



ROBOTIC INTERVENTION FOR GLOVE MINIMIZATION BY USING AI (ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE)

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1. Introduction – Trends in the market

Requirements for glove minimization



Changing regulatory environment

Annex 1



Use of digital engineering

for minimizing risks before design start (digital twin, simulations)



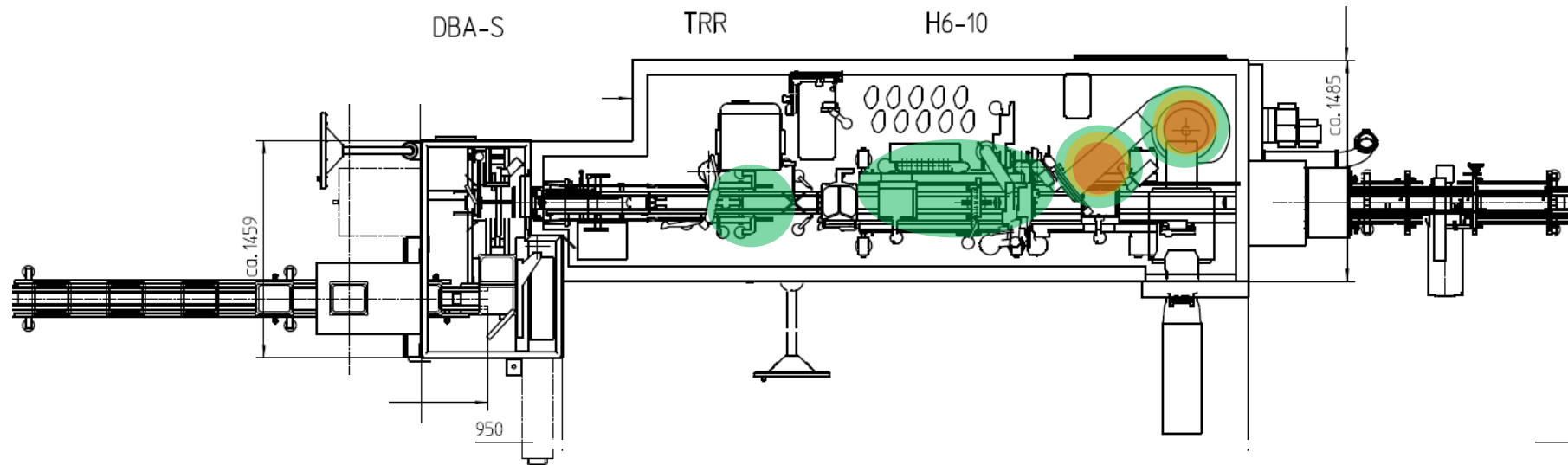
Glove minimization

Glove often seen as root cause for failure

1. Introduction – Need for application

Greatest potential for improvement after evaluation process from customer studies

Heat map for typical syringe line for nested syringes



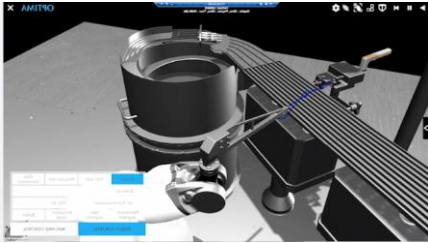




▶ >90% of all interventions happen during the stopper sorting/ intervention

2. Application – Process description

Gloveless intervention on stopper sorting - Robot autonomously driven by AI



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<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Camera detects the incorrectly sorted stopper and its individual position by using AI in the short linear track	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ If the stopper is sorted incorrectly, the short linear track and sorting bowl stops.○ The camera using AI take a photo again (by rest) and transfer the coordinates of the incorrectly sorted stopper to the robot	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Autonomous path planning based on digital twin.○ Autonomous path planning considers pharma-compliant and best efficient execution.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Robot picks up incorrectly oriented stopper with needle gripper.○ New picture is taken before the sorting technology starts again as a cross check	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The stopper will be removed, and the robot returns to the rest position. Short linear track and sorting bowl start operation again.○ The removal of stopper is checked by a cross check

No machine stop/ production stop during the intervention

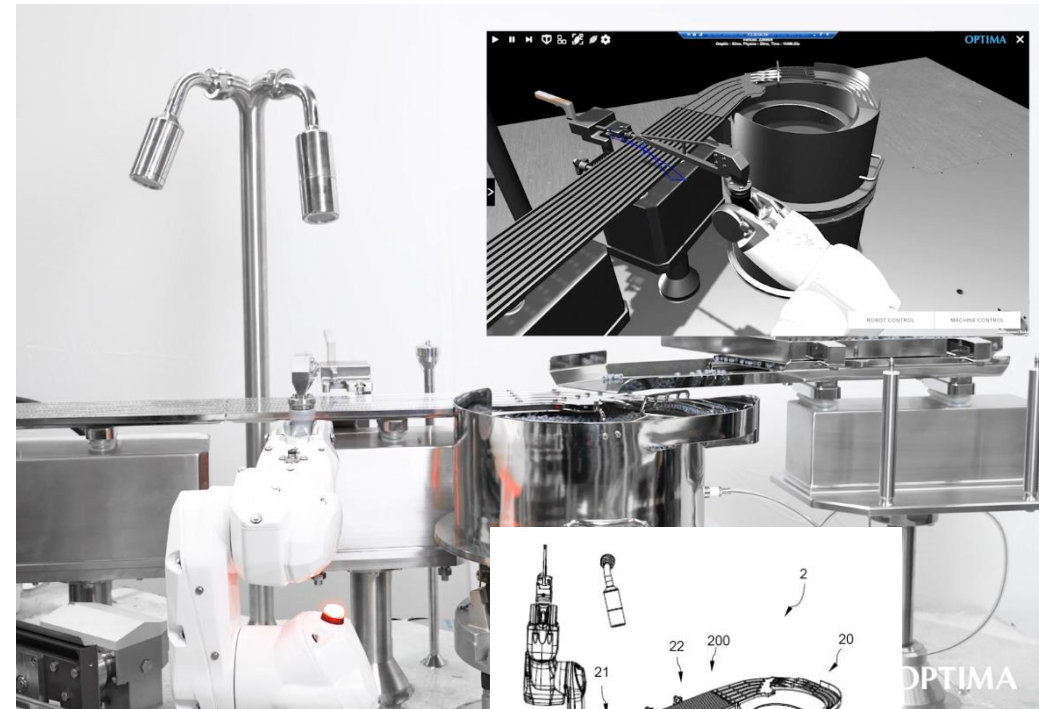
3. Evaluation of the application

a) Attractiveness – Addressing critical point in fill & finish line (>90%)

Glove interventions are minimized through automatic fault elimination

➤ Improved process quality and efficiency

- **Annex 1 conform:** Autoclaved robot stopper handling tool
- **Glove minimization:** No manual intervention
- **Increased OEE:** No machine stop due to robotic intervention
- **Implementation in every fill & finish machine of the complete portfolio possible:** No machine-specific feature



3. Evaluation of the application

b) Cost effectiveness – High economic potential

High economic potential, as it affects a very common fault in the system

➤ **Estimated Return-on-Invest: approx. 1 year**

- **Fewer personnel resources** required → **no manual intervention** needed for this activity
- **Less manual documentation** effort during production by operator
- **Reduced risk for contamination** → **no glove intervention**
- **Improvement of OEE** → **autonomous process during production**

3. Evaluation of the application

c) Area of application and flexibility

Area of application:

Every fill and finish machine
for pharma/ biotech



Benefit: not machine-specific!

High flexibility of the application and easy integration in every fill & finish machine



Needle gripper for:

- all stoppers
- almost all defects



Flexibility of robot:

- **fault can be removed along the entire stopper feeding path**
- **Easily integration** into any application and portfolio
- **Autonomous path planning** considers pharma-compliant and best efficient execution **for every fill & finish machine**

4. Final message - Highlights

Robotic intervention for glove minimization by using AI

Attracting all fill & finish systems in the pharma / biotech industry

- ✓ Addressing the most critical point in fill & finish line (>90%)
- ✓ Reduction of pharmaceutical risk as no manual intervention
- ✓ Increase of efficiency / OEE
- ✓ No intervention in fill & finish process during stopper feeding (gloveless)
- ✓ Patented technologies
- ✓ Technology already integrated at almost on 20 machines