

# EPP drilling tool design

DEEPLIGHT - Novel concepts to construct cost effective geothermal wells with Electro Pulse Power Technology

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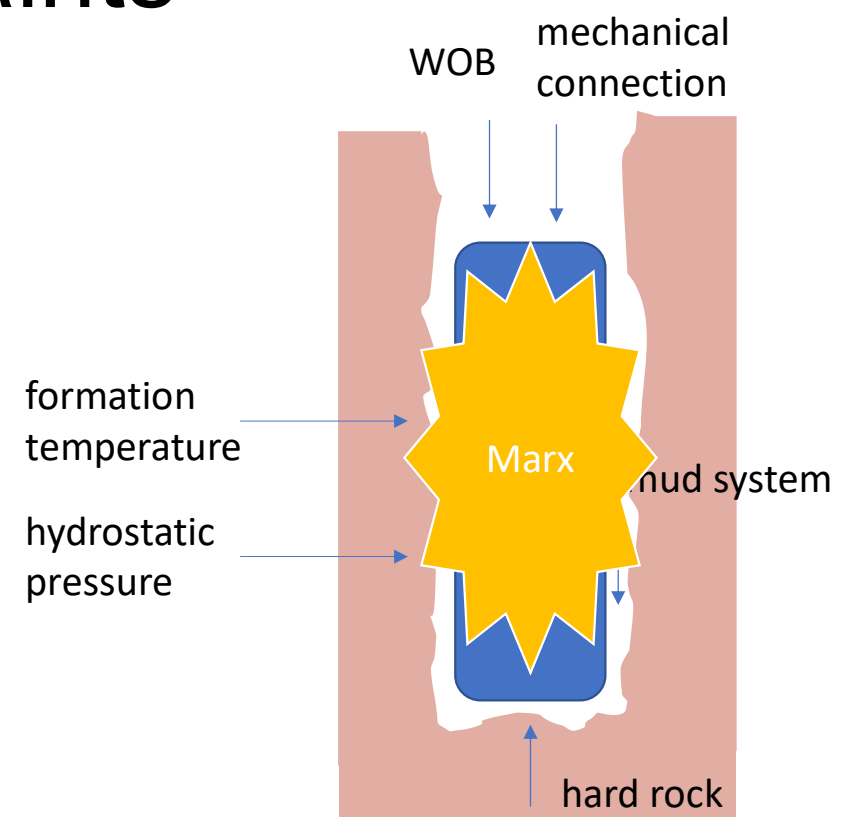


# State of the Art

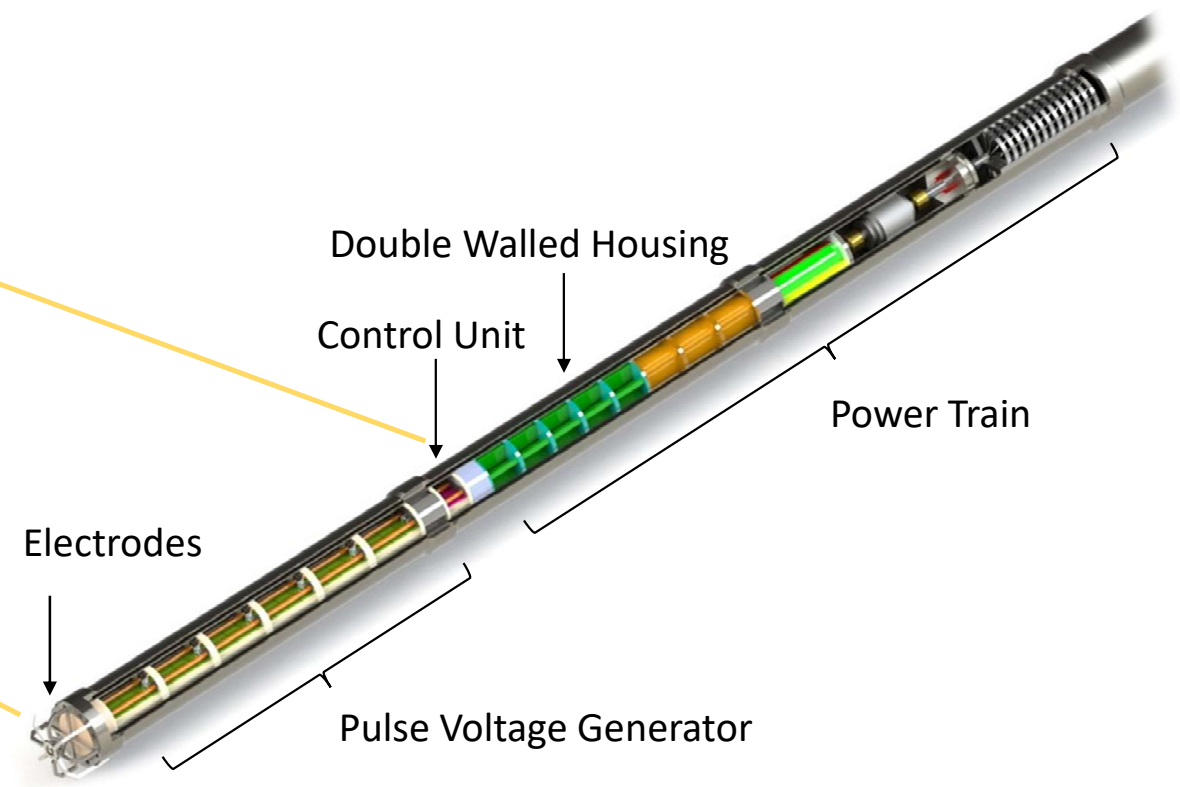
- First prototype of EPP drill bit
- 12 1/4"
- Successful test in granite in OBM



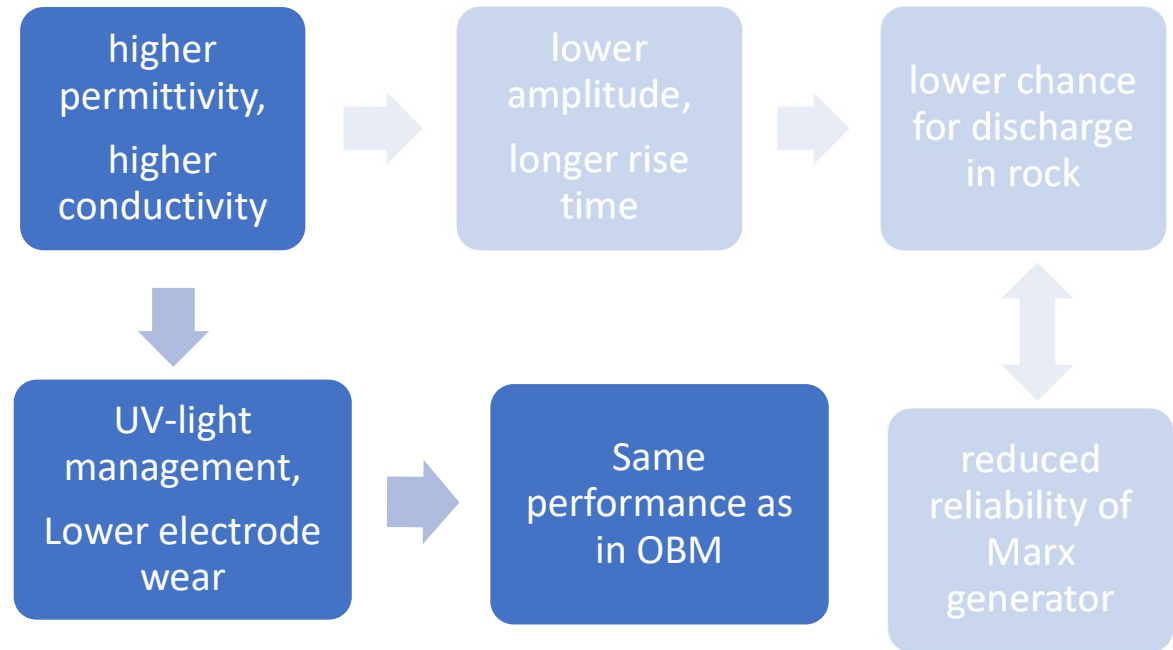
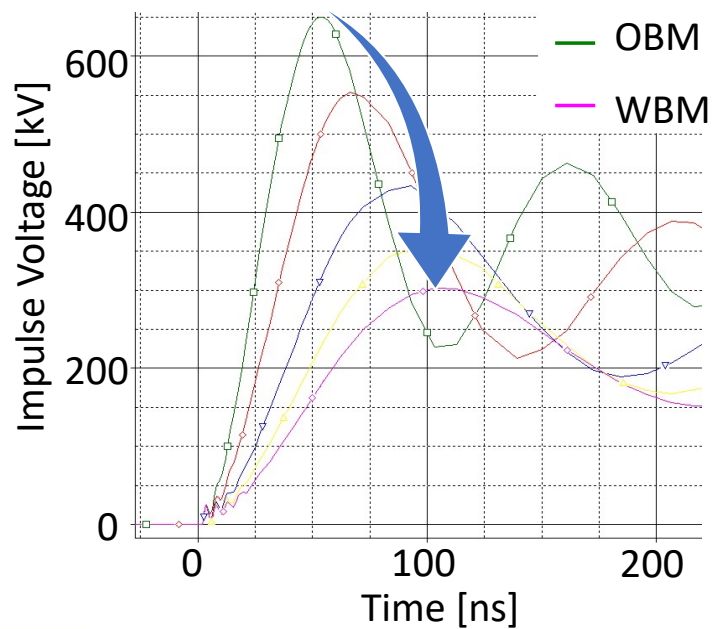
# Constraints



# Machine Concept



# Current Challenge: WBM

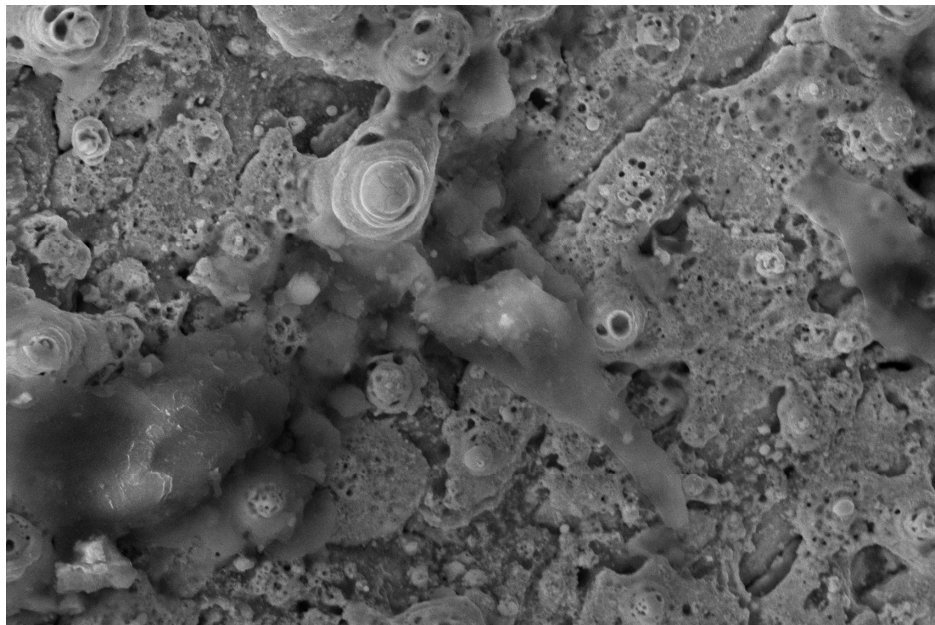




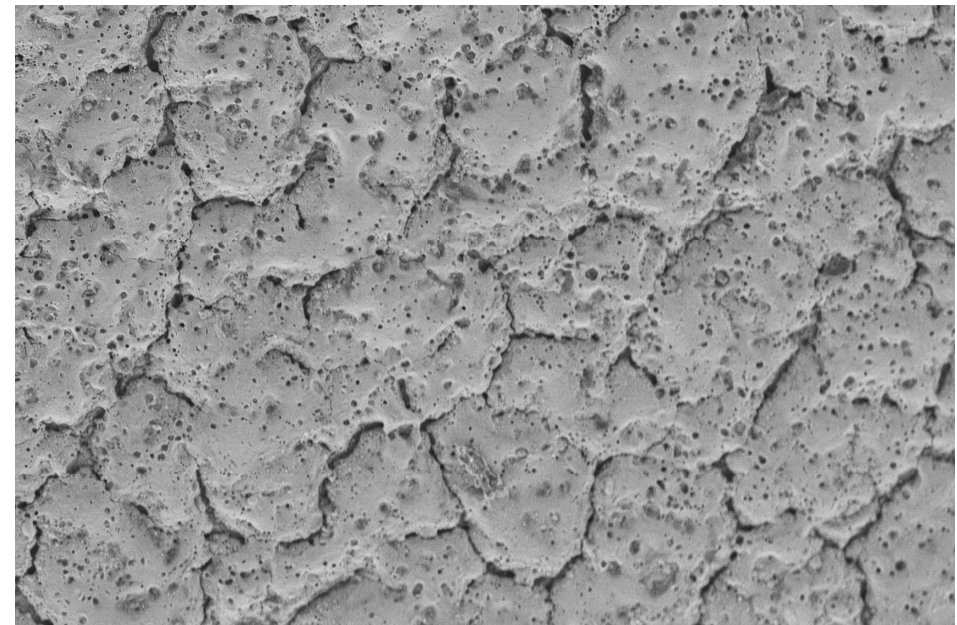
# Erosion of Spark Gap Electrodes

SEM of: copper-tungsten

steel



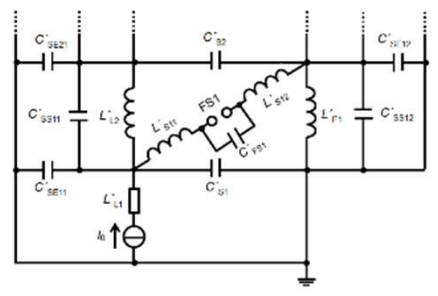
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WD = 11.1 mm      Signal A = SE2      Wolfram-Kupfer      MVT TU Dresden      ZEISS



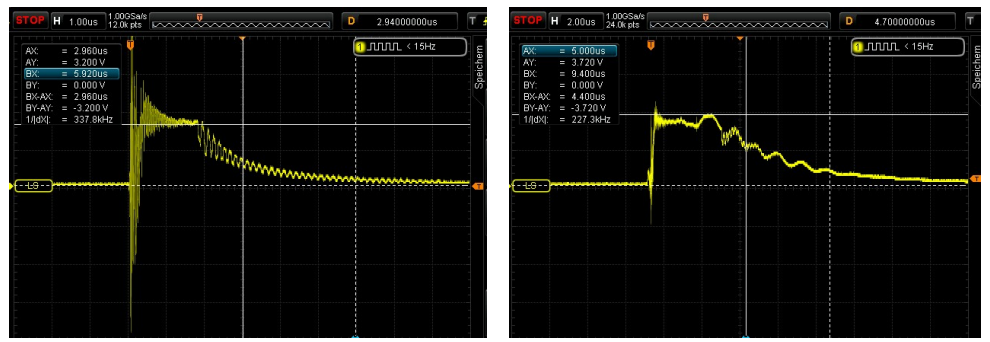
Mag = 750 X      EHT = 5.00 kV      10  $\mu$ m\*      Date: 7 Nov 2024  
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# Other Methods and Topics

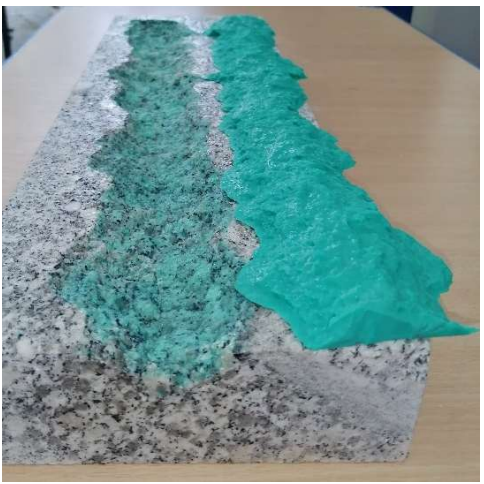
network simulation



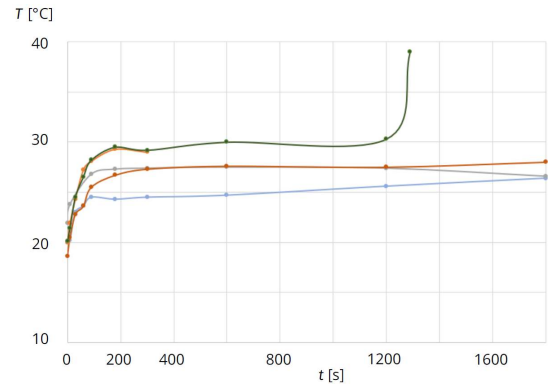
interpretation of damping



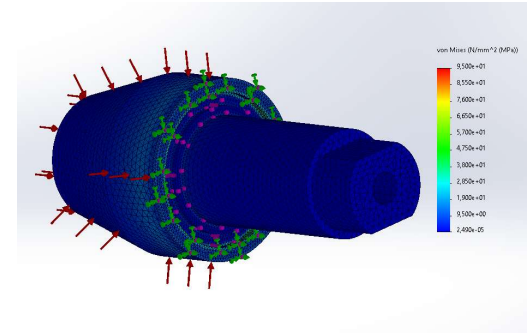
MSE-measurement



life time tests



Component development by FEM



# Further Research

- Interaction EPP – drilling mud
- Test of power train
- Full scale test of enhanced prototype



# Further Research



Source: Dall-E3

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