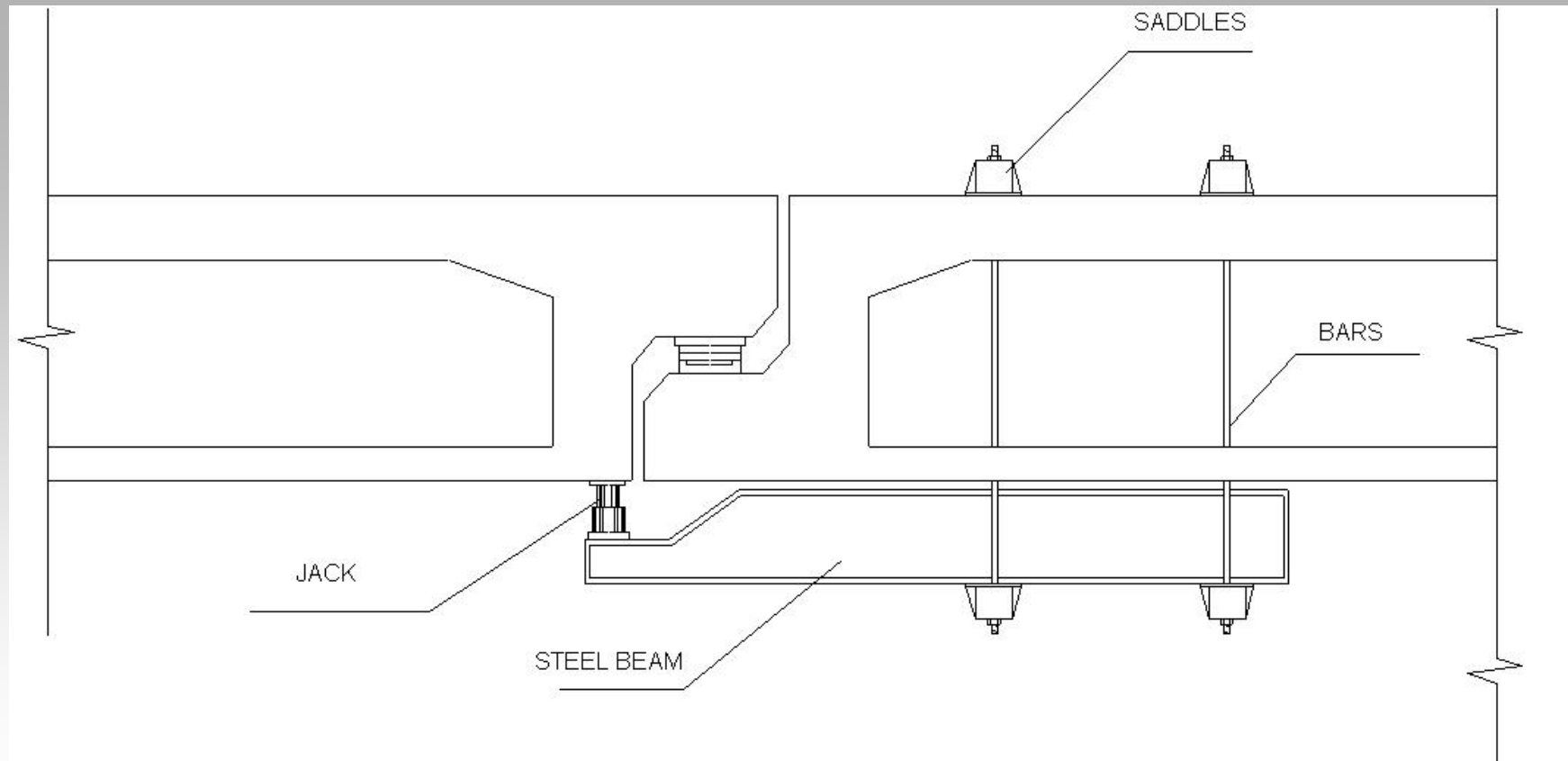
*BY MEANS OF HOOK-SHAPED BRACKETS*

# *BRIDGE DECK LIFTING METHODS*



*BY MEANS OF HOOK-SHAPED BRACKETS ADAPTED TO THE CROSSHEAD*

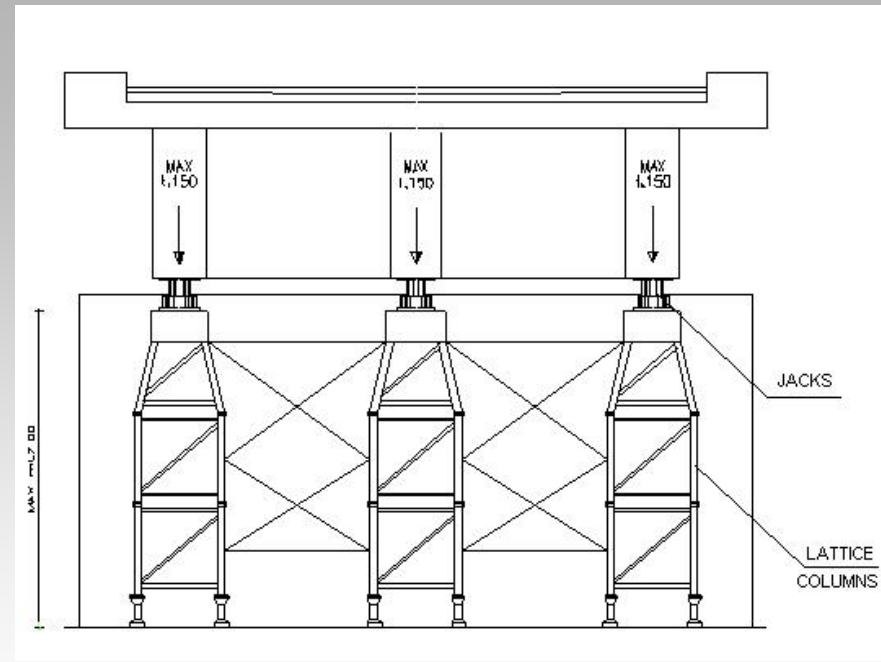
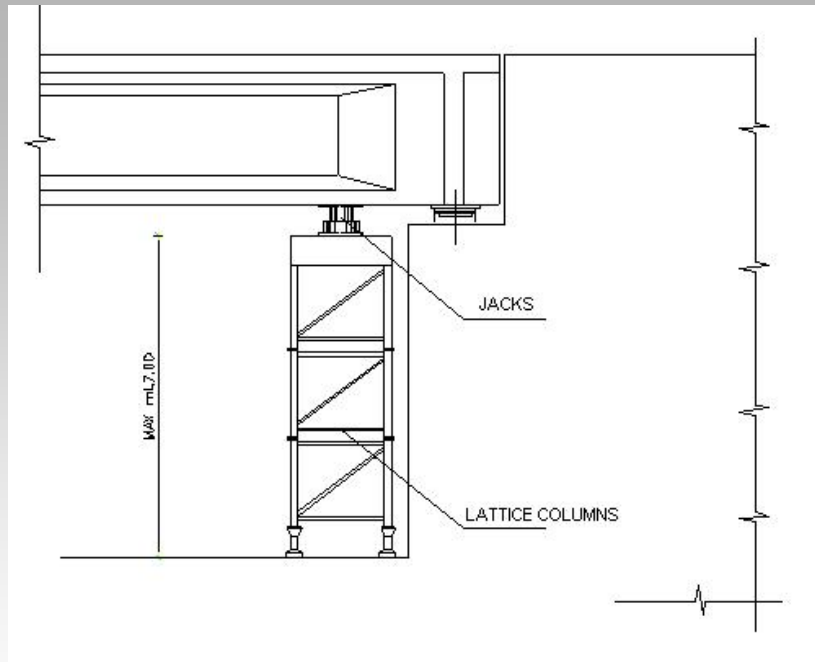
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*“GERBER“ HALVING JOINTS*



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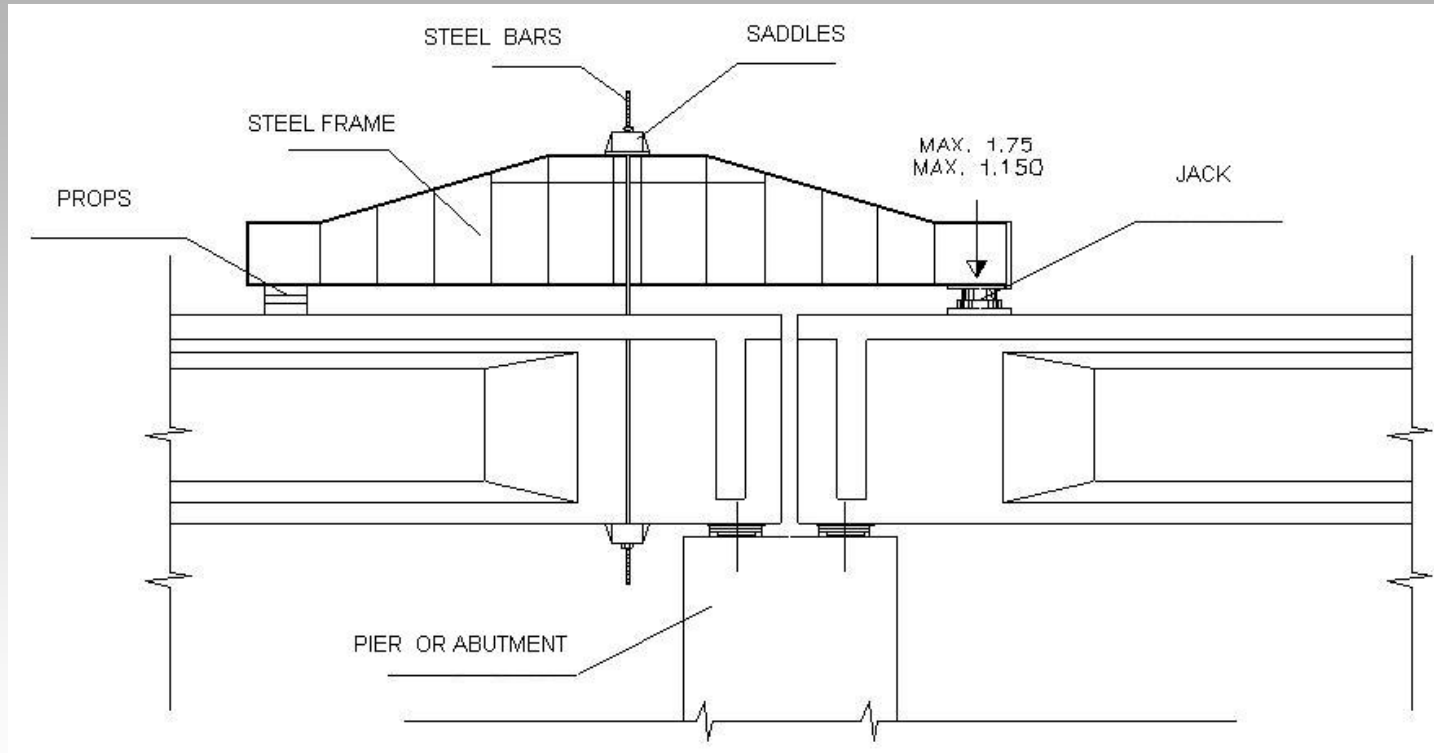
*FROM UNDERNEATH BY USING LATTICE STEEL COLUMNS*

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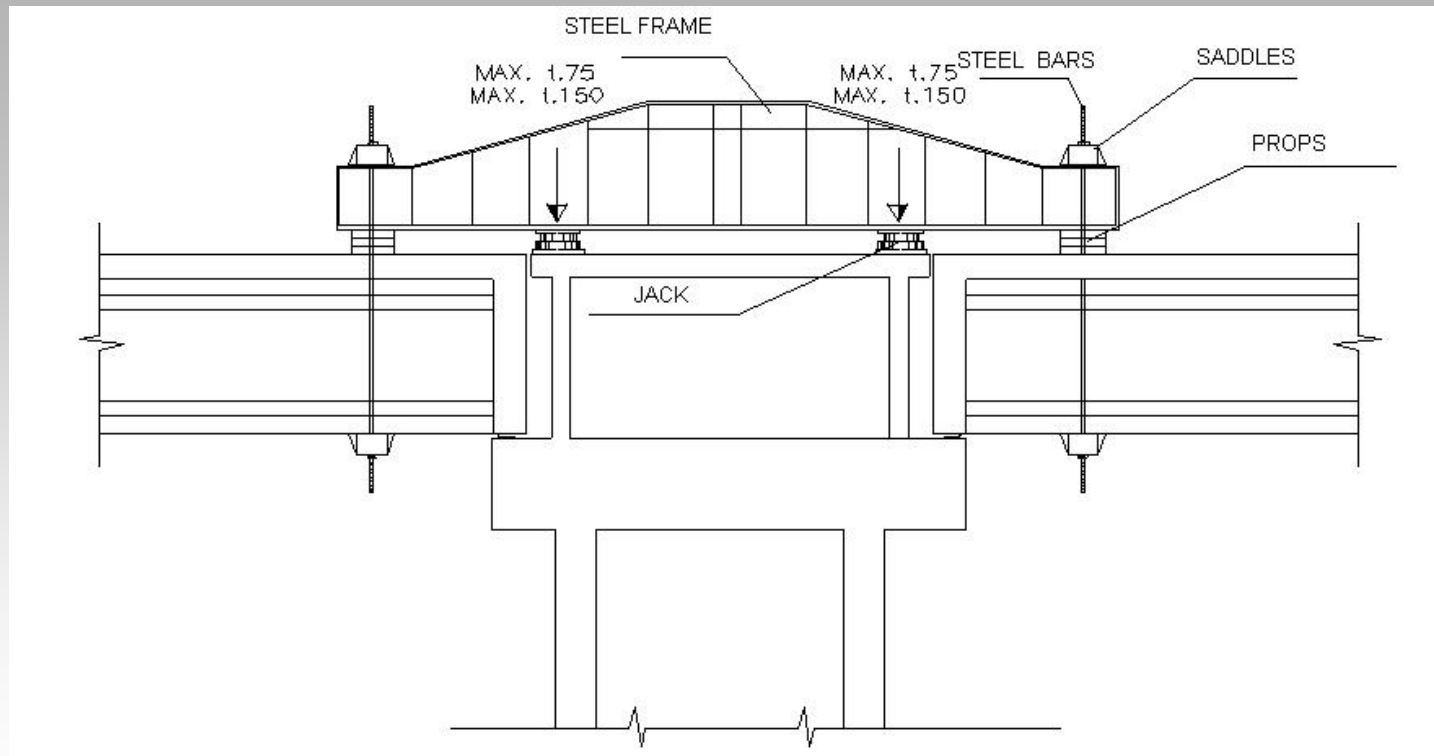
*EXAMPLE OF PROPPING BY MEANS OF LATTICE STEEL COLUMNS*

## *BRIDGE DECK LIFTING METHODS*



*FROM ABOVE USING STEEL BEAMS ACTING ON ONE GIRDER END*

## *BRIDGE DECK LIFTING METHODS*



*FROM ABOVE USING STEEL BEAMS ACTING ON TWO GIRDER ENDS*



## *BRIDGE DECK LIFTING METHODS*



*FROM ABOVE*





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