

Thickening Time and Compressive Strength Correlations for Bentonitic- Class "G" Cement Slurries

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Abstract

Empirical equations for estimating thickening time and compressive strength of bentonitic - class "G" cement slurries were derived as a function of water to cement ratio and apparent viscosity (for any ratios). How the presence of such an equations easily extract the thickening time and compressive strength values of the oil field saves time without reference to the untreated control laboratory tests such as pressurized consistometer for thickening time test and Hydraulic Cement Mortars including water bath (24 hours) for compressive strength test those may have more than one day.

الخلاصة

المعادلات التجريبية للتنبؤ بقيم زمن التثخن وقوة الصلابة لسمنت نوع "ج" المحضر بالبنتونايت والذي يمثل كدالة لنسبة الماء الى السمنت واللزوجة الظاهرية (لمختلف النسب). ان استعمال معادلات للتنبؤ بقيم زمن التثخن وقوة الصلابة في الحقل النفطي يوفر الوقت دون الرجوع الى الفحص المختبري واستعمال الاجهزة الخاصة لقياس زمن التثخن واعمد السمنت والحمام المائي لمدة (٢٤ ساعة) لقياس قوة صلابة السمنت وكلها قد تحتاج الى اكثر من يوم.

Keywords

Correlations, Thickening time, Compressive strength, Drilling, Cementing materials.

Introduction

Physical and rheological properties of cement slurries with additives are important tools in cementing jobs.

Many investigation were made by researchers, manufactures and service companies to evaluate each addition in both the laboratory and the field.

Ibrahim [1] performed laboratory tests on class "G" cement slurries containing different bentonite to cement ratios (dry bentonite), his results were 28 different plots and two

correlation equations for thickening time and free water content.

Data

All cement slurries data from Ibrahim [1] (experimental work), the range of data and data used are shown in Tables (1) and (2) respectively and the (m) values were calculated from this study.

Correlations
1. Thickening Time Correlations

1.1. Thickening time correlation(this study)

The following general relation of thickening time of cement slurries with its rheological properties was assumed.

$$\text{Thickening Time} = f(\dot{\gamma}, m) \dots(1)$$

$$\text{Thickening Time} \propto (1/\dot{\gamma}, m) \dots(2)$$

Table (2) shows 30 experimental points that were used to develop the following correlation equation (this study), non linear model was used to develop the following relation:

$$T.T = a_1 + \exp (a_2 + a_3/\dot{\gamma} + a_4 * m + a_5/\dot{\gamma}^2 + a_6 * m^2 + a_7/\dot{\gamma}^3 + a_8 * m^3 + a_9/\dot{\gamma}^4 + a_{10} * m^4 + a_{11}/\dot{\gamma}^5 + a_{12} * m^5) \dots(3)$$

where

$a_1 = - 9150.24$	$a_2 = 9.360349$
$a_3 = 4.384563$	$a_4 = -1.60827$
$a_5 = - 239.746$	$a_6 = 3.909896$
$a_7 = 6054.842$	$a_8 = - 4.61193$
$a_9 = - 68215.6$	$a_{10} = 2.641999$
$a_{11} = 285946.6$	$a_{12} = - 0.588621$

1.2. Thickening Time Correlation (Ibrahim[1])

Ibrahim [1] wrote the following equation using apparent viscosity range of 35 to 95 C.P . But in this study and for comparative purposes , the following equation was used for all data.

$$T.T = 134.1 - 0.427 * \dot{\gamma} \dots(4)$$

He assumed

$$\text{Thickening Time} = f(\dot{\gamma}) \dots(5)$$

$$\text{Thickening Time} \propto (\dot{\gamma}) \dots(6)$$

2. Compressive Strength Correlation (This Study)

$$\text{Compressive strength} = f(\dot{\gamma}, m) \dots(7)$$

$$\text{Compressive strength} \propto (\dot{\gamma}, 1/m) \dots(8)$$

Also Table (2) shows the 32 experimentally points that were used to write the following correlation equation(this study),also non linear model was used to write the following relation.

$$C.S. = a_1 + a_2/m + a_3 * \dot{\gamma} + a_4/m^2 + a_5 * \dot{\gamma}^2 + a_6/m^3 + a_7 * \dot{\gamma}^3 + a_8/m^4 + a_9 * \dot{\gamma}^4 \dots(9)$$

where

$a_1 = 16934.070004$
$a_2 = - 53758.83433$
$a_3 = - 7.52898677$
$a_4 = 62273.823273$
$a_5 = - 0.1502096603$
$a_6 = - 29671.46878$
$a_7 = 0.0022956086$
$a_8 = 5139.7132478$
$a_9 = - 0.0000077643$

Statistical Analysis

The statistical parameter used for comparison equations for those parameters are given below:

1. Average Percent Relative Error

It is the measure of the relative deviation in percent from the experimental data and defined by:

$$Er = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N Ei \dots(10)$$

where **Ei** is the relative deviation in percent of an estimated value from the experimental value

$$Ei = \left[\frac{X_{est} - X_{exp}}{X_{exp}} \right] \times 100 \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N, \dots(11)$$

where X_{est} and X_{exp} represent the estimated and experimental values, respectively.

2. Average Absolute Percent Relative Error

It can be represented by the following formula

$$Ea = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N |Ei| \quad \dots(12)$$

3. Minimum and Maximum Absolute Percent Relative Error

Calculation of both minimum and maximum values are scanned to know the range of error for each correlation.

$$E = \min_{i=1}^N |Ei| \quad \dots(13)$$

$$E = \max_{i=1}^N |Ei| \quad \dots(14)$$

4. Standard Deviation (Sx)

Standard deviation, S_x , is the measures of the data dispersion around zero deviation.

$$Sx^2 = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^N Ei^2 \quad \dots(15)$$

5. Correlation Coefficient (r)

The correlation coefficient, r , represents the degree of success in reducing the standard deviation by regression analysis.

$$r^2 = 1 - \left\{ \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N [(X_{est} - X_{exp})_i]^2}{\sum_{i=1}^N [(X_{exp} - \bar{X})_i]^2} \right\} \quad \dots(16)$$

Where

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (X_{exp})_i \quad \dots(17)$$

Results and Analysis

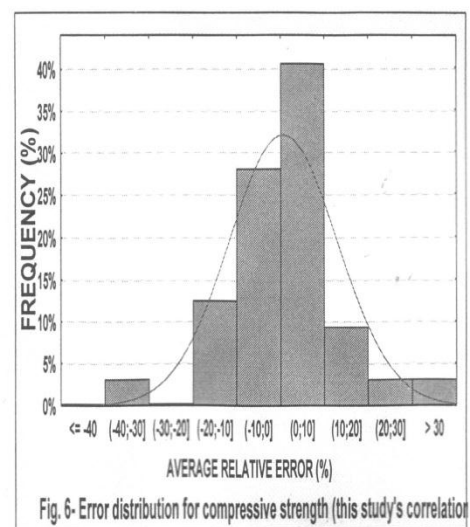
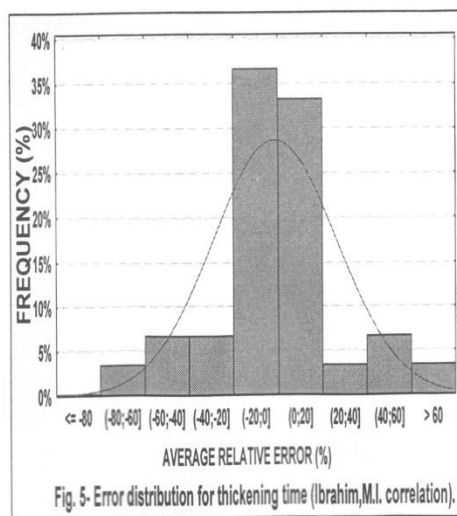
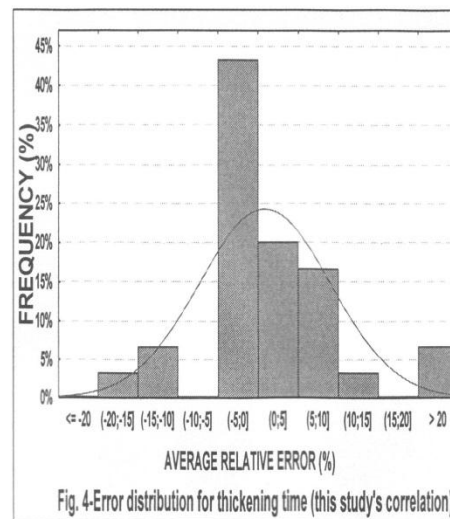
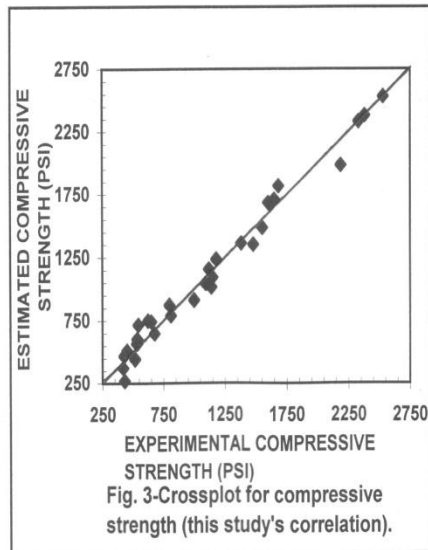
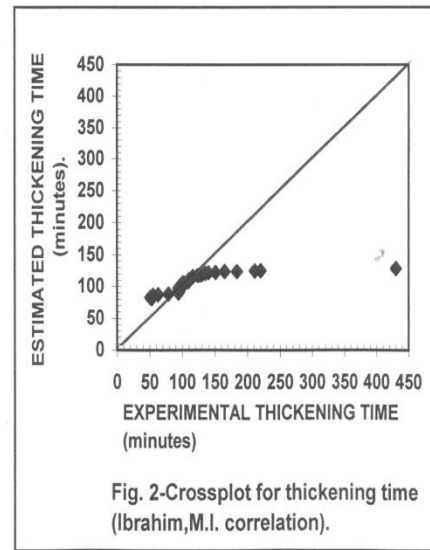
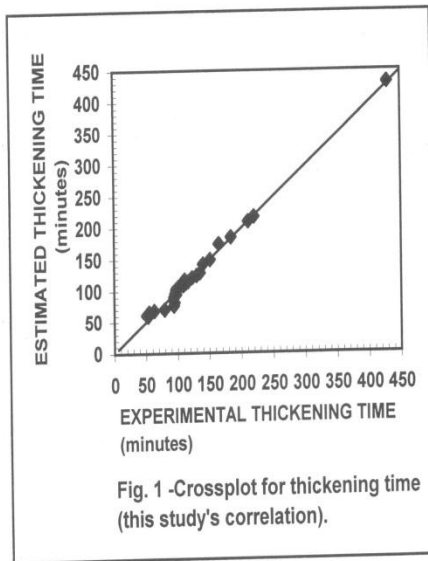
1. Results and Discussion

Tables (3, 4 and 5) show a the comparison between errors experimentally thickening time of 30 estimated data points and the experimentally compressive strength of 32 data points from two correlations of the thickening time and one correlation of the compressive strength. The correlation for thickening time of this study Eq.(3) achieved the lowest errors and standard deviation, with the highest correlation coefficient accuracy (this study) of 0.9957 comparison with the correlation coefficient accuracy (Ibrahim[1]) of 0.4335. The correlation for compressive strength Eq.(9) achieved the high correlation coefficient of 0.9904.

2. Cross Plots

The cross plots of estimated vs. experimental values for thickening time correlations are shown in Figs. (1) and (2) Most of the plotted points of this study's Fig. (1) correlation fall very close to the perfect correlation of 45° line (0.79 rad).

The correlation of Ibrahim[1] Fig.(2) reveal more overestimation than this study. Also the cross plot of estimated vs. experimental values compressive strength correlation are presented in Fig.(3) of the plotted data points of this study's.



3. Error Distribution

The statistical histograms with normal distribution curve for the thickening time correlation of this study and Ibrahim[1] are presented in Fig.(4) and (5). The error ranges of (± 20) and (+60 to -80) are used for this study's and Ibrahim[1]. Correlations respectively. Fig. (6) shows the distribution for this study's correlation for compressive strength is (+30) and (-40).

4. Conclusion

1. Thickening time and compressive strength correlations for bentonitic – class "G" cement slurries have been estimated using equations (3) and (9) respectively.
2. Equations (3) and (9) can be used for estimating all water/cement ratios and apparent viscosity without using any devices .
3. Deviations from experimentally data, indicated as average percent relative error , average absolute percent relative error, minimum and maximum absolute percent relative error and standard deviation were lower for this study than for estimation based on the correlation of Ibrahim[1].
4. The correlation coefficients of the correlations of this study that are excellent and near one.

Nomenclature.

APRE = average percent relative error, (%) ,Eq. (10)

C.S. = compressive strength,(PSI) Eq.(9)

C.S.est = estimated compressive strength, (PSI)

Ea = average absolute percent relative error, (%), Eq.(12)

Ei = percent relative error, (%), Eq.(11)

E_{\max} = maximum absolute percent relative error, (%), Eq.(14)

E_{\min} = minimum absolute percent relative error, (%), Eq. (13)

Er = average percent relative error, (%), Eq.(10)

f = function

F.W = free water content, (%)

m = water to cement ratio (by weight), dimensionless

mo = bentonite to cement ratio (by weight), dimensionless

ms = water to solid ratio (by weight), dimensionless

N = number of variables

r = correlation coefficient, Eq.(16)

Sx = Standard deviation, Eq. (15)

T.T. = thickening time,(minutes),Eq.(3,4)

T.T.est = estimated thickening time, (minutes)

T.T.exp = experimental thickening time, (minutes)

\bar{u} = apparent viscosity = $\varnothing 600/2$, c.p [pa.s]

\bar{X} = average value of x_{exp} , Eq.(17)

X_{est} = estimated value of X,

X_{exp} = experimental value of X

ρ = slurry density, gm/cc

Subscriptes

est estimated from correlation

exp experimental

max maximum

min minimum

SI Metric Conversion Factors

atm $\times 1.013\ 250 \times 10^5 = \text{Pa}$

CP $\times 1.0 \times 10^{-3} = \text{Pa}\cdot\text{s}$

$^{\circ}\text{F}$ $(^{\circ}\text{F} + 459.67)/1.8 = \text{K}$

Psi $\times 6.894\ 757 \times 10^0 = \text{kP}$

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Bentonite/Cement ratio, dimensionless	2/98	to	12/88
Water/Solid ratio, dimensionless	0.4	to	1.05
Water/Cement ratio, dimensionless	0.408	to	1.136
Apparent viscosity, C.P	9.5	to	138
Slurry density, gm/cc	1.49	to	1.94
Thickening time, minutes	51	to	430
Compressive strength, PSI	420	to	2530
Free water content, %	Nil	to	19

Table 2, Slurry and Set Class "G" Cement Properties at Variable Bentonite and Water Proportions (IBRAHIM[1])

mo=2/98							
Sample NO.	ms	m	ú (at 80 °F) C.P	ρ gm/cc	Thickening Time (at 125°F, 5200psi) minutes	Compressive Strength (at 140°F and 24-hures) Psi	F.W %
A1 [†]	0.40	0.408	120.5	1.94	----	----	Nil
A2 ^{*"}	0.50	0.510	80.0	1.83	94	2530	0.6
A3 ^{*"}	0.60	0.612	56.0	1.74	109	2187	1.8
A4 ^{*"}	0.70	0.714	36.0	1.67	123	1600	2.3
A5 ^{*"}	0.80	0.816	21.5	1.61	184	1480	5.4
A6 ^{*"}	0.90	0.918	12.0	1.56	430	1093	12.0
A7 ["]	1.00	1.02	9.50	1.51	----	812	19.0
mo=4/96							
Sample NO.	ms	m	ú (at 80 °F) C.P	ρ gm/cc	Thickening Time (at 125°F , 5200 Psi) minutes	Compressive Strength (at 140°F and 24-hures) Psi	F.W %
B1 ^{*"}	0.50	0.521	99.0	1.83	63	2380	Nil
B2 ^{*"}	0.60	0.625	72.0	1.73	96	1683	1.3
B3 ^{*"}	0.70	0.729	48.0	1.66	111	1553	1.8
B4 ^{*"}	0.80	0.833	32.0	1.60	130	1120	3.7
B5 ^{*"}	0.90	0.938	22.0	1.55	165	800	5.7
B6 ^{*"}	1.00	1.042	19.0	1.51	220	678	7.2

Table 2 , Slurry and Set Class "G" Cement Properties at Variable Bentonite and Water Proportions (IBRAHIM[1]) (continued)							
mo=6/94							
Sample NO.	ms	m	ú (at 80 °F) C.P	ρ gm/cc	Thickening Time (at 125°F , 5200 Psi) minutes	Compressive Strength (at 140°F and 24-hures) Psi	F.W %
C1"	0.50	0.532	138.0	1.83	----	2330	Nil
C2*"	0.60	0.638	97.0	1.73	79	1650	Nil
C3*"	0.70	0.745	71.0	1.66	97	1180	0.95
C4*"	0.80	0.851	48.0	1.60	111	1000	1.70
C5*"	0.90	0.957	28.5	1.55	135	650	3.80
C6*"	1.00	1.064	19.5	1.51	211	533	5.40
C7 [!]	1.05	1.117	17.0	1.49	----	----	7.40
mo=8/92							
Sample NO.	ms	m	ú CP at 80 °F	ρ gm/cc	Thickening Time (at 125°F,5200 Psi) minutes	Compressive Strength Psi (at 140°F and 24-hures)	F.W %
D1 [!]	0.50	0.543	----	1.83	----	2212	Nil
D2"	0.60	0.652	128.0	1.73	----	1620	Nil
D3*"	0.65	0.707	109.0	1.69	51	1381	Nil
D4*"	0.70	0.761	91.0	1.66	95	1150	0.20
D5*"	0.80	0.870	62.0	1.60	104	543	0.60
D6*"	0.90	0.978	39.0	1.55	116	533	1.45
D7*"	1.00	1.087	25.0	1.51	151	450	4.00
mo=10/90							
Sample NO.	ms	m	ú (at 80 °F) C.P	ρ gm/cc	Thickening Time (at 125°F, 5200 Psi) minutes	Compressive Strength Psi (at 140°F and 24-hures)	F.W %
E1 [!]	0.50	0.556	----	1.83	----	2190	Nil
E2 [!]	0.60	0.667	----	1.73	----	1590	Nil
E3*"	0.70	0.778	111.5	1.66	53	1140	Nil
E4*"	0.75	0.833	94.5	1.63	94	622	Nil
E5*"	0.80	0.889	75.5	1.60	98	530	0.3
E6*"	0.90	1.00	46.0	1.55	113	515	0.8
E7*"	1.00	1.111	26.5	1.51	140	428	3.5
mo=12/88							
Sample NO.	ms	m	ú (at 80 °F) C.P	ρ gm/cc	Thickening Time (at 125°F , 5200 Psi) minutes	Compressive Strength Psi (at 140°F and 24-hures)	F.W %
F1 [!]	0.50	0.568	----	1.83	----	2175	Nil
F2 [!]	0.70	0.795	----	1.66	----	1087	Nil
F3*"	0.80	0.909	101.5	1.60	55	516	Nil
F4*	0.85	0.966	78.0	1.57	94	----	0.3
F5*"	0.90	1.023	60.0	1.55	101	431	0.6
F6*"	1.00	1.136	33.0	1.51	127	420	2.3

(*) used in the thickening time correlation equation.

(") used in the compressive strength correlation equation.

(!) not used.

The (m) values were calculated from this study.

NO.	Experimental Thickening Time (T.T.exp) minutes	Estimated Thickening Time (T.T.est) minutes		Deviation in Percent of Estimated Thickening Time (APRE)		T.T.est - TT.exp (this study) minutes	T.T.est - TT.exp Ibrahim minutes
		This study	Ibrahim	This Study	Ibrahim		
1	94	90.158	96.340	-4.088	2.490	-3.842	2.340
2	109	108.884	107.668	-0.106	-1.222	-0.116	-1.332
3	123	121.079	117.108	-1.562	-4.790	-1.921	-5.892
4	184	184.690	123.952	0.375	-32.635	0.690	-60.048
5	430	430.059	128.436	0.014	-70.131	0.059	-301.56
6	63	68.360	87.372	8.508	38.686	5.360	24.37
7	96	96.317	100.116	0.330	4.288	0.317	4.116
8	111	117.914	111.444	6.229	0.400	6.914	0.444
9	130	124.822	118.996	-3.983	-8.465	-5.178	-11.004
10	165	174.184	123.716	5.566	-25.021	9.184	-41.284
11	220	216.987	125.132	-1.370	-43.122	-3.013	-94.868
12	79	70.564	88.316	-10.679	11.792	-8.436	9.316
13	97	102.247	100.588	5.409	3.700	5.247	3.588
14	111	116.522	111.444	4.975	0.400	5.522	0.444
15	135	128.811	120.648	-4.584	-10.631	-6.189	-14.352
16	211	209.792	124.896	-0.572	-40.808	-1.208	-86.104
17	51	61.343	82.652	20.279	62.063	10.343	31.652
18	95	81.402	91.148	-14.314	-4.055	-13.598	-3.852
19	104	107.817	104.836	3.670	0.804	3.817	0.836
20	116	114.617	115.692	-1.192	-0.266	-1.383	-0.308
21	151	149.603	122.300	-0.925	-19.007	-1.397	-28.700
22	53	59.849	81.472	12.923	53.721	6.849	28.472
23	94	76.459	89.496	-18.660	-4.791	-17.541	-4.504
24	98	94.545	98.464	-3.525	0.473	-3.455	0.464
25	113	112.884	112.388	-0.103	-0.542	-0.116	-0.612
26	140	142.588	121.592	1.848	-13.149	2.588	-18.408
27	55	66.048	86.192	20.087	56.713	11.048	31.192
28	94	89.475	97.284	-4.813	3.494	-4.525	3.284
29	101	106.202	105.780	5.150	4.733	5.202	4.780
30	127	126.582	118.524	-0.329	-6.674	-0.418	-8.476

Table 4, Compressive Strength Estimated by Correlation from This Study

NO.	Experimental Compressive Strength (C.S.exp) Psi	Estimated Compressive Strength (C.S.est) Psi	Deviation in Percent of Estimated Compressive Strength (APRE)	C.S.est - C.S.exp (this study) Psi
1	2530	2532.983	0.118	2.983
2	2187	1985.923	-9.194	-201.077
3	1600	1684.385	5.274	84.385
4	1480	1350.439	-8.754	-129.561
5	1093	1044.076	-4.476	-48.924
6	812	790.021	-2.707	-21.979
7	2380	2380.695	0.029	0.695
8	1683	1817.612	7.998	134.612
9	1553	1486.151	-4.305	-66.849
10	1120	1156.986	3.302	36.986
11	800	871.182	8.898	71.182
12	678	647.981	-4.428	-30.019
13	2330	2332.903	0.125	2.903
14	1650	1711.682	3.738	61.682
15	1180	1233.688	4.550	53.688
16	1000	912.552	-8.745	-87.448
17	650	741.044	14.010	91.044
18	533	605.800	13.660	72.800
19	1620	1666.823	2.890	46.823
20	1381	1362.628	-1.330	-18.372
21	1150	1090.424	-5.181	-59.576
22	543	717.781	32.190	174.781
23	533	567.872	6.543	34.872
24	450	512.419	13.870	62.419
25	1140	1014.273	-11.030	-125.727
26	622	749.834	20.550	127.834
27	530	567.029	6.987	37.029
28	515	441.807	-14.210	-73.193
29	428	468.579	9.481	40.579
30	516	448.031	-13.170	-67.969
31	431	269.753	-37.412	-161.247
32	420	374.646	-10.800	-45.354

Table 5, Statistical Accuracy of Thickening Time and Compressive Strength Correlations

	Thickening time		Compressive strength
	<u>This study</u>	<u>Ibrahim[1]</u>	<u>This study</u>
Average relative error , %	0.8186	-1.3851	0.5771
Average absolute relative error , %	5.5389	17.6353	9.0610
Minimum absolute relative error , %	0.0136	0.2655	0.0292
Maximum absolute relative error , %	20.2794	70.1312	37.4122
Standard deviation , %	8.1341	27.3976	12.2285
Correlation coefficient	0.9957	0.4335	0.9904