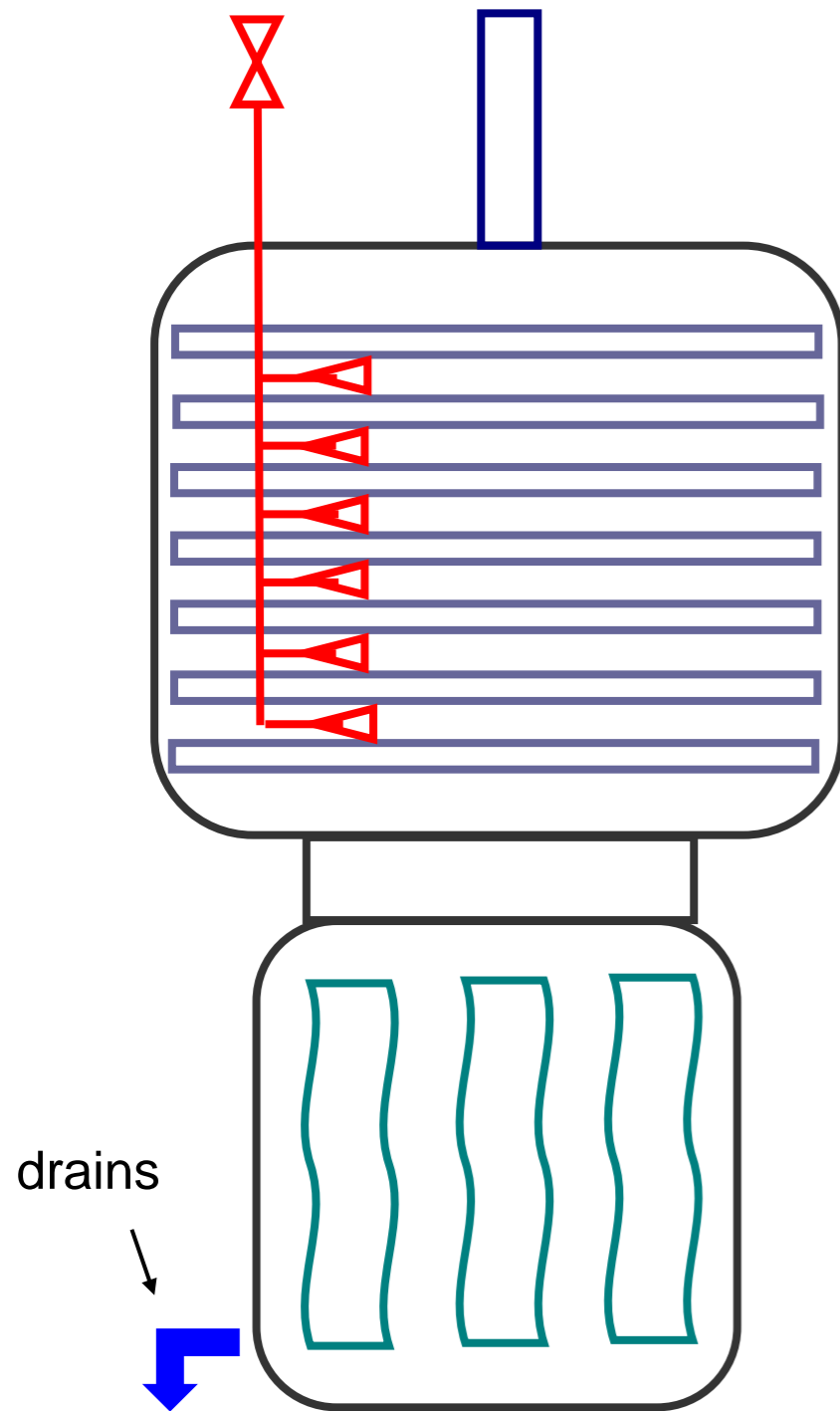


Theory 7:

Cleaning and sterilisation

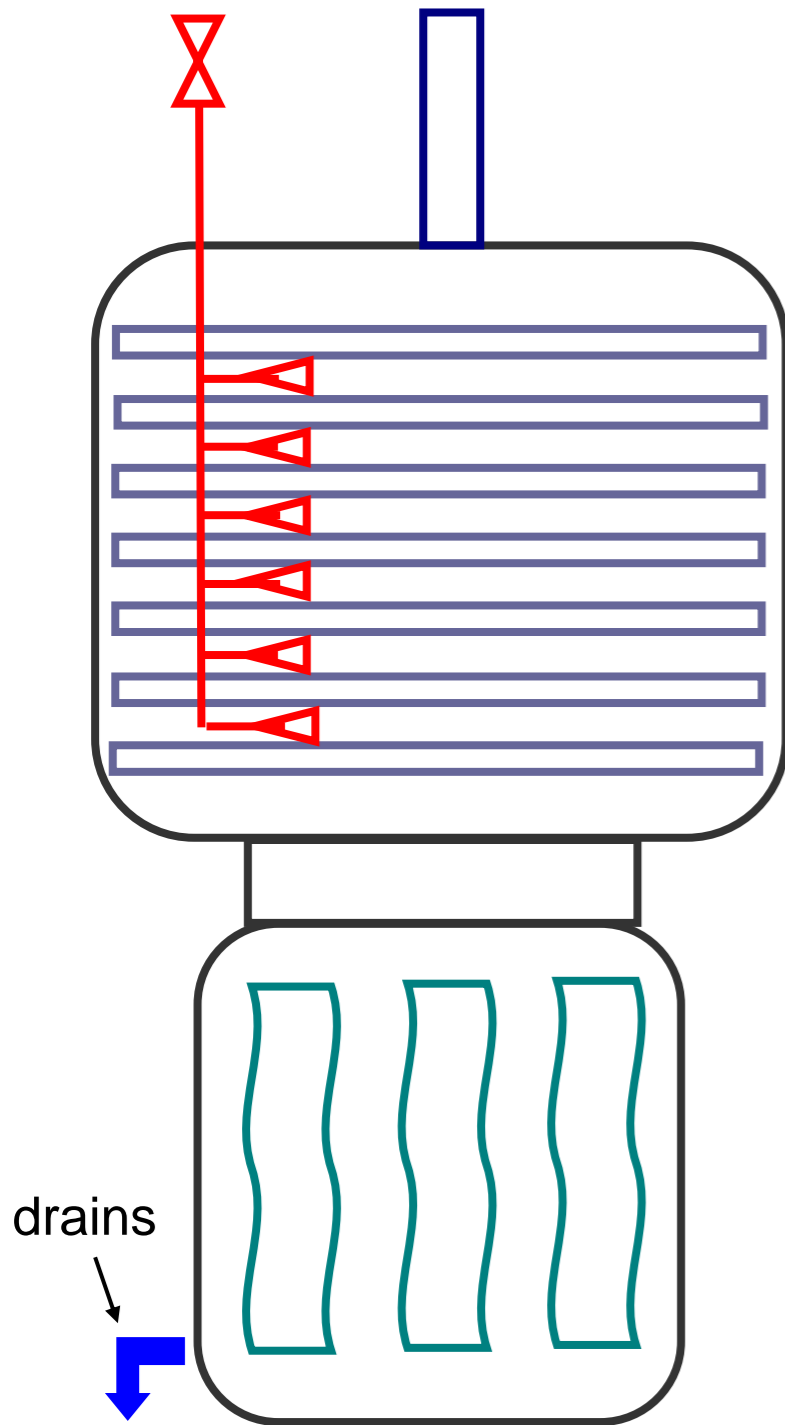
- CIP / SIP systems
- acceptance of CIP / SIP systems
- cleaning validation
- sterilisation qualification
- turnaround process



The aim of a CIP / SIP system is to clean the system and to sterilize the Freeze Dryer according to Specification.

GMP guidelines:

- assignment of responsibility of cleaning
- creation of cleaning time schedule
- description of cleaning
- define the acceptance criteria of cleaning
- proof of successful system cleaning (validation)



Prozess of CIP / SIP:

The system must be easy to clean in accordance to the applicable GMP rules (e. g. no dead spaces, corners should be rounded, etc.).

CIP / SIP systems can be integrated in a freeze dryer or as stand-alone System.

CIP / SIP systems ensure sufficient and qualitative supply of media for machines.

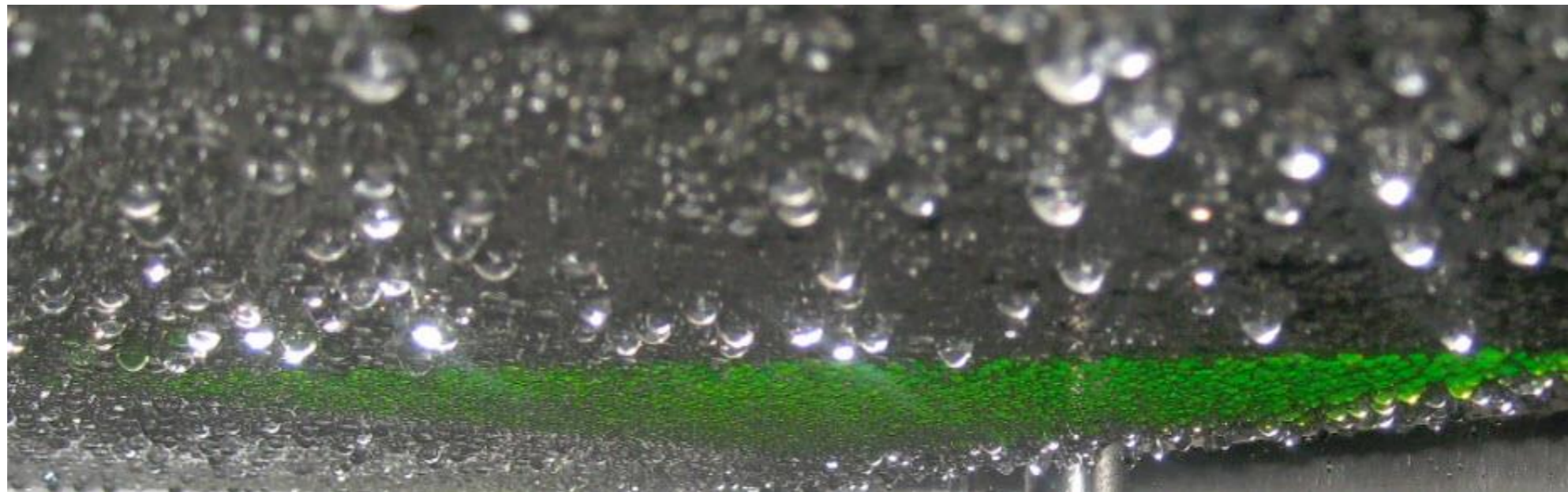
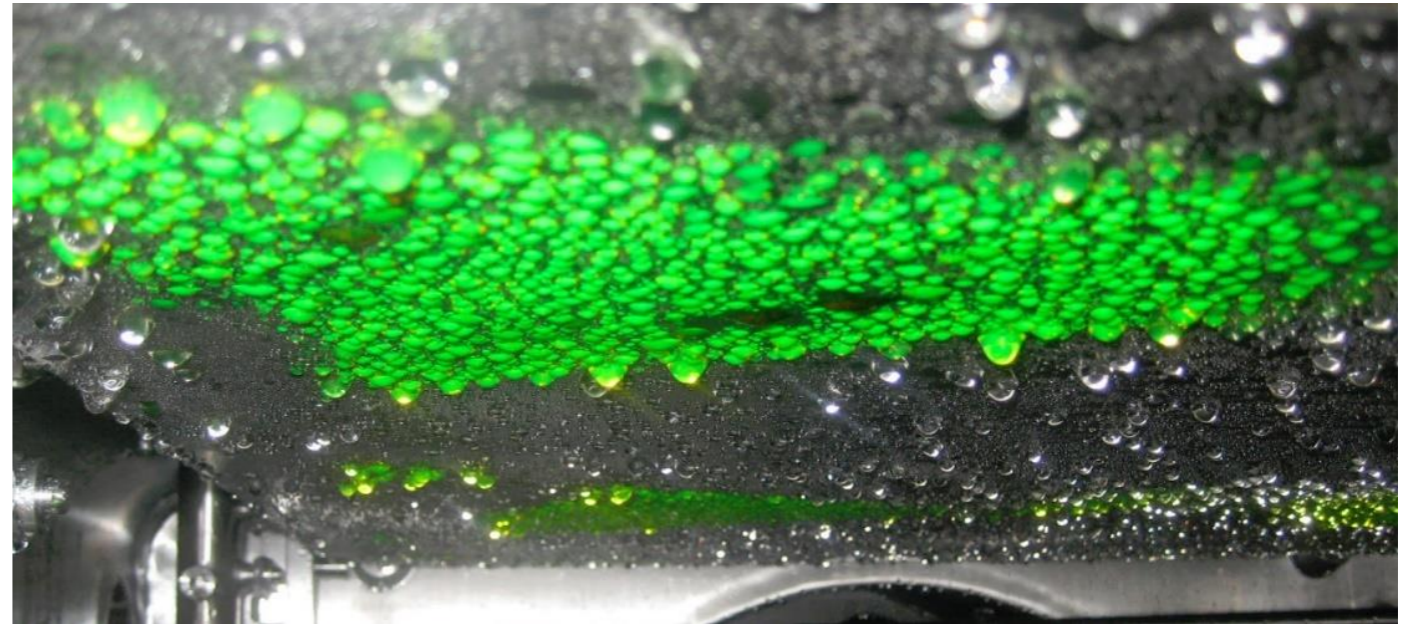
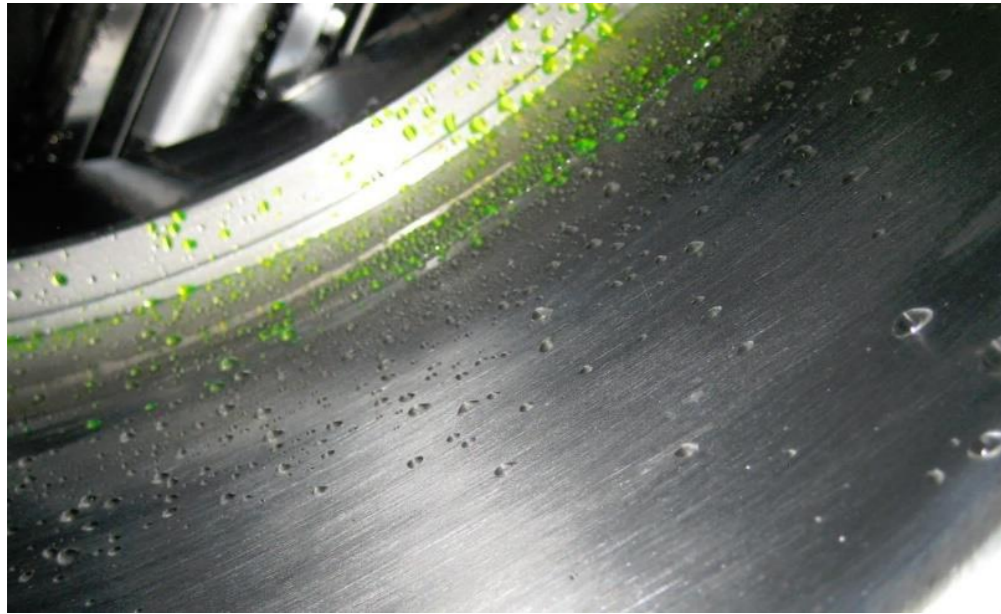
The Media supply for a CIP / SIP system, depends on other Equipments e.g. clean steam generators, WFI generators and distribution Loops.

The riboflavin test can be used as proof of solid design of a CIP system.

- the riboflavin test shows potential weakness of the CIP system (spray shadows)
- demonstrate cleaning success
- spray shadows can help to setup the CIP System



Examples of spray shadows:



Cleaning validation:

After verification of good design of CIP system, the cleaning validation (CV) can be started. The CV of the cleaning process demonstrate the Process is valid to do the same each Run and also that the Process have the expected cleaning success.

Testmethods are e. g.:

- do the cleaning cycle three times, all three cycles should have the same result and be reproducible
- proof of cleaning success with bioindicators
- test samples from surfaces (Swap)

In cases of validation the automation Part should also checked, If an automated process is used the process should be validated (Software Validation).

If a manual cleaning takes place, it must also be validated and revalidated at defined time intervals. The employees for this purpose must be trained.

Sterilisation qualification

The qualification of sterilisation generally takes place with external equipment (recorder). The recorder e. g. can be a wired system with thermocouples (online measuring system) or a wireless system (logger).

Before each run the Equipment should be calibrated, as well as after each run a system check should be carried out.



Calibration system
with oil



Calibration system
dry block

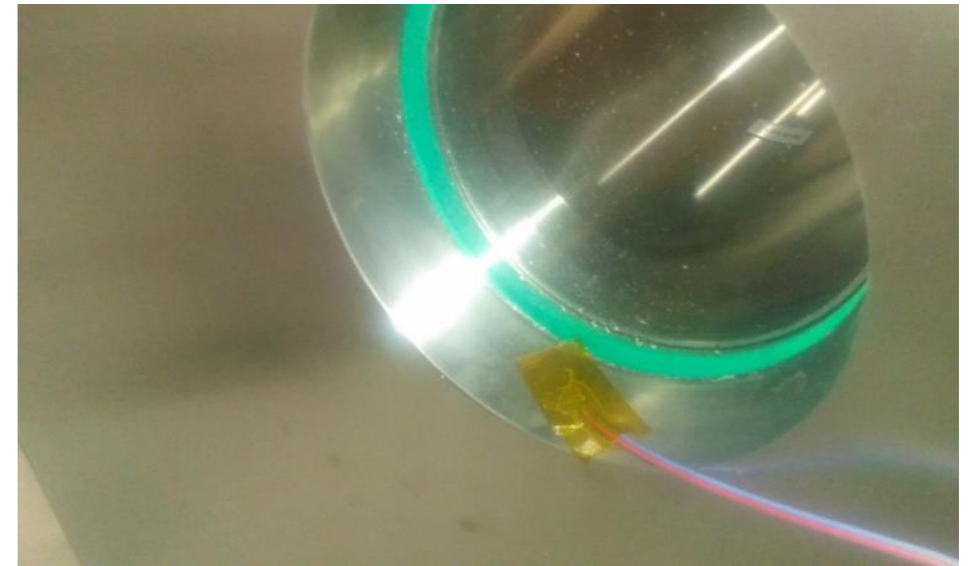
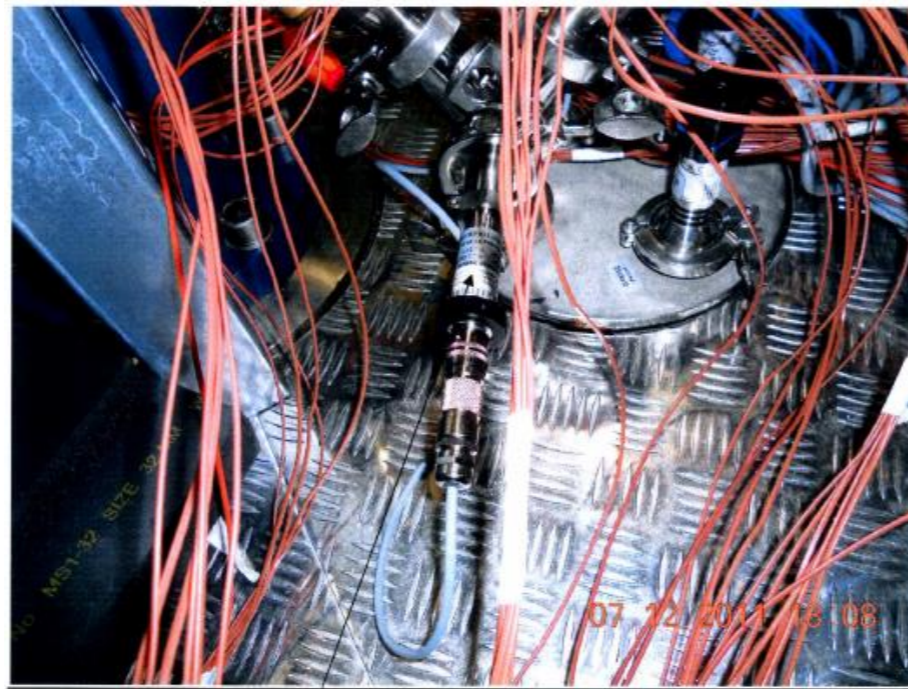
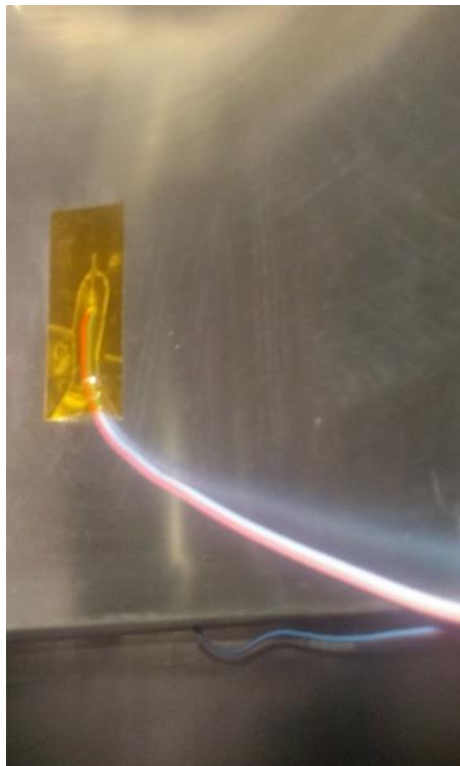


Qualification port /
absolute pressure tube



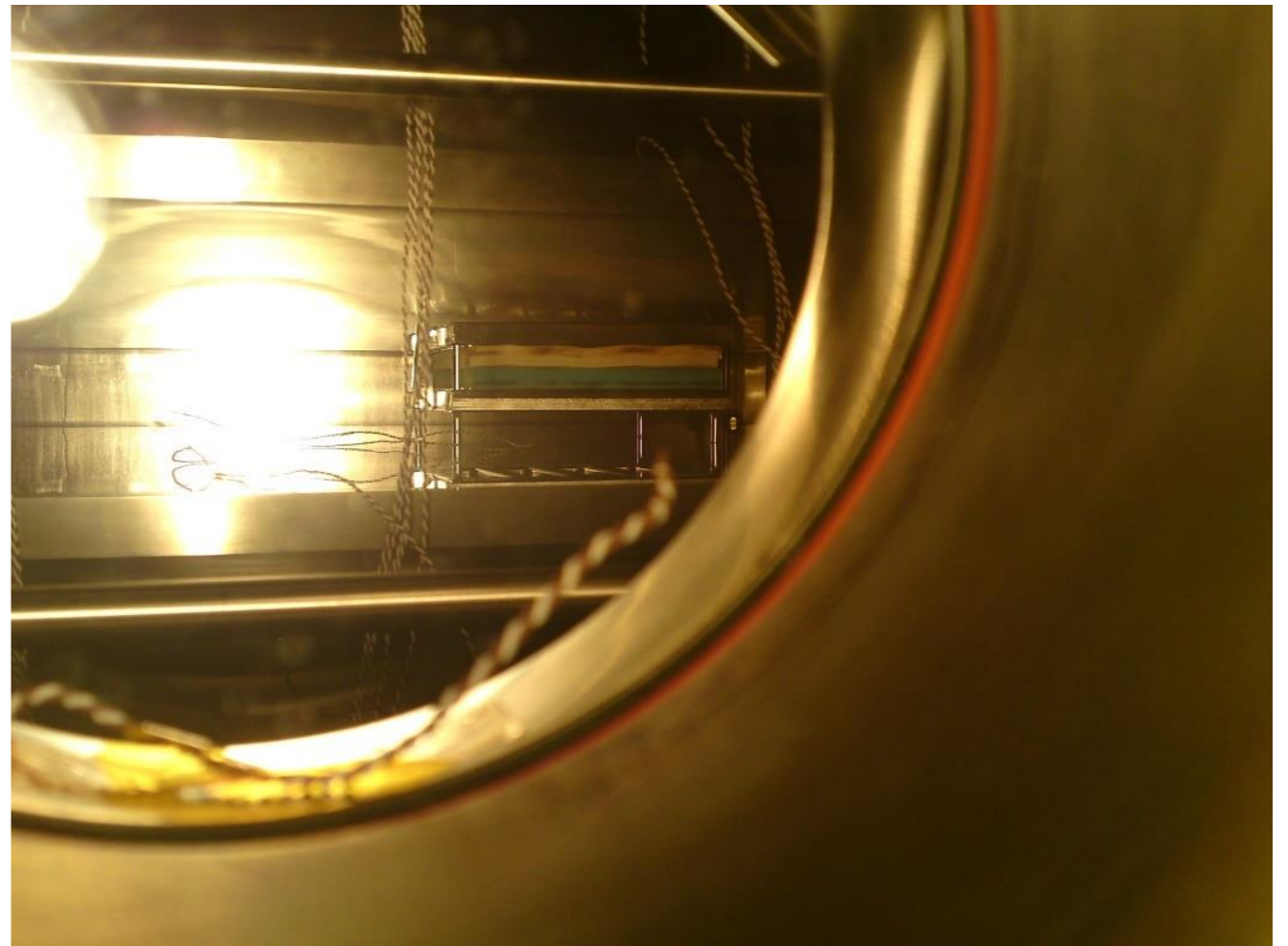
Construction of a
recorder system
including a
temperature standard

Examples:

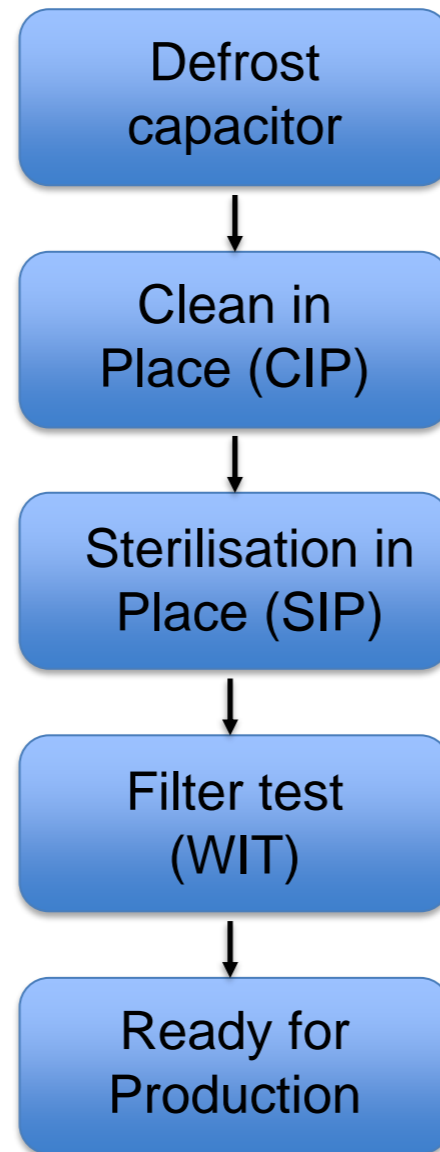


Special Tests for sterilization process are:

- use of bioindicators
- use of Bowie-Dick-Test



Turnaround - process:



The turnaround process includes different processes like defrost / CIP / SIP / WIT.

The turnaround time is the time from the end of production (unloading GT) till the start of a new production.

Attention:

After the turnaround process the system is not endlessly sterile. A validation of a sterile hold time has to be determined. This time should be fixed at relevant machines (e. g. as sterile bit).