The Art of Designing Ductile Concrete in the Past 50 Years: The Impact of the PCA Book and Mete A. Sozen, Part 2

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Drift Control as the Goal
the case of the Colombian Code

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We are celebrating
50 years

The Colombian case
First event that written record exists 1541
28,017 events by May 7, 2009
- M>3 9,217
- M>4 1,461
- M>5 359
- M>6 131
- M>7 25
- M>8 1

Good news also spread fast!
- By mid 1960s Prof. Alberto Sarria was teaching earthquake resistant basics for reinforced concrete structures at the Universidad de los Andes in Bogotá using PCA Newmark, Blume, Corning book.

Development of the Colombian Earthquake Resistance Regulations
- In 1975 AIS (Colombian Association for Earthquake Engineering) translated into Spanish the 1974 Blue Book (SEAOC).
- The emphasis was making sure that the main feature was detailing

Development of the Colombian Earthquake Resistance Regulations
- When ATC 3-06 was published in 1978, AIS made the decision to translate into Spanish the document for possible adoption as Earthquake Resistance Regulations for Colombia.
- This translation was widely distributed in Colombia and the rest of Latin America.
In 1980 a cooperative effort for making an adaptation of ATC 3-06 to the Colombian environment.

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Mete A. Sozen and myself, with the help of some of Mete’s students (Bariola, French, Moehle, and Kreger), worked on an evaluation of existing concrete buildings under seismic effects. A draft of the Colombian Code was made. Besides detailing problems derived from not having a mandatory code, strict control of story drift was needed to improve frame stiffness.

Development of the Colombian Earthquake Resistance Regulations
- In March 1983 a 5.5 Magnitude shallow earthquake produced intensive structural damage and more than 200 victims in Popayán.

Development of the Colombian Earthquake Resistance Regulations
- In June 1984 the “Colombian Code for Earthquake Resistance” was enacted by Presidential Decree 1400 of 1984. It used the draft made at the U of I.

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- In 1987 the US Advisory Committee on the International Decade for Natural Hazard Reduction*

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This advice came from ...

The story drift case
Methodology

A series of studies were performed to prove to the Colombian building industry that the increase in cost to make structures stiffer was marginal.

What was proven?
- For frames, important story drift reductions could be accomplished with marginal structure cost increase.
- Using walls the story drift could be reduced to less of one third with a structure cost increase of less than 5%.
- Maximum story drift is currently:
  - 0.5% of story height for masonry structures
  - 1% for all other structures.

Moderate Seismic Design Category (SDC) Requirements

For the 1984 Colombian Code the reinforced concrete detailing requirements for Moderate SDC were changed to provide more toughness than what is required in ACI 318 Code were introduced.
Confinement efficiency

- 1200 columns were studied:
  - h from 12 to 80 in.
  - section aspect ratios (h/b) of 1.0, 0.5 and 0.33
  - concrete strength 3000 to 5000 psi, and
  - longitudinal bar diameters No. 5 to No. 18
- Each column meeting the corresponding requirements

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\alpha = \frac{A_{sh}f_{yt}}{sb_c f_y'} \left( \frac{A_{ch}}{A_{sh}} - 1 \right)
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\beta = \frac{A_{sh}f_{yt}}{sb_c f_y'}
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Confinement provided
ACI 318 Moderate SDC
\(\alpha\) Parameter

ACI Code limit for Special

Moderate SDC requirements
in the Colombian Code

- The Colombian Code Moderate SDC column confinement requirements correspond to 60% of the requirements in ACI Special SDC.
- Values for constants \(\alpha\) and \(\beta\) were fixed at 0.20 and 0.06 respectively.
- Crossties, or legs of overlapping hoops must be horizontally spaced no more than 350 mm.
- Maximum vertical spacing is \(1/2\) of smaller cross section dimension, 8\(db\) longitudinal reinforcement, 16\(db\) transverse reinforcement, or 6 in.
Simplified Moderate SDC column confinement requirements in the Colombian Code

- The Colombian Code established since 1984 a simplified approximate procedure for column confinement.
- No. 3 bars ($f_y = 60$ ksi) hoops and crossties
- Spaced vertically $s = 4$ in.
- Spaced horizontally no more than 1/2 of the least dimension of the column or 8 in.

The big concerns in 1980 when the Colombian Code was being developed

- Just a few strong motion instruments.
- Two not-too-strong “strong motion records” obtained more than 150 km away from the epicenter.
- Would the spectra as defined in ACT 3 work for the Colombian tectonics and type of faulting?
A simplified structural concrete procedure is included as part of the Colombian Code.

This is a result of a cooperation agreement between the American Concrete Institute and two Colombian institutions: Instituto Colombiano de Normas Técnicas y Certificación (Icontec) and the Colombian Association for Earthquake Engineering – AIS.
And now...

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