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Monitoring SCC Performance During Production and Determining Adjustments

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Presentation Outline

- Mixture development process
 - Considerations
 - Testing

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- Relationships between measured SCC properties
- Rheological impact of certain proportioning variables
- QC testing
- Adjusting

SCC Mixture Development Process

- Project Details
 - Job size

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- Hardened performance targets
- Element characteristics
- Placement technique
- Delivery schedule, distance, timing
- Laboratory & Field Trials
 - Qualify performance
 - Establish QC parameters





As part of the Process We Test















Relationships Exist Between SCC Properties

• Stability in the Field

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- As slump flow (fluidity) <u>increases</u> maintaining stability requires greater attention
- As mixture viscosity increases, stability increases





T50 time and Viscosity



 In a general sense slump flow and T50 time can give us insight into batch to batch stability

 For a given mixture as slump flow increases or as T50 decreases the mixture moves toward instability

Final stage of mixture develop – laboratory testing with QC process in mind



Source; Daczko, Joseph A., "Self-Consolidating Concrete: Applying What We Know"

How much of an adjustment do I make?

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How Materials and Proportions Influence Rheology

Source; Wallevik, O. "Rheology: A Scientific Approach to Develop Self-Compacting Concrete"



Figure 2. Illustration of the effects of water, air, SP and silica fume on the flow behavior of fresh concrete.

The Concrete Convention

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Materials Influence SCC Test Results



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Practically Considering What Could Happen



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Use data leads to make adjustments



Slump Flow (mm)

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and Exposition

Conclusions

- During the mixture development process the QC plan and strategy is developed
- A producers ability to make adjustments depends on the data collected on site

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• Water or admixture additions will be mix and material dependent