Testing Tests

National Concrete Pavement Technology Center



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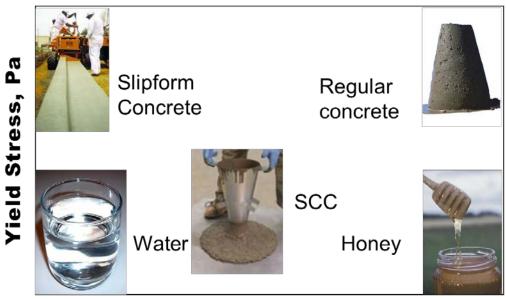
The Goal

- For performance specs we need measurements
- And limits
- Beyond
 ➢ Slump
 ➢ Thickness
 ➢ And strength



Workability

- Rheology the study of fluids...
- Fundamental need
 How does the mix respond to vibration?



Plastic Viscosity, Pa.s

Workability

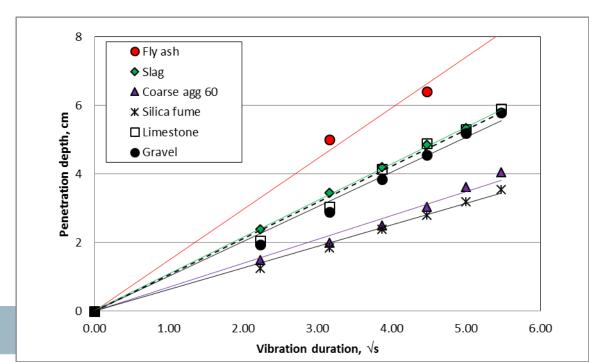
Other work
 Vibrating slope apparatus
 The Box



Workability

VKelly
 ≻Needs work…

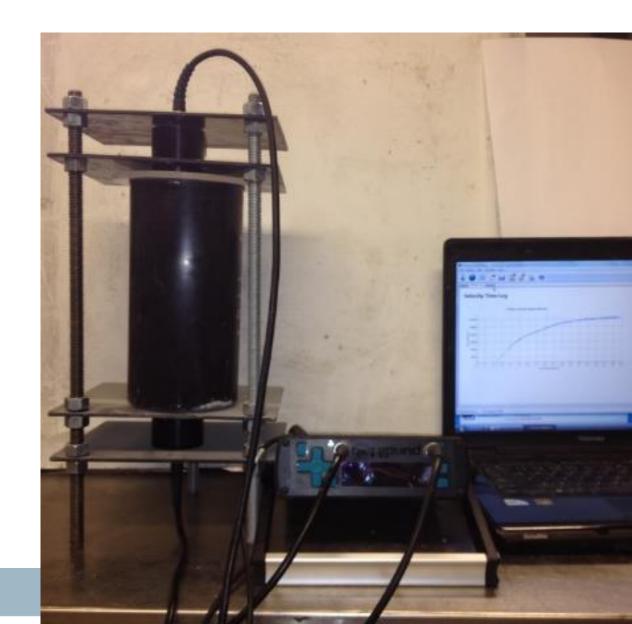




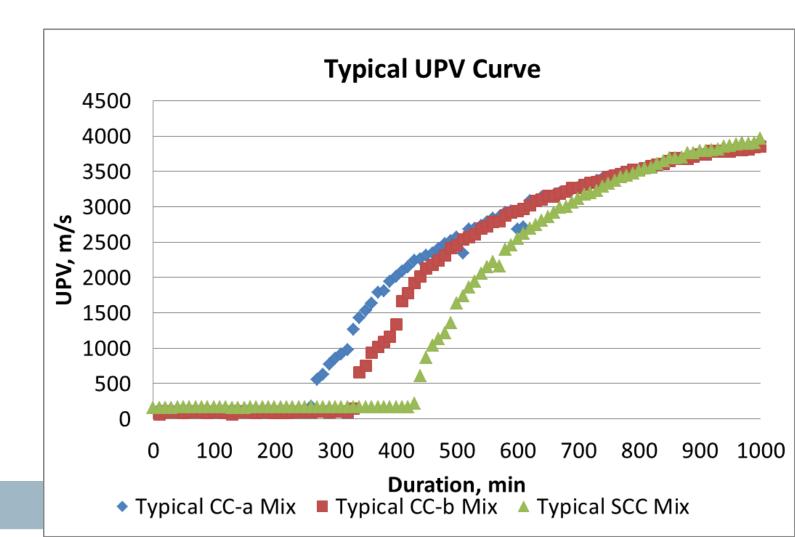
Other Work
 Calibrated penknife
 Boot print
 Try and see
 Wait for the first crack



• UPV



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Field Work

- Funded by TPF 5(205)
- 8 sites in Iowa
- May through Oct 2013
- State, County and City roads
- Test sample exposed to site weather

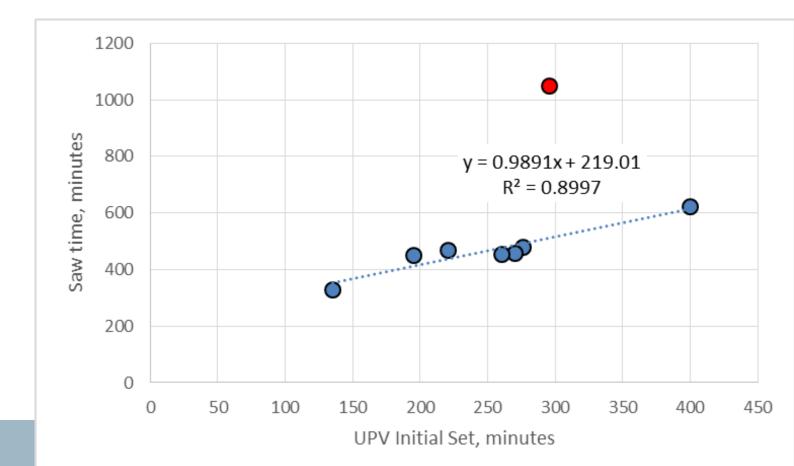


Field Work

- Mostly 20% Class C Fly Ash
- ~550 pcy cementitious
- w/cm 0.40-0.43
- Limestone aggregate
- All early entry sawing
- Weather
 ≯40 to 85 °F



• Next - Collect data for conventional



Permeability

- Current approaches
 Resistivity
 Sorptivity
- Barriers
 ➤ Sample prep
 ➤ Variability



Permeability

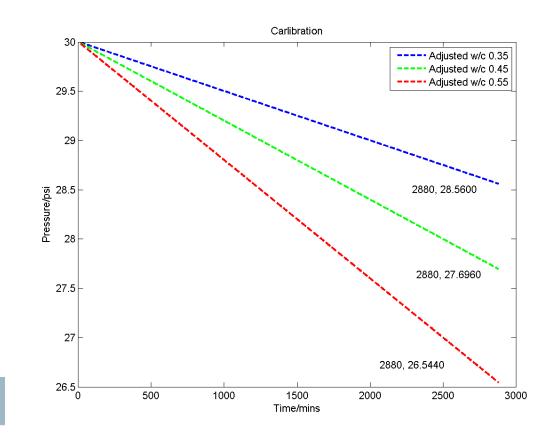
- Why not start with a saturated sample...
- Measure water penetration under a falling head
 - ➤ Autoclam



Permeability

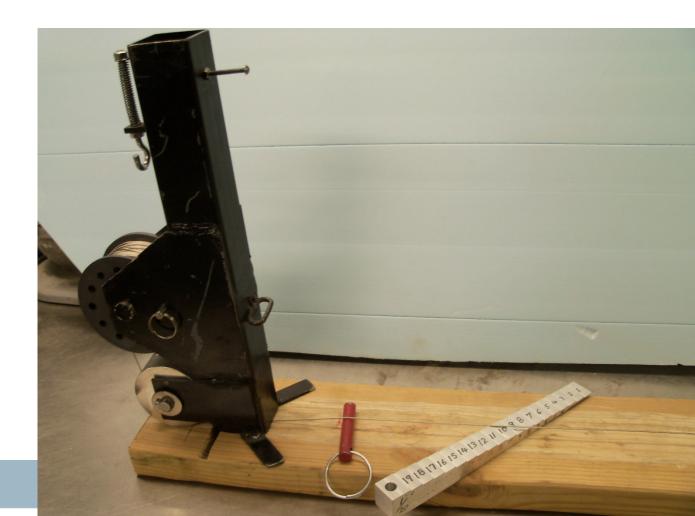
Or... flip a sorptivity rig
 ➢Needs work...





Curling / Warping

Bb (Bob Steffes)



Still needed

- Moisture content in-situ
- Consolidation
- Segregation

