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Sozen's Zen: Interactions with Japanese Researchers

In the 1920s, T. Naito in Japan developed ideas about building design that were shown to be quite effective by the Kanto Earthquake that devastated Tokyo in 1923. Naito stressed the importance of stiffness in earthquake response. Few paid attention in the United States, where the focus was instead on strength. It took decades for the relevance of stiffness to be realized in the US. That was done again through interactions with the Japanese. The works of Takeda, Shibata, Shiga, Otani, and Shimazaki were key for Mete Sozen to formulate the ideas that drift should control design for earthquake demands and that drift can be controlled by increases in building stiffness. This presentation reviews those works and the original ideas of Naito to propose that international collaboration can speed up the urgent transformations required in our profession to cope with the challenges posed by: a) climate change; and b) expanding cities in which the public expects buildings to regain functionality soon after earthquakes.



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