ATTENUATING MASS CONCRETE EFFECTS IN DRILLED SHAFTS
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Cover: Ringling causeway bridge pier founded on two 9ft diameter shafts (left); Demonstration shaft constructed during the study, 9ft diameter with 4ft diameter central void (right).
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  - **TO FIND**
    - Celsius

#### ILLUMINATION

- foot-candles
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    - 10.76
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    - lux

- foot-Lamberts
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    - candela/m²

#### FORCE and PRESSURE or STRESS

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    - newtons

- poundforce per square inch
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Executive Summary

Mass concrete elements are those concrete structures so massive in size that heat formation due to exothermic hydration reactions can induce cracking as a result of the excessive temperature differentials upon cooling. These conditions have been anticipated and dealt with on footings and in some cases pier columns and caps by supplying internal cooling systems (recirculation fluid lines in some cases outfitted with chillers). Until very recently, drilled shafts were not thought to exhibit mass concrete effects either due to their relative small diameters (4 ft diameter being the most common) and/or the perception that the surrounding environment was not conducive to producing mass concrete conditions. However, the larger diameter shafts (9 ft) used for the Ringling Causeway Bridge in Sarasota raised concerns that perhaps shafts had been slipping through the mass concrete specifications without review.

To address these concerns this study constructed a 9 ft diameter drilled shaft with a 4 ft diameter centrally located void to demonstrate that both the temperature could be controlled and that it was practically constructable. This demonstration showed model predictions were accurate, construction was reasonable, and that concrete savings could be realized without significant reduction in structural capacity. Further, the approach eliminated the need to mitigate high temperatures within the shaft requiring internal cooling lines / systems. However, voiding a shaft as demonstrated does not eliminate the possibility of mass concrete in more moderately sized shafts (e.g. 5 - 6 ft diameter). Therefore, use of less reactive concrete constituents or replacement with flyash was shown to be effective.

Modeling of all shaft sizes using varied shaft concrete mix designs was carried out and verified using thermal integrity testing. Several cases studies are documented by the study that solidify the calibration of the predictive models developed for mass concrete and shaft thermal integrity evaluation.
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Chapter One: Introduction

1.1 Background Statement

Florida’s tremendous population growth has forced roadways and the associated highway structures to be constantly upgraded to maintain a reasonable level of service. As a result, structurally sound bridges have been become functionally obsolete prior to their projected usable life span which has required their replacement. This growth coupled with more stringent design criteria to accommodate extreme event design states has led to larger and larger sub-structural bridge elements that require scrutiny with regards to mass concrete issues.

Historically, mass concrete elements were those concrete structures so massive in size that heat formation due to exothermic hydration reactions would induce cracking as a result of the excessive temperature differentials upon cooling. These conditions were anticipated and dealt with on footings and in some cases pier columns and caps by supplying internal cooling systems (recirculation fluid lines in some cases outfitted with chillers). Until very recently, drilled shafts were not thought to exhibit mass concrete effects either due to their relative small diameters (4 ft diameter being the most common) and/or the perception that the surrounding environment was not conducive to producing mass concrete conditions. However, the larger diameter shafts (9 ft) used for the Ringling Causeway Bridge in Sarasota raised concerns that perhaps shafts had been slipping through the mass concrete specifications without review. In the absence of quantifiable values for mass concrete effects in shafts the State assigned a somewhat arbitrary size of 6 ft diameter to delineate when mass concrete specifications should be imposed until more information could be obtained from this study.

The traditional approach to ascertaining mass concrete was to evaluate the volume to area ratio limit from the SDG 3.9 which stated that any concrete element with volume in ft$^3$ greater than the dissipative surface area in ft$^2$ would likely be unable to stay within reasonable temperature limits. Further, if the minimum dimension of a concrete element was 3 ft or greater the same lack of temperature control could be anticipated. When applying more performance specific restrictions to such elements the differential temperature was limited to 35 deg F regardless of dimensions. Using this simple formula, the shaft cut off diameter should have been a bit more restrictive limiting it to 4 ft diameter shafts as shown in Figure 1-1.
Figure 1-1. Mass concrete geometry criteria applied to various shaft diameters.

A second issue plaguing State Materials Engineers deals with delayed intringite formation (DEF) in mass concrete of all kinds of which drilled shafts are now included. DEF arises when the peak concrete temperature exceeds values in the range of 60 deg C.

Shafts as small as 2 ft in diameter have been shown to exhibit mass concrete conditions (either differential or peak temperature limits) under certain circumstances. This somewhat startling finding has lead to an innovative construction process whereby mass concrete conditions can be averted by casting shafts with a full length centralized void (cast in place cylinder pile of sorts).

This project focused on new field temperature measurement equipment to measure the full length temperature profile of large diameter drilled shafts, modeling of concrete elements of all sizes to predict spatial temperature variations throughout, providing more sophisticated ways of predicting mass concrete conditions of civil engineering structures, and assessing the effectiveness of new construction methods to mitigate or at least drastically reduce mass concrete effects in large-diameter drilled shafts. Finally, the true determination of whether or not a particular concrete element should be considered “mass,” can now be based on the presence of cracking conditions (strength based) in lieu of simple temperature differentials (gradient based). The latter comes in the wake of
extensive advances in the T3DModel developed by USF for FDOT in an earlier study (Mullins, et al, 2006).

1.2 Report Organization

The overall organization of this report is outlined below wherein four chapters identify the problem, the modeling approach, the results of the modeling, and recommendations for the useful application of the study findings.

Chapter 2 introduces the original problem as outlined in the USF proposal submitted to the FDOT. A background complete with case studies dealing with mass concrete is provided along with the fundamentals associated with adequate thermal model and field measurements of these systems.

Field temperature measurements and construction logs obtained from numerous thermal integrity test sites are detailed in Chapter 3. Advances to the T3DModel are discussed as it pertains to shaft integrity testing using thermal imaging.

Chapter 4 details the demonstration construction project of a 9ft diameter drilled shaft constructed with a full length 4ft diameter void. The emphasis therein was to verify that both temperature could be controlled and the construction process was feasible.

Advances in the modeling capabilities for mass concrete and shaft integrity evaluation are presented in Chapter 5. This includes mechanisms for predicting crack-induced distress and evaluation of thermal integrity data.

Finally, Chapter 6 presents a summary and conclusions that are aimed at providing usable specifications for identifying mass concrete and procedures for proper thermal integrity evaluation.
Chapter Two: Background

This chapter provides an overview of the concept of mass concrete and the somewhat diverse but related issues in better understanding, predicting, and obtaining field measurement of mass concrete conditions. Additionally, the project paid special attention to large diameter drilled shafts and how to minimize the adverse effects therein. For completeness, a description of the project problem statement has been provided.

2.1 Problem Statement

This project stemmed from a RFRP defined by FDOT wherein the following proposal problem statement was identified:

The proposed research will undertake: (1) field temperature measurements of mass concrete structures with specific interest on drilled shafts (but not limited to) using the new thermal integrity probe, (2) numerical thermal modeling to verify the anticipated temperature response within a drilled shaft or mass concrete structure, (3) construction of a large diameter shaft with a centralize void to assess the constructability and temperature mitigation potential, and (4) development of a concrete maturation-dependent stress analysis algorithm to assess differential temperature-induced concrete cracking potential.

Task 1 Field Data Collection

After several generations of thermal integrity probes, a new probe has been developed that promises to be more robust both in downhole components and the data collection system. As on-going large diameter shaft construction is presently underway (e.g. St. Augustine Bridge of Lions) the new system will be employed to collect temperature profiles at various sites across the state. This information will be coupled with modeling results to develop a more diverse materials library in the State’s new 3-D thermal software (yet unnamed).

Task 2 Thermal Software Review

The 3-D thermal software recently developed for FDOT by USF is capable of predicting the precise temperature traces for any location within a mass concrete element cast in a wide range of conditions. Therein, shafts, footings, columns, pier caps, etc. can be modeled for single pours and staged pours in various soils, water, or air (including diurnal) environments. As it is currently the alpha version, this task is aimed at working closely with the FDOT SMO to review the software and
edit to meet the needs of the State. Further, as a concurrent University of Florida project matures and begins to produce information for the software’s cement mix input library, data received from the UF research team will be incorporated into the software. The ongoing large block specimen test results will be used to test the model’s output. Based on the present UF timeline, it is envisioned that this portion of Task 2 will begin around the end of the first year of this project’s two year timeline.

Task 3 Voided Shaft Construction

This task will involve the construction of a large diameter shaft with a centralized full-length void. The test shaft is envisioned to be on the order of 9 ft diameter with a 4 ft diameter central void and 25 ft in length. Numerous sub tasks are anticipated involving central casing preparation, cage preparation complete with instrumentation, construction equipment reviews, procedural protocol development, excavation and concreting, and finally extended monitoring of temperature and quality assurance. Initial dialog with State engineers and shaft contractors have outlined basic concerns that have already been addressed, but it is anticipated that numerous other issues are likely to arise that will be summarized in the procedural/construction protocol for casting void shafts.

Task 4 Stress Analysis Software

The undesirable tensile cracks that develop in mass concrete as a result of differential temperature are to-date controlled by a differential temperature limit specification (less than 35 deg F). This specification is only employed when the geometry of the element (vol/area ratio > 1ft; Fig. 1) dictates a Technical Special Provision. In reality, numerous factors play into whether or not concrete will crack under excessive temperature differentials. Specifically, the modulus or strength versus time relationship coupled with the heat generation versus time trace. The tensile strength in conventional structural softwares do not incorporate the early time / strength characteristics of maturing concrete which is crucial to predicting the crack potential in mass concrete elements.

As concrete strengthens with time its ability to withstand differential stresses increases. However, when differential stresses are developing at higher rates than the rising concrete strength, tensile cracks can initiate and the associated stress concentrations propagate those cracks almost unabated throughout the element. This gave rise to the present mass concrete specifications.

The presence of reinforcing steel within the concrete or a casing around a shaft can greatly reduce crack potential. This is evidenced by above
ground shaft casing removal and the infrequent occurrence of differential cracking (not that other undesirables are not found). Further, concrete mix designs continue to evolve whereby more moderate energy development rates can be attained.

Many of the parameters affecting cracking potential are being studied presently by UF. These outcomes coupled with the 3-D thermal modeling software output will be incorporated into a stress analysis package to be developed especially for mass concrete in this Task. Such a package will enable the State Materials Engineers to evaluate the types of mixes and geometries that will and will not crack in a more discerning manner.

Task 5 Reporting

Aside from monthly progress reports requested by the State, three months have been allocated to prepare and review a draft report which will be subsequently finalized for submission to the State.

of cantilevered wall performance and the factors that are considered to play heavily thereon. A statement of the problem as identified by FDOT is provided followed by geotechnical theory commonly used to assess wall stability, displacement, and available free software that would complement FDOT needs. Finally, material properties of base course and asphalt as well as the effect of temperature are presented as they pertain to modeling input parameters (Chapter 3) and development of criteria/guidelines (Chapter 5).

2.2 Mass Concrete

Mass concrete is generally considered to be any concrete element that develops differential temperatures between the innermost core and the outer surface that in turn can develop tension cracks. Mass concrete is defined by the American Concrete Institute (ACI) as:

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\text{Any volume of concrete with dimensions large enough to require that measures be taken to cope with generation of heat from hydration of the cement and attendant volume change to minimize cracking.}
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Until recently, geometric guidelines involving the dimensions of a concrete element that defined the volume and surface area were used to predict the possibility of mass concrete related effects. These guidelines simply stated that the volume to surface area ratio (ft³/ft²) should not exceed a unity value nor should any minimum dimension be greater
than 3 ft. Presently, performance-oriented standards were adopted wherein the differential
temperature between the highest and lowest temperatures within a concrete element at
any given time could not exceed 35°F (20°C).

Some state DOTs have defined geometric guidelines that identify potential mass concrete
conditions as well as limits on the differential temperature experienced. For instance, the
Florida DOT designated any concrete element with minimum dimension exceeding 3 ft
or a volume to surface area ratio greater than 1 ft³/ft² will require precautionary measures
to control temperature-induced cracking (FDOT, 2006). The same specifications set the
maximum differential temperature to be 35°F (20°C) to control the potential for cracking.
For drilled shafts, however, any element with diameter greater than 6 ft is considered a
mass concrete element despite the relatively high volume to area ratio mentioned in
Chapter 1 (Figure 1-1).

The latter of the two integrity issues, i.e., excess high temperature, is presently under
investigation at a number of institutions. When concrete temperature exceeds safe limits
on the order of 65°C (150°F), the concrete may not cure correctly and can ultimately
degrad via latent expansive reactions termed delayed ettringite formation (DEF). This
reaction may lay dormant for several years before occurring; or the expansion may not
occur as it depends on numerous variables involving the concrete constituent properties
and environment. Concrete mixes with low pozzolans have lower threshold temperatures
whereas higher pozzolan content concretes may not exhibit adverse effects up to 85°C
(185°F). At present, a definitive upper temperature limit is not available (Whitfield, 2006).
What is known is that staying below 65°C appears to prevent temperature-related long-
term detrimental effects.

2.3 Case Studies

Numerous case studies have documented the effects of hydrating cement in mass
concrete structures. Although typically associated with enormous dams holding back
multi-hectare reservoirs or footings coupling dozens of piles under a bridge pier, mass
concrete is now understood to be a state and not necessarily a size. Therein, drilled shafts
as small as 4 ft diameter have been cited to have exhibited mass concrete conditions,
much to the surprise of many designers (Mullins, et al, 2007). To this end, several case
studies are presented in the ensuing sections dealing with all of the above types of
concrete elements.

2.3.1 Hoover Dam. The most famous of the many cited mass concrete projects is perhaps
the Hoover Dam project (Figure 2-1) constructed during the depression from 1932 to
1935 where over 5 million cubic yards of concrete were used. At that time it was
understood that staged construction and a cooling system would be required to help
control elevated temperatures. The primary concern was concrete cracking from
differential temperature and the associated leakage. Without these considerations,
temperature dissipation is estimated to have taken over 100 years and temperature-
induced cracking would have severely compromised its structural integrity and its ability to prevent fluid ingress (DOI, 2004). As a result, over 500 miles of 1 inch diameter steel cooling tubes were plumbed throughout the structure through which chilled water was used to transport the internal heat energy to the outside environment. From a more contemporary viewpoint, preventing microcracking and fluid ingress are important to warding off DEF (Collepardi, 2003) and sulfate attack (Stark and Bollman, 1998).

2.3.2 Ringling Causeway Bridge. A relatively recent structure (built 2001-2003) which shed light on drilled shafts as mass concrete was the Ringling Causeway Bridge spanning across Sarasota Bay, Florida (Figure 2-2). This segmental, post-tensioned concrete box girder bridge is supported by single column piers founded on two 2.75m (9 ft) diameter drilled shafts. The concrete mix was a type I/II with 20% cement replacement with fly ash (probably class F). In spite of relatively cool weather (for Florida) and that it was bathed in cool bay water, the core temperature of the shafts reached 69°C (157°F). Figure 2-3 shows temperature traces over a 9 day period for the shaft center and edge as well as in the surrounding water and air. The bay water temperature averaged 17°C (63°F) while the air temperature dipped as low as 3°C (37°F). The cooler environment exacerbated differential temperature conditions wherein a maximum differential temperature of 37°C (67°F) was recorded shortly after the coldest spell.

Information gathered from this site was used to calibrate a 3-D numerical model from which predictions of how other sized shafts would have fared under these conditions. Figure 2-4 shows predictions wherein only the peak core temperatures are considered and that smaller sized shaft would not have exceeded safe peak temperature limits.

2.3.3 I-35W Bridge Replacement Project. In August of 2007 the I-35W bridge over the Mississippi River collapsed killing 13 and injuring hundreds. This catastrophe led to a truly amazing cooperative effort among local, state, and federal transportation authorities whereby an up-to-date replacement bridge could be put back in service in just over a year from the date of the collapse. Although only a small portion of a much larger quality assurance program, the project provided for mass concrete evaluation in the form of a low energy mix design and temperature measurements of selected concrete elements. This included two aspects for this study: (1) temperature monitoring of drilled shafts and (2) temperature monitoring of one of the footings. Figure 2-5 shows one of the footings (40ft x 90ft x 12ft) prior to casting during the formwork installation.

Figures 2-6 and 2-7 show the thermocouple data from shafts 1 and 2, respectively (Figure 2-5). Whereas shaft 2 (cast first) showed no mass concrete effects, shaft 1 measured a differential temperature slightly over 40°F (local state limit) near the top in spite of being identical in all other areas of the shaft. The reason was never concluded, but the USF researcher installing the central thermocouple immediately after the pour was convinced that the last truck was not the same SCC mix previous poured for shaft 2. This was based on the difficulty experienced in plunging the gage into the upper shaft concrete. Figure 2-8 shows the measured internal temperatures at various locations within the Pier 2 footing. The differential temperatures measured also exceeded the 40°F limit when
comparing the bottom middle gage on the ground (F2-BM) with the Center gage positions directly between two cooling tubes (F3-CCT). Nevertheless, no distress was noted after removing the formwork.

Long term measurement were also made possible by way of the thermistors incorporated into the vibrating wire instrumentation throughout the shaft. Figures 2-9 and 2-10 show the thermocouple data prior to footing concrete placement and the thermistor data after footing concrete placement. The gap shown in the data accounts for the time when no data could be collected due to interference with construction activities. Interestingly, the upper levels of the shafts show heating caused by the presence of the massive footing above.

2.3.4 Clearwater Test Site. The large diameter shafts used in the Ringling project were predicted to behave as mass concrete. However, more commonly used shaft sizes like 4ft (1.22m) shafts have been installed without concern for years. A recent study in Clearwater, Florida was conducted whereby a 25ft (7.6m) deep, 4ft (1.22m) diameter shaft was cast in saturated sandy to silty sandy soil complete with thermocouple and strain gage instrumentation. The full scope of the study involved anomaly detection, shaft integrity test method evaluations, and temperature development in a commonly used shaft size. Only the peak and differential temperature results are presented herein. Full details can be found elsewhere (Mullins et al., 2007).

Using the measured temperature response, the same numerical model was applied to this site’s conditions which were significantly different from the Ringling site. Specifically, the ambient temperature was much higher, the surrounding heat diffusing materials were non-convective (no flowing water), and the mix design contained little to no pozzolans. Figure 2-11 shows the measured and modeled results superimposed with no recognizable differences aside from the diurnal temperature fluctuations on one thermocouple channel. A peak temperature of 84°C (183°F) was observed with a maximum differential temperature of 32°C (57°F). These exceeded both recommended limits for peak and differential temperatures.

Using the same Clearwater conditions, the numerical model was extended to simulated smaller shaft sizes (Figure 2-12). The results showed that even the smallest of constructible shafts (2 ft) would exhibit mass concrete under these highly adverse conditions under at least one of the temperature criterion.

2.3.5 USF Nuclear Vault. As part of the new structure being built near the USF campus for medical applications involving nuclear radiation (testing systems such as X-Ray, Cat scans, etc.), an opportunity arose that permitted the study to instrument and monitor additional massive concrete elements.

The mix design slated for the structure called for no flyash or slag replacement and 775 lbs cement per cubic yard resulting in concrete energy production of 85.7 kJ/kg (kg of
total concrete weight). This is higher than most mixes especially when compared to the somewhat lower strength requirements (designed for high early strength). This coupled with 10ft thick walls definitely was predicted to produce mass concrete conditions. The needs of the project, however, did not require crack-free concrete and additional temperature steel was incorporated as well. The rationale was that X-rays follow line of site pathways and the resultant cracks would not provide such a pathway. Figure 2.8 shows the floor plan of the structure.

Model predictions were prepared which are shown in Figure 2-13 as temperature contours from a horizontal slice through the wall at mid-height. The peak temperature of 182F (83C) and an edge to center differential of 62F (34C) were corroborated by field measurements taken at the mid-height of the wall from the inside face, outside face, and center of the wall (Figure 2-14). Upon, form removal and crack survey showed a sporadic distribution of small width cracks shown in Figure 2-15. Given the structure will not be exposed to marine conditions or possible soil sulfate attack, cosmetic sealing/waterproofing and painting was all that was required.

2.4 Concept for Drilled Shaft Construction Alternative

With specific emphasis on drilled shafts, minimizing the peak and differential temperature (and the associated defects) can be undertaken by casting shafts with a full length centroidal void. This removes a large amount of the energy producing material in a region that is least likely to benefit the structural capacity and that is less able to dissipate the associated core temperatures due to the presence of the more peripheral concrete. The concept of mitigation mass concrete effects in large diameter drilled shafts forms the primary focus of this study and is discussed in detail in Chapter 4.
Figure 2-1. Hoover dam project (built circa 1935) used over 5 million yd\(^3\) of concrete.

Figure 2-2. Ringling Causeway Bridge founded on 2- 9 ft diameter shafts at each pier.
Figure 2-3. Temperature traces from the Ringling Causeway Bridge.

Figure 2-4. Modeled peak temperature traces for various shaft sizes, based on “Ringling” shaft mix design and conditions.
Figure 2-5. I-35W Bridge replacement southbound Pier 2 (40’x 90’x 12’≈ 1600yd³).
Figure 2-6. I-35W Bridge Southbound Pier 2 Shaft 1 Thermocouple Data.
Figure 2-7. I-35W Bridge Southbound Pier 2 Shaft 2 Thermocouple Data.
Figure 2-8. I-35W Pier 2 Southbound Footing Thermocouple Data.
Figure 2-9. I-35W Bridge Shaft 1 Thermal Data from Thermocouples and Thermistors.

Figure 2-10. I-35W Bridge Shaft 2 Thermal Data from Thermocouples and Thermistors.
Figure 2-11. Temperature traces for the 1.22m Clearwater shaft (modeled and observed).
Figure 2-12 Peak and differential temperature model predictions for various-sized shafts using the “Clearwater” site conditions.

Figure 2-13. Temperature contours at mid-height of the nuclear vault walls.
Figure 2-14. Measured wall temperatures from mid-height of nuclear vault wall.

Figure 2-15. Although crack widths register as negligible, they run sporadically throughout wall.
Chapter Three: Thermal Integrity Evaluation

The secondary task for this research project was to conduct large-scale thermal integrity evaluations on drilled shafts and mass concrete and then evaluate the test data. A large effort was put forth into obtaining a sizable database of information for thermal testing and mass concrete effects. Thermal testing was performed at 6 different sites which included over 27 drilled shafts and 4 test soundings along a remediation wall. With the experience gained from the multiple test sites, a refined field testing system was developed. The following sections discuss the thermal program for each site.

Thermal Integrity Evaluation of drilled shafts relies on information from a Thermal Probe which contains four infrared temperature sensors that record the internal shaft temperature as it is lowered into standard 1.5” or 2” I.D. access tubes. A depth-encoded wheel mounted on a tripod at the shaft top records the position of the probe as it is lowered into the access tubes. Unlike CSL testing, the data is acquired as the probe descends rather than ascends; a data acquisition system records the field measurements for further processing.

3.1 Site I: Voided Shaft

Full discussion of the construction and thermocouple data is presented Chapter 4. Logging tubes placed within the reinforcing cage provided access to perform thermal integrity testing on the voided shaft. Thermal testing was performed on the test shaft 16 hours after final concrete placement (Figure 3-1). Tests were conducted on 6 hour intervals for the first three days and another at 144 hours. This provided a total of 180 data sets to be analyzed. With the numerous data sets, an Excel spreadsheet driven by VBA macros was written to easily import multiple tubes or time stamps.

The Excel software developed to import raw thermal data is in its alpha version / development stage. Figures 3-1 and 3-2 show the front sheet with all tubes imported and regressed and the individual tube data sheets, respectively. The general worksheet requires the user to define how many data sets to import and then proceeds to import each data set. Each data set is stored in individual sheets where the data is analyzed. Within these sheets, the infrared (IR) data is plotted versus depth and can be smoothed using a moving average defined by the user. The average IR data from each tube or timestamp is graphed in the general worksheet.

Figures 3-3 through 3-9 show the thermal testing results for tubes 1 through 6, respectively. Each figure plots 11 timestamps for each tube to show the heat generation throughout the curing of the shaft. Tube 1 shows an anomaly from 13 to 15 feet while the other tubes do not show any significant anomalies. Thermal modeling was also conducted for the test shaft and is discussed in Chapter 4.
3.2 Site II: Bridge of Lions

The Bridge of Lions project in St. Augustine, Florida. URS, who is providing inspection Q/A services for the State, contacted USF on June 20th to secure Thermal Integrity services as one or more of the already poured shafts were in question (shafts 6-2, 16-4, and 25-3). Therein, the nomenclature for these shafts is derived from the pier number followed by the shaft number (e.g. Pier 6 - Shaft 2 and so on). Thermal testing was performed on June 21st and 22nd wherein shafts 6-2, 8-2, and 25-3 were tested (Figure 3-10). Shaft 16-4 was not accessible. Shaft 8-2 was tested cold as a baseline comparison to shaft 6-2 & 16-4 which was also a cold shaft having been poured month(s) before USF’s arrival. Cold shaft testing on a known shaft (Mullins et al 2007) did not show clear indications of the known anomalies that were easily detected soon after original concreting of that shaft. Therefore the data obtain from shafts 8-2 and 6-2 were unusable for thermal evaluation. Shaft 25-3, however, was only 24 hours old upon arrival and was in the neighborhood of 48 hrs old by the time it could be tested.

Figure 3-11 shows the thermal data from shaft 25-3 which was tested 46 hours after concreting. The field conditions for this shaft were inputted into the T3DModel software and the results were compared against the field results. Variations in the measured results when compared to model predictions were used to add or subtract material from the model shaft to match the field measurements. In this case concrete was added around the shaft in regions that showed higher than anticipated temperature measurements. This was added by information obtained from the concreting logs (Figure 3-12).

The concreting log confirmed that additional concrete was needed (9 CY) to compensate for decreases in the concrete level during the casing extraction. Conveniently, as the casing was sectional, the amount of required concrete could be approximately placed at depths consistent with the length of casing removed and still in place. This full picture of field/construction is invaluable when confirming model input variables. As a result, the modeled results then varied after additional concrete was added so that a reasonable likeness/match to the measured results could be obtained. Figure 3-13 shows the original field measurements and the modeled predictions along with the resulting 3-dimensional shape.

3.3 Site III: I-4 Drilled Shafts

Field measurements were taken at the intersection of I-4 and SR-44 where problems with drilled shafts (on which sign and lighting poles are to be founded) continue to persist. Two 5 ft diameter shafts were tested 15 and 16 days after concreting. The shaft mix used contained no retarders or flyash and the shaft had fully cooled by the time of testing. The tested foundations were 60 inch diameter drilled shafts meant to support overhead signs. Construction logs were provided by the Florida Department of Transportation, District 5 Geotechnical group. These logs were used to establish approximate shaft lengths. Concrete Volume Logs for Shafts 8-R and 11-L indicated that the actual volume placed was less than the required theoretical volume. This is often a sign of potential shaft defects. Shafts 8-R and 11-L have reported lengths of 22.02 and 32.97 feet, respectively.
Due to the age of both shafts and the concrete mix utilized the recorded average temperature gradient from top to bottom was approximately 5 degrees Fahrenheit for Shaft 8-R and 6 degrees Fahrenheit for Shaft 11-L. Figure 3-14 plots the heat of hydration versus time for the predicted model response. This indicates that the shaft concrete was either at or closely approaching a steady state condition. Wherein, temperature variations are dependent on depth and soil type, with the predominant heat source being the ambient air at the top of shaft. This was assumed to be the case prior to testing these shafts based on the concrete mix and its lack of retarders or pozzolans. Therefore, Thermal Integrity Testing should be performed within the first 24 to 48 hours after shaft construction. However, it is possible to discern abnormal temperature readings from the predominant trend of the recorded temperatures.

Figure 3-15 plots the thermal data collected for Shaft 8-R. Shaft 8-R exhibited a temperature abnormality at an approximate depth of 18.4 feet to 19.5 feet deep and was recorded in Tubes 2 through 5. The temperature deviations recorded in this area were approximately 2 to 4 degrees. These results are not conclusive enough to provide an opinion of the shaft’s integrity.

Figure 3-16 plots the thermal data collected for Shaft 11-L. Shaft 11-L exhibited a temperature abnormality at an approximate depth of 26.5 feet to 29.5 feet deep and was recorded in Tubes 1 through 5. The temperature deviations recorded in this area were approximately 2 to 4 degrees. These results are not conclusive enough to provide an opinion of the shaft’s integrity.

### 3.4 Site IV: Lake Okeechobee Dyke Remediation Project

Another site where large amounts of cementitious materials were being used was the Army Corps of Engineers Lake Okeechobee Dyke remediation program. This project is investigating the use of a Trench Cutting and Remixing Deep Wall Modification system, TRD, (Figure 3-17) which is being proposed by Hayward Baker. The TRD cuts and remixes the soil with cement providing a higher strength wall. The mix designs for the section of the wall are included in the Appendix. The purpose of the project is to provide a cutoff wall with low permeability located in the existing dyke from elevation +36.0 to -20.5 (permeability < 10^-6). Wall strength must also fall within a range of 20 to 200 psi. Wall height is approximately 57’, 27.5” wide, & 500’ long. This 500’ test section is located at Port Mayaca, beginning at station 1410 + 00 and ending 1415 + 00. Although it is generally too thin to be considered for Mass Concrete effects, it provides data for verification and modeling calibration.

Verification testing including CSL, thermal, strength, and permeability have been specified within the demonstration section. Therein, logging tubes (2” Sch.40 PVC) were placed in the mixed wall at different locations for both CSL and thermal testing. The set of logging tubes were instrumented with thermocouples to provide a thermal temperature trace over time for the mix designs. The thermocouples were placed at depths of 30, 35, and 55 feet below the top of the wall for mix HB150C and 5, 10, and 20 feet below the
top of wall for mix HB1B. Figure 3-18 and 3-19 show the thermocouple data for both mix designs along with the model temperature response.

Infrared Thermal Integrity Testing was conducted on each set of tubes after the mixing. Figures 3-20 through 3-23 show the thermal testing and model data results for each tube along the wall. Generally, each tube does not show significant anomalies with the exception of tube 4. Tube 4 (Figure 3-23) shows a 5-degree temperature change from the top of wall to the bottom of wall. Further testing of the tube would be required to determine whether the lower section of the wall was not mixed properly or the access tube was misaligned within the wall.

3.5 Site V: Ocala Judicial Building Expansion

A series of thermal scans were conducted between February 20, 2008 and April 3, 2008 at time frames range from 24 hrs after shaft concreting (ideal scenario) to several days after concreting. Shafts were equipped with four 1.5” I.D. steel access tubes in general accordance with standard practice for tube plurality in State specifications.

The concrete mix design for this project was provided by Universal Engineering Sciences on February 26, 2008 and is appended to this report for completeness. This information was used to create the input hydration energy parameters using the a, b, and t method outlined by Schindler (2005). The model parameters used in the T3DMModel software were 0.831, 0.786, and 18.3, respectively with an overall energy production of 70 kJ per kg of cementitious material; wherein, a type F flyash represented approximately 25% of the 785 lbs total cement /cu yd of concrete.

Prior to analysis of the field measurements a model was created based on the heat generation properties of the above concrete mix, insulation properties of the soil around the shaft and the time of the test relative to shaft construction. The expected normal temperature varies with time as the shaft either heats or cools depending on its stage in the hydration process. Figure 3-24 shows the anticipated temperatures for 30, 36, 42, 48, and 54 inch diameter shafts under the ambient and soil conditions at that site. These help provide immediate feedback as to the condition of the shaft integrity.

Variations in the daily concrete placement temperature were used to tailor the predicted temperature graph above to exact field conditions. Deviations from the modeled norm were used to provide a quick assessment and indicate potential necking (decrease in shaft temperature) or bulging (increase in shaft temperature).

Field testing conducted on shaft DS-69 was performed approximately 24 hrs after partially concreting. Concern that led to this testing arose when the tremie pipe became lodged in the shaft and could not be removed without complication (small diameter cages are prone to this condition). As a result, concreting was not completed leaving no concrete down to a depth of approximately 28 ft as determined by a weighted measuring tape referenced to the top of CSL tubes. Figure 3-25 shows five thermal traces corresponding to tubes 1 – 4 and the anticipated model results. At approximate depths
between 28 and 32 is a more dramatic change in temperature than expected. As it is shown in all tubes, it is likely a partially cemented material which under normal concreting processes would have been expelled as debris. At approximate depths of 30 to 54 ft is a sizeable bulge in the shaft causing the higher than normal temperature in that zone which is of no concern to the integrity. Also apparent is that the cage is out of alignment near the rock socket interface pushing tube No. 1 closer to the wall (cooler) and the opposite tube (No. 3) farther away from the wall (warmer); this eccentricity in the cage decreases with depth. Finally, the bottom of the shaft shows a large reduction in temperature signal before reaching the bottom of the tube. Note the modeled response show a drastic decrease to be normal, but in this case it occurs prematurely.

Shafts 69 and 73 were fully modeled and signal matched to assess the severity of measured low temperature conditions. Figure 3-26 shows the effect of a 2 inch inward neck, 2 ft tall on the modeled output and its comparison to the measured temperature trace for shaft DS-73.

In all, 16 shafts have been scanned for defects. Table 3-1 shows a summary of the test findings. A detailed discussion of each shaft follows:

DS-5 (Figure 3-27). Although elevated temperatures were still present, this shaft was tested long after the recommended 24 to 48 hours and is thermally inconclusive. An outward thermal gradient is required to clearly delineate inclusions. Full modeling would not be productive. CSL testing and report produced separate to this document.

DS-10 (Figure 3-28). No structural or durability concerns. Shaft shows over-pour bulging in all areas above the rock socket which is in keeping with field logs indicating 147% concrete usage when compared to theoretical. Full modeling is not necessary.

DS-11 (Figure 3-29). No concerns. Shaft shows temperature signature of a normal shaft.

DS-18 (Figure 3-30). No concerns. Shaft shows temperature signature consistent with over-pour bulging at all depths which is in agreement to the 54” temporary casing used to a depth of 74 ft. Figure DS-18 shows this region (near 74’) as a temperature transition zone to the rock socket.

DS-20 (Figure 3-31). No major concerns. Slight neck from 11 – 14 ft; no more than 2 inches of cover loss. Higher than normal temperatures down to the depth of temporary casing (76’) is consistent with over-sized casing (54”) used to that depth.

DS-23 (Figure 3-32). No concerns. Slightly higher than normal shaft temperature signature (typical of the site); testing performed at 72 hrs but produced usable data.

DS-24 (Figure 3-33). No concerns. Shaft shows extensive over-pour and bulging between 30 and 65 ft in depth. Concreting logs indicate 250% of the theoretical concrete volume.
DS-26. No structural or durability concerns. This shaft was selected to be tested as a result of the loss of 50 ft and then 42 ft of concrete head during construction. In conjunction with the reported concrete loss the rebar cage also fell about 2 feet. For this shaft, a 42 inch diameter temporary casing was set to a depth two feet above the original drilled shaft tip. Based on the hydration curves developed for this site the normal temperature of approximately 125°F was expected at the planned tube locations (Figure 5). The measured temperatures were within an acceptable tolerance or greater than that of the modeled temperatures. This is an indication the cage has acceptable coverage. The temperatures in excess of the model predicted norms indicate areas of over-pour bulging. It should also be noted that the usual temperature roll off near the shaft bottom was not observed. This is due to an increased amount of concrete located near the shaft tip. This is expected given the construction records which indicated concrete head loss prior to casing extraction. Due to the higher than expected temperature, full signal-matching/modeling was not necessary.

DS-27. No structural or durability concerns. A 48” shaft should have a baseline normal temperature of 116°F and a 54” should have a baseline normal temperature of 124°F. The 48” normal temperature can be seen at the bottom of the shaft near the reported bottom temporary casing (54”) driven to 76 ft. Above that elevation, higher than expected temperatures for a 54” diameter are shown. This is indicative of a shaft with a larger diameter than planned. Shaft shows over-pour bulging in all areas above the rock socket which is in keeping with field logs indicating 144% concrete usage when compared to theoretical. Full modeling was not necessary.

DS-29 (Figure 3-34). No concerns. Typical over pour bulging above the rock socket.

DS-30 (Figure 3-35). No major concerns. Mild cross-sectional reduction between 0 and 10 ft (no more than 2 inches). Over-pour bulging indicated at depths between 45 and 55 ft. Concrete usage is 280% of theoretical.

DS-69 (Figure 3-25). Shaft construction experience difficulties removing tremie and only partially poured shaft from the bottom depth of 75’ to 28’. At approximate depths between 28 and 32 is a more dramatic change in temperature than expected. As it is shown in all tubes, it is likely a partially cemented material which under normal concreting processes would have been expelled as debris. As with many of the other shafts, a sizeable bulge in the shaft between 30 and 54 ft is present that caused the higher than normal temperature in that zone which is of no concern to the integrity. Also apparent is that the cage is out of alignment near the rock socket interface pushing tube No. 1 closer to the wall (cooler) and the opposite tube (No. 3) farther away from the wall (warmer); this 1.5” – 2” offset in the cage at depth 50’ decreases with depth. Finally, the bottom of the shaft shows a large reduction in temperature signal before reaching the bottom of the tube. Note the modeled response show a drastic decrease to be normal, but in this case it occurs prematurely. This shaft was fully reported under separate cover February 27, 2008.

DS-70 (Figure 3-36). No concerns. Although not as drastic as some, this shaft shows
common site characteristic of over-pour bulging in almost all regions above the rock socket. Inspector notes indicate 190% of theoretical concrete usage.

DS-71 (Figure 3-37). No concerns. Concrete logs were unavailable at the time of reporting; however, no extensive over-pour is indicated by the thermal scans with the exception of the toe region of the shaft where a bell-shape is prominent on all sides except T3.

DS-72 (Figure 3-38). No major concerns. Figure DS-72 shows slight necking between 8 and 11 ft in depth which is likely due to temporary casing extraction. Modeling of a similar condition in DS-73 revealed this is no greater than a 2” reduction in radius leaving 4” of concrete cover. A similar cross-section reduction is noted at the bottom 2 ft of the shaft. Finally, the cage appears to be slightly misaligned near the top on the order of 1 to 2 inches as indicated by opposite tubes T2 and T4 get cooler and warmer, respectively. The magnitude of the cage offset was determined by modeled normal response of the tube position relative to the excavation wall.

DS-73 (Figure 3-26). No major concerns. Figure DS-73 shows the same slight necking between 8 and 12 ft in depth again just below the location of the temporary casing. The necking which was signal matched to be on the order of 2 inches is most prominent near tubes T2 and T3, reduces as it approaches T4, and is minimal at T1. The casing extraction process appears to have pushed against the excavation walls in the direction of T1 causing a bulge in that direction. This interpretation varies from DS-72 in that all other tubes return to a normal temperature (cover thickness) just above the neck whereas T1 experiences the higher than normal temperature.

DS-38. Figure 3-39 shows the results of thermal scans run on shaft DS-38 along with model predicted normal temperatures for 48” and 54” concrete masses measured at normal tube positions. Multiple scenarios can cause higher than normal temperature traces with the most common being over-pour bulging. However, when the higher than normal temperature is accompanied by lower than normal temperature directly across the cage, it is generally caused by poor cage alignment in the excavation. Alignment is important in assuring adequate structural capacity as well as sufficient durability which is provided in the form of minimum concrete cover levels (typically 3” or more). Alignment errors are generally no more than 6 inches due to the normal cage diameter relative to the excavation diameter. In the case of shaft DS-38, a 30 inch nominal cage diameter was placed in a 54 inch excavation which in turn was stabilized by full length temporary casing. Upon removal of the casing, a modest increase in cover can be realized from the volume of concrete that replaces the volume of the steel casing previously occupied. Figure 3-39 also shows three depths of interest where cage alignment was assessed.

Figure 3-40 shows the likely cage alignment at depth 21 ft based on the normal temperature distribution across a 54” shaft at that time. As soil temperature is assumed, a range of temperature has been prepared to show the relative insensitivity to this parameter. Measured temperatures of 145F and 125F where recorded in tubes T3 and T1,
respectively. These correspond well to the modeled temperature when the cage is misaligned as shown which appears to still have provided 5 to 6 inches of cover near T1. Tubes T2 and T4 are similar in temperature indicating somewhat centered alignment in that direction.

Figure 3-41 shows the likely cage alignment at depth 48 ft. Measured temperatures of 147F and 119F where recorded in tubes T4 and T2, respectively. Tubes T1 and T3 appear to be equidistant from the shaft side with a slightly lower than expected temperature which corresponds to a remaining cover of 6 to 8 inches Based on measured temperatures the shown alignment provides an estimated 5 inches of cover near tube T2.

Finally, at depth 70 ft where the shaft transitions from 54 to 48 inches in diameter, a difference of 23 and 22 degrees is noted between tube pairs T4 - T2 and T3 - T1. This can be similarly shown to be caused by the same alignment variation causing a plus or minus 11 to 11.5 deg F change. Figure 3-42 shows a normally aligned cage with its normal temperature response as well as the minus 11.5 deg F value which corresponds to an estimated 6 inches of cover.

To confirm the thermal data, inclinometer testing was performed on shaft DS-38 on April 29, 2008. Figure 3-43 shows the inclinometer results for each tube within the shaft. As a reference, tube 1 is the most northerly tube and increasing in value in a clockwise fashion looking down on to the shaft top. By taking the inclinometer data and plotting the results for all four tubes in 3D, a visualization of the cage alignment relative to the excavation can be seen in Figure 3-44.

3.6 Site VI: UF 290 Site

A series of thermal scans were conducted October 22, 2008 at time frames ranging from 26.5 hrs to 32.3 hrs after shaft concreting for the UF-290 Southwest Parking Garage. The concrete mix design (Appendix) for this project was supplied by Universal Engineering Sciences on October 23, 2008. This information was used to create model input hydration rate parameters using the a, b, and t method outlined by Schindler (2005). The model parameters assigned were 0.830, 0.651, and 14.9, respectively with an overall energy production of 68 kJ per kg of concrete (or 381 kJ/kg of total cement content). A type F flyash represented approximately 20% of the 680 lbs total cement /cu yd of concrete. Concrete field test results were also supplied on October 24, 2008 along with some pertinent construction log information. Table 1 shows a summary of the physical parameters used to prepare the comparative models.

Figure 3-45 shows the anticipated temperatures for Shafts 152, 154, and 171 as a function of depth at the exact time of testing. Note slight variations in the predicted temperature correspond to cooling after the peak which occurred at approximately 15 hrs (S171 hottest at 26.5 hrs and S154 coolest at 32.3 hrs). The variations in a given temperature trace correspond to either changes in the shaft diameter or soil stratification. The depth to top of rock was assumed from pilot borings provided; those depths were 32ft, 36ft, and 35.5ft for shafts 152, 154, and 171, respectively.
Figures 3-46 through 3-48 show the measured temperature traces from all four access tubes along with the model predicted temperature for shafts 152, 154, and 171, respectively. The shape of the temperature versus depth curve provides a basic rendering of the actual shaft shape. Those temperature values higher than predicted correspond to over-pour bulges in the shaft most closely adjacent the tube showing those values. Conversely, regions of lower than predicted temperature correspond to poorly cemented regions or absent concrete. Conservatively, by assuming low readings correspond to absent concrete, those regions can be signal matched to provide a simulated section loss.

In this case, all shafts showed close agreement with the predicted temperature response with one exception of concern showing a slight reduction at the base of shaft 152 corresponding to a 1” reduction in radius (or high w/c ratio; partial segregation). This zone tapers from no reduction at a depth of 40ft to the one inch reduction at the toe (depth 48ft). Above the rock socket in both of shafts 152 and 171 sizeable bulges can be seen which are not considered to be regions of concern. Shaft 154 shows no appreciable concerns; minimal segregation at the toe.
Figure 3-1. Thermal testing of voided shaft.

Figure 3-2. Thermal field data analyzer front page.
Figure 3-3. Thermal field data analyzer individual test run worksheet.
Figure 3-4. Voided shaft thermal results for tube 1.
Figure 3-5. Voided shaft thermal results for tube 2.
Figure 3-6. Voided shaft thermal results for tube 3.
Figure 3-7. Voided shaft thermal results for tube 4.
Figure 3-8. Voided shaft thermal results for tube 5.
Figure 3-9. Voided shaft thermal results for tube 6.
Figure 3-10. Thermal Integrity Testing of Shafts 6-2 (left), 8-2 (center), and 25-3 (right).

Figure 3-11. Shaft 25-3 results: measured (left), excavation log (middle), preliminary model (right).
Figure 3-12. Concreting log (red arrows shows concrete used to refill while casing was extracted).
Figure 3-13. Shaft 25-3 results compared to 3-D modeled rendering showing where extra concrete finally came to reside.
Figure 3-14. I-4 & SR400 modeled temperature curve versus time.

Figure 3-15. I-4 & SR400 thermal testing results for Shaft 8-R.
Figure 3-16. I-4 & SR400 thermal testing results for Shaft 11-L.
Figure 3-17. Lake Okeechobee dyke modifications using TRD.

Figure 3-18. Lake Okeechobee HB150C Mix Design thermocouple data.
Figure 3-19. Lake Okeechobee HB1B Mix Design thermocouple data.

Figure 3-20. HB150C tube 1 at station 1413+25, 17 hours after mixing.
Figure 3-21. HB150C tube 2 at station 1413+33, 17 hours after mixing.

Figure 3-22. HB1B tube 3 at station 1414+36, 16 hours after mixing.
Figure 3-23. HB1B tube 4 at station 1414+44, 16 hours after mixing.
Figure 3-24 Normal access tube temperatures for shaft sizes tested.

Figure 3-25. Ocala Judicial Expansion Project Shaft 69 Thermal Test Results.
Figure 3-26  Signal match of Shaft DS-73 field results with modeled output, with and w/o neck.
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Figure 3-27. DS-5 Measured temperature traces for Tubes 1 through 4.
Figure 3-28. DS-10 Measured temperature traces for Tubes 1 through 4 compared to the model norm.
Figure 3-29. DS-11 Measured temperature traces for Tubes 1 through 4 compared to the model norm.
Figure 3-30. DS-18 Measured temperature traces for Tubes 1 through 4 compared to the model norm.
Figure 3-31. DS-20 Measured temperature traces for Tubes 1 through 4 compared to the model norm.
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Figure 3-37. DS-71 Measured temperature traces for Tubes 1 through 4 compared to the model norm.
Figure 3-38. DS-72 Measured temperature traces for Tubes 1 through 4 compared to the model norm.
Figure 3-39. DS-38 Measured temperature traces for Tubes 1 through 4 compared to the model norm.
Figure 3-40. Cage alignment in 54" excavation at a depth of 21 ft.

Figure 3-41. Cage alignment in 54" excavation at a depth of 48 ft.
Figure 3-42. Cage alignment in 54" excavation at a depth of 70 ft.
Figure 3-43. Inclinometer results for shaft DS-38.
Cage Alignment

Figure 3-44. Inclinometer results plotted in 3D relative to the excavation.
### Table 3-2. UF-290 Shaft Testing Details

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Figure 3-45. Normal access tube temperatures for the shafts tested.
Figure 3-46. Thermal results for Shaft 152.

Figure 3-47. Thermal results for Shaft 154.
Figure 3-48. Thermal results for Shaft 171.
Chapter Four: Voided Shaft Construction

4.1 Background of Concept

Large prestressed piles (0.6 – 0.9m) are often cast with a cylindrical void aligned with the longitudinal axis of the pile to minimize construction weight while also reducing concrete cost. Larger diameter post-tensioned cylinder piles (0.9 – 1.8m) develop enormous axial and bending capacity with only a 15 to 20cm thick annular ring of concrete (concrete pipe pile). An even larger version is plausible in the form of a voided drilled shaft (Figure 4-1). Aside from obvious constructability issues, benefits include reducing concrete volume and pouring time which in turn would relax concrete supplier issues as well as reducing hydration heat generation.

4.1.1 Construction Considerations

Construction of drilled shafts, simply stated, involves excavating a hole deep in the ground with rotary type augers (hence the name drilled), inserting reinforcing steel into the excavation in the form of a cylindrical cage, and filling the hole with wet/liquid concrete which occupies the space from which the soil was excavated. To construct a shaft with a central void would involve normal excavation of the shaft’s outer diameter followed by the insertion of a centralized steel casing (or similar) that can adequately maintain its position during the concreting of the annular volume. This may require that additional excavation of the smaller diameter to allow the inner casing to adequately seal below the bottom of the outer shaft diameter (Figure 4-2).

Concrete placement can be carried out with any method (full length pump truck hose or tremie) provided it can be easily moved during concreting to unify the concrete flow levels around the inner casing. Use of new high performance shaft concrete would certainly be advantageous. Alternately, placement from multiple tremies may be an option.

Inner casing installation, alignment, and overcoming potential buoyancy forces are perhaps the most significant obstacles to constructing voided shafts. The physics of buoyancy forces only provide a problem if the concrete can form a pressure face beneath the casing causing an upward force (Figure 4-2). Lateral concrete pressure will not induce buoyancy but rather will require sufficient casing stiffness such that it will not collapse. As there is little surface area on which upward pressure could act (open ended casing), the real issue is assuring concrete will not flow underneath and fill the inner casing. Therefore, the casing must form a seal with the bottom of the excavation in spite the upward drag force that accompanies concreting.

One method of sealing the casing is socketing it beneath the toe of the voided shaft. This socket is not required to develop significant side shear with the inner casing but must provide a reasonable seal. Advancing the inner casing into the underlying strata could be performed by duplex drilling (drilling beneath the casing while advancing), vibratory, or...
oscillatory installation. When slurry stabilization is to be used, duplex drilling would likely be preferred as vibratory installation could disrupt the integrity of the excavation walls. In most cases, cuttings would not need to be removed (or at least not completely) from the inner casing during its installation, nor would it be necessary to perform clean-out processes within the inner casing. When full length temporary casing is employed to stabilize the hole, duplex, vibratory, oscillatory, or a combination installation method would suffice to install the inner casing.

An alternate method of providing a seal between the inner casing and the excavation bottom might include a flange at the base of the casing (rigid, flexible, or combination thereof) that would both center the casing at the toe and provide a flat surface on which the self weight of the shaft concrete would secure the seal (Figure 4-3). A combination of flange and socketing may be found most suitable in certain circumstances.

Centering the inner casing as well as the reinforcement cage is also important and can be achieved by attaching a simple framework to the inner casing. If a flange assembly is used, the framework is extended from and/or incorporated into the flange. Struts attached to this frame to provide the necessary stiffness serve dual purpose by providing cage centering via properly dimensioning their connection locations (Figure 4-4). This provides better assurance of the cage placement than the presently used plastic spacers which often are found floating to the top during concreting.

4.1.2 Strength Considerations

Strength reduction caused by the reduced cross-sectional area has little effect on the structural performance of the foundation element in that the soil resistance is typically the limiting parameter. Therein, the geotechnical capacity is only affected by the reduction in end bearing area which is not typically considered a significant capacity contributor in large diameter shafts. However, if the inner casing was initially plugged or plated this capacity could be regained.

Structurally, a centrally voided shaft would exhibit a reduction in axial capacity roughly proportional to the loss in cross-sectional area. In general, load cases involving lateral loads and overturning moments produce far more severe stresses but would only be mildly affected by the presence of the void. For example, a 2.75m (9 ft) diameter shaft with a 1.22m (4ft) diameter void, 1% 410MPa (60ksi) steel, and f’c of 34MPa (5ksi) would result in a axial capacity reduction in the range of 17% whereas the bending capacity would be reduced less than 1%. This is due to the minimal contribution to the moment of inertia and the associated bending strength provided by the more centrally located concrete material. Further, the 1% reduction does not consider the gain in bending capacity associated with the inner steel casing if permanent. If the axial capacity must be maintained slightly increasing f’c to 41MPa (6ksi) would suffice. Figure 4-5 shows the interaction diagram for the above example shafts as well as the 41MPa voided option.
4.1.3 Curing Temperature Maintenance

The numerically modeled temperature responses of a 2.75m (9ft) diameter shaft with and without a 1.22m (4 ft) diameter void are shown in Figure 4-6. The model parameters simulated summer ambient conditions (changing winter to summer) but used concrete heat parameters similar to the Ringling Causeway Bridge. Note that under those conditions the peak temperature increase in the un-voided shaft (Figure 4-6) is related to the difference in ambient temperature and the lack of thermal convection in saturated soil.

The voided shaft was modeled with the void (center of casing) filled with slurry which in turn attained the same peak temperature. This was well less than the recommended safe temperature, and temperature differentials momentarily approach but do not exceed 20°C. Recent unpublished results, using published cement heat parameters, also indicate that supplanting 50% cement with ground granulated blast furnace slag does not diminish either peak or differential temperatures in large diameter shafts, but increases the centroidal peak time lag.

Although the accuracy of the model has been verified with field data that supports the un-voided shaft temperature response, a voided shaft had not been constructed prior to the onset of this study and was therefore a primary focus.

4.1.4 Cost Effectiveness

Preliminary cost comparisons between the permanent steel casing required to maintain the void during concreting and the central concrete that would be displaced (not required) showed the concept to be cost effective even without the savings associated with the new unnecessary cooling system. Figure 4-7 shows that for void diameters greater than about 1.3m (4.3ft) the cost savings from concrete not used offsets the cost of the steel casing. This assumes that the casing is permanent and no innovative method of inner form-work extraction has been devised.

For 2.75m shafts, voids larger than 1.2 to 1.5m are not likely to be considered as an annular thickness of 0.75m is envisioned to be the practical lower limit for construction. This leaves approximately 0.6m between the inner casing and the reinforcement cage for a pump truck hose or tremie to negotiate the concrete placement process. As a result, the Figure 4-7 results show a break even cost for 1.3m voids which would be reasonable for 2.75m shafts. For larger diameter voids (larger shafts) cost savings can be realized with additional savings from no required cooling system. Further benefits accompany voiding shafts in the assurance of long-term durability.

4.2 Full Scale Demonstration Construction

The logistics of constructing a voided shaft were fleshed out in a full scale demonstration project conducted as part of this study. This was made possible in part with the cooperation of a local drilled shaft contractor who provided a site, personnel and equipment. A thorough review of the construction process and the findings of its
effectiveness in controlling mass concrete effects in large diameter drilled shafts is presented herein.

4.2.1 Preparation

The time-line in for the voided shaft construction was planned to allow for the worst case peak temperature conditions (mid to late summer). With this in mind, and ground temperature conditions at the hottest in September (Figure 4-8), construction scheduled accordingly. Preparation for the construction involved: scheduling with contractor (R. W. Harris, Inc.), site layout, fabrication of both the reinforcement cage and central casing, ground and cage access/monitoring tube installation, and installation of thermocouples.

Scheduling was based on a mid to late September pour when an appropriate drill rig and crew were between projects. The test site was located at R.W. Harris, Inc., 12300 44th St. N. in Clearwater, FL (Figure 4-9). As a result, all preparation was discussed below was done sufficiently in advance such that the research team was ready at a moment’s notice of an available crew.

The reinforcement cage consisted of 36 longitudinal bars equally distributed inside 83” diameter #5 stirrups with a spacing of 12 inches on center. The reinforcement cage was outfitted with 9 - 26ft long, 2 inch Schedule 80 PVC pipe for thermal testing and cross-hole logging. Thermocouples were placed on three of the monitoring tubes (120 degree separation) at the top, middle, and bottom of the tubes. Figure 4-10 shows the reinforcement cage with monitoring tubes. The central casing selected has a 46 inch outer diameter with ½ inch wall thickness and was 30.5 ft long.

Ground monitoring tubes (4 total) and a well-point were installed by FDOT District I drill crew. The spacing of the monitoring tubes were positioned at 1/4, 1/2, 1, and 2 diameters from proposed edge of shaft. Figure 4-11 shows the drilling of the ground monitoring tubes. Thermocouples were placed on the ground monitoring tubes located at the proposed midpoint of the shaft (12.5 ft depth).

The central casing was equipped with thermocouples and an access tube centered using struts welded to the inside (Figures 4-12 and 4-13).within the casing using

4.2.2 Excavation and Concreting

Construction of the voided shaft took place on September 25, 2007 at the R.W. Harris test site. The entire procedure was broadcast via webcam from the USF geotechnical webpage for those unable to attend/visit the site. Records of the construction sequence, thermal testing and long-term temperature monitoring were also posted and updated every 15 minutes to http://geotech.eng.usf.edu/voided.html. The ability to post information to a web-page allows for a daily progress report of the construction, data collection, and overall performance of the testing.
Both webcam and time lapse photography were/are archived on that site which show the hour by hour construction. The following time lines can be seen from archival footage shown on-line at [http://geotech.eng.usf.edu/timelapse.html](http://geotech.eng.usf.edu/timelapse.html) and [http://geotech.eng.usf.edu/RWHwebcam.html](http://geotech.eng.usf.edu/RWHwebcam.html)

Voided Shaft Construction Time Lapse Photos / WebCam Archives (on line)

- 7:30-9:00am Setup / Excavation
- 9-10:00am Excavation / Clean-out
- 10-11:00am Clean-out / Settle / Final Clean-out
- 11-12:00pm Cage Placement
- 12-1:00pm Central Casing Placement / Concreting
- 1-2:00pm Concreting / Surface Casing Removal
- 2-3:00pm Clean up / Instrumentation
- 3-4:00pm Instrumentation

4.2.2.1 Excavation. The general excavation process entailed: installing a slightly oversized surface casing (10 ft diameter, 8 ft long, and embedded 7 ft); dry excavation with a 9ft diameter auger for the first several feet; after which, polymer slurry was introduced to stabilize the excavation; slurry stabilized excavation proceeded without issue down to a depth of 25ft; followed by a multi-stage clean out process (bucket was used to scrape the bottom of debris immediately after final auger depth and then again after a 30 minute wait period). Figure 4-14 shows this process.

4.2.2.2 Cage Placement. The reinforcing cage was picked at two locations to avoid excessive bending (Figure 4-15). Locking wheel cage spacers (12” diameter) were placed at the top, bottom, and middle of the reinforcing cage to provide 6 inches of clear-cover (Figure 4-16). The reinforcing cage was hung in-place so that the finished concrete would be level with the top of the cage.

4.2.2.3 Central Casing (Full Length Void). The 46 inch outer diameter steel casing (30.5ft long) was set into the center of excavation with a crane (Figure 4-17). The self-weight of the steel casing penetrated the soil between 3-6 inches. The penetration of the casing into the soil prevents concrete from entering the void area (one of the sealing options presented above). To prevent the top of the casing from shifting around during the initial concrete pour, a back-hoe bucket was used to hold the top of the casing (in practice, struts would be welded between the surface and central casing to assure concentric location (Figure 4-18).

4.2.2.4 Concrete Placement. A double tremie system was used to place concrete on opposite sides of the annular portion of the excavation (Figure 4-19). The concrete specifications called for a standard 4000 psi mix with 8 inch slump using #57 stone mix design. This was felt to be the most representative and perhaps the least flow-able shaft concrete. During the concrete placement, the concrete level at three points around the shaft were measured to ensure concrete was flowing around the void and through the reinforcing cage.
4.2.2.5 Surface Casing Removal. The temporary surface casing was removed after final concrete placement. Two boom trucks were used to remove the casing (Figure 4-20).

4.2.3 Long-Term Monitoring

As soon as the site was clear of construction equipment all thermocouples were attached to a Campbell Scientific data logger (Figure 4-21). The data logger allowed for real-time remote monitoring of the temperature. The system updated a data file every fifteen minutes via a Verizon cellular uplink. The data was processed and posted by the host server at USF after every upload and could be viewed on-line at the research web page.

Thermocouples installed in the drilled shaft were monitored via a real-time cellular data collection system. Figure 4-22 shows the data as shown on the USF website. The battery voltage was also being monitored real-time to ensure the system voltage did not drop below 11.6V (Figure 4-23). Once the voltage drops below 11.6 volts, the data collection has approximately 8 hours of life. The Campbell Scientific data collection system is equipped with a solar panel to help sustain the battery voltage. However, the cellular uplink requires a large amount of power to communicate. Therein, two trips were made over the duration of the monitoring to the field to charge the battery cells. The data collection power system was later optimized prior to going to the I35W site discussed in Chapter 2.

4.3 Post Construction Testing

Aside from the long-term monitoring program implemented immediately upon shaft construction, a series of post construction tests were initiated using the Thermal Integrity Test system using the access tubes installed in both the shaft cage and the surrounding ground. These two series of tests were referred to as Thermal Integrity Testing and Ground Temperature Profiling. Although the procedure for both test series is identical, the review of the data has two distinct purposes: shaft integrity evaluation and ground/soil thermal property evaluation.

Thermocouples installed in the drilled shaft were monitored with the Campbell Scientific cellular data collection system and an Omega 220 data logger. The Campbell Scientific data system is collecting real-time thermocouple data every 15 minutes which can be downloaded remotely as previously discussed. The Campbell Scientific system monitored 25 thermocouples within the shaft and surrounding soil while the Omega 220 data logger collected the remaining 2 soil thermocouples (1D & 2D).

Figure 4-24 annotates much of the data from Figure 4-22 according to gage locations. Note that ground temperature measurements show elevated temperatures persisted for months afterwards in spite of the incoming cooler weather. The soil temperature 2D away from the shaft showed a consistent temperature profile and can be considered the datum or outer edge of the zone of influence.
4.4 Results

Prediction of the peak temperature in the shaft where made prior to the study’s commencing (Johnson and Mullins, 2006) wherein the predicted temperature would peak at 138F (Figure 4-6) at approximately 24hrs. The measured temperature for the voided shaft (Figure 4-22 and 4-24) confirmed those model results.
Figure 4-1. Conceptual schematic of a voided drilled shaft, in profile view (left) and plan view (right).

Figure 4-2. Net hydrostatic pressure distribution during construction.
Figure 4-3. Figure 8. Rigid and flexible combination sealing flange is attached to the void casing, and engaged by the slurry and concrete load.

Figure 4-4 Figure 9. Void (inner) casing and reinforcement cage piloting framework.
Figure 4-5. Interaction diagram of 2.75m diameter voided and un-voided shafts.

Figure 4-6. Calculated temperatures for 2.75m voided and un-voided drilled shafts in saturated sands, with summer installation (“Clearwater” case).
Based on FDOT (2006) payitems for shaft concrete and permanent casing

Figure 4-7. Cost savings per ft of void diameter from unused concrete, including the inner casing, which is assumed permanent.
Figure 4-8. Hottest summer conditions occur in September for both the air and soil.
Figure 4-9. Site location in Clearwater, Florida.

Figure 4-10. Reinforcement cage with monitoring tubes and thermocouples.
Figure 4-11. Installation of ground monitoring tubes by FDOT District I personnel.

Figure 4-12. Voided shaft center casing access tube supports.
Figure 4-13. Thermocouples and access tube Installed in center casing.

Figure 4-14. Drilling and clean-out of 9ft diameter excavation.
Figure 4-15. Lifting reinforcement cage.

Figure 4-16. Placement of reinforcement cage with 12in diameter wheel spacers.
Figure 4-17. Lifting central casing.

Figure 4-18. Placing and securing central casing.
Figure 4-19. Concrete placement using two tremies.

Figure 4-20. Temporary casing extraction.
Figure 4-21. Finish shaft with data acquisition system in place.

Figure 4-22. Realtime thermocouple data as posted on USF webpage.
Figure 4-23 On-line battery voltage monitoring to assure remote system remained viable throughout the monitoring period.

Figure 4-24 Annotated data from the voided shaft and surrounding vicinity.
Numerical modeling can be used to both assess mass concrete potential and evaluate thermal integrity results. Regardless of application the hydration energy production and rate of production are just as important as the surrounding environmental conditions and boundary conditions used to simulate those conditions. This chapter will begin by discussing ways of predicting the energy production and the soil temperature distribution that strongly affect the dissipation of the energy.

Finite difference algorithms chosen to produce internal temperature predictions were developed in a previous study (Mullins et al., 2007) packaged in a software named T3DModel. This software was specifically developed for analyzing drilled shaft integrity, but showed great application for all concrete hydration induced temperature distribution problems.

5.1 Energy Production

The primary algorithms used to predict the hydration energy production (rate and magnitude) stem from Schindler (2006) wherein a set of closed form solutions were presented defining three terms $\alpha$, $\beta$, and $\tau$. The terms define both the degree of hydration (Eq 5-1) as well as the rate of hydration (Eq 5-2); $\alpha$, $\beta$, and $\tau$ are defined in terms of the fraction of cementing materials or cement constituents in equations 5-3, 5-4, and 5-5, respectively. The Blaine may be given in either mm$^2$/g or m$^2$/kg but must be converted to m$^2$/kg for introduction into the following equations where necessary.

$$\alpha(t_e) = \alpha_u \exp\left(-\left[\frac{\tau}{t_e}\right]^\beta\right)$$ (5-1)

$$Q_H(t) = H_e C_e \left(\frac{\tau}{t_e}\right)^\beta \left(\frac{\beta}{t_e}\right) \alpha(t_e) \frac{1}{R} \left(\frac{1}{273 + T_e} - \frac{1}{273 + T_c}\right)$$ (5-2)

$$\alpha_u = \frac{1.031 w/c}{0.194 + w/c} + 0.5 p_{FA} + 0.3 p_{SLAG} \leq 1.0$$ (5-3)

$$\beta = 181.4 p_{C_A}^{0.146} p_{C_S}^{0.227} Blaine^{-0.535} p_{SO}^{0.558} \exp(-0.647 p_{SLAG})$$ (5-4)
\[\tau = 66.78 p_{C_3A}^{-0.154} p_{C_3S}^{-0.401} \text{Blaine}^{-0.804} p_{SO_3}^{-0.758} \exp\left(2.187 p_{SLAG} + 9.5 p_{FA} p_{FA-C_{3A}}\right) \] (5-5)

The total amount of energy produced by the mix is proportional to the total cement content and/or supplementing cementing materials, SCM (e.g. flyash, slag, etc.). This is quantified by the total heat of hydration from cement or SCMs using the following two equations where \(p\) represents the fraction of the various cement constituents or the fraction of cementing materials as appropriate.

\[H_{cem} = 500 p_{C3S} + 260 p_{C2S} + 866 p_{C3A} + 420 p_{C4AF} + 624 p_{SO3} + 1186 p_{\text{freeC}_{3A}} + 850 p_{MgO} \] (5-6)

\[H_u = H_{cem} p_{cem} + 461 p_{SLAG} + h_{FA} p_{FA} \] (5-7)

Sample mix designs are included in the appendix wherein the constituents are itemized along with the various percentages used in the above equations.

The T3DMModel houses a library of concrete mix designs and can be updated as needed by inputting the percentages of the various cement and flyash constituents. Figure 5-1 shows the new input screen to input user defined mix designs.

Input parameters include percentages of the following constituents for cement: MgO, C2S, C3A, C3S, SO3, C4AF, and CaO as well as Blaine (m2/kg). For flyash the SO3 and CaO percentages are needed.

Using the inputted heat source parameters and by running various models for a given site, baseline norms can be established for quick assessment of a thermal integrity test. Figure 5-2 shows a family of curves for a given site and mix design for various shaft diameters and testing times. For instance, if thermal integrity testing is performed on a 42 inch diameter shaft, 30 hours after casting, the expected tube temperature would be approximately 122F.

5.2 Ground Temperature Distribution (Boundary Conditions)

Boundary conditions for any thermal model are essentially based the temperature variations that exist either in the soil as a function of depth or the air temperature as a function of time. The first is important for defining the gradient the soil will experience during hydration which was previously unknown. The second can easily be obtained based on archival temperature data from a number of government or private internet sources. As a result, a unique temperature profile (with depth) is present at the time of concreting for shafts or footings that can be approximated either by modeling or insitu measurements. Previous case studies performed during this and previous studies have been evaluated to identify reliable methods of predicting these temperature profiles that in turn make the predictive models more robust. This is especially helpful with regard to thermal integrity testing of drilled shafts and comparing field results to predicted norms.
By running long-term T3DModel runs that incorporate heat transfer in and out of the soil for periods of months prior to concreting, the exact soil profile at the time of concreting can be directly inputted into the model to more accurately predict a perfect shaft temperature profile. The amount of time is somewhat insensitive provided that a long-enough timeframe has been selected prior to the time of concreting. For example, annual temperature fluctuations (as shown by monthly or weekly averages) do not vary significantly from year to year. But, in the event they do, the exact recent air temperature history of a specific site can be used as an input time series (air boundary condition) to precondition the soil profile. As a result, given that the deep soil temperature in Florida stays reasonably constant at 72°F, an extended air temperature above 80°F in summer climates will produce a vertical temperature profile like that shown in Figure 5-3.

This data was collected two years apart several feet apart (one in the soil and the other in a “cold” shaft). The significance is that soil temperature is not constant throughout the year but tends to return to the same profile at the same time of the year.

As air temperature data is available for most major cities on a daily and/or hourly basis, ground temperature profiles can be established for almost any location with reasonable accuracy. This affords modeling the ability to provide refined boundary conditions. Figure 5-4 shows archival data for the Tampa / St. Pete area showing essentially reproducible temperature variations throughout a 14 year period.

For a given concreting date of a drilled shaft or mass concrete element, the exact conditions can be obtained that led up to the surround environment’s temperature distribution. Figure 5-5 shows data over a one year period from which model predictions of the soil temperature profile were produced.

Figures 5-6a through 5-6c show the ground temperature profiles determined from long-term model runs incorporating the air temperature time series from Figure 5-5. Notice there are two times a year when the ground temperature is relatively uniform, April and Oct/Nov. At all other times the ground is either heating or cooling lagging behind the air temperature trends.
Figure 5-1. Heat source calculator used to input new mix design parameters.
Figure 5-2. Expected access tube temperatures for various sizes of shaft and testing times.
Figure 5-3. Soil temperature profile at Clearwater test site.
Figure 5-4. Average daily temperature for the Tampa / St. Petersburg, FL area.

Figure 5-5. Average weekly temperature variations over one year period (Clearwater, FL).
Figure 5-6a. Modeled ground temperature profile (Feb to May).

Figure 5-6b. Modeled ground temperature profile (June to October).
Figure 5-6c. Modeled ground temperature profile (November to January).
This study addressed factors affecting mass concrete conditions for all large-sized concrete elements with specific focus on drilled shafts. The heat energy produced by curing concrete caused by hydration has both advantageous and detrimental effects. The advantages arise from the reproducible and predictable temperature signature from curing concrete that can be compared to field measurement via infrared measurements (Thermal Integrity Testing of Drilled Shafts). The detrimental aspects come from either immediate differential temperature-induced cracking or long-term durability reduction from delayed ettringite formation (DEF).

The construction of a voided drilled shaft (essential a cast-in-place pipe pile) was demonstrated to verify that not only the internal temperature of large diameter shafts could be controlled by geometry changes but also that the practical aspects of constructing such as shaft were not overlooked. As a result, the logistics of the voided shaft construction were conducive to standard shaft construction, did not add needless complication, and in fact reduced concreting time and concrete usage. The removal of the central most concrete from the 9ft diameter demonstration shaft drastically reduced internal temperatures (both peak and differential) such that it did not exhibit mass concrete conditions. This was in stark contrast with the 4ft diameter shaft constructed under identical conditions in an earlier study that exceeded both the peak and differential temperature limits.

Extensive thermal integrity testing was performed to increase confidence in the suitability of the test method as well as the field testing protocols. In each case, field testing was compared to modeled results to verify numerical modeling refinements that were undertaken throughout the study.

Outcomes of the study can be summarized in recommendations for guidelines or specifications for the use of Thermal Integrity Evaluation and Mass Concrete Identification.

6.1 Recommendations for Thermal Integrity Evaluation

Guidelines for the use of Thermal Integrity Evaluation of drilled shafts must incorporate the overall concept as well as definitive pieces of information that must be obtained during concrete placement, shaft excavation, or general construction processes. As cited in results from Chapter 3 the thermal integrity technician should note or obtain from the shaft inspector the following items: time of testing, time of concreting, concrete mix design, concrete casting temperature, length and diameter of the shafts, construction logs detailing the method of construction (casing length, casing diameter, etc), concreting logs, and a boring log. Table 6-1 shows an example shaft detail listing.
Table 6-1 Shaft Testing Details

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Additional information which is helpful for accurate thermal modeling of the site includes the excavation/spoil temperature as the material is spun of the tool at the surface. This is not required of all shafts but rather a representative number to map the vertical soil temperature distribution. This information is best obtained by the shaft inspector and can be obtained simply using a hand-held infrared temperature gun (Figure 6-1).

Criteria for acceptance of a shaft on the basis of the temperature profile are dependent on the needs of the shaft with regards to either structural capacity or durability. Therein, a simple reduction in wave speed or increased arrival times typical of Cross Hole Sonic Logging is not sufficient. Rather, a definite criterion based on either loss of structural capacity or cover must be adopted. This looks to the rationale for 6 inches of cover around drilled shaft reinforcing steel. If the intended purpose was to mitigate the likelihood of reduced cover based on blind construction whereby an actual cover of 3 inches was probable, then when less than 3 inches is provided (based on thermal scans) the shaft would be rejected.

Likewise, the structural (axial and bending) capacity of most shafts exceeds that required for most regions of the shaft (perhaps excluding the upper most portions near the cap). If a cross-section shows a reduction that does not impinge on the cover criterion (discussed above) then it is likely to be acceptable. To this extent, the actual needs of the structure must be known to best determine the acceptance of an imperfect shaft. Figure 6-2 shows an example shaft usage from top to bottom relative to the 0.75% steel provided broken into 15 equal lengths (plotted points). The full shaft section should not be compromised in the upper portions (fifth from the top being the critical section). However, lower portions of the shaft need not develop full capacity and could likely exhibit significant cross sectional reductions without concern (again provided that cover was sufficient).

Finally, thermal integrity evaluation requires knowledge of the normally anticipated temperature of the shaft prior to deciding on the actual as-built shape. This relates to the normal heat signature of a curing shaft based on shaft diameter, the surrounding environment (e.g. casing, water, soil, rock or combination thereof), the concrete mix design, and the time at which the thermal scans are conducted. Series of normal temperatures for various shaft sizes can be prepared in advance of the testing and used to quickly ascertain the shaft conditions at the time of testing. Figure 6-3 shows an example of the anticipated temperature of unaltered shafts of various diameters for a given set of...
site conditions. All temperatures correspond to the normal radial location of the access tubes with proper cover.

Due to the amount of information derived from *Thermal Integrity Evaluation* a more precise rationale for accepting or reject shafts can be adopted that incorporates the actual shaft cross section and capacity (as determined from test results). This requires that the moment and axial load distribution down the length of the shaft must be available. This information should have already been prepared when in design.

A sample technical specification has been prepared and included in the appendix.

**6.2 Recommendations for Mass Concrete Assessment**

This section is under preparation
Figure 6-1. Economical hand-held infrared thermometer.

Figure 6-2. Example shaft capacity usage as a function of position in shaft.
Figure 6-3. Normal integrity tube temperatures as a function of shaft diameter and hydration time.
General References


Higgs, J.S. and Robertson, S.A. (1979), Integrity Testing of Concrete Piles by Shock Method,” Concrete, October, pp. 31-33.


Appendix A: Concrete Mix Designs
Figure A-1. Ringling Causeway Mix Design.
Figure A-2 Concrete mix design for voided shaft.
Figure A-2b Concrete Truck Ticket for Voided Shaft Demonstration.
Subject: REQUEST FOR CONCRETE MIX DESIGN APPROVAL

Requested By: Kevin Heindel
Phone: 661-686-4231

Firm Name: Cemstone Products Co.
Agency Engineer/Inspector: Kevin Western (MnDOT)
SP # (I-35W Bridge): 82001

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Provided by MnDOT

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Proposed Mix Designs

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The above mixes are approved for use, contingent upon satisfactory site performance and continuous acceptability of all materials sources, by:

Requested By: 
Date: 

Mn/DOT Reviewer: 
Date: 

Reviewed by: Mn/DOT Concrete Office
Date: 

Comments: Mix ITF5035C is for information purposes only and has been created by adjusting the aggregate proportions of mix ITF5035B so that the JMF may be met. No new JMF for mix ITF5035C has been created.

Written by: FMM
Date: 10.08.07

Revised by: 
Date: 

Approved by: 
Date: 

Figure A-3 Mix design for the I35W drilled shafts.
Figure A.4a Mix design for USF nuclear vault project.

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TOTALS: 4131

DESIGNED SLUMP: 8" to 9"
DESIGNED UNIT WEIGTH: 153.7 lbs./cf.
DESIGNED W/C RATIO: 0.33

NOTES:

CEMEX has no knowledge or authority regarding where this mix is to be placed. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the project architect/engineer, and or contractor to insure that the above designed mix parameters of compressive strength, water cement ratio, cement content and air content are appropriate for the anticipated environmental conditions (ie, ACI-318-02 Chapter 4. and the local Building Codes).

Chemical admixtures are added in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations.

Designed mix cementious content is stated as a minimum, and CEMEX reserves the right to increase cementitious content. CEMEX also reserves the right to adjust aggregate weights to maintain design aggregate volumes.

Superplasticizer (Admixture 3) will be added to a target slump of 2-3" at the batching plant to achieve a 9" maximum slump at the jobsite.

For and on behalf of,

CEMEX

William "Tag" Herring

Mix Design Specialist

Florida Region
5325 SR 64 East, Bradenton, FL 34208, USA, Cell (941) 504-0285
Figure A.4b Mix design for USF nuclear vault project (continued).
**CONCRETE TEST REPORT**

CLIENT: Precise Construction  
5026 Trenton Street  
Tampa, Florida 33619  
Attn: Mr. Rod Reinhold

DATE: 4/2/2009  
JOB NO: 6111-08-097 A

PROJECT: Bruce B. Downs Medical Center  
Office Building & Vault

LABORATORY NO:  
SET NO: 06

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SAMPLES ARE 4" DIAMETER AND 8" LENGTH UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED
SAMPLES CURED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ASTM C-31 UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED
FRACTURE TYPE AS PER ASTM C-39-2004

**REMARKS:**
Figure A-5a. UF-290 Project Mix Design
### ASTM C 618 TEST REPORT

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**Sample Number:** 6121-01  
**Report Date:** 11/1/2006  
**Sample:** Crystal River  
**Tested By:** JT/JX

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| PHYSICAL TESTS         |         |            |              |
| Moisture Content, %    | 0.01    | 3.0 max.   | 3.0 max.     |
| Loss On Ignition, %    | 4.00    | 6.0 max.   | 5.0 max.     |
| Amount Retained on No. 325 Sieve, % | 25.00 | 34 max. | 34 max. |
| Specific Gravity       | 2.23    |            |              |
| Autoclave Soundness, % | -0.01   | 0.8 max.   | 0.8 max.     |
| SAI, with Portland Cement at 7 days, % of Control | 75.5 | 75 min.* | 75 min.* |
| SAI, with Portland Cement at 28 days, % of Control | 79.3 | 75 min.* | 75 min.* |
| Water Required, % of Control | 88.8 | 105 max. | 105 max. |

Meets ASTM C618, AASHTO M295, FDOT Section 928, SCDBPT and MDOT specifications for Class F Fly Ash.

*Meeting the 7 day or 28 day strength activity index will indicate specification compliance.

Approved By:  
Diana Berkey  
QC Specialist

Approved By:  
Brian Snow  
Materials Testing Manager

46 NE LOOP 410, SUITE 700  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS  
210.349.4069

Figure A-5b. UF-290 Project Mix Design (continued).
Figure A-5c. UF-290 Project Mix Design (continued).
Figure A-5d. Concrete mix design for Marion County Judicial Center.

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Our concrete strength guarantee per ASTM C94 will not be effective unless the field sampling has been done per ASTM C172 and ASTM C31 and the laboratory testing fulfills the requirements of ASTM C93 and ASTM C1077 & Certified through CMEC or CMEC "Concrete Materials Engineering Council."
Figure A-5e. Lake Okeechobee Mix Design.

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*All mixes contain Bentonite at a proportion of 0.088 x the weight of the binder

* kg of binder per m² of original soil

14 day permeability test results (ASTM D 5968) are included and meet or exceed project requirements.
Appendix B: TSP for Thermal Evaluation
Specification for Thermal Integrity Testing of Drilled Shafts

Thermal Integrity Evaluation of a foundation utilizes the thermal signature generated during the hydration phase of the concrete curing process. Deviations in the thermal signature from a gradient predicted by modeling of the concrete mix design and soil profile can indicate anomalies in the shaft cross-section. A decrease in the measured temperature may indicate a decrease in shaft cross-section, whereas an increase in measured temperature may be indicative of a bulge or increase in the shaft cross-section. Advantages of the Thermal Integrity Evaluation method include the use of access tubes typical of current integrity testing methods, early detection of potential anomalies, anomaly detection outside the reinforcing cage and a reusable temperature measuring system.

Frequency of Testing

Perform all TI testing in bridge bents or piers containing one column supported by one or two drilled shafts, or two columns with one or more of the columns supported by only one drilled shaft. For all other drilled shafts, perform TI testing only on drilled shafts selected by the Engineer, or as shown in the plans. The minimum number of shafts tested is the number of shafts indicated in the plans. At their discretion, the Engineer may increase the number shafts tested as deemed necessary. Engage a qualified Specialty Engineer to perform the TI testing. The qualified TI Specialty Engineer must have a Licensed Professional Engineer supervising the collection and interpretation of data. The Contractor shall provide all necessary assistance to the TI Specialty Engineer to satisfactorily perform the testing.

All tubes in a tested shaft shall be profiled with the TI equipment.

Tube Requirements

Thermal Integrity (TI) Tubes: Install TI access tubes full length in all drilled shafts from the tip of shaft to a point high enough above top of shaft to allow TI testing, but not less than 30 inches above the top of the drilled shaft, ground surface or water surface, whichever is higher. Equally space tubes around circumference of drilled shaft. Securely tie access tubes to the inside of the reinforcing cage and align tubes to be parallel to the vertical axis of the center of the cage. Access tubes must be Schedule 80 PVC with a nominal diameter of 2.0 inches. Couple tubes as required with couplers, such that inside of tube remains flush. Seal the bottom and top of the tubes with threaded caps. The tubes, joints and bottom caps shall be watertight. Seal the top of the tubes with lubricated, threaded caps sufficient to prevent the intrusion of foreign materials. Stiffen the cage sufficiently to prevent damage or misalignment of access tubes during the lifting and installation of the cage. Repair or replace any unserviceable tube prior to concreting. Exercise care in removing the caps from the top of the tubes after installation so as not to apply excess torque, hammering or other stress which could break the bond between the tubes and the concrete. Provide the following number and configuration of TI access tubes in each drilled shaft based on the diameter of the shaft.
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Insert simulated or mock probes in each cross-hole-sonic access tube prior to concreting to ensure the serviceability of the tube. Fill access tubes with clean potable water and recap prior to concreting. Repair or replace any leaking, misaligned or damaged tubes as in a manner acceptable to the Engineer prior to concreting. Immediately after concreting, check the water levels in the CSL access tubes and refill as necessary. If tubes become unserviceable, core new holes in the drilled shaft as directed by the Engineer. For the purposes of Thermal Integrity Evaluation, the contractor shall provide reasonable access to the shaft for a time period up to two weeks after concreting or as directed by the Engineer.

After acceptance of production shafts by the Engineer, remove all water from the access tubes or core holes and fill the tubes or core holes with a structural non-shrink grout approved by the Engineer.

**Equipment**

Furnish Thermal Integrity testing equipment as follows:

(1) Include thermal probe equipped with a minimum of three (2) Infrared Thermocouples sensors capable of being lowered into a 2.0 inch nominal diameter tube.

(2) Include a microprocessor based data acquisition system for display, storage, and transfer of data.

(3) Electronically measure and record the relative position (depth) of the probe within the tube with each TI signal.

(4) Print the TI logs for report presentation.

(5) Provide report quality plots of TI measurements that identify each individual test.

(6) Electronically store each TI log in digital format, with shaft identification, date, time and test details.

**Procedure**

Field measurements for the purpose of Thermal Integrity Evaluation shall be conducted at a time that corresponds as closely as is practical to the peak temperature generation in the shaft as
directed by the Engineer. A Concrete Mix Design shall be submitted to the Testing Engineer a minimum of ten (10) days prior to shaft construction, in order to determine the proper testing time. The drilled shaft concrete mix design shall be tested for heat production by the State Materials Office or by their designated party. Results from said testing will be modeled to ascertain the time vs. temperature response of the specified shaft geometry and soil profile prior to concreting. In addition, furnish information regarding the shaft, tube lengths and depths, construction dates, and other pertinent shaft installation observations and details to the Specialty Engineer at the time of testing.

(1) Remove all water immediately prior to performing the testing.

(2) Lower the probe starting from the top of the tubes, over an electronic depth measuring device.

(3) Continuously record TI signals at depth intervals of 2.5 inches or less from the top of the tubes to the bottom of each shaft.

(4) Assure the probe is hanging free without interference of the cable prior to lowering to provide accurate depth measurements in the TI records.

(5) Report any anomalies indicated by the TI signals to the Engineer and conduct further analyses or tests as required to evaluate the extent of possible defects.

**Reporting and Evaluation**

Present the TI testing and analysis results to the Engineer in a report. Include TI logs with analyses of the temperature reading of each sensor versus depth for each tube and the average temperature readings of each tube versus depth for all tubes. Identify any readings which indicate an anomaly on the logs and as a discussion item in the report.

The Engineer will evaluate the TI test results and determine whether or not the drilled shaft construction is acceptable. TI test results with deviations greater than 5 degrees over a 1 ft length shall be further evaluated using Signal Matching Analyses to determine the possible shaft cross-section loss of measured anomalies. A 3-D rendering of the shaft shall be included along with the Signal Matching Analyses graphical results, when this analysis is required.

**Evaluation of Unacceptable Shafts**

If the Engineer determines a drilled shaft is unacceptable based on the TI results, core the shaft to allow further evaluation and repair, or replace the shaft. If coring to allow further evaluation of the shaft and repair is chosen, one or more core samples shall be taken from each unacceptable shaft for full depth of the shaft or to the depth directed by the Engineer. The Engineer will determine the number, location, and diameter of the cores based on the results of TI testing and analysis. Keep an accurate log of cores. Properly mark and place the cores in a crate showing the shaft depth at each interval of core recovery. Transport the cores, along with five copies of the coring log to the Engineer. Perform strength testing by an AASHTO certified lab on portions of
the cores that exhibit questionable concrete as determined by the Engineer. If the drilled shaft TI testing, analyses and coring indicate the shaft is defective, propose remedial measures for approval by the Engineer. Such improvement may consist of, but is not limited to correcting defective portions of the shaft, providing straddle shafts to compensate for capacity loss, or providing a replacement shaft. Repair all detected defects and conduct post repair integrity testing using TI testing as described herein. Submit all results to the Engineer within five days of test completion for approval.
SECTIO N T455
THERMAL INTEGRITY TESTING OF DRILLED SHAFTS

T455-1 Description: This work consists of installing access tubes and providing safe and
secure access assistance to the Engineer for the purpose of evaluating drilled shaft integrity via
internal temperature measurements using the Thermal Integrity Test method as described herein. The Thermal Integrity Test method is based on measuring the heat generation of hydrating
ce ment. The analysis of measured temperature profiles requires knowledge of the concrete mix
used and soil profile for the purposes of determining heat generation and soil insulation
parameters. For typical shaft concrete mixes, thermal testing should be carried out between one
and two days after shaft concreting.

The Contractor is not required to provide Cross-Hole Sonic Logging (CSL) Tests.

T455-2 Thermal Integrity Testing Access: Install 1.5 inch ID black iron CSL access
tubes full length in all drilled shafts in accordance with Section 455-16.4.

Provide access assistance to the Engineer in testing the shafts within 4 hours of the peak
temperature generation. Peak temperature generation is expected to occur between 24 and 48 hrs
after shaft concrete placement. The Engineer will test all drilled shafts in bridge bents or piers
considered non-redundant in the plans. Based on the observations during drilled shaft
construction, the Engineer may test one or all drilled shafts in bridge bents or piers considered
redundant in the plans. For all other drilled shafts, only drilled shafts selected by the Engineer
will be tested.

T455-3 Evaluation of Thermal Integrity Testing: The Engineer will evaluate the
observations during drilled shaft construction and the Thermal Integrity Test results to determine
whether or not the drilled shaft construction is acceptable within three working days of testing
the shaft. Drilled shafts with either insufficient cover or a 5 degree Fahrenheit reduction from
the model norm over a length of shaft at least 2ft in length will not be accepted without an
engineering analysis. If the Contractor determines at any time during the non-destructive testing
and evaluation of the drilled shaft that the drilled shaft should be replaced, no further testing or
evaluation of that shaft is required.

T455-4 Coring and/or Repair of Drilled Shafts: If the Engineer determines a drilled
shaft is unacceptable based on the Thermal Integrity Testing, or observes problems during drilled
shaft construction, core the shaft to allow further evaluation and repair, or replace the shaft. If
coring to allow further evaluation of the shaft and repair is chosen, one or more core samples
shall be taken from each unacceptable shaft for full depth of the shaft or to the depth directed by
the Engineer. The Engineer will determine the number, location, and diameter of the cores based
on the results of 3-D tomographic analysis of Thermal Integrity Testing data. Keep an accurate
log of cores. Properly mark and place the cores in a crate showing the shaft depth at each interval
of core recovery. Transport the cores, along with five copies of the coring log to the Engineer.
Perform strength testing by an AASHTO certified lab on portions of the cores that exhibit
questionable concrete as determined by the Engineer.

If the drilled shaft Thermal Integrity Testing, 3-D tomographic analyses and coring
indicate the shaft is defective, propose remedial measures for approval by the Engineer. Such
measures may consist of, but are not limited to correcting defective portions of the shaft,
providing straddle shafts to compensate for capacity loss, or providing a replacement shaft.
Repair all detected defects and assist the Engineer in retesting the shaft(s) as described herein.
Perform all remedial work described in this Section at no additional compensation, and with no increase in contract time.

**T455-5 Basis of Payment:** Include all costs associated with assisting the Engineer with Thermal Integrity Testing in the costs of the Drilled Shafts.