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Machine use of glass primary packaging material

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Machine impact on containers

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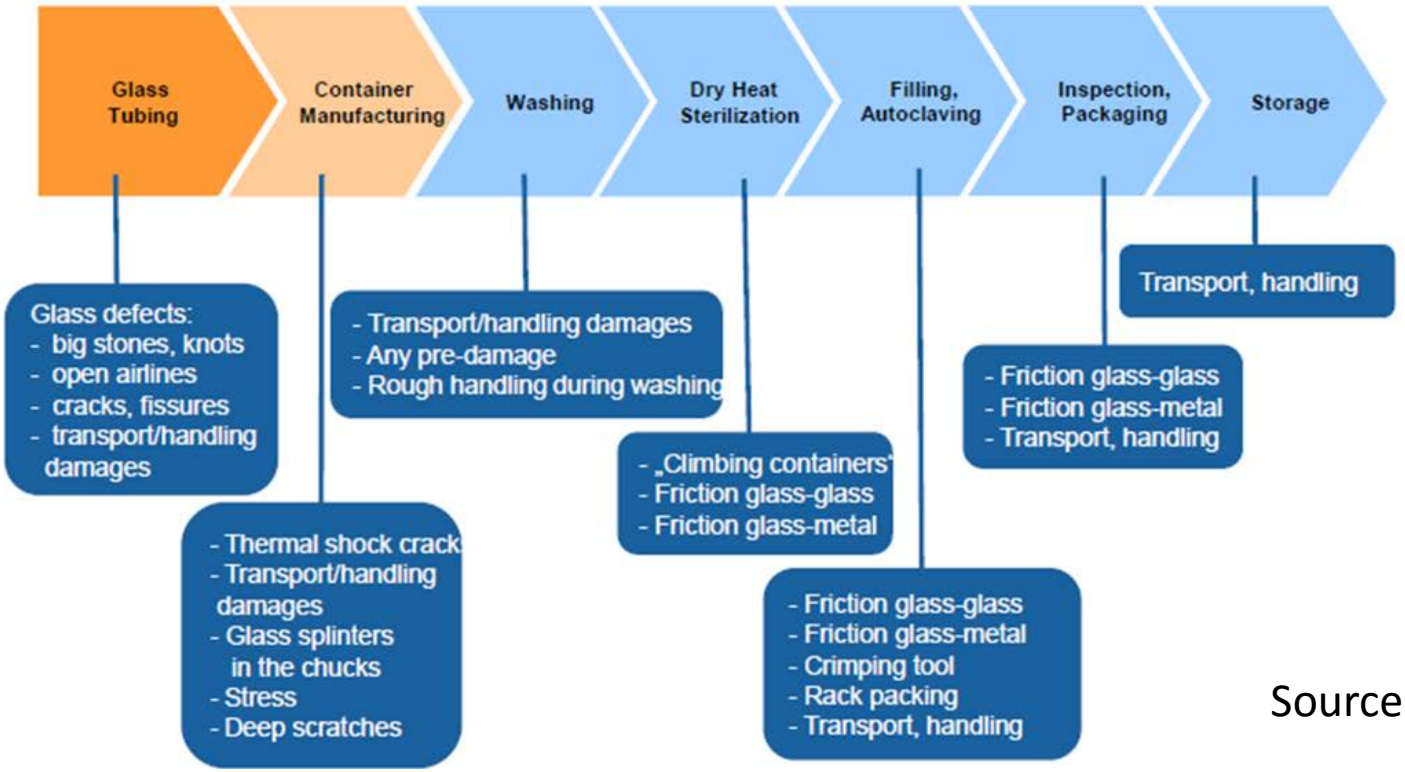
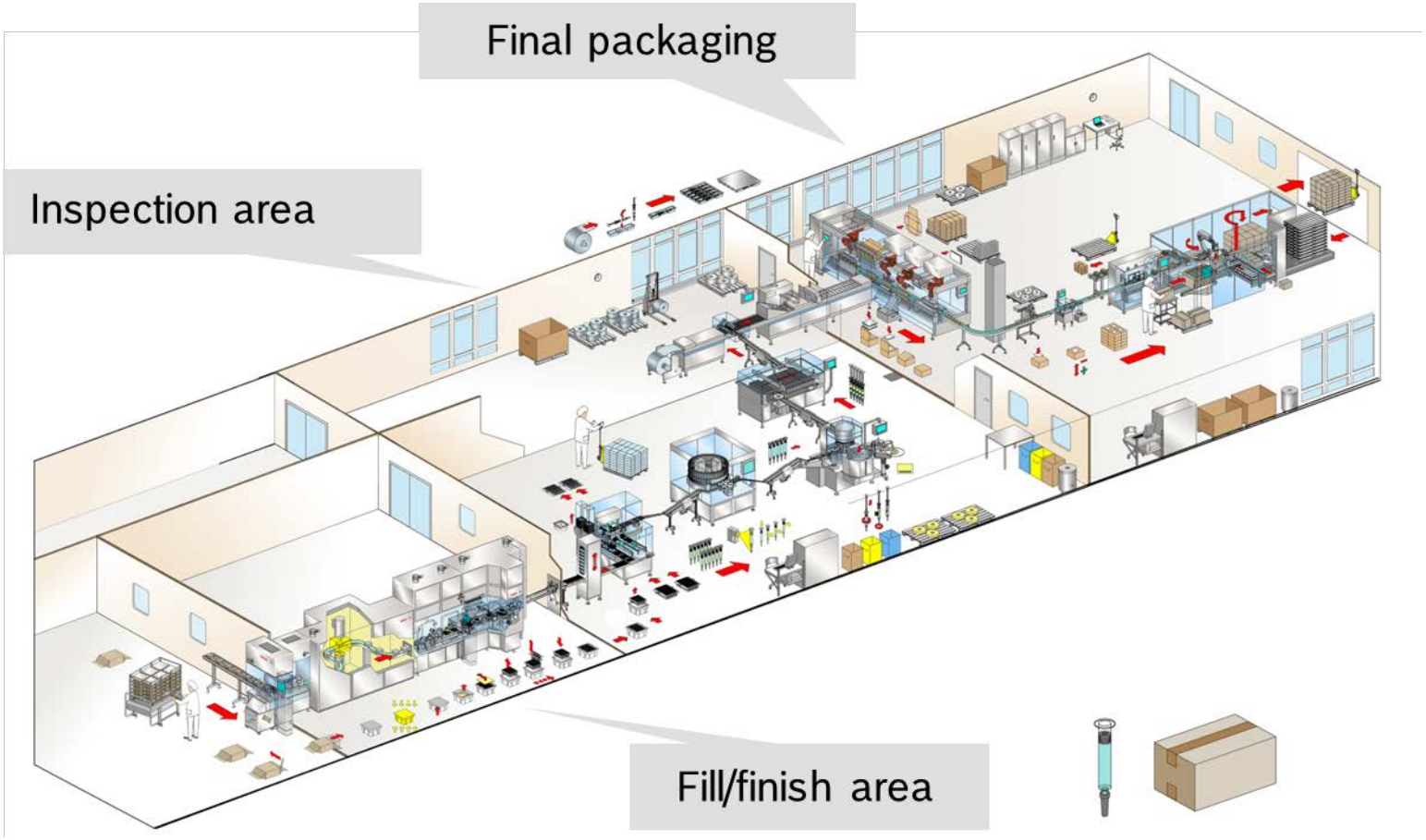
Breakage: Process Analysis

What can lead to breakage in the converting or filling process?



Source: Schott

The way of a syringe/cartridge



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Where is impact on the glass?

Cartridge processing

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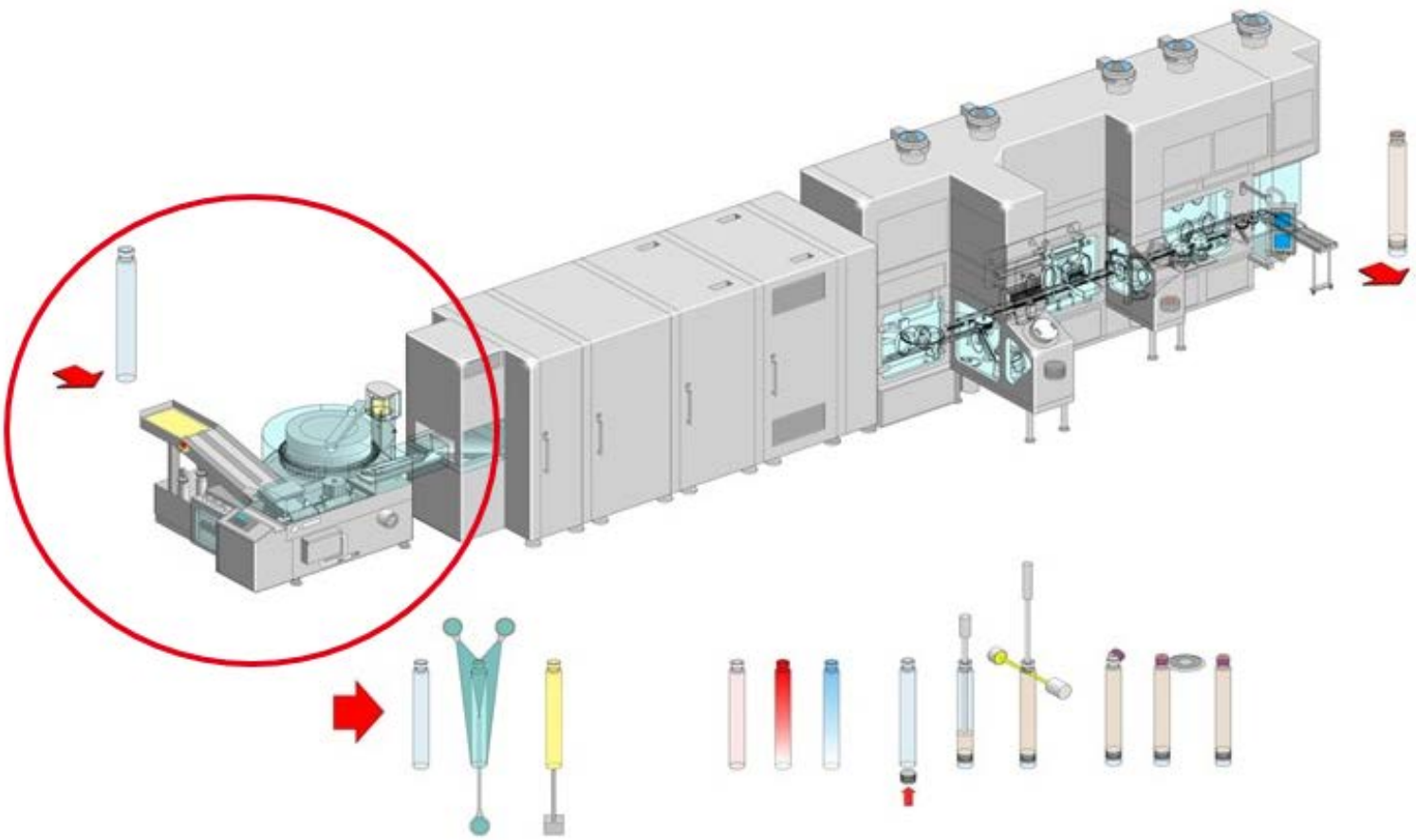
Critical areas – Washing & Siliconizing



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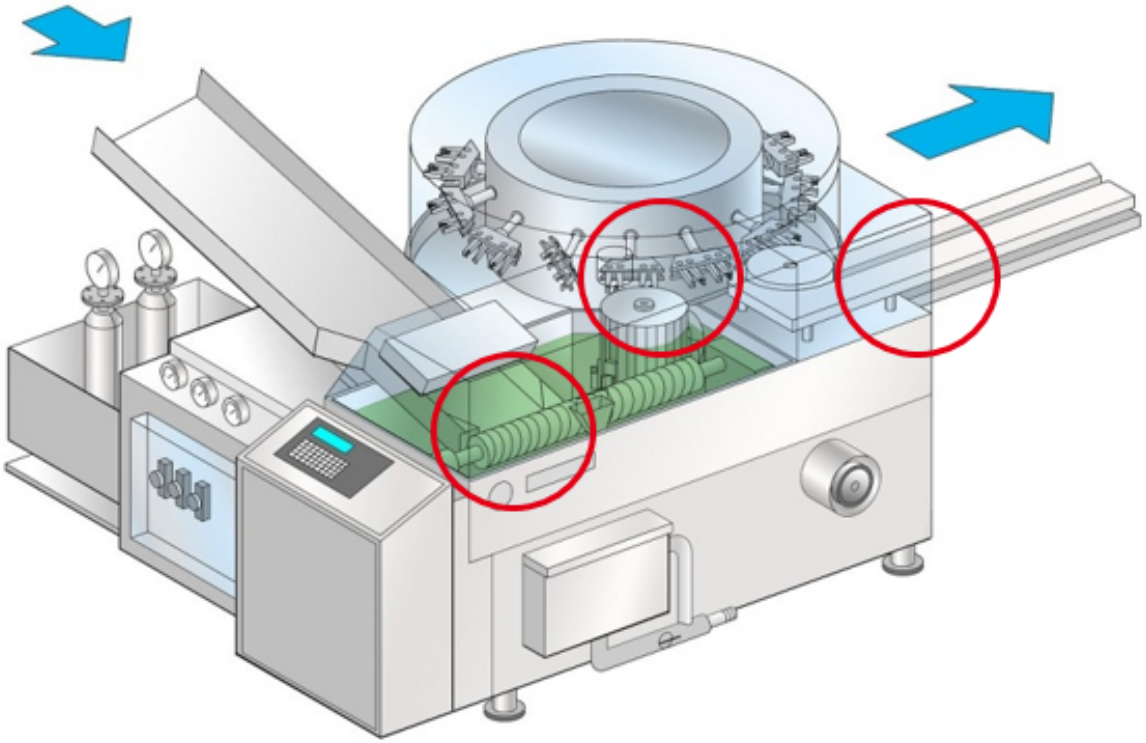

- Bulk infeed and singularization
- Needles entering into Containers several times
- Glass to Glass Contact at handover to Sterilizing Tunnel

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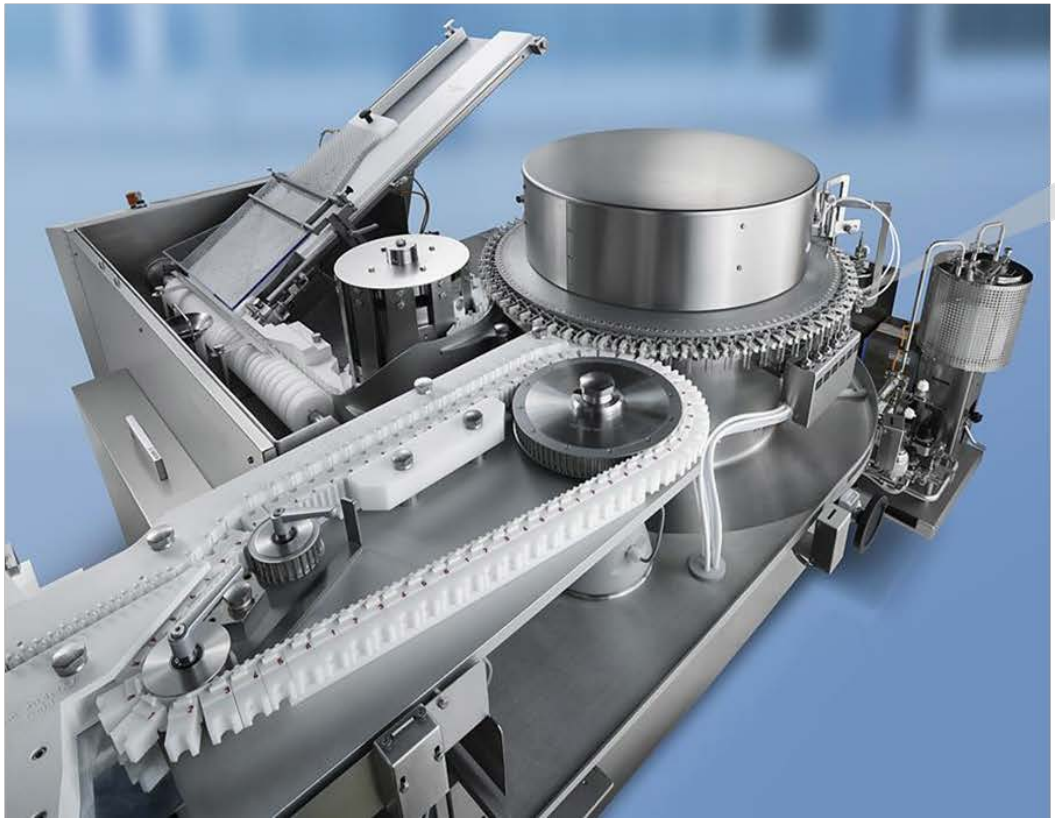

Needles for water and silicone are entering into the container

Cartridge processing, cleaning and transfer to sterilization

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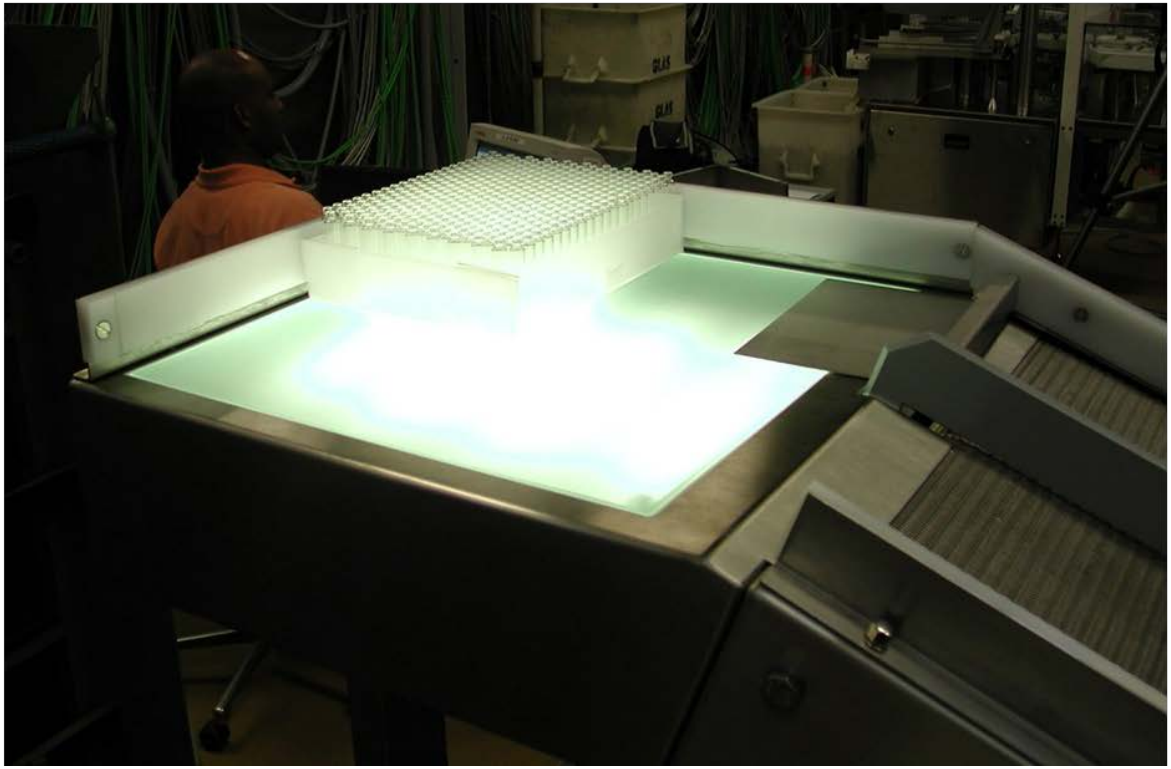
Solutions – Washing & Siliconizing

Special solution for detecting glass breakage



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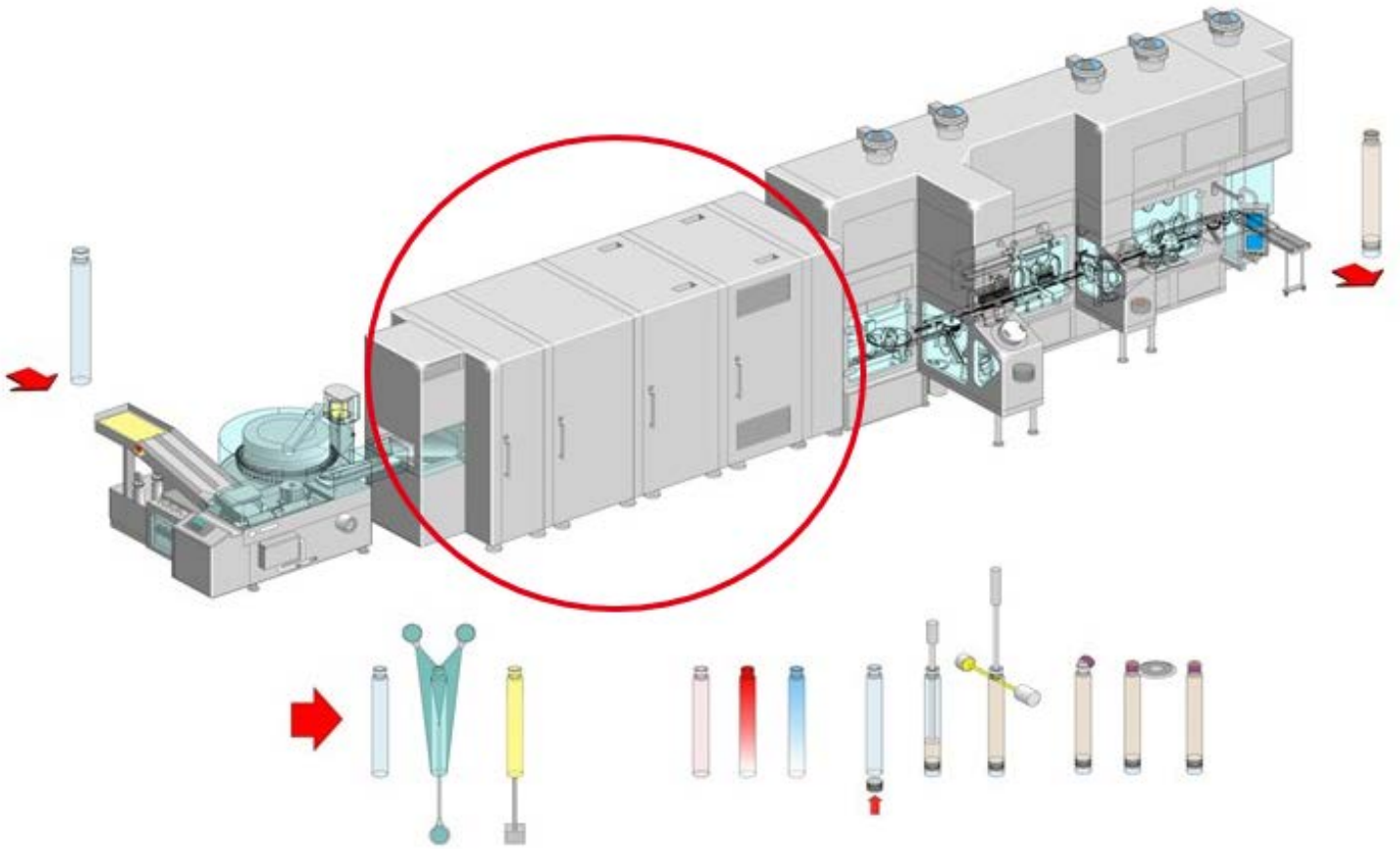
Critical areas – Sterilization Tunnel



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Where is impact on the glass?

Cartridge processing,
Sterilizing tunnel.
Heating of glass containers
up to 300 degrees Celsius

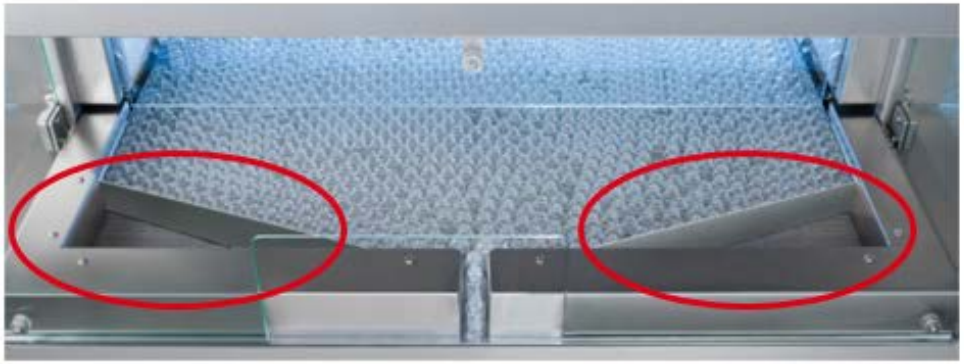
Critical areas – Sterilization Tunnel

- Direct **glass to glass contact** within the system
- **Pressure** on containers in tunnel infeed section
- Heating of glass containers up **to >300 degrees Celsius**
- ➔ Reduction/destruction of the **water skin** of the glass ➔ sticky containers, scratch sensitive containers

Sterilizing tunnel - Infeed / Discharge

- Accumulation control with bulk infeed, bulk transport and bulk discharge

Solutions – Sterilization Tunnel



- **Accumulation control** at infeed section
- **Pre-Heating Zone** to reduce temperature influence
- **Row by row loading**: Loading onto the belt with minimal contact between the containers
- **Three Belt System**: Main belt and side belts movement is synchronized

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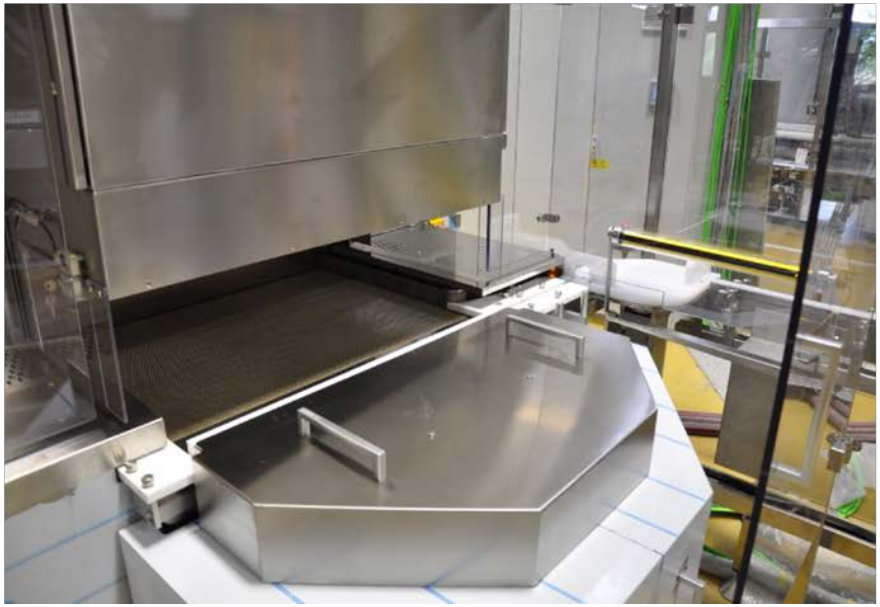
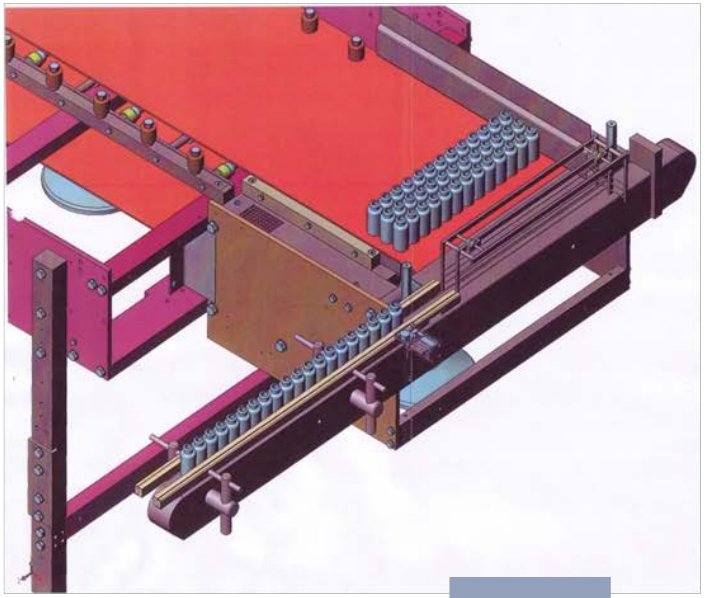
Row by row transfer





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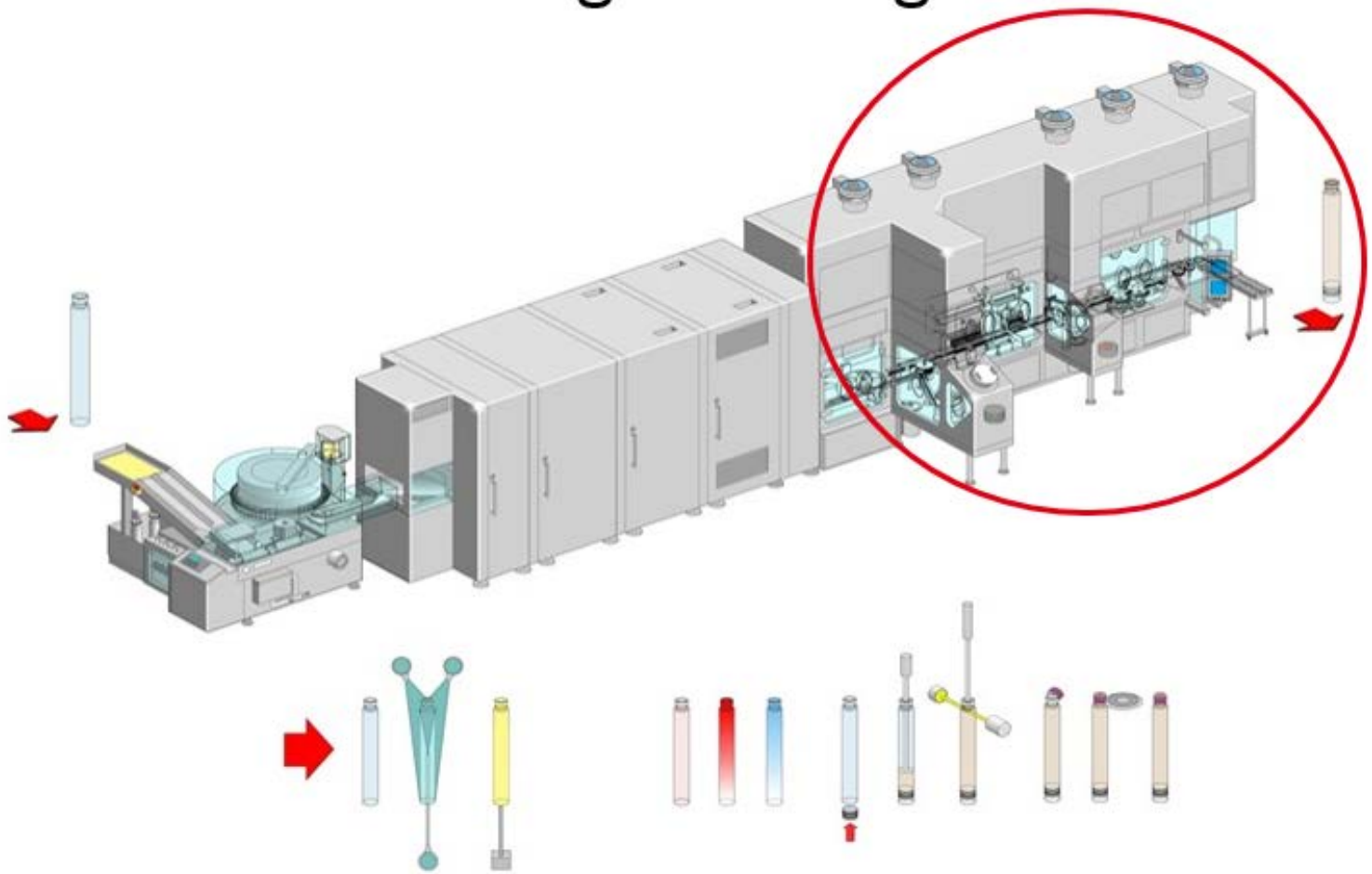
Critical areas – Filling & Closing



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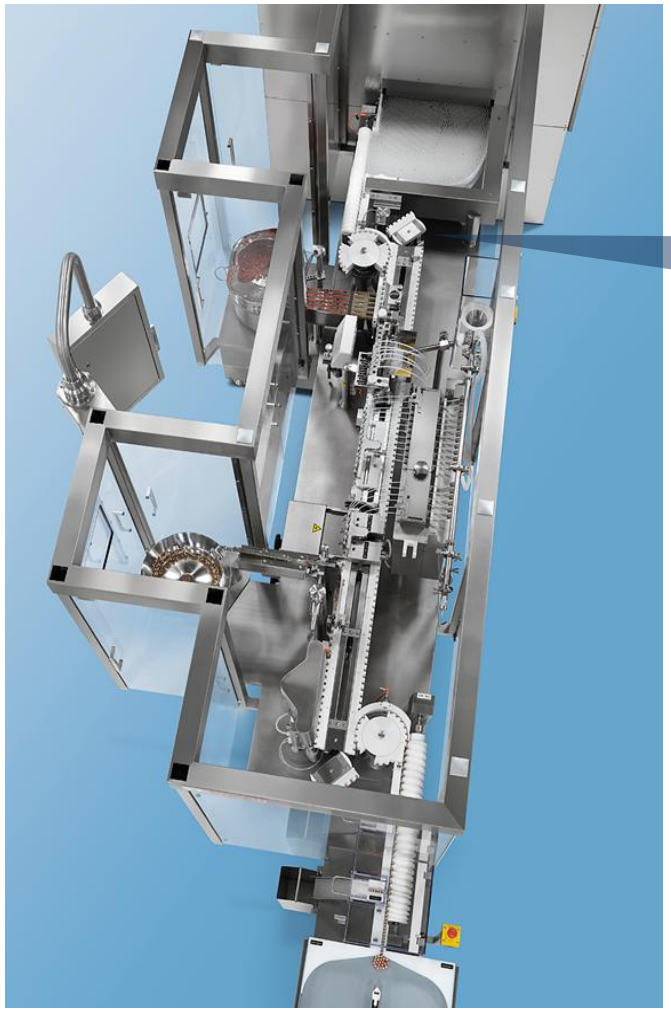
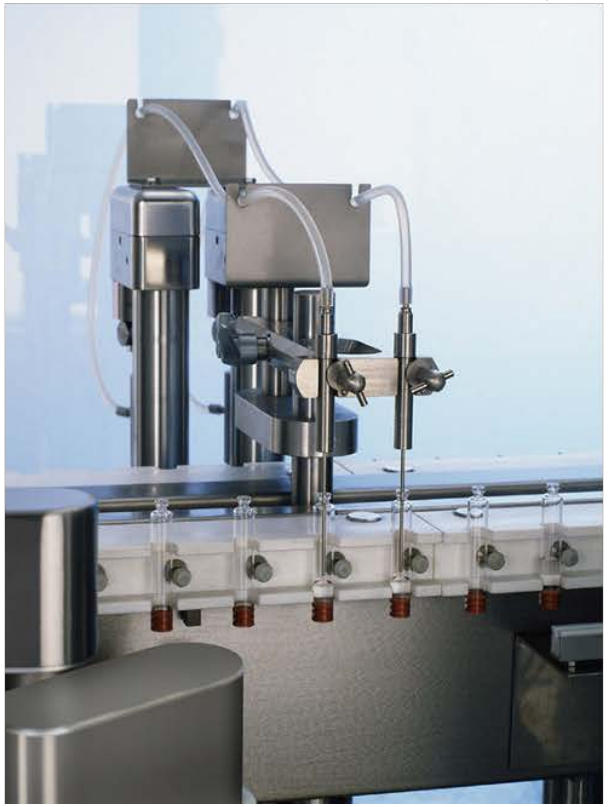
Here: Cartridge processing



Critical point:
Separation of glass containers
after sterilization

Precision – Filling of cartridges



Cartridge for pen system
Hole for filling Ø (inner) = 3,15 ± 0,2mm

Filling needle Ø (outside) = 2 mm

Only 0,5 mm air gap!

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Solutions – Filling & Closing

Carrier System:

- **Precise** and **individual** transportation through the Filling and Closing Machine

Closing:

- **Adjustable** pressure and slight rolls
- Cartridge is **rotated from both ends**

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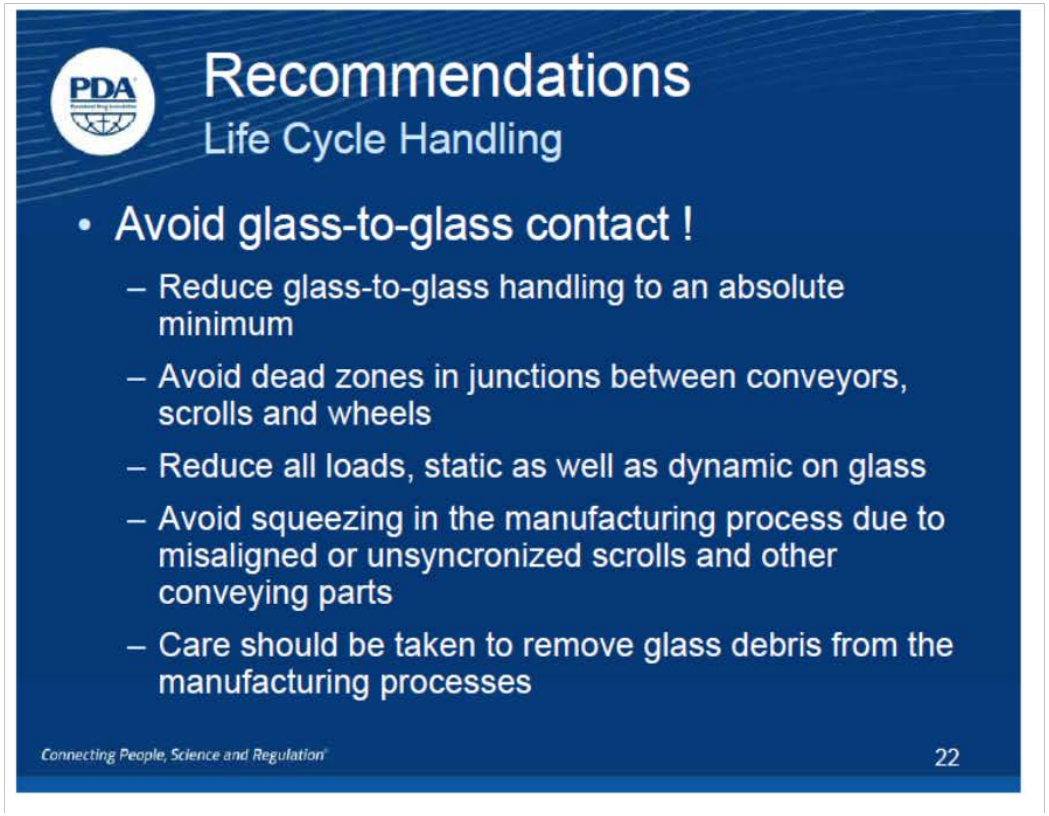
And how can the impact be reduced?



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Supply Chain Issues -
Glass breakage from
Purchase
to Dispatch

PDA – Training course glass

Example: Infeed turntable

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History

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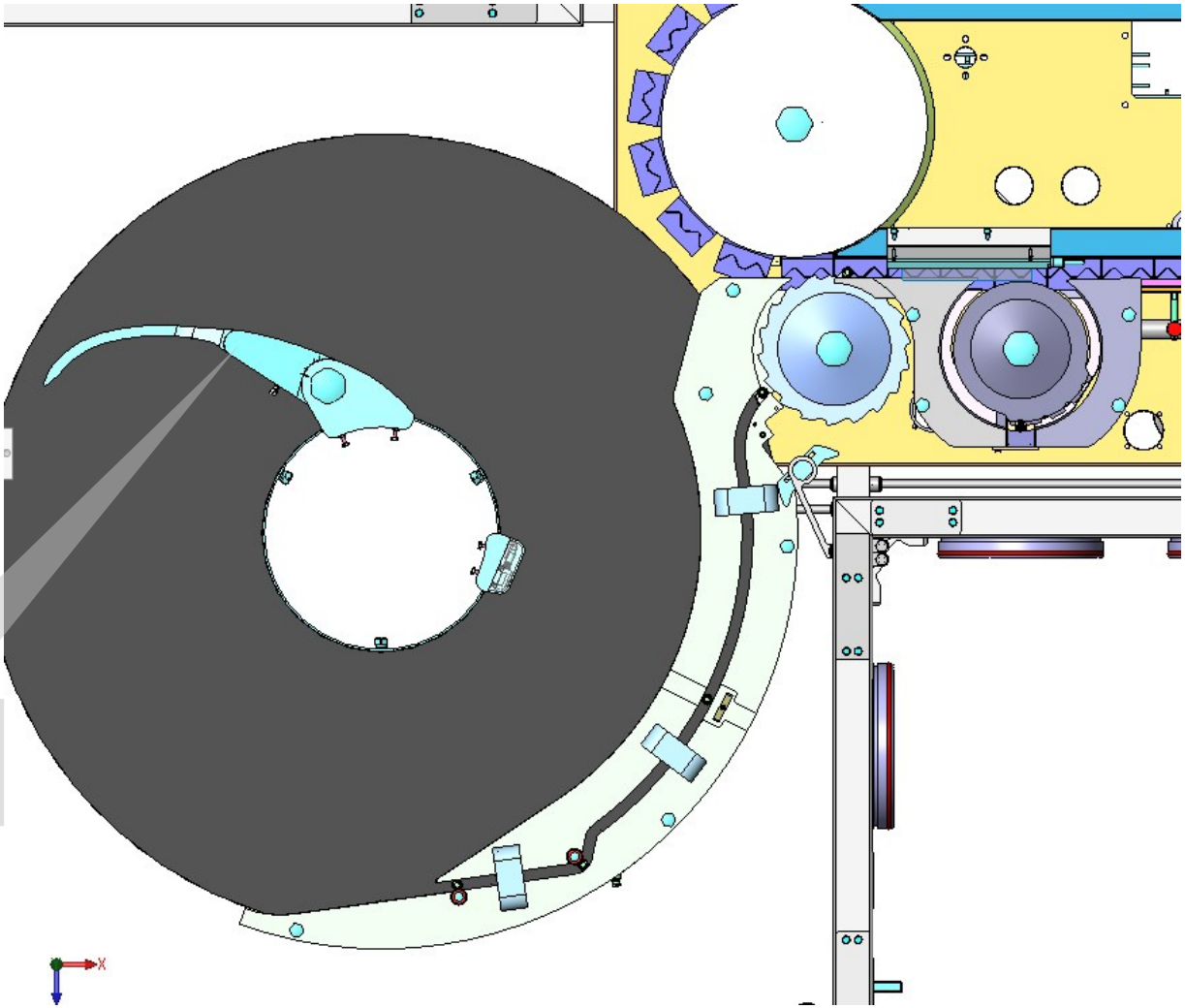

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Example: Infeed turntable

Not for distribution

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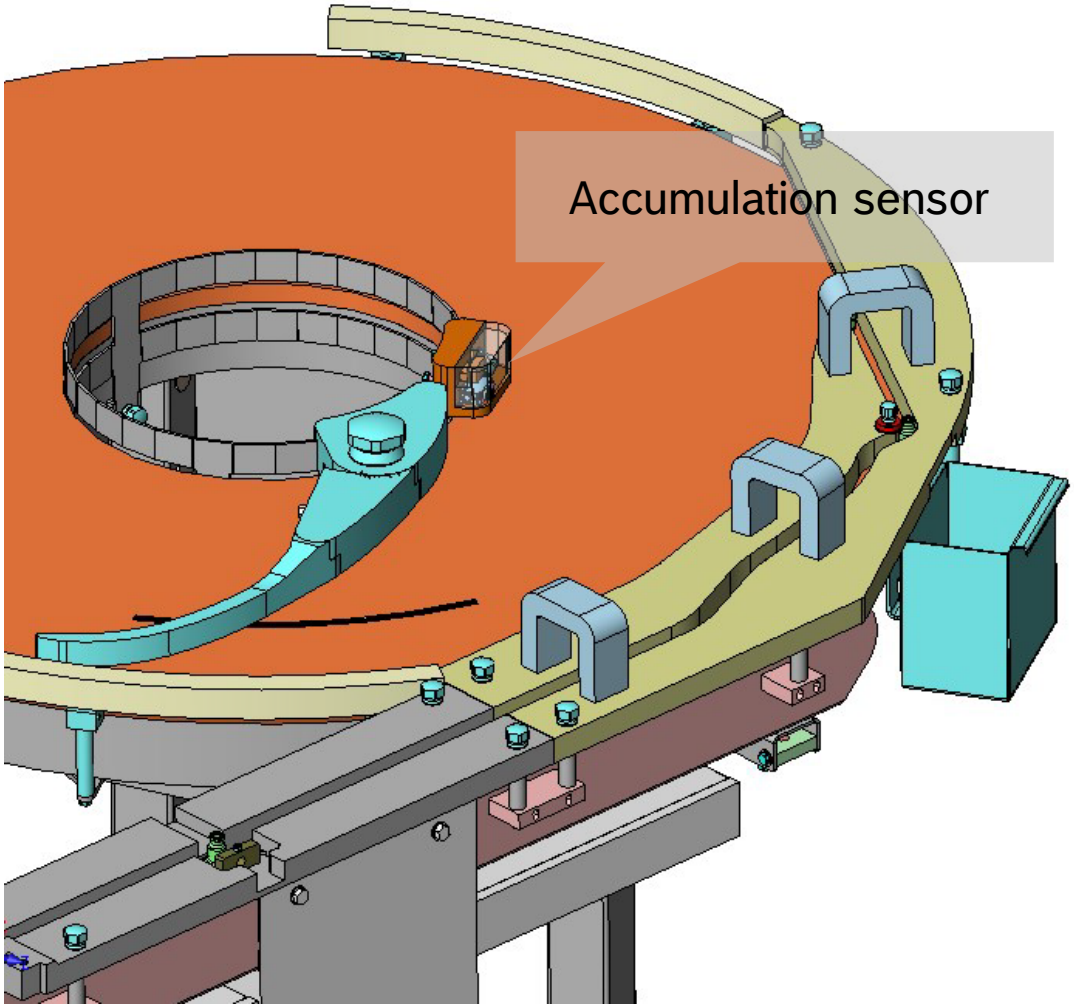

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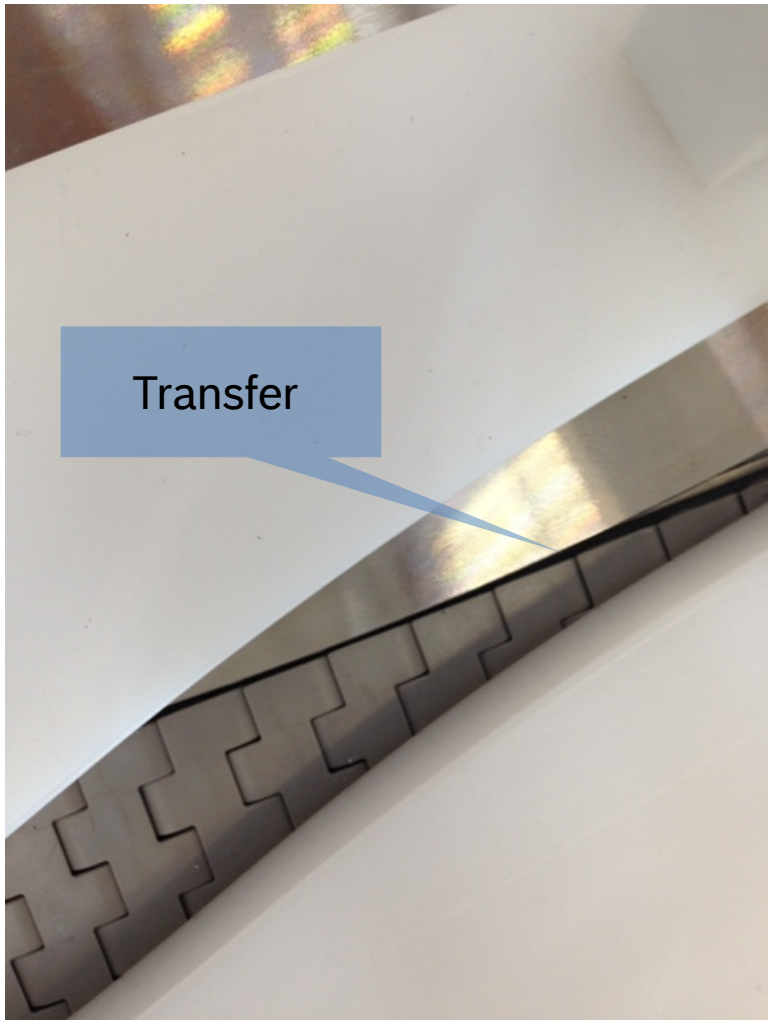
Example: Guidance



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Example: IPC

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Example: Infeed turntable

- Single lane infeed vials
- Double lane infeed vials
- Simulation vials
- Infeed washer
- Infeed ampoules

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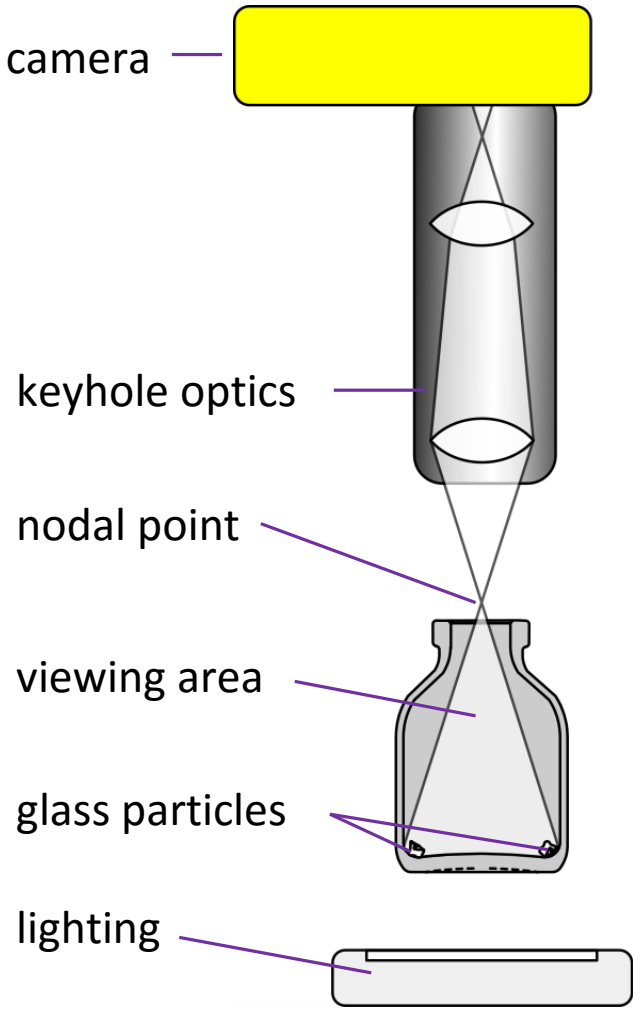
Example: Infeed turntable

Inspection of vial bottom FLC/MLF/RLA

Inspection principle: Keyhole optics



Technical Data:

The full bottom is observable

- Splinters, Particles
- Scratches and Defects

System covers wide range of formats

- Tubular glass vials 2R – 50R

Field of view is maximized

- Detectable defect size (5x5 pixel):
  - 2R – 10R: >175 µm
  - 15R – 20R: >250 µm
  - 25R – 50R: >300 µm

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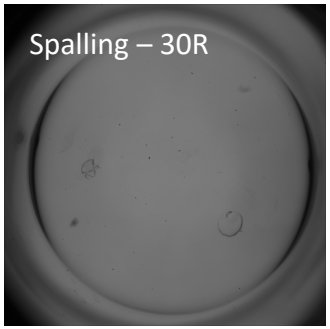
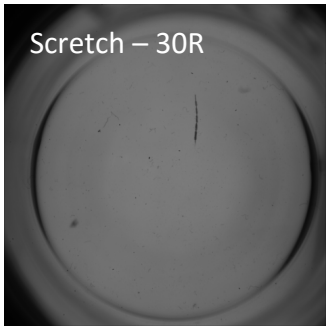
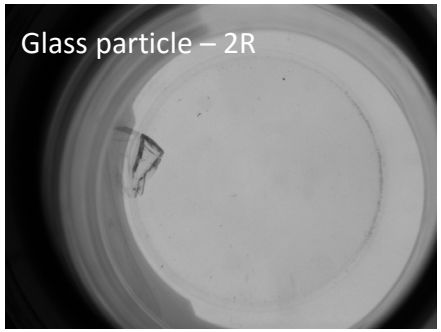
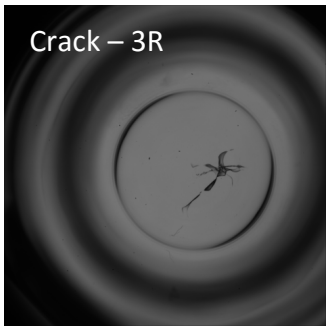
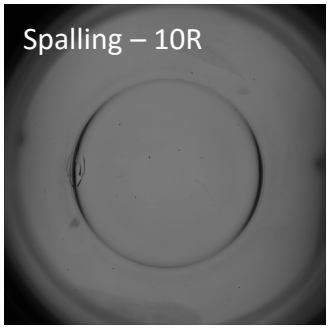
Error images from realized systems

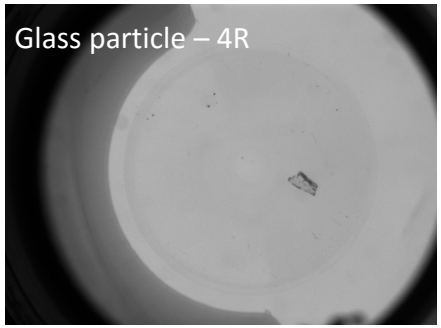












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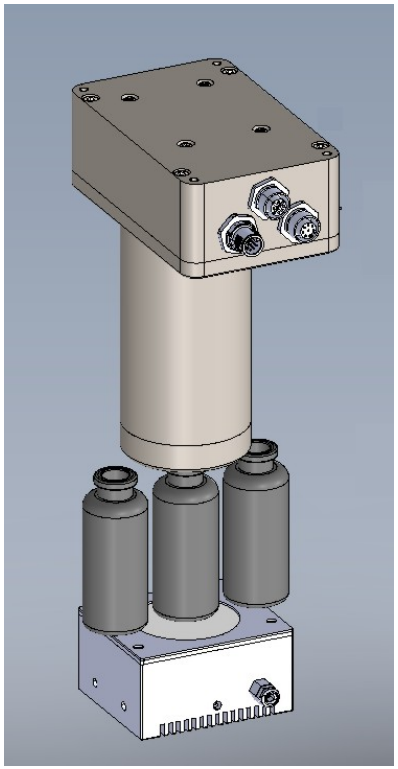

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And how can the impact be reduced?

Line without any
glass to glass contact

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Robotic feeding

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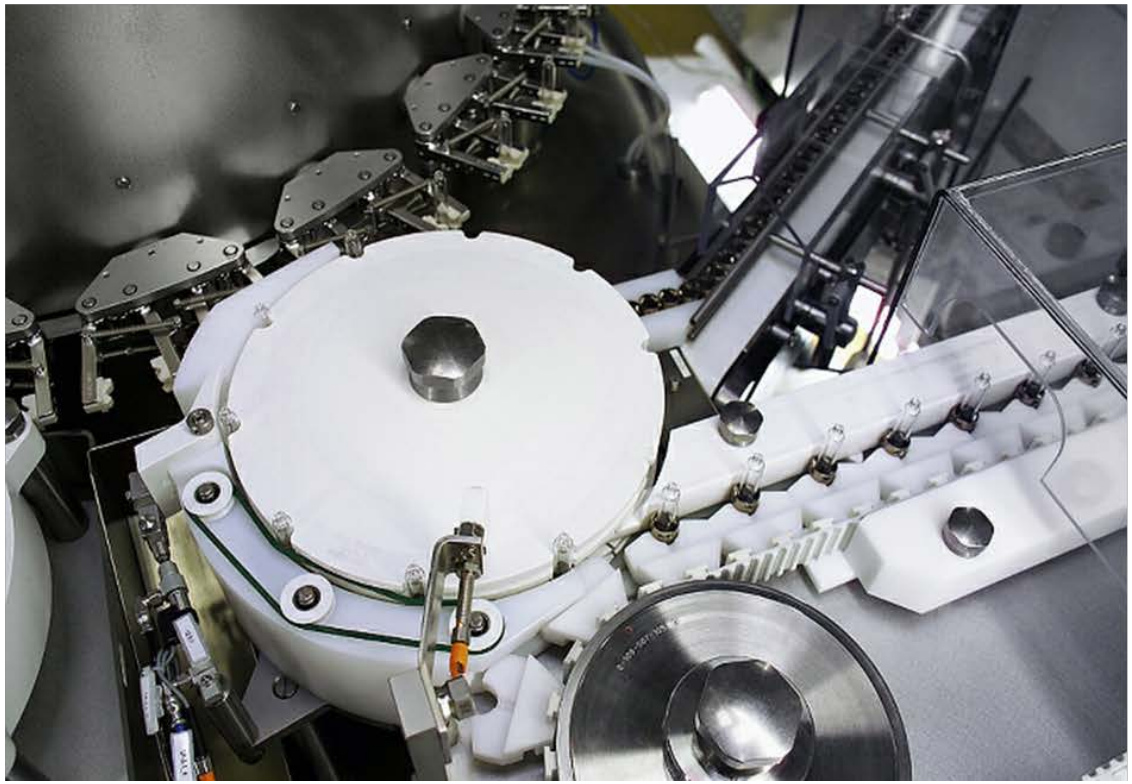
Stainless steel transport pucks

Washer outfeed/tunnel infeed - detail



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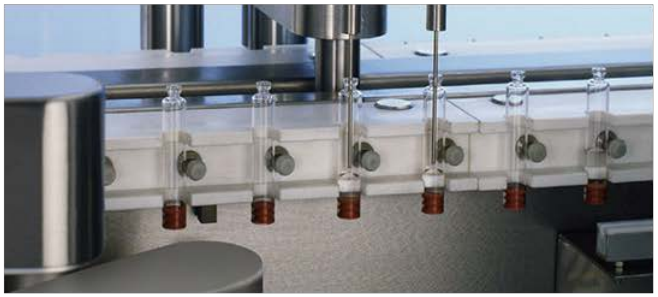
Infeed filling machine with transport pucks

Special transport carriers



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Infeed with robotic systems and transport tray

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Infeed filling machine with transport pucks

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Nested syringes

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Centering plate stainless steel

Nested syringes – alternative centering plate

Centering plate
plastic material

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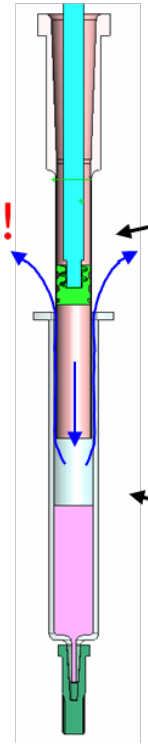
Precision – Stoppering of syringes

Only 0,3 mm air gap!



Insertion tube Ø (outside) = 5,7 mm

Syringe 1ml long
Inner diameter 6,35 ± 0,1 mm
At the flange 6,05 mm

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Special solution: Nested vials and cartridges

Photo: Schott, adaptiQ
Internet press news

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Filling of nested vials

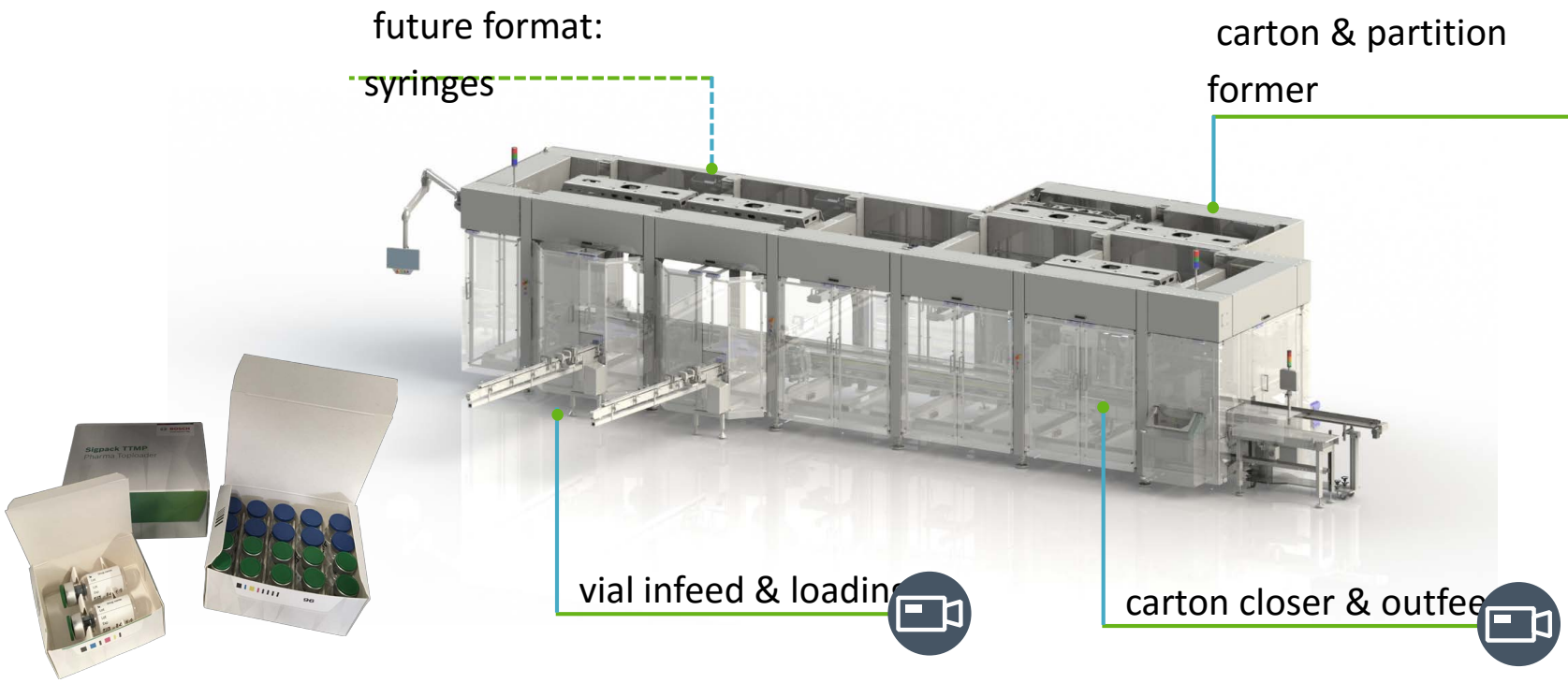
Downstream – example denesting

Inspektion

Inspection

Final packaging

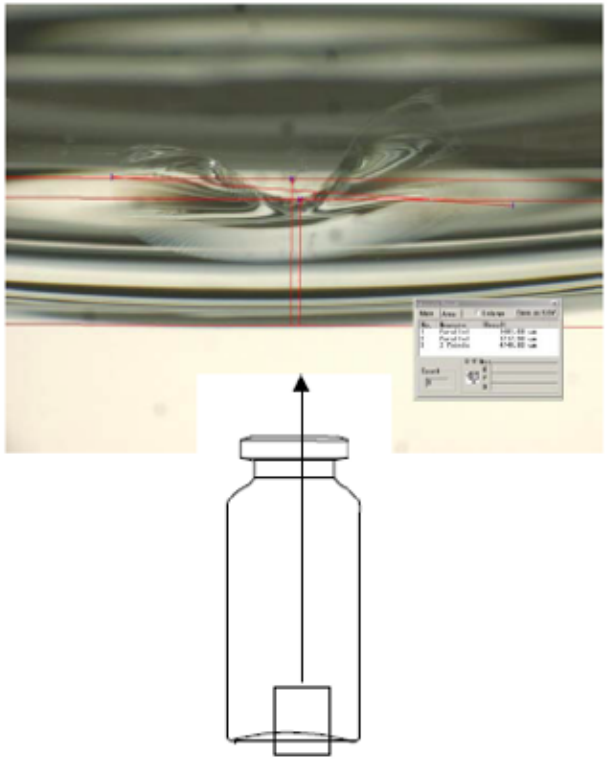
Top loader



Small batch filling

Robotic handling

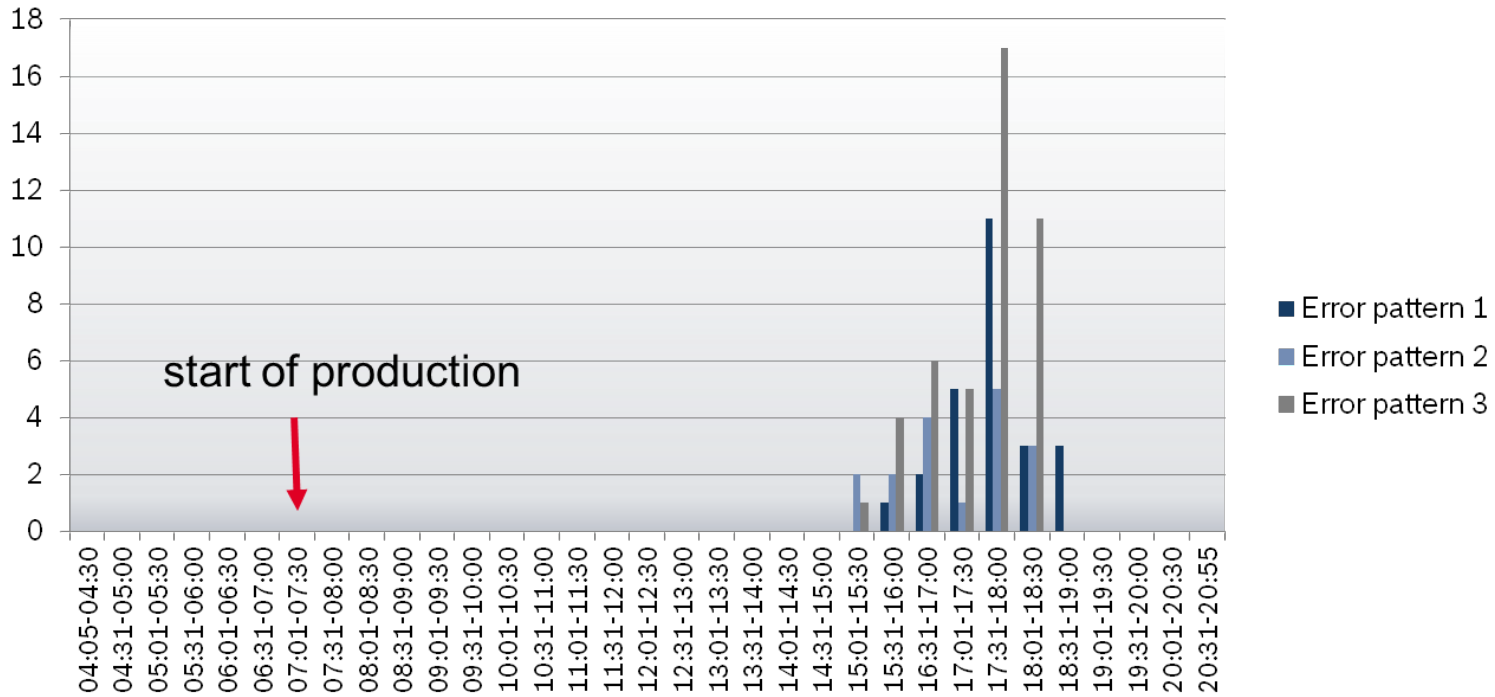
Case study – vials damaged in bottom area



Analysis by customer

- Analysis with microscope
- Determination of the height of impact
- (between 1,5 and 3,6 mm from bottom)
- Three kind of different damages

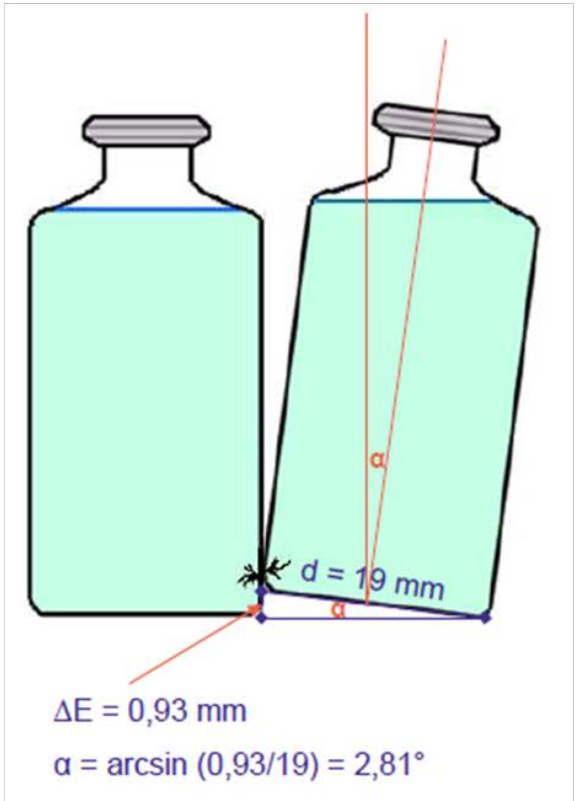
Number of damages over time



Analysis by glass manufacturer

- Vials with all three kind of damages
- Damages caused by glass to glass contact. No other materials found by analytical methods
- Probably all damages have the same origin

Crash constellation



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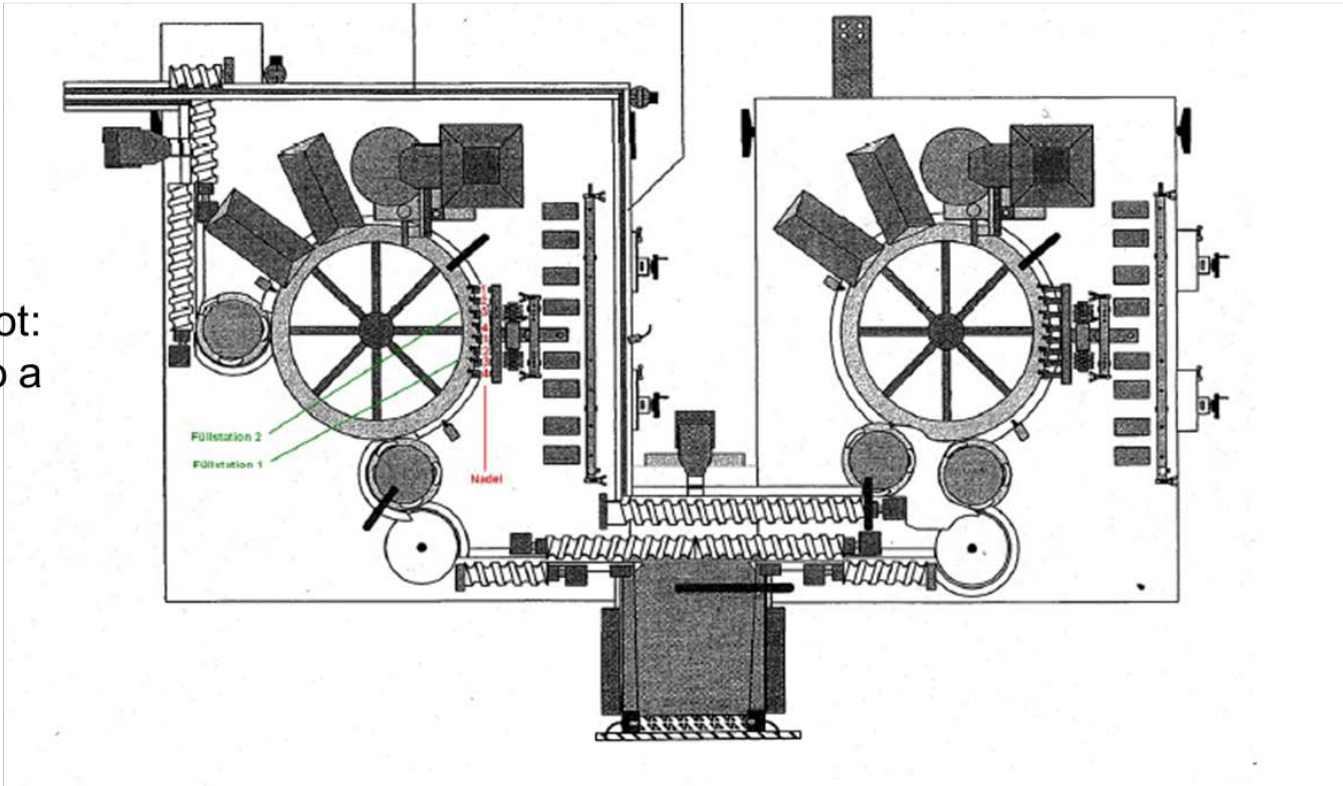
Machine layout

Critical spot:
Scroll onto a belt



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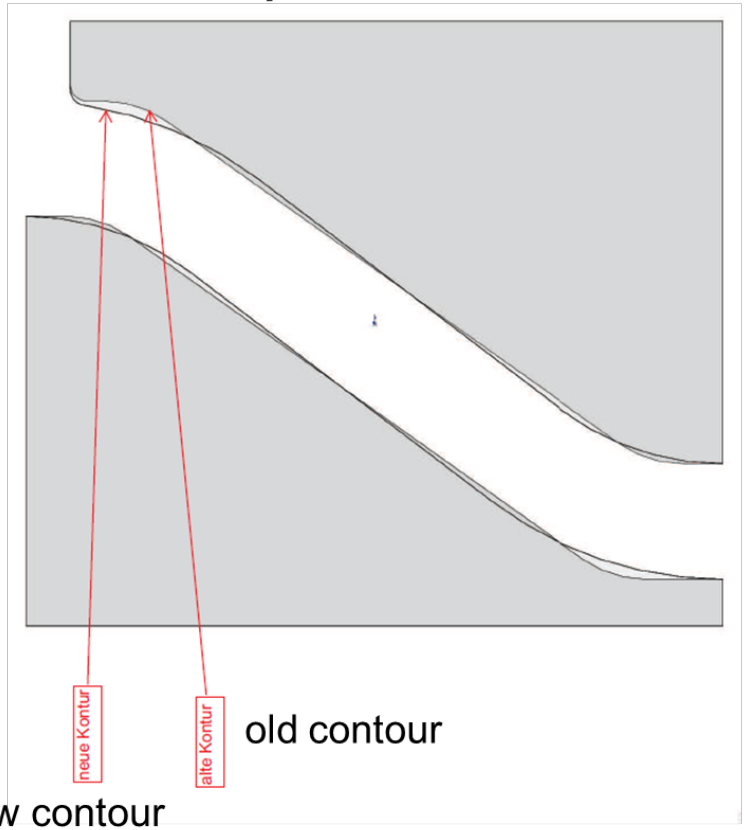
New sizepart at outfeed



Small change ➔ huge effect

Latest developments

Inline measuring of pressure, Smartskin

New glass vial

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Summary

- Technical solutions/concepts are available
- But there are limitations (costs, space…)
- New, other disadvantages could be created
- Optimization vs. new concepts

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Questions?

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