

#### Biosafety in upstream bioprocessing

Erik Kakes, Sales & Marketing director Applikon Biotechnology



#### **About Erik Kakes**



- Studied Biochemistry
- Active in bioreactor design since 1988
  - Project manager
  - Product development
  - Marketing & Sales
- Co-owner of Applikon Biotechnology since 2008



# Applikon Biotechnology

- Largest privately owned bioreactor company in the world
- Started in 1974 by Jan van Burg
- Keywords:
  - Reliable
  - New technologies
  - Long term customer relation
  - Micro scale to production scale systems
  - Local experts for sales, service and support
  - Bioreactor systems only
- Daughter companies in Netherlands, UK, USA, China



Jan van Burg

#### About Applikon Biotechnology



Applikon Biotechnology

"providing reliable solutions for the bioprocess market that will enable an improved quality of life"

Erik Kakes, Arthur Oudshoorn, Jaap Oostra, directors Applikon Biotechnology

#### Applikon Biotechnology

- Innovative Dutch Company (10% turnover goes to R&D)
- Fast growing (annual 25% in last 5 years)
- Enthusiastic team
- Long term vision
- Hightech & high-end products
- Part of Dutch knowledge economy





# **Laboratory bioreactors**









## **Production systems**



#### Single Use systems

























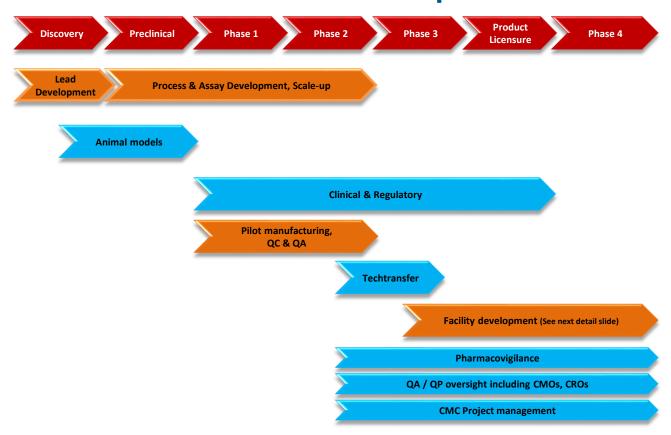
#### Applikon history in vaccine production

- 1970's: Bilthoven units
   Dr. van Hemert & Ir. van Wezel
- 1989 Applikon and Contact Flow merger
- 1990's: China Vaccine Project RIVM, DHV, Applikon (supply 3 complete vaccine plants)
- Last 30 years Multiple large scale vaccine projects



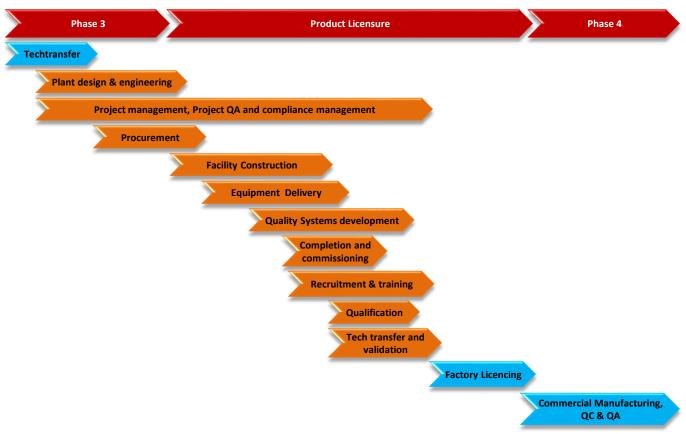


#### Vaccine Development





#### **Facility Development**





#### BioSafety & GMP

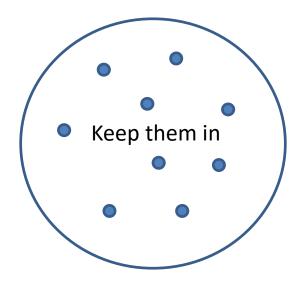
- Protect the operator
- Protect the consumer
- Reproducible results
- Controlled processes
- Documented processes



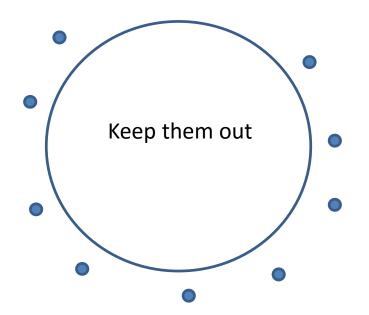


#### Biosafety vs GMP

- Biosafety
  - Protect the operator



- GMP
  - Protect the consumer





#### **GMP**

- Enforced by law (CFR and Eudralex)
- Customer:
  - Provide safe products
  - GMP and Eudralex
- Supplier:
  - Eudralex Volume 4 for equipment
    - Annex 2 and
    - Annex11 (computer systems)
  - 21CFR210 for equipment
    - Part11 electronic signatures
  - ASME BPE design guidelines



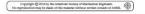


ASME BPE-2014 (Revision of ASME BPE-2012)

Bioprocessing Equipment

AN INTERNATIONAL STANDARD







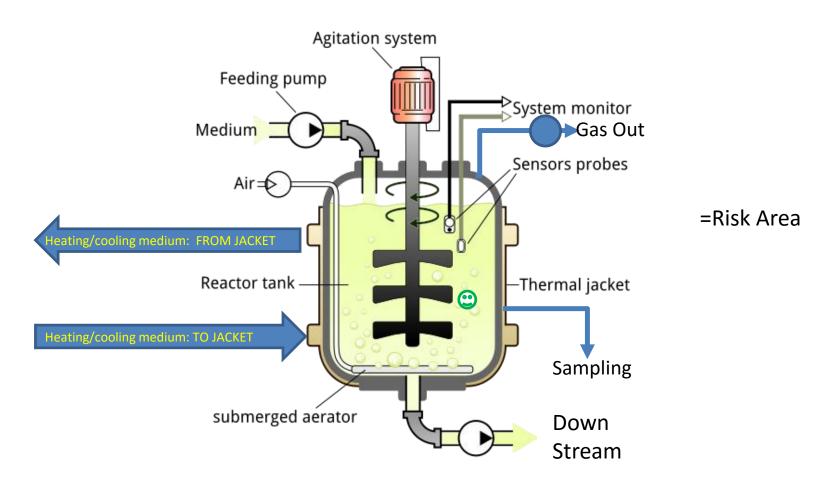
#### **Biosafety**

- Responsibility of supplier & customer
- Customer:
  - Provide safe environment for personnel
  - Inform supplier of potential risks
- Supplier:
  - Intrinsic safety as a design criterium
  - Understand the process risks





#### Recap: Bioreactor





## Single-Use or Re-Usable

- Single-Use
  - Short lead time
  - Lower initial investment
  - More flexibility
  - Higher running costs
  - More manual labor so more procedures required





#### Single-Use bioreactors

- Report April 2016, Dutch
   Commission for Genetic Modification
  - Integrity test of bag not standardized
  - Biggest risk is during installation where manual manipulation is the highest risk
  - Continuous training programs are needed
  - No reliable integrity test possible after installation
  - Increased risk for operator
  - http://www.cogem.net/index.cfm/en/publi cations/publication/researchreportupdated-gmo-containment-riskevaluation-of-single-use-bioreactors?





Updated GMO Containment Risk Evaluation Of Single-Use Bioreactors





#### Single-Use or Re-Usable

- Re-Usable
  - Longer lead time
  - Higher initial investment
  - Less flexibility
  - Lower running costs
  - Advanced automation

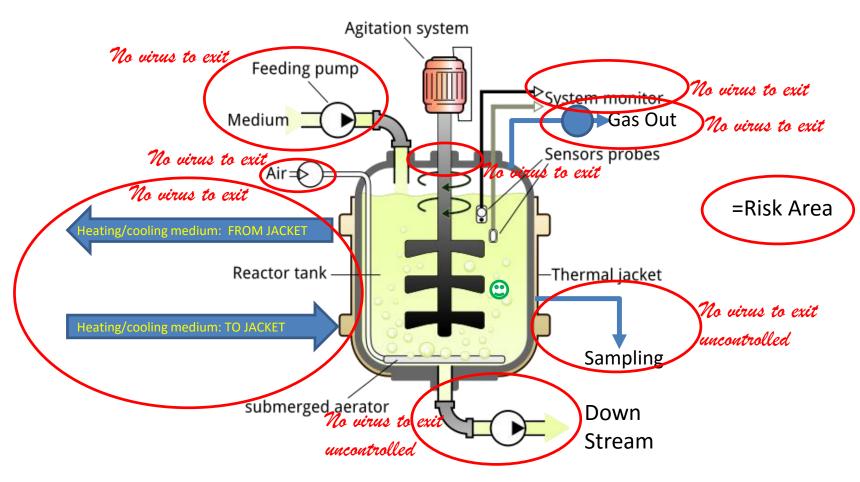


#### Re-Usable bioreactors

- Benefits of process automation
  - Less manual manipulation
  - Automated test procedures
    - Integrity checks
    - Sterilization checks
  - Automated documentation
  - Interlocks for increased safety
  - Automated transfer between units
  - Continuous feedback loops

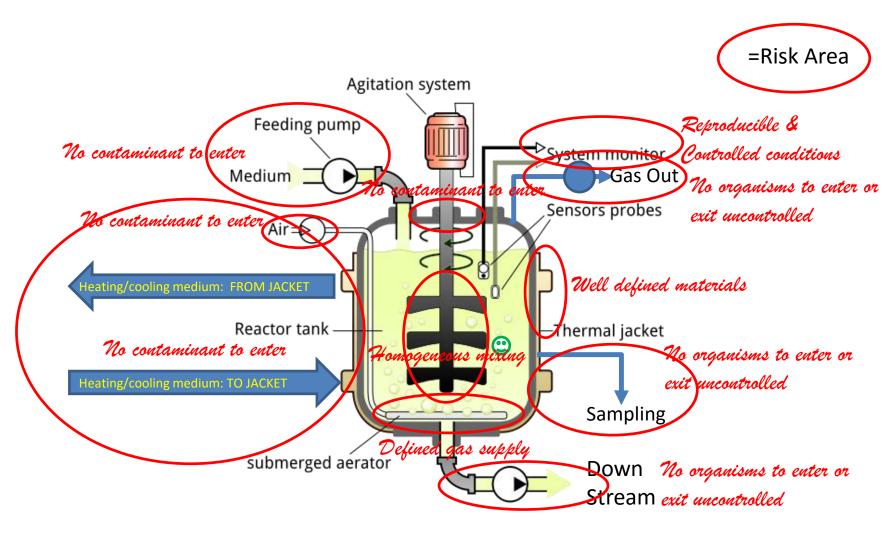


#### Recap: Bioreactor Biosafety





#### Recap: Bioreactor GMP





# Equipment risk management

- Focus on the interfaces!!!
  - Different suppliers
    - Building, upstream and downstream equipment
  - Different equipment
    - Liquid flow path, connection types, temperatures, flows
  - Different software solutions
    - Handshakes between devices, communication and data integration, validation, unified operator interfaces
- Use as many standard building blocks as possible
  - Proven performance





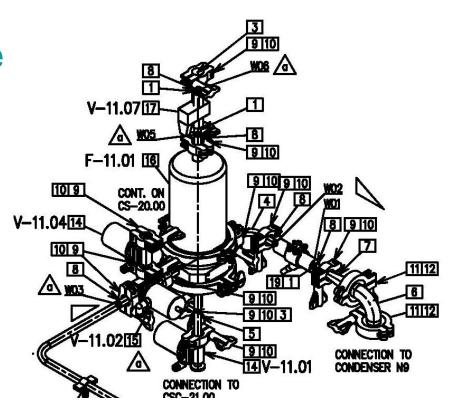
-Off-gas Incinerator

-Gas Filters



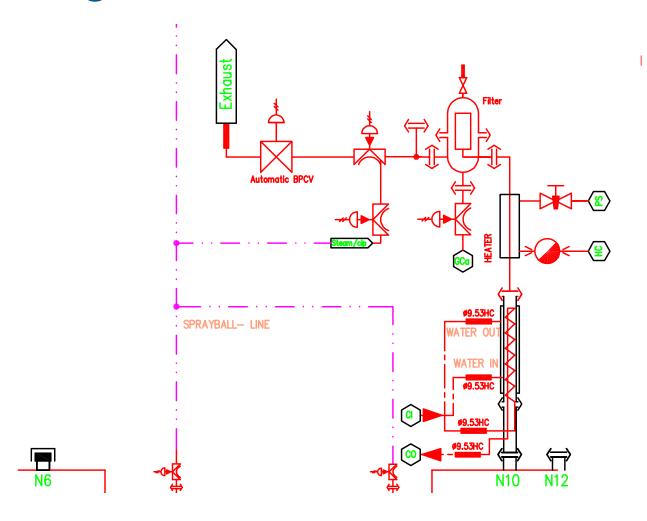
#### Exhaust gas filter

- 0.2 micrometer pore size
- Membrane filter
- Integrity test points
- Test integrity before and after process



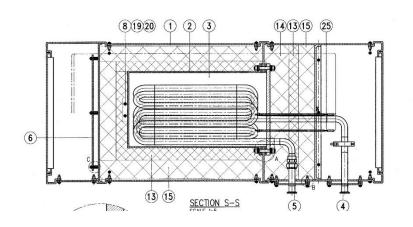


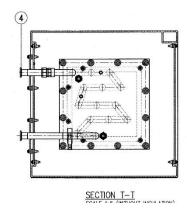
# Exhaust gas filter





## Exhaust gas incinerator



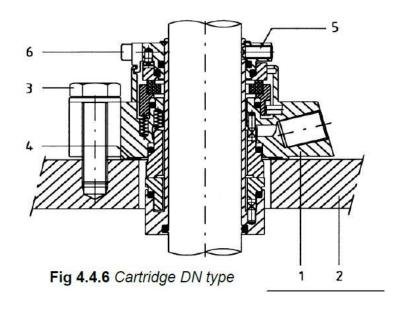


- Temperature measurement & Control
- Time & heat kill, continuous monitoring
- 200 °C, Up to 200 I/min



## Agitator sealing

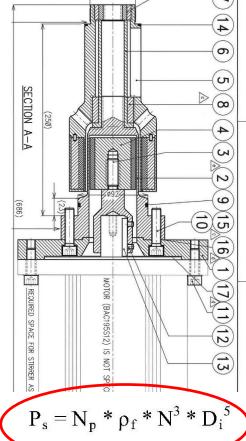
- Double mechanical seal
- Steam condensate lubrication
- Condensate pressure > reactor pressure
- Monitor pressure of condensate
- Preventive replacement of seal



# Agitator sealing

- Magnetic coupling: absolute sealing
- No direct contact between inside and outside of reactor
- Minimal maintenance
- Up to 40 Nm torque
- Cell culture up to 3000 liter volume
- Microbial up to 500 liter volume

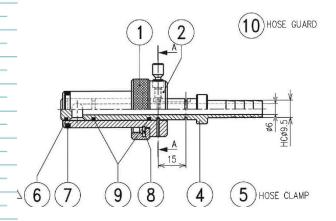
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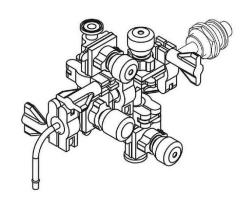




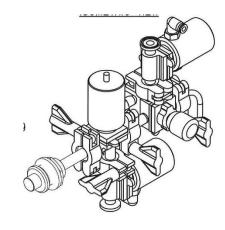
## Liquid addition



Manual single shot addition



Manual resterilizable addition



Automated resterilizable addition



#### Vaccine productionscale systems

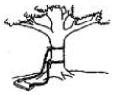
- Projects
  - One time process
  - Custom design
  - Fixed time
  - Fixed budget
- Communication is key!!



As proposed by the project sponsor.



As specified in the project request.



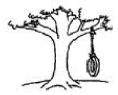
As designed by the senior architect.



As produced by the engineers.



As installed at the user's site.



What the customer really wanted.



#### Project risk management:

- Clear Project Execution Vision provides:
  - Risk management during the project
  - An integrated project approach
  - A joint approach to achieve regulatory compliance
  - Up front specification before implementation
  - Continuous communication about the project status
  - Effective project control measures



#### New vaccine production risk management

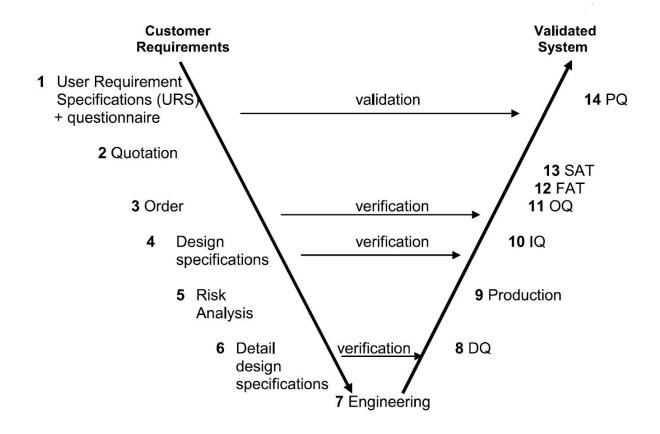
- Fast track vaccine manufacturing solutions
  - Proven and documented processes
  - Proven and documented procedures
  - Proven and documented engineering solutions
  - Proven and documented partnerships



# Case Sudy: Manufacturing a cGMP production plant by Applikon Biotechnology

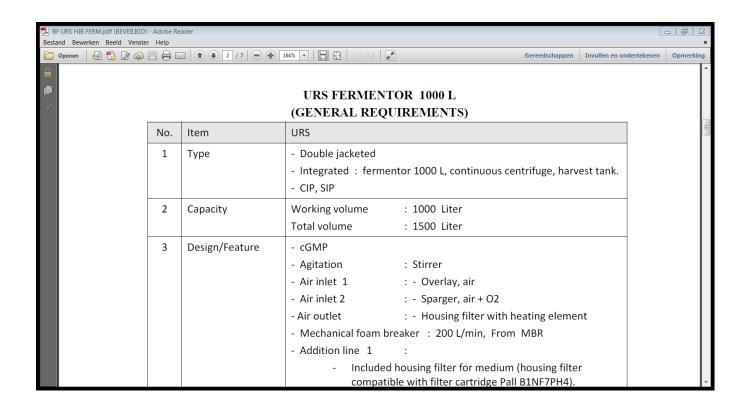
- Fully integrated production upstream facility
- Full cGMP and Biosafety
- Scalable systems and transfer lines
- Integration of 3<sup>rd</sup> party systems
- Fully automated operation







#### User Requirement Specifications



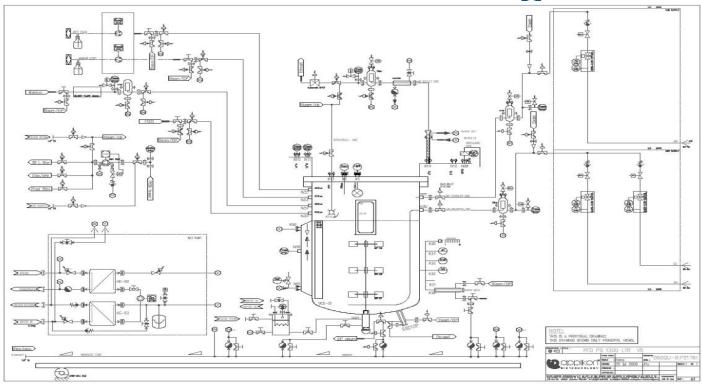


# The road from specifications to operational product

- Create Process Flow Diagram (PFD) and detailed quotation
- Order received
- Create project management website
- Piping and Instrumentation Diagram (P&ID)
- Functional Design Specifications (FDS)



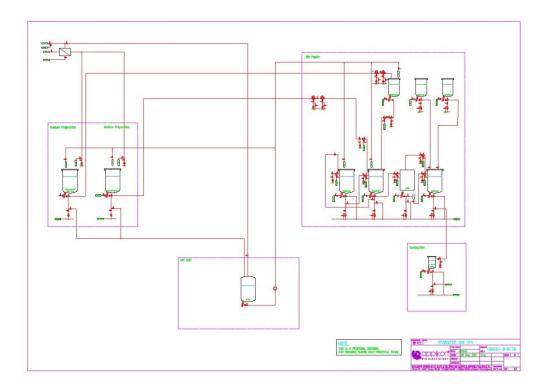
### PFD made according URS



Define the interfaces



### Schematic transfer lines



Define the interfaces

### Project management communication

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#### 2. Drawings/Partlist ( Approve drawings and order parts )

- 2) Bioreactor System [Piet den Hartog] (45 days from now)
  - WEW 2.1 Release General Arrangment (GA) CELL60 (Completed 2016-Sep-24) [Piet den Hartog]
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- 3) Control system [Piet den Hartog] (72 days from now)
  - NEW 3.1 Release Functional Specifications (FDS) (Active (working on it)) [Piet den Hartog] (10 days from now)
  - NEW 3.2 Release I/O List (Completed 2016-May-10) [Piet den Hartog]
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  - NEW 3.4 Production Electrical (Active (working on it)) [Piet den Hartog] (72 days from now)
  - 3.5 Release Software Package [Piet den Hartog] (37 days from now)

#### 4-Software (Software)

- 4) SCADA [Piet den Hartog] (73 days from now)
  - 4.1 Release SCADA Configuration Specification [Piet den Hartog] (69 days from now)
  - 4.2 Release Configuration Software SCADA [Piet den Hartog] (73 days from now)

#### 5-Qualification ( Qualification )

- 5) Qualification [Piet den Hartog] (108 days from now)
  - 5.1 Installation Qualification (IQ) [Piet den Hartog] (73 days from now)
    - 5.1.1 Release IQ Protocol (Active (working on it)) [Piet den Hartog] (31 days from now)
    - 5.1.2 Perform IQ [Piet den Hartog] (73 days from now)
  - 5.2 Operation Qualification (OQ) [Piet den Hartoq] (101 days from now)
    - NEW 5.2.1 Release OQ Protocol [Piet den Hartog] (27 days from now)
    - 5.2.2 Perform OQ [Piet den Hartog] (101 days from now)
  - 5.3 Factory Acceptance Test (FAT) [Piet den Hartog] (108 days from now)
    - 5.3.1 Release FAT-protocol [Piet den Hartog] (73 days from now)
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    - 7.2 Site Acceptance Test (Planned (not active)) [Piet den Hartog]
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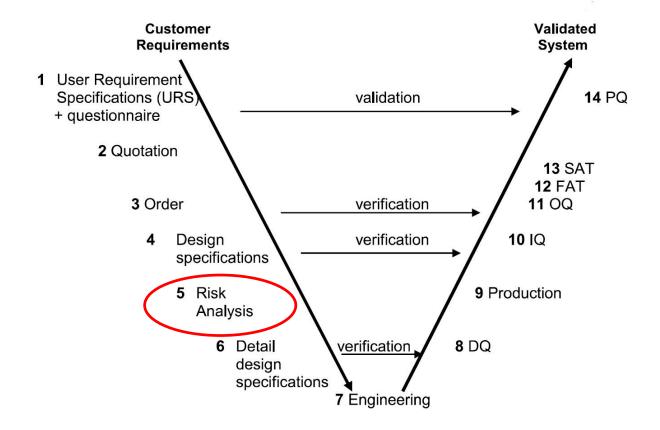


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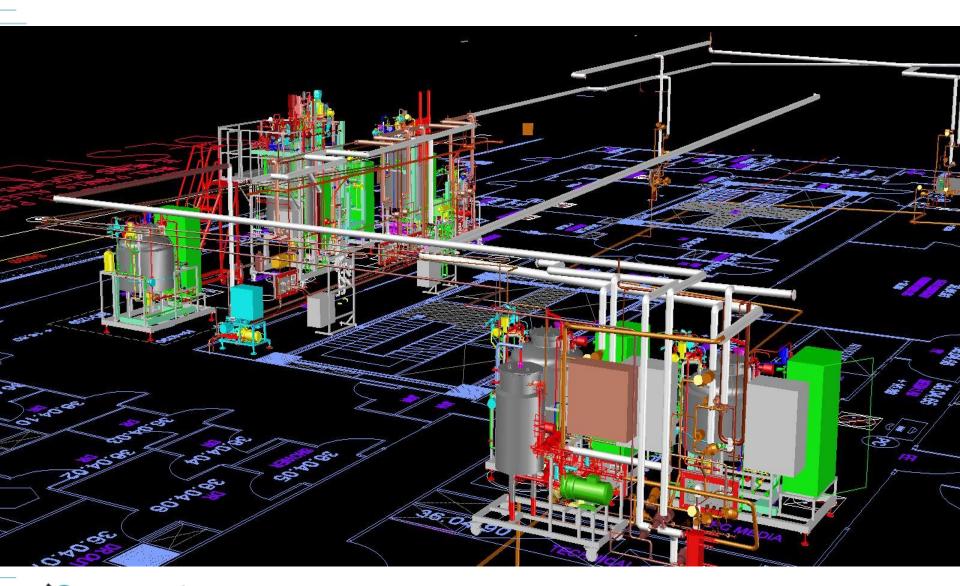




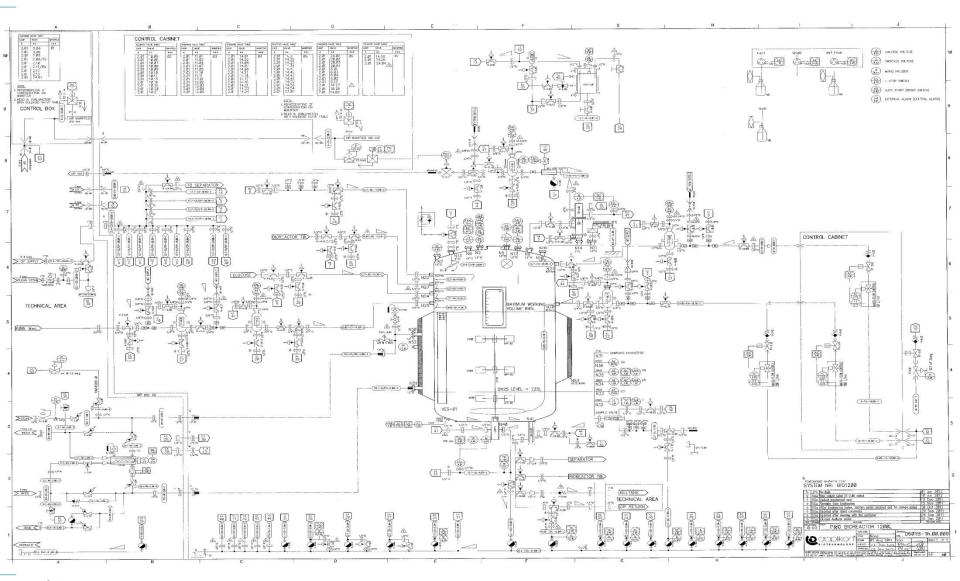
### Hazop study

- What is Hazop?
  - Hazard and operability study
  - a structured and systematic examination of a complex planned or existing process or operation in order to identify and evaluate problems that may represent risks to personnel or equipment

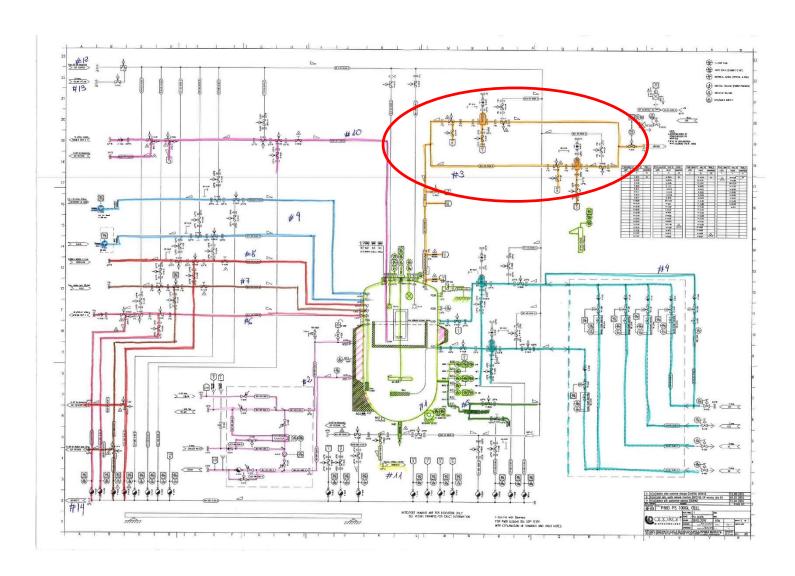


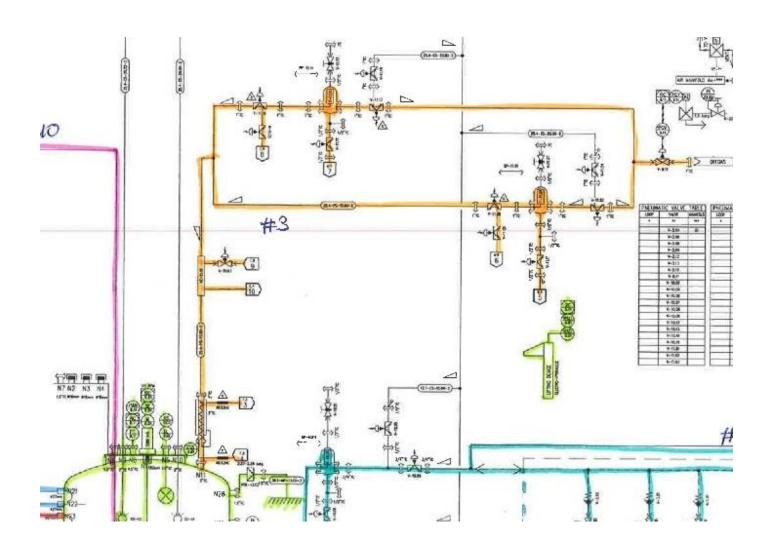












### Hazop study report

#### mailions

-1 to 3.1 barg 0-150°C

OP: 0.2-0.7 bargSIP: 1.1-1.3 bargCIP: 0-0.2 barg OP: 25-37°CSIP: 121-125°CCIP:70-90°C

WV: 706LTV: 1000L

product contact: SS 316L (1.4404); Silicone/ EPDM/ PVDF

CS: 1.5 bargCIP: 4-6 barg 0.4-5 m3/h water with 2% detergent (alkali/acid)Medium out 2: 12L/min 0.5 bargNutrient / feed: 2.3-12L/min 0.5 bargAlkali (20rpm pump)Inoculum: 4L/min (0.5 barg?)Feed: 30L/minMedium out 1: 30L/min 0.5 bargBiowaste: atm back

tent Production of IPV vaccine.relief cases: air overpressure; steamvalve failure; continued fermentation; liquid overfill (CIP)

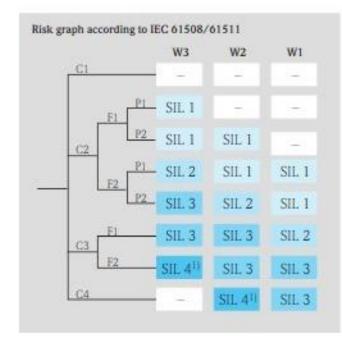
Deviation	Cause	Consequence	Risk category	before	e risk re	eductio	n		Effective Safe guards	after	risk red	duction		
				C (sev.)	F (exp.)	P (avoi	W (prob.	RR		(sev.)	F (exp.)	P (avoi	W (prob.	. RR
1 Pressure high	Blocked offgas: V-11.X2/V-11.X6 or V-9.11 fa closed 1 Blocked filter: F-11.X1	Elevated P due to gas supply without venting, leading to pressurize up to 2barg 1 (P setting of R-3.52)	Safety	C1	F2	P1	W2		PSE-13.02 @ 2.43barg PSH-9.11 @ 1.5barg 1 PAH-9.11					
1	1	Continued cultivation at high P: extra CO2 production; possibility to pressurize beyond design P=3.1barg Possible operator exposure due to rupture of silicone tubing of additions.		C2	F2	P1	W2	SIL1	PSE-13.02 @ 2.43barg PAH-9.11 BSL2 (max), no permanent injury 1 expected	C1	F2	P1	W2	-
1	2 PT-9.11 fails low closing V-9.11	Increase of P beyond 3.1barg by continued cultivation Possible operator exposure due to rupture 1 of silicone tubing of additions.		C2	F2	P1	W2	SIL1	PSE-13.02 @ 2.43barg BSL2 (max), no permanent injury expected 1	C1	F2	P1	W2	_



### Hazop rating

#### For risk reduction, both standards IEC 61508 and IEC 61511 basically define the following steps:

- Risk definition and assessment according to detailed probabilities of failure from sensor over controller to actuator for the overall component life time.
- Specification and implementation of measures for risk reduction.
- Use of suitable instrumentation (evaluated or certified).
- Periodic test for correct operation of the safety functions.



#### Consequences

- C1 minor injury
- C2 serious permanent injury to one or more persons; death of one person.
- C3 death of several persons
- C4 very many people killed

#### Exposure time

- F1 rare to more often
- F2 frequent to permanent

#### Avoidance of hazard

- P1 possible under certain circumstances
- P2 almost impossible

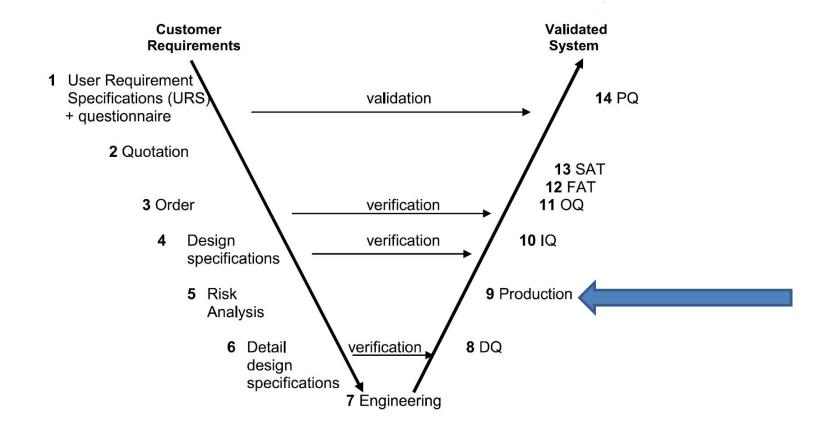
#### Probability of unwanted occurance

- W1 very slight
- W2 slight
- W3 relatively high

### Hazop actionlist

3	1.11.1.1. Do not use chlorides in the vessel if T>50°C. case chlorides are required, do not perform for sterilization with chlorides pressent, sterilize feed in a separate vessel. Describe appropria in SOP.		Customer
4	1.12.1.1.	Unable to rank risk due to lack of knowledge on microcarrier filling procedure. Effect of breathing this dust is unknown to Applikon. Scope of equipment for Applikon ends at filling port. Recommended to be adressed by user prior to use the equipment.	Customer
5	1.35.1.1.1 SOP must be def	SOP must be defined for operation of sterilization routine.	Customer
6	1.39.1.1.1	Confirm CIP pump specs and maximum CIP supply P	Customer
7	1.39.1.1.1	Consider opening other route to drain during clean offgas to bioreactor flowpath (i.e. V-14.43&44)	Applikon





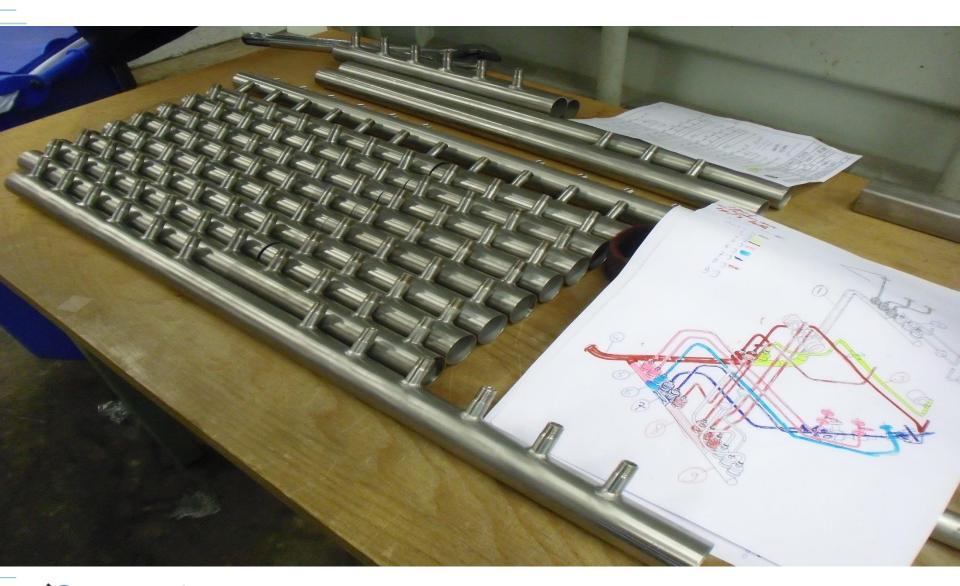




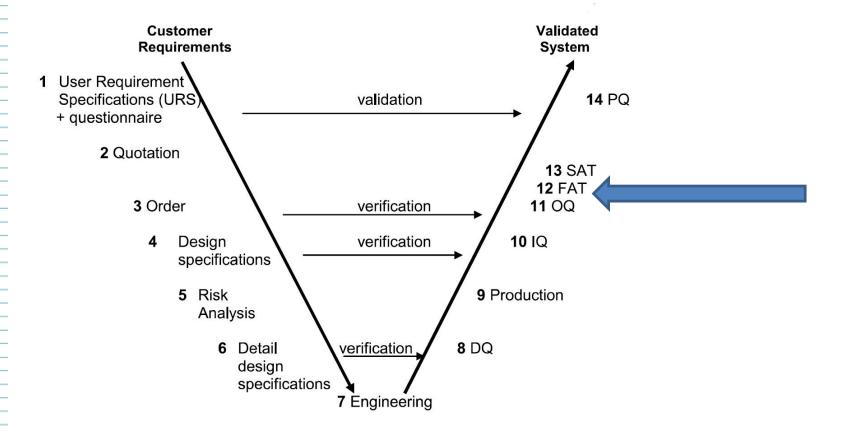










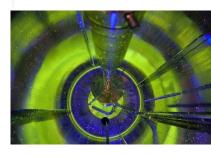




### Factory Acceptance Test

- Mutually agreed tests
- Test of performance & safety (interlocks etc.)
- Supplier utilities
- Supplier location
- End of manufacturing
- Packing and shipping (risk analysis)







# **Transport**









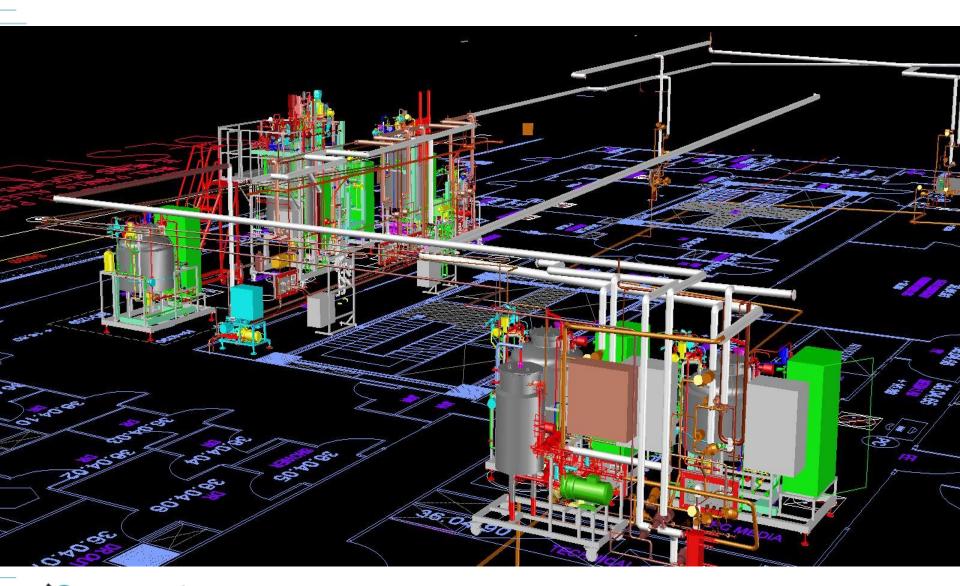
# Arrival and unpacking



# Installation



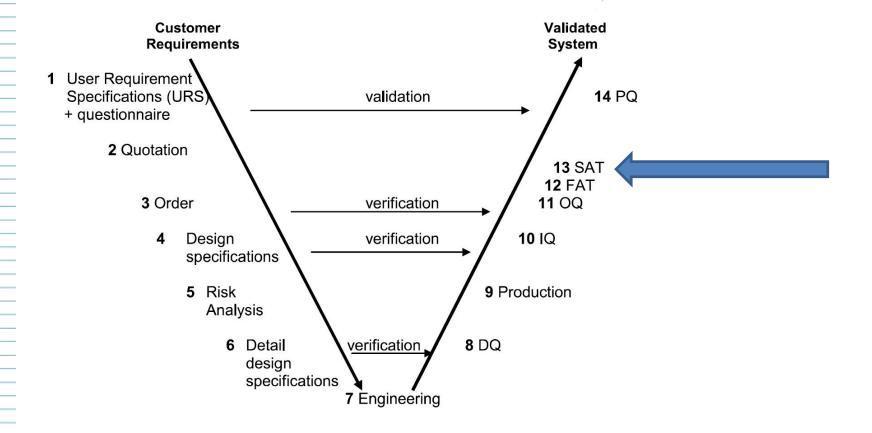












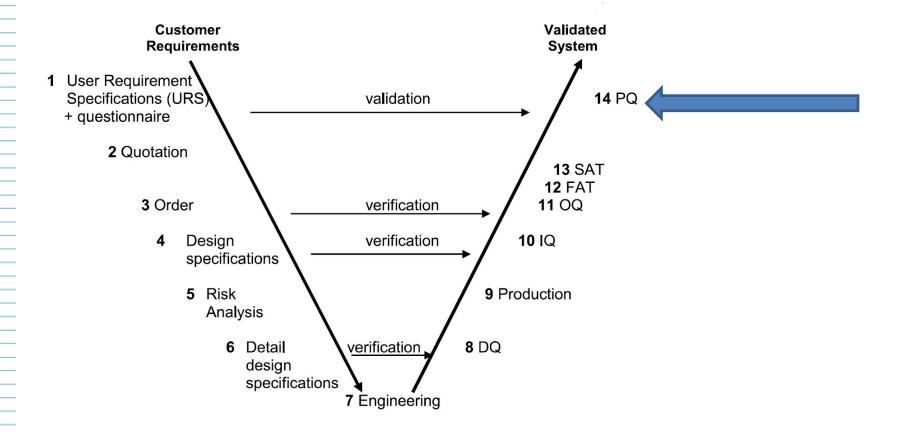


### Site Acceptance Test

- Mutually agreed tests
- Test performance & safety
- Customer utilities
- Customer location
- Next is PQ by customer









## Operation and performance testing





### Conclusions

- Biosafety is responsibility of supplier & customer
- GMP and Biosafety should be combined in design
- Automation can help reducing risks
- Standard solutions reduce project and safety risks
- Risks are in every step of the process and need to be identified and minimized
- Experienced partners reduce risks
- Open communication during project is key to success



