

# Rebalancing the risk equation for the ready-mix producer through in-transit management systems

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#### WEATHER FORECASTING CAN BE CHALLENGING...



youtube.com/watch?v=iXuc7SAyk2s



2 ACI SPRING 2024 – NEW ORLEANS, LA

### **FORECASTING PROGRESS SINCE 1958**



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### **IN-TRANSIT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS FOR CONCRETE MIXERS**



#### Measure

- "Brain" of the system
- Contains the BTLE radio board to talk to other components
- Measure side of the system
- Consolidates other sensors

#### Manage with Water

- Two different systems based on weather
- Contains the BTLE radio board/ PCB to talk to Sensor module
- Contains the meter, valve(s) and cold weather pump

#### Data / Information / Insights

- 185 million cubic yards ≈ 1000 Superdomes!
- Over a *billion* data points

#### Manage with Admixtures

- Flexible source of admixture, can use on-board tanks
- Contains the BTLE radio board/ PCB to talk to Sensor module







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## HIGH SPEED 2 (HS2): LARGEST INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT IN UK





- The BBV N1-N2 project utilizes <u>3 million cubic yards of concrete</u>
- 42 viaducts, 66 over-bridges, 56 culverts, 66 embankments, etc.
- HS2 specification requires EVERY load to be tested for slump
  - Expensive (\$, CO<sub>2</sub>)
  - Labor intensive



## **BBV DEPARTURE: BUILDING CONFIDENCE IN DIGITAL SYSTEMS**

• HS2 have agreed to a departure from the specification in which BBV will progressively replace manual testing (consistence, temperature and cubes) with VERIFI® via a *staged* approach



HS2 have approved a BBV departure to adopt VERIFI, PROJECT WIDE



#### **FROM VISIBILITY TO FEED-BACK LOOPS**



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## CONTROL OF SLUMP AND WATER $\rightarrow$ CONTROL OF STRENGTH





#### CONTROLLING THE SYSTEM $\rightarrow$ LOTS OF OPPORTUNITY





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#### **STEPPING THROUGH TIME...**



#### **MOVING TOWARDS IN-TRANSIT MANAGEMENT**



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#### **SUMMING IT UP**



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#### **MANAGING RISK AND SAVING THE ENVIRONMENT**







## QUESTIONS?

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### LOOKING BEYOND STRENGTH...

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