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OF TBMs IN TUNNFIING

"TBMs have excavated more than 1.000 kilometers of tunnels each year since 2012"



"More than 20 TBMs will excavate new tunnels on Australia and NZ in the next 10 years"





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HIGH-TECH IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD

"More than 30% of the tunneling projects worldwide experienced geotechnical difficulties that led to cost and/or schedule overruns with and average budget deviation of more than 55% of the original budget"[1,2,3]

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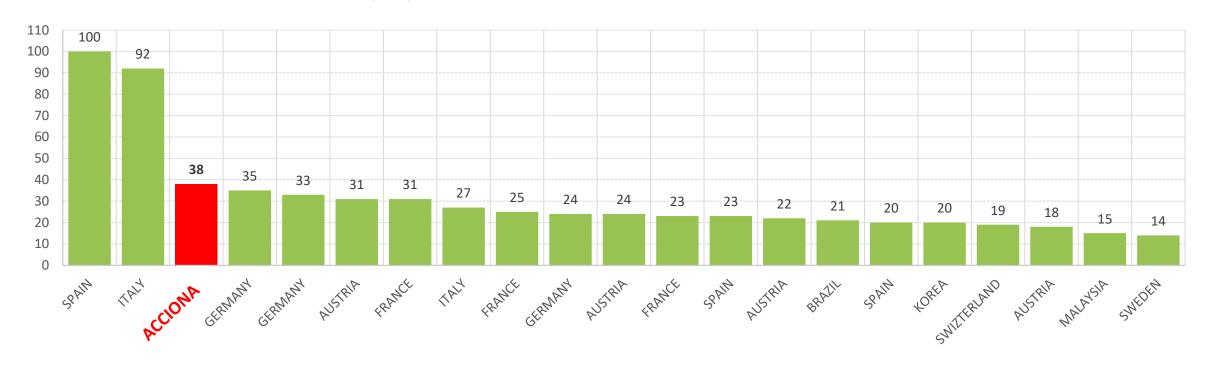


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ACCIONA FOCUSED ON TBM TUNNELS

Classification of the world construction companies in traffic tunneling according to the number of projects with Herrenknecht TBMs (1992-2021)





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I'MNOVATION | Gacciona

THE ORIGIN: 2022 OPEN INNOVATION CHALLENGE

I'MNOVATION #Startups is a program where during the 3-month acceleration period, the participant companies will obtain funding to execute a real pilot project in one of the Businesses of the ACCIONA Group and will have access to new opportunities. Depending on the result, the Startups will have the chance to enter into marketing agreements, partnerships or funding arrangements with ACCIONA.

2022 ACCIONA OPEN INNOVATION CHALLENGE

"Optimization of the Penetration Parameter of TBMs based on Geological Conditions" (June 2022 to January 2023)





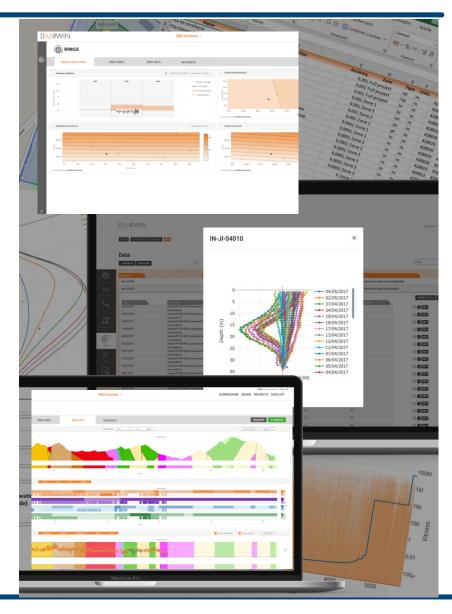
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THE AUTONOMUS TBMs

"GEMINI: a software based on machine learning algorithms that analyses TBM parameters and ground conditions in real-time to:"

- **PREDICT** TBM advance rate
- **DETECT** geotechnical anomalies in advance
- ASSIST the TBM pilots to optimize the excavation phases
- CENTRALIZE the most relevant TBM and Ground information to be used in **FUTURE** projects





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THE JOURNEY TO THE AUTONOMUS TBMs

"GEMINI implements a ground-machine interaction model to predict TBM advance rate (AR) from TBM operation parameters and geotechnical parameters"

- MULTIVARIATE LINEAR Regression: $AR_{\text{(predicted)}} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} a_i T_i + \sum_{j=1}^{M} b_j G_j + C_0$
- BAYESIAN-RIDGE Higher-Order Regression: $AR_{(predicted)} = \sum_{i=1}^N a_i T_i + \sum_{k=N+1}^M a_k T_i T_i + \sum_{l=1}^P b_l G_l + C_0$

TBM SENSOR DATA

(13 VARIBALES)

- Torque [kN]
- Total Force of all TC [kN]
- Revolution [rpm]
- Trailing Tube Pressure [kN]
- Pitch [mm/m]
- Reel [deg]
- Total Force of all SC [kN-t]
- Total Contact Forces Gr. A, B, C, D [kN]
- Vertical Deviation Machine [mm]
- Horizontal Deviation Machine [mm]

GEOTECHNICAL PARAMETERS: FRACTURED ROCK MASS

(4 VARIBALES PER UNIT)

- RMR (Rock Mass Rating)
- CLI (Cutting Life Index)
- K0 (Coefficient of Earth Pressure at Rest)
- Alpha (Rock Mass Discontinuities Direction)

SOILS

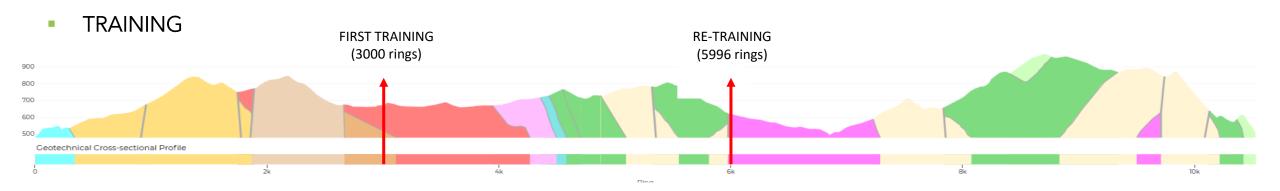
- E' (Soil stiffness)
- c' (Cohesion)
- phi' (Friction angle)
- K (Permeability)



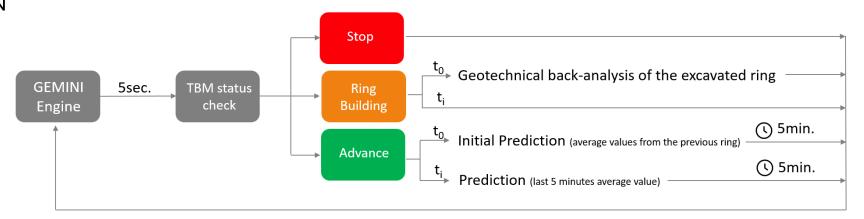
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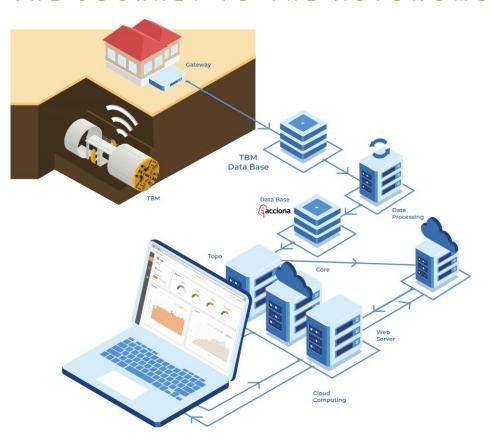
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Tab 1: Advance Model Prediction



Tab 2: Pilot Assistant



Tab 3: TBM & Geotechnical Data



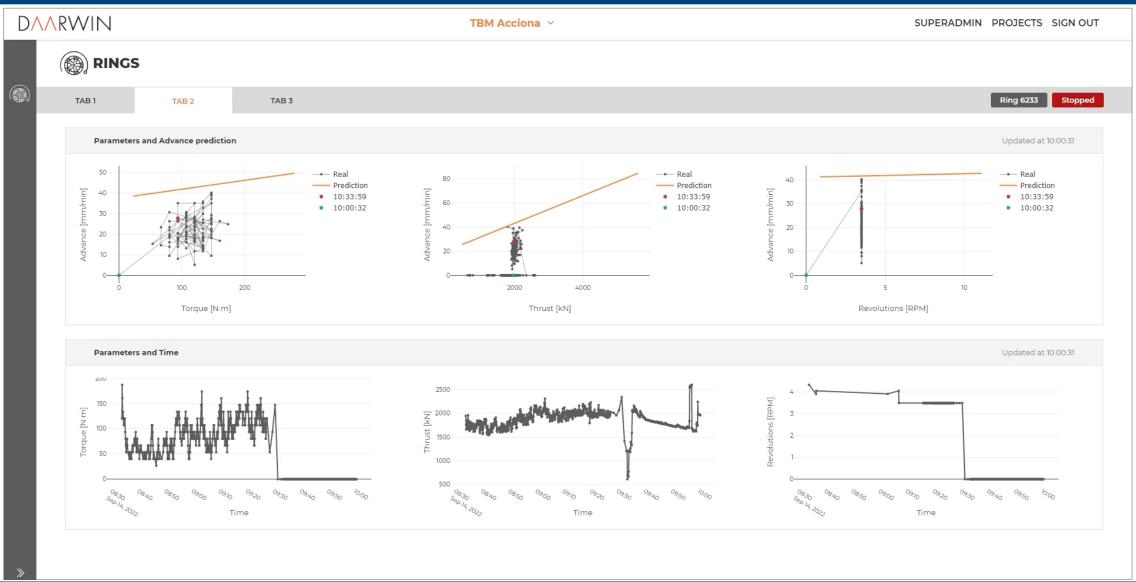
Tab4: Incidences





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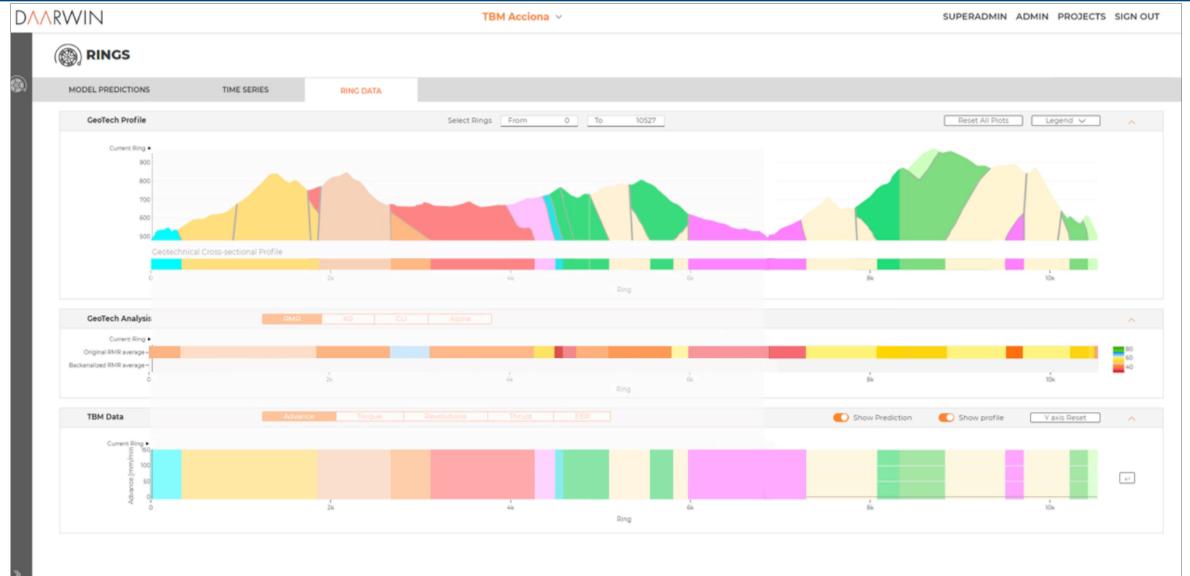






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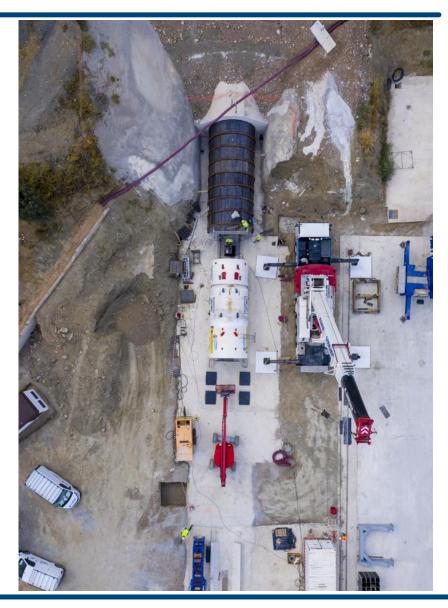
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- TBM excavation PERFORMANCE INCREASE: 12.5%
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- CO2 emissions REDUCTION: 140K tCO2e*

*Equivalent to the annual CO2 emissions of 28,000 cars (average petrol cars emissions running 20,000 kilometers per year)



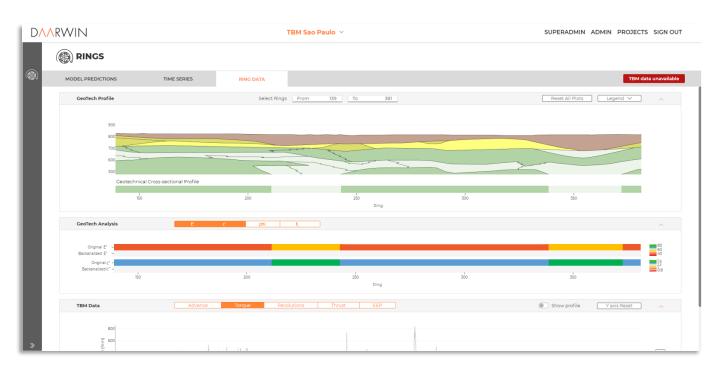


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SÃO PAULO METRO LINE 6, BRAZIL

"Expanding GEMINI into soil conditions (two TBMs to test the new developments)"











100 km of TBM tunnels awarded

9 projects

18 TBMs

5 countries excavating tunnels



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"ACCIONA is investing in the capital of SAALG to bring high-tech innovation into the TBM tunnelling industry"



