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Autonomer Bohrroboter - Neuartiges Bohrverfahren für die oberflächennahe Geothermie

Autonomous drilling robot - Novel drilling method for shallow geothermal energy

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Agenda



- Introduction ZHAW, Borobotics
- Problem
- Solution
- Business Case
- Status
- Next Steps

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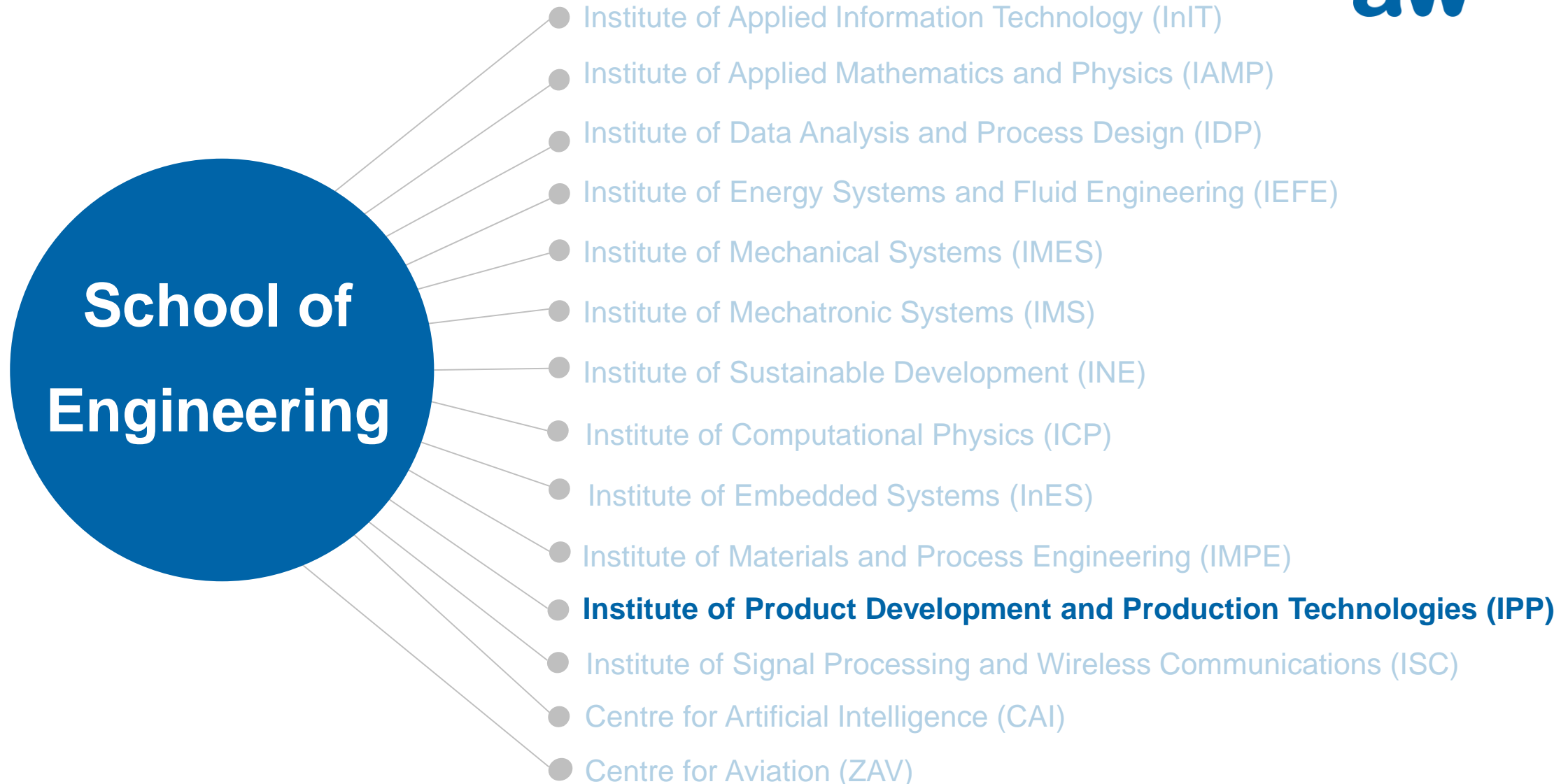


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Borobotics

Bore-robots for geothermal drilling in small spaces

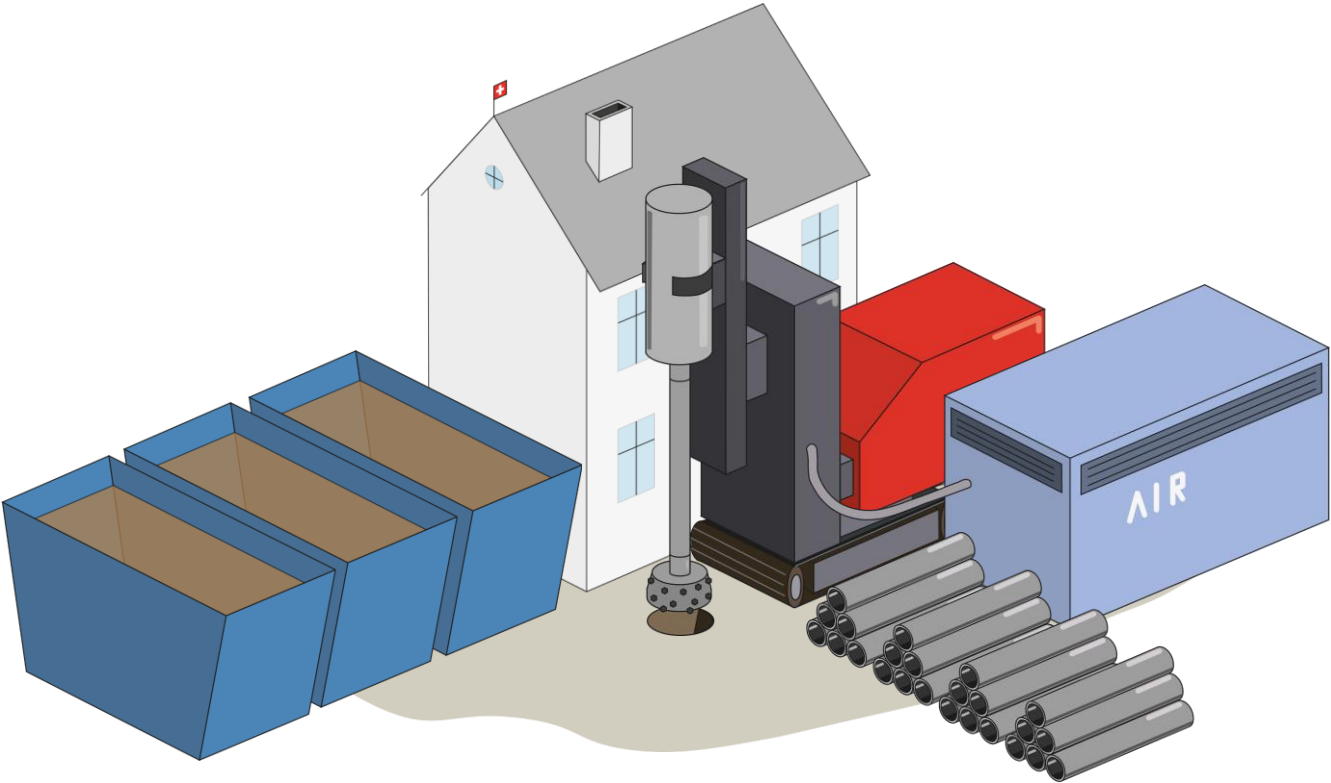


Geothermal drilling as we know it



Marc Barmettler

Owens 18 drilling rigs



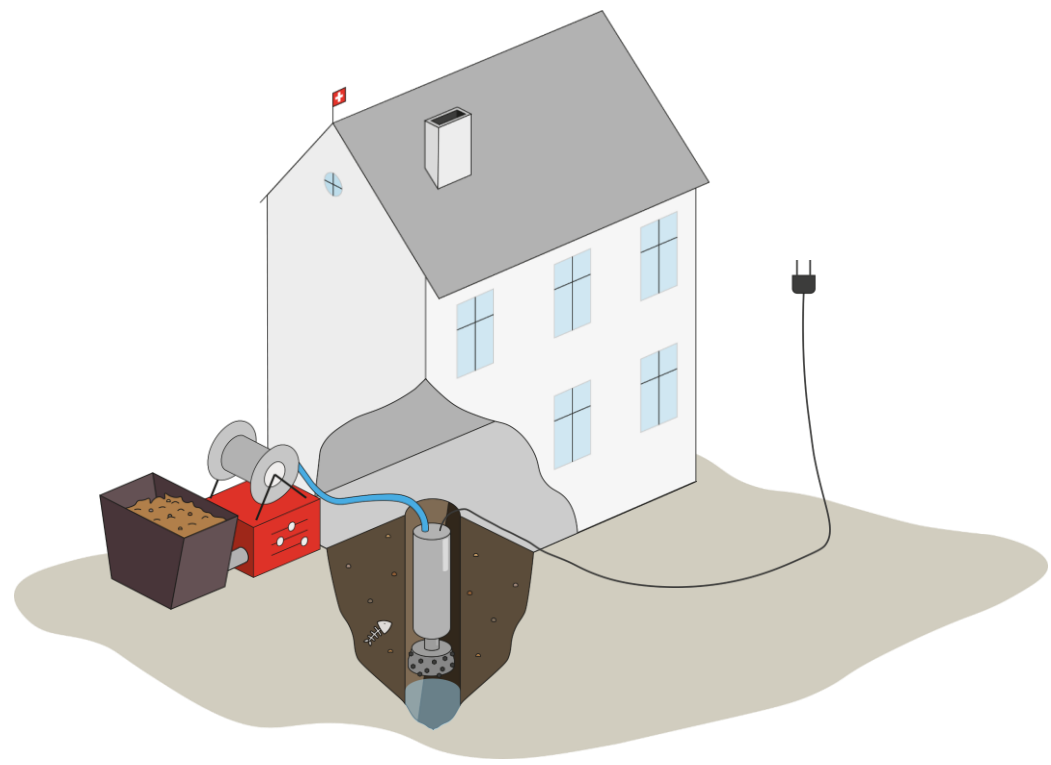
50 m² of space

The Problem – not enough space for Marc to drill

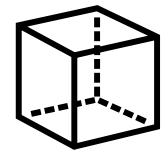


Yearly CO₂ emissions: Gas heating: 3'650kg | GSHP: 380kg

Our idea: Integrate the drilling rig in the bore hole



8 m² of space



Space-efficient

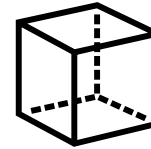


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94% CO₂ reduction per borehole

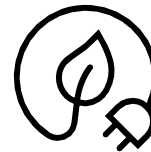
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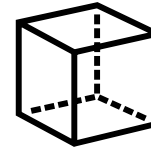
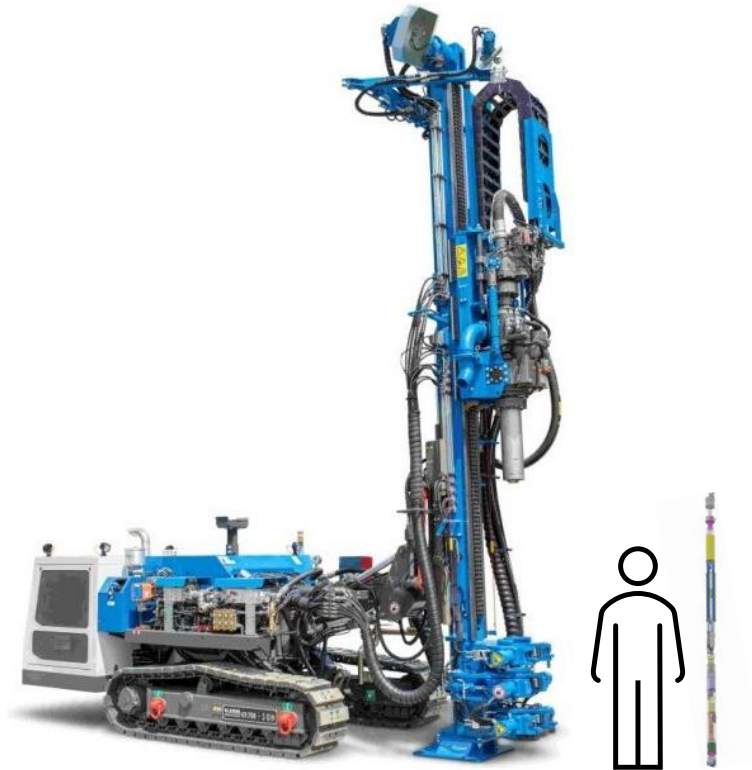


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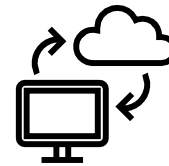


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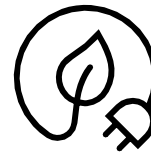
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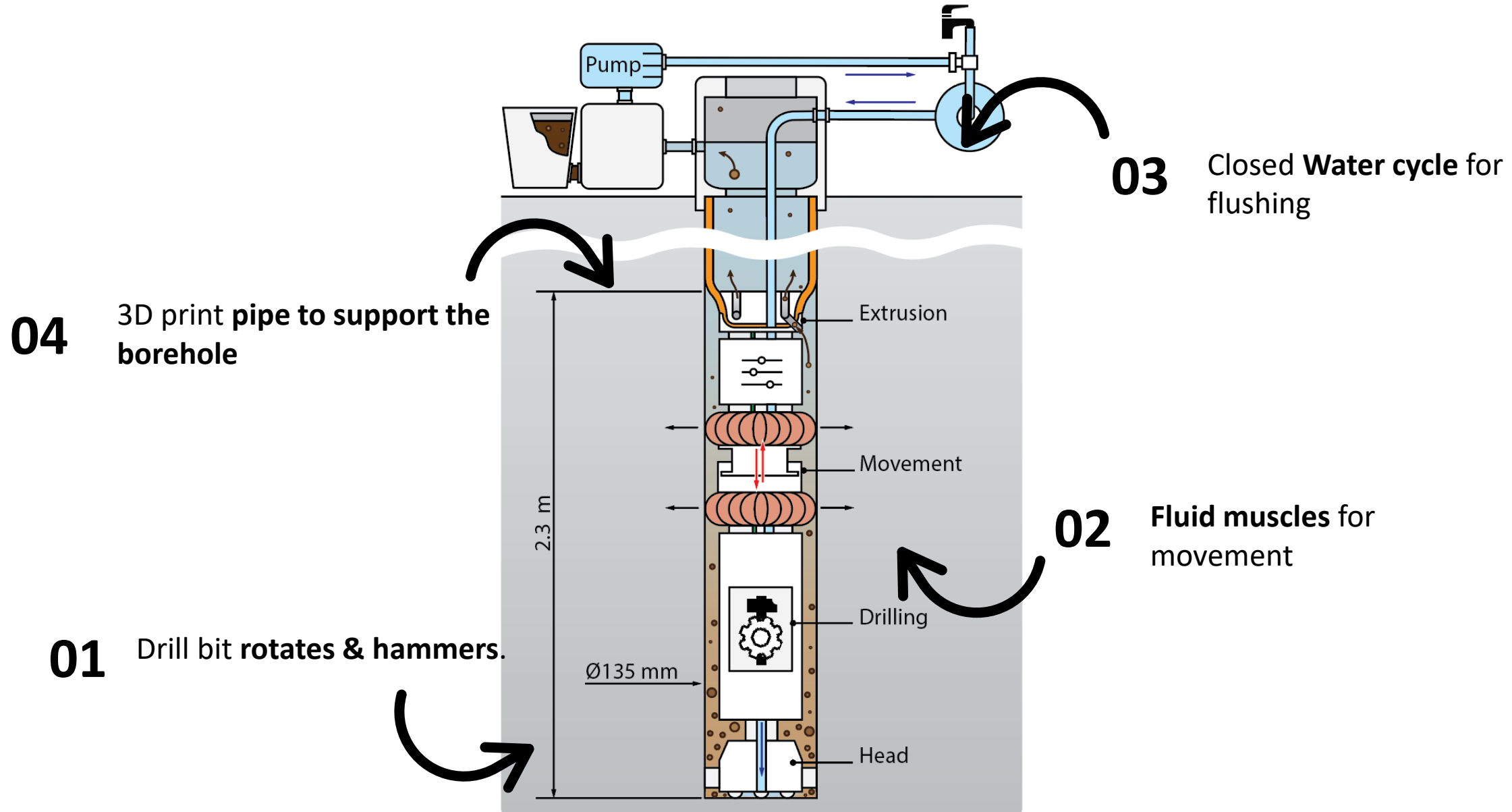


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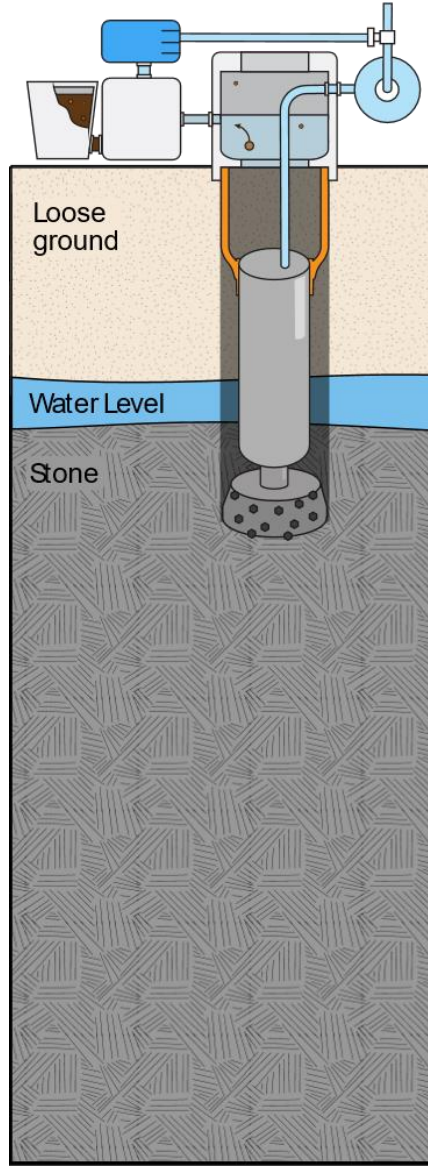
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Where's the magic?

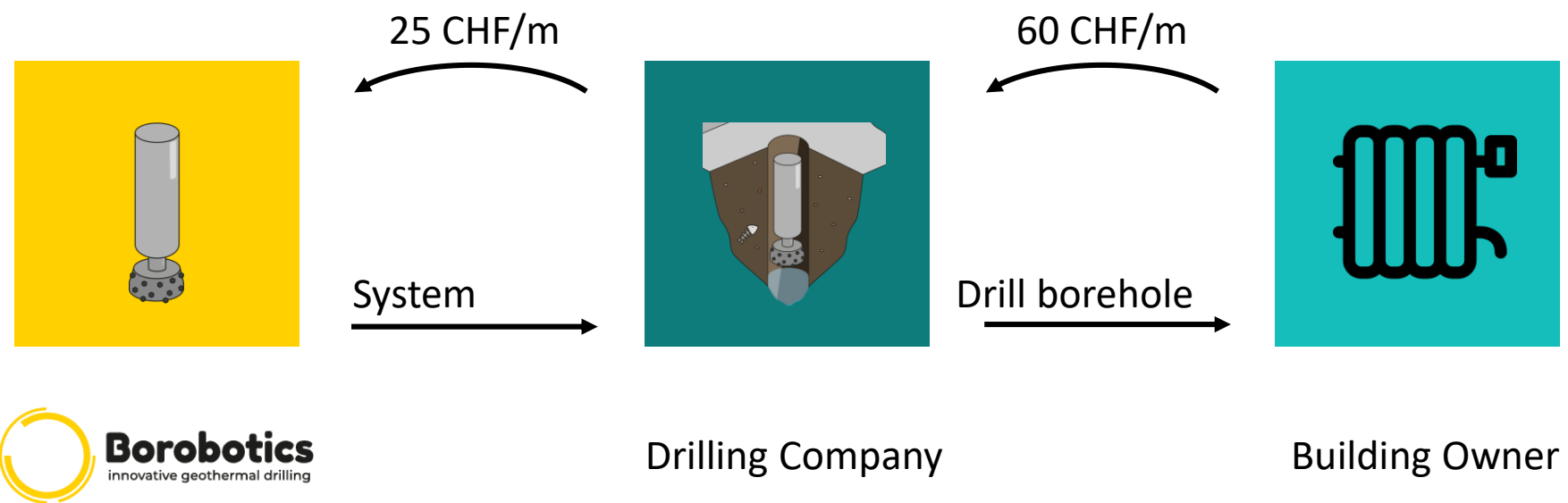


Installation Process

01 Drill Borehole



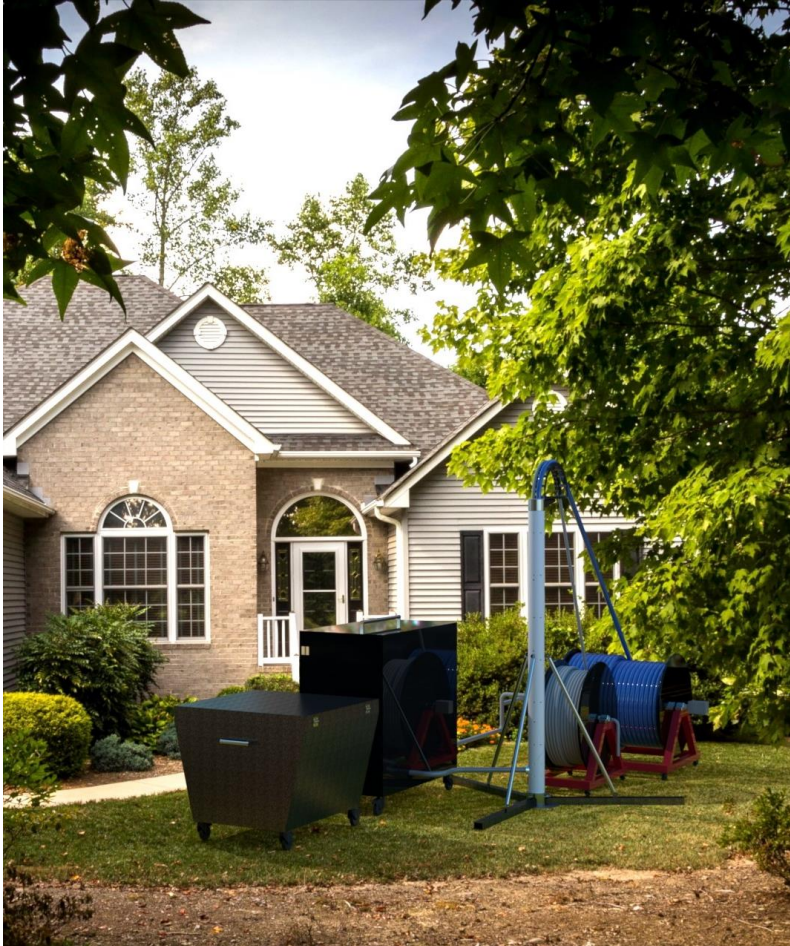
Business Model – Sell Drilling By The Meter



Conventional vs. Borobotics

	Conventional Drill	Borobotics Drill	Difference
Level of automation	Manual	Automated	
Space requirement	50 m ²	8 m ²	- 84%
Noise	120 dB(A)	80 dB(A)	- 33%
CO ₂ Emissions	200 kg	200 kg	0%
Costing			
Time spent to drill 200 m	3 days	10 days	+ 100%
Amount of machines operable per team of 2	1	10	+ 900%
Man drilled per year per team of 2	20	37	+ 200%
Margin per year per team of 2	CHF 275K	CHF 615K	+ 300%

The Grabowski in real life



First 20 m test



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