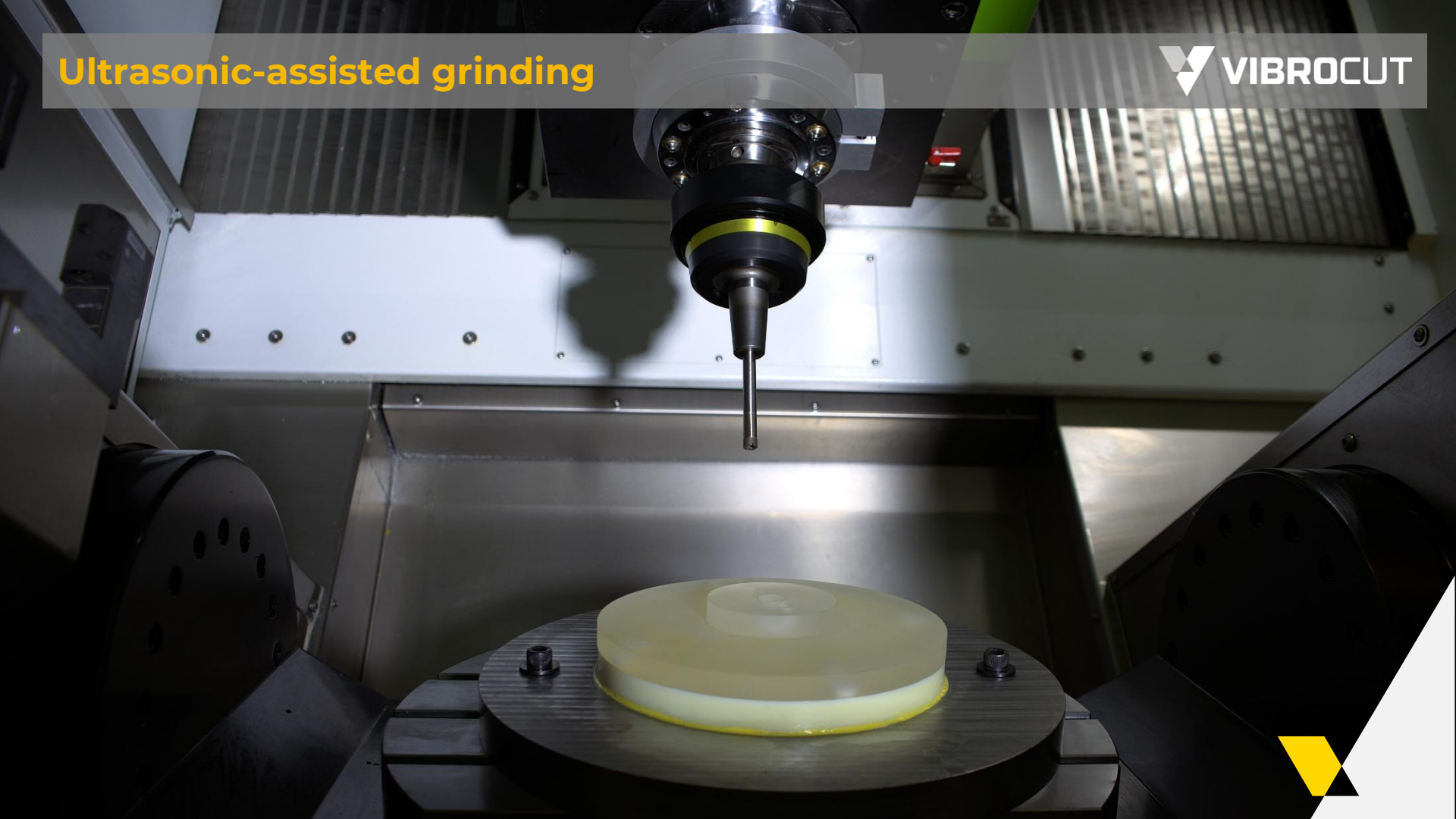


# Ultrasonic-assisted grinding

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## Classification of technology

### Manufacturing process:

- Grinding (drilling / coordinate grinding)

### Mode:

- 1-dimensional (longitudinal)

### Frequency:

- High frequency (>16,000 Hz) - Ultrasound

### Generation:

- Resonant

### Orientation to process kinematics:

- Various

**Objective:** Shifting of process boundaries and limitations



Quality











Process reliability



Productivity

## Physical mechanisms and technological effects

 <b>Material effect</b>	Defined removal through micro-hammering	 Increase in productivity
	Reduction of process forces	 Improvement in quality (roughness and edge chipping)
 <b>Friction</b>	No clogging of the grinding tools	 Increased tool life
	Reduced tool wear	 Increasing process reliability
 <b>Kinematics</b>	Multi-axis movement	 Cost savings
	Self-sharpening of the abrasive grains	

## Application for deep drilling of quartz glass (wafer chucks etc.)

- Material: Quartz glass
- Drill bit / depth: Diamond  $\varnothing 4\text{mm}$  / 180 mm
- Cutting values:  $v_f = 5\text{...}8\text{ mm/min}$ ;  $n = 5,000\text{ rpm}$
- Ultrasound parameters:  $u_{sf} = 17.15\text{ kHz}$ ;  $\hat{A} = 3.5\text{ }\mu\text{m}$

➤ **Problem:** Unstable process

### Customer benefits

- ✓ Process-safe deep drilling possible
- ✓ Glass cores remain undamaged
- ✓ Feeder increase of 60% possible



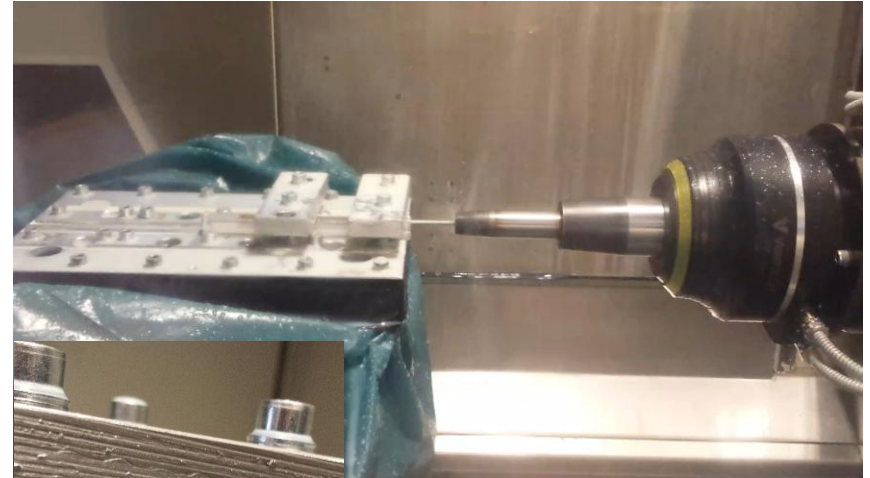
Improved process reliability



Increase in productivity and  
Feed rate increase > 50%



Increase in component quality



## Application for grinding quartz glass (wafer chucks etc.)

- Material: Quartz glass
- Tool: Diamond grinding tool  $\varnothing 10\text{mm}$
- Cutting values:  $v_f = 120\text{...}200 \text{ mm/min}$ ;  
 $a_p = 0.2 \text{ mm}$ ;  $n = 4,547 \text{ rpm}$
- Ultrasound parameter:  $f_{US} = 18.5 \text{ kHz}$ ;  $\hat{A} = 4\text{...}12 \mu\text{m}$

➤ **Problem:** Low productivity

### Customer benefits

- ✓ Process force reduction 56%
- ✓ Potential for increasing the cutting value



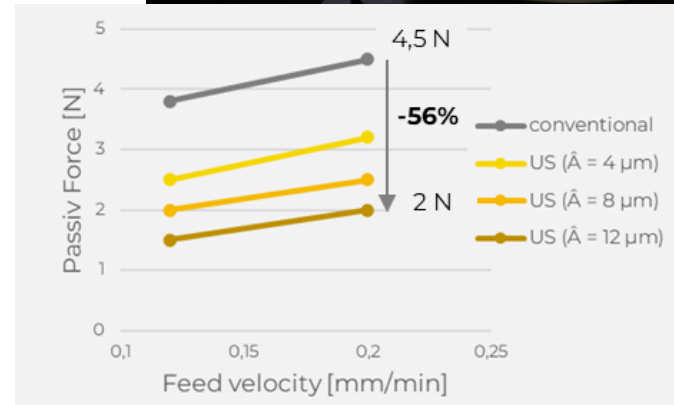
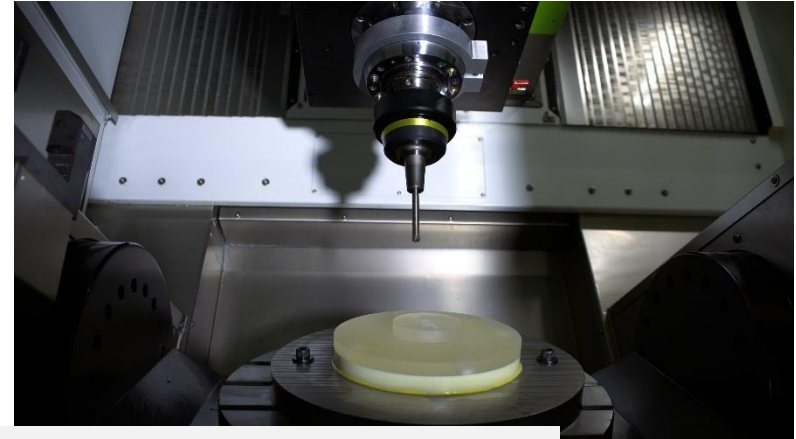
Improved process reliability



Increase in productivity and  
Feed rate increase > 100%



Increase in component quality



# Ultrasonic-assisted grinding

## Application for grinding ceramics (sealing elements etc.)

- Material: Aluminum oxide ceramic Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>
- Tool: Diamond grinding tool Ø10mm
- Cutting values:  $v_f = 300...500$  mm/min;  
 $a_p = 0.06$  mm;  $n = 4,547$  rpm
- Ultrasound parameters:  $f_{US} = 18.5$  kHz;  $\hat{A} = 4...12$   $\mu$ m

➤ **Problem:** low productivity

### Customer benefits

- ✓ Process force reduction 56%
- ✓ Potential for increasing the cutting value



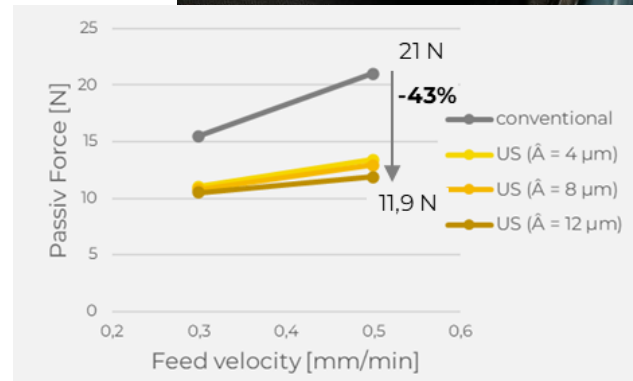
Improved process reliability



Increase in productivity and  
feed rate increase > 100%



Increase in component quality



## Advantages of grinding hard materials with VibroCut *ultrasonic*



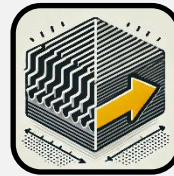
Increase in productivity



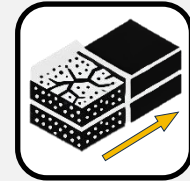
Increasing process reliability



Increasing the  
tool life



Improvement of the surface  
quality



Reduction of microcracks and  
chipping

**ROI < 1 year**

**ROI-calculator:** <https://vibrocut.de/en/cost-savings-with-vibrodrill-ultrasonic/>



## ROI < 1 year



Increase productivity



Increase tool life



Improved surface quality



Greater process reliability



Reduction of microcracks



Avoidance of rejects

### Calculation example for increasing the feed rate



Hourly machine rate: 75 €/h



Planned occupancy time: 4000 h/year  
500 shifts/year



Proportion of main time loops to cycle time 80%  
Increase in cutting values 20...100%

**ROI < 1 year**

Feed rate increase	Productivity increase	Savings per machine
20%	13,3%	39.900 €
50%	26,7%	80.100 €
100%	40%	120.000 €

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