

# LONG-TERM TEST OF A TRIGGERED MARX-GENERATOR IN REPETITIVE OPERATION

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For the industrial-scale electroporation of sugar beets the use of a set of synchronized, hence triggered, Marx-generators promises an energy-efficient processing. Such generators need to operate during a seasonal campaign of 100 days without interruption<sup>1</sup>. In order to obtain some experience in the possible problems of the design, a long-term test is performed. The following issues are considered to be critical: the wear of the spark gaps, the jitter of the switching time (important for the synchronisation), and the durability of the overvoltage-trigger circuit directly switched into the charging current's path<sup>2</sup>. The paper deals with some aspects of the test.

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