ROCK MASS CHARACTERISATION USING MWD

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STATE OF THE ART: MEASURING WHILE DRILLING

- Current Technology
 - Online machine measurements
 - Pull Down, Torque, RPM, ROP, Vibrations*
 - Online LWD
- MWD for Rock Mass Characterisation
 - Oil, Gas, Tunnelling and Coal mining
 - Rock Type and Hardness
 - Structures
 - Advanced LWD
 - Hard Rock Mining
 - Rock Type and Hardness
 - Blasting Optimisation
 - Comminution Rock Properties
 - Prediction of Grinding Energy and Throughput



Tunnel Manager™, Atlas Copco



Eureka™, Maptek





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STATE OF THE ART: MWD FOR COMMINUTION



MWD Index (RQI or W/ROP) versus Grinding Rate at Lornex Mine after Lebel (1984)

Throughput versus MWD Index (EPP or Specific Drilling Energy) at Carmen de Andacollo, Galvez (2017)



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WHAT IS DIFFERENT IN OUR APPROACH?









POTENTIAL APPLICATION OF THIS APPROACH





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FUTURE WORK

- Linking MWD to Comminution Feed Characteristics using Laboratory Approach
 - Hardness
 - Particle Size Distribution *
- Adapt results to an Operational Environment
 - Close the gap using
 - Laboratory results
 - Process knowledge





QUESTIONS



