

# **Single-Use technology** from **Components to Final Filling**

**MM SU Technology**

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# Agenda

- ❑ Pharm & Biotech industries challenges
- ❑ MM quality approach
- ❑ Challenges
- ❑ Experience
- ❑ Future



# Pharm & Biotech Industry Challenges

Facilities take between 3-5 years to build, validate and become fully functional

- ☐ Capital investment
- ☐ Capacity/Productivity
- ☐ Product evolution along facility construction
- ☐ Validation
- ☐ Efficiency and flexibility
- ☐ Reduce the possibility of processing errors
- ☐ Greater utilisation of production equipment



## Pharm & Biotech Industry Challenges

# Key Drivers that lead to SU

### ☐ Enhanced Economics

- Minimize capital Investment
- Outsource sterilisation & assembly
- Reduce labor and on-going validation burden
- Hour cost of the facility

### ☐ Speed to Market

- Fast small scale clinical manufacturing
- Enables versatile facility design
- Assists production planning flexibility

## Pharm & Biotech Industry Challenges

# Single-use or traditional approach

<b>CUSTOMER DATA</b>	<b>CIP/SIP</b>	<b>Single Use System</b>
<b>Investment in equipment</b>	\$500,000 (incl. \$200,000 ancillary costs)	-- (even less equipment costs)
<b>Setup</b>	2 hours	45 minutes
<b>CIP + SIP-cycle</b>	40 + 75 minutes	-- (arrives ready to use)
<b>Cool down cycle</b>	75 minutes	-- (ready to go)
<b>cleanup</b>	1 hour	15 minutes
<b>Post-Use CIP</b>	40 minutes	-- (throw it away)
<b>Summary</b>	<b>~ 7 hours and \$500k</b> (qualification and re-validation efforts are not included)	<b>1 hour and cost of assembly</b> (easy storage)

## Pharm & Biotech Industry Challenges

# Single-use - Measurable benefits

( **Customer**): In fact, we reaped greater benefits than we expected. Initially, the installation of the peristaltic pump and the need for vessel supports (trolleys and totes) added approximately \$85,000 to the cost of the facility. **On the other hand, cost savings were achieved because there was no need to purchase** several large vessels and dosing pumps. As a result, the overall savings with respect to the capital investment were approximately \$100,000, or about 10% of the total project cost.

... With this single-use filling line, there is no longer any need for pre-use or post-use equipment cleaning, and the time required for equipment preparation, sterilization and set-up is a fraction of that previously required with stainless-steel equipment. As a result, the **total processing time has been reduced** from 19 hours to 1.5 hours, which translates to a more rapid product turnaround time, significantly reduced cleaning-related costs, and a dramatic boost to our competitive position in the marketplace.

...With the single-use system, **we have eliminated the risk** of contamination and **reduced the number** of aseptic connections...

# Single-Use technology - What is it ?

- ❑ Self contained & pre-assembled (mainly) plastic fluid path
- ❑ Usually provided “ready to use” (gamma irradiated)
- ❑ Uses a combination of standard and qualified components:
  - Bio-reactors, bags, tubing, connectors, filters, mixers, transfer lines, filling system, sampling solution, etc.

Single-Use assemblies are often customised to meet defined application

# Single-Use Technology Components and assemblies

Aseptic Connectors and Disconnectors



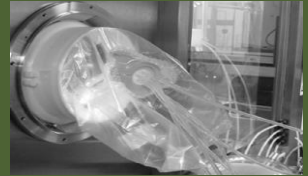
Mixers, Sampling Solutions and Assemblies



Mobius CellReady & FlexReady Systems

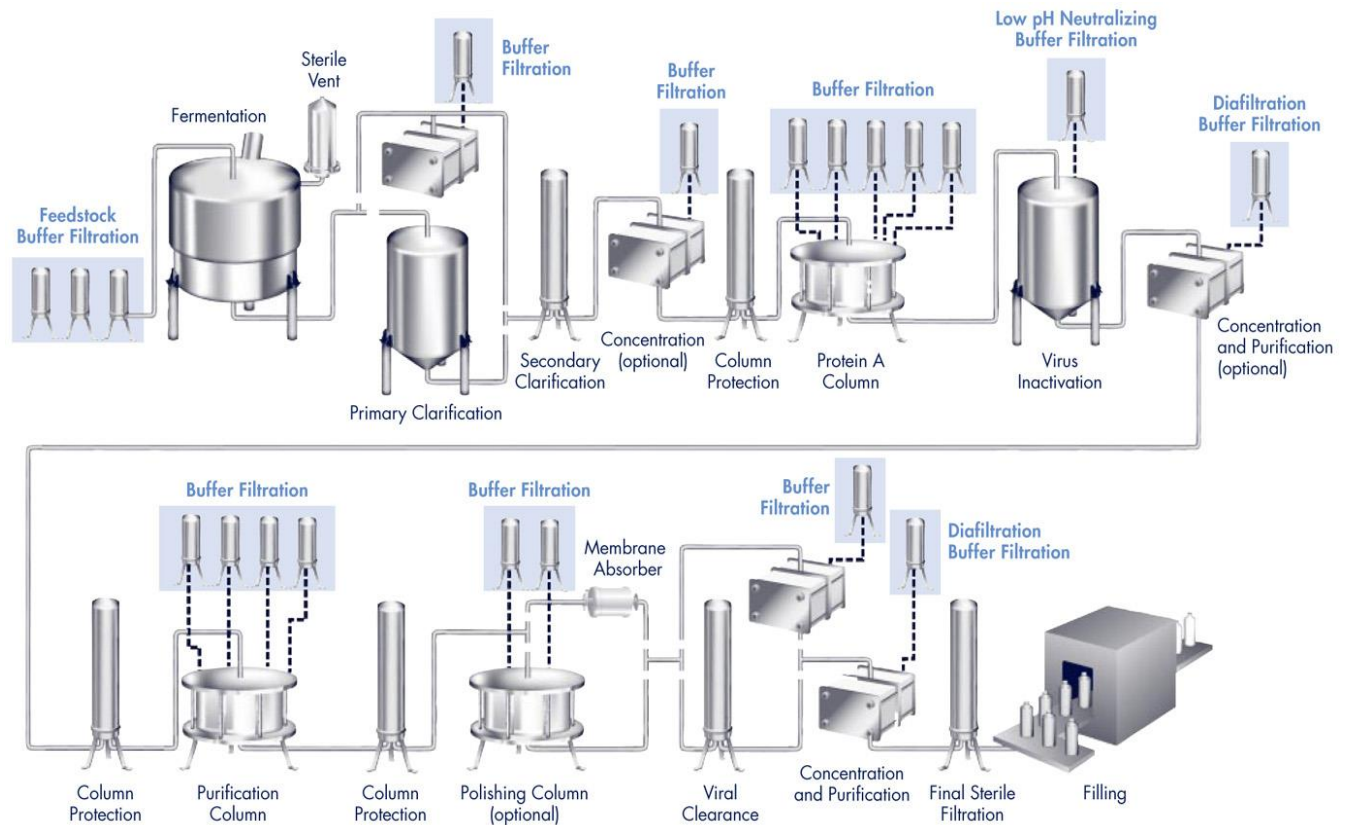


Final Formulation and Filling Solutions





# Single-Use Technology Biotechnology Manufacturing Process



# Single-Use Technology ... and addressing to

We need to prepare



We need to grow



We need to transfer



We need to protect



We need to wait & move



We need to test



We need to fill

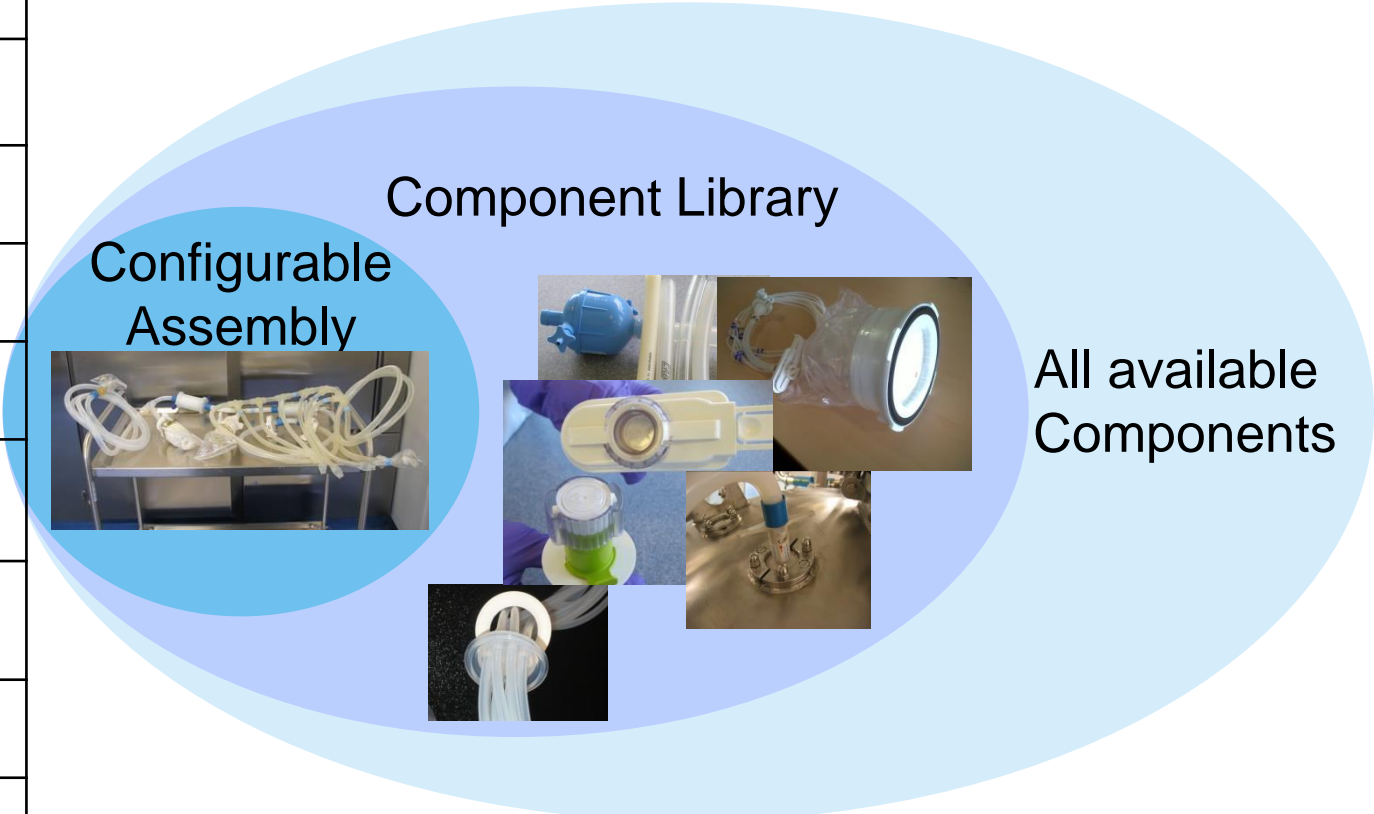


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## Components choice

Criteria
Gamma compatibility >40kGy
Statement of animal origin
USP<88> Class VI post-gamma >40kGy
USP<85> Endotoxin, post-gamma >40kGy
USP<788> Particulates, post-gamma >40kGy
USP<661> Physicochemical, post-gamma >40kGy
Shelf life >2.5 years, post-gamma>40kGy
Total Bioburden pre gamma
Bacteriastasis/Fungistasis, Post-gamma >40kGy



# Quality approach MM SU Operation

- ❑ Close proximity to R&D, Distribution, and Business functions.
- ❑ Technology “Center of Excellence”
- ❑ Lean six sigma
- ❑ Manage network of supply partners manufacturing critical components for MM under exacting quality standards.
- ❑ Control of quality systems and QA release criteria



## Quality approach

# Business Continuity Plan

Particular focus on Raw Material supply risks

- ❑ Prioritise critical components, materials, and suppliers
- ❑ Define supplier risk assessment process and tools
- ❑ Create mitigation strategies and action plans
- ❑ Review and approve plans
- ❑ Ensure ongoing maintenance of critical suppliers



Business Continuity Plan



# Challenges

**Connector, disconnection, Valve**

**Film, Bag, Container, Mixing**

**Growing**

**Sampling**

**Filter, Assembly**

**Design, Qualification, ...**





## Challenge Safety

### Operator

- ☐ Adapted equipment
  - Handling
    - Assistance or not
    - Temperature
  - Moving
    - Corridor
    - Door steps
  - Gowning
    - Toxicity (surrounding)
    - Labelling (Tamperproof containers)
- ☐ Training

### Product

- ☐ Premises & controlled area
  - Production
  - Transfer
  - Storage
  - Lockers
    - Gas permeation
- ☐ Process
  - Extractables & Leachables
    - Process yield
  - Robustness

## Challenge

# E&L - Questions to be answered

<b>Efficacy/Strength</b>	Interfere with production process (e.g. Cell growth ) ?
<b>Identity &amp; Purity</b>	Interfere with the API and/or excipients of the drug ?
<b>Safety</b>	Is it toxic to the patient and be eliminated ?

## Challenge Safety - Regulatory

### FDA

FDA, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 211, “Current Good Manufacturing Practice for Finished Pharmaceuticals”, Part 211.65, “Equipment Construction”, 2005

***“Equipment shall be constructed so that surfaces that contact components, in-process materials, or drug products shall not be reactive, additive, or absorptive so as to alter the safety, identity, strength, quality, or purity of the drug product beyond the official or other established requirements.”***

### EU

European Commission, EUDRALEX Volume 4, “Good Manufacturing Practices, Medicinal Products for Human and Veterinary Use”, Chapter 3, “Premise and Equipment”, 2003

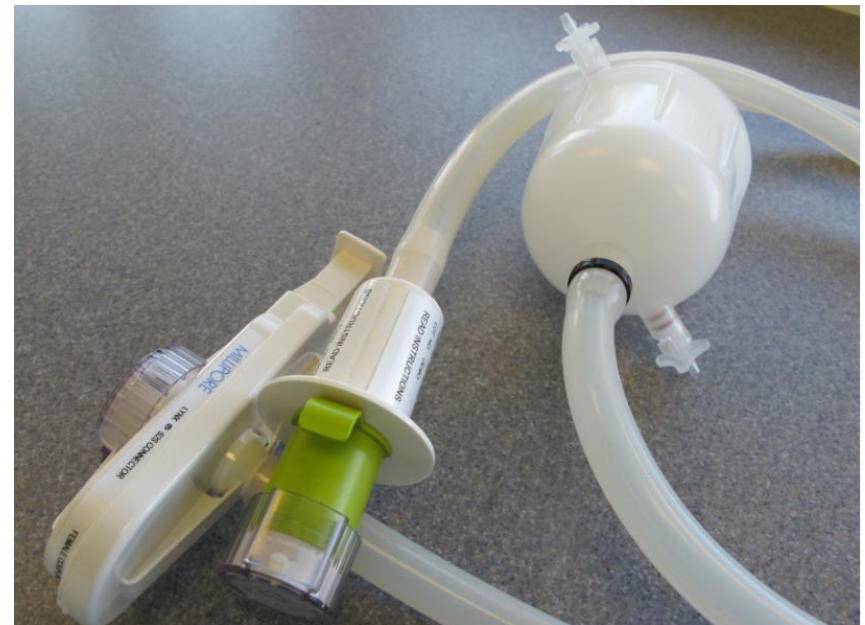
***“Production equipment shall not present any hazard to the products. The parts of the production equipment that come into contact with the product must not be reactive, additive or absorptive to such an extent that it will affect the quality of the product and thus present any hazard.”***

# Experience

## Experience Filtration

Current assembly on the market.

Ready to use filter with its connection lines for sterile or non-sterile applications.



## Experience Vaccine filling

Hybrid approach to reduce process conversion time and cost

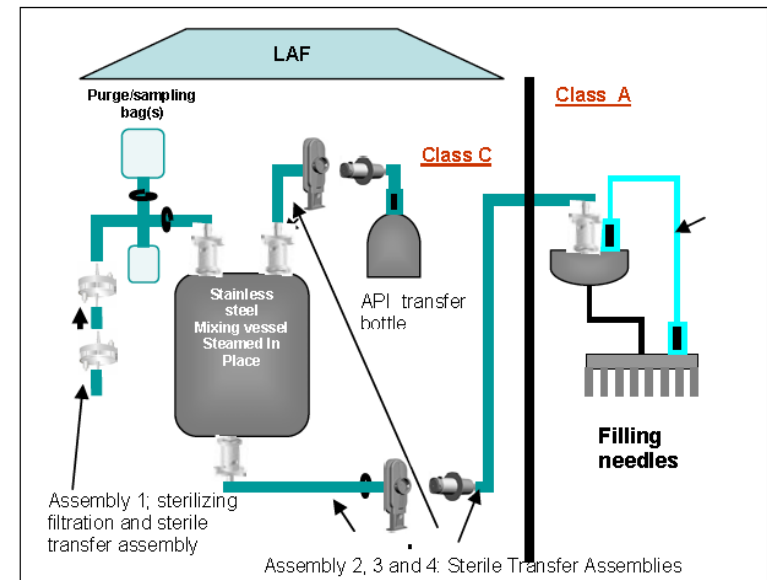
- ❑ Introduction of a new drug production into an existing manufacturing site cause some challenges
  - How to enable a fast conversion
  - How to ensure sterility of the formulation and filling process
  
- ❑ Estimated time and cost required to integrate aseptic filling process following traditional approach

Activities	Time (estimated months)	Costs (estimated costs K€)
Engineering feasibility study	3	100 K
URS for new equipment preparation, construction and purchasing	6	300 K
Revamping works, Installation and start up	4	100 K
Environmental Decontamination and re-classification	1	20 K
SIP and CIP Validation	1	20 K
<b>Total time required</b>	<b>15 months</b>	<b>540 K</b>

## Experience Vaccine filling (Cont'd)

To meet time and requirements

- ❑ Use SU technology which fulfil
  - Integrity of components
  - High-Sterility assurance
  - Endotoxin and particles
  - Extractable & leachables levels



After operators training, Media fills were successfully performed and the first qualification batch was filled **Three months ahead** of the schedule set by the company

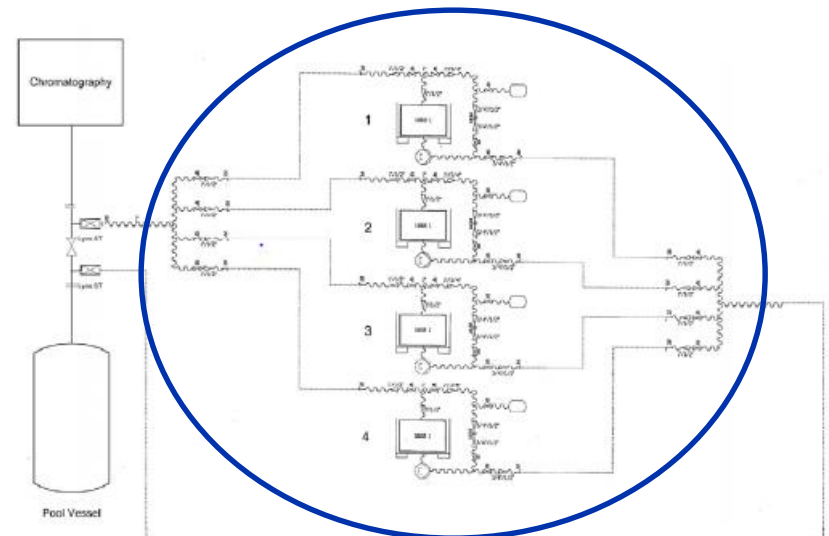
## Experience

# Increase flexibility of downstream process

The project purpose was to implement modification on large chromatography production step adding extra fraction collection possibilities.

### ❑ Project challenge

- **No impact on the original installations qualification**
- Fast implementation
- Great flexibility for different process configurations during batches run
- Fractions should be
  - Homogenised
  - Transferred / Pooled
  - Light protected
  - Weighed
  - Sampled



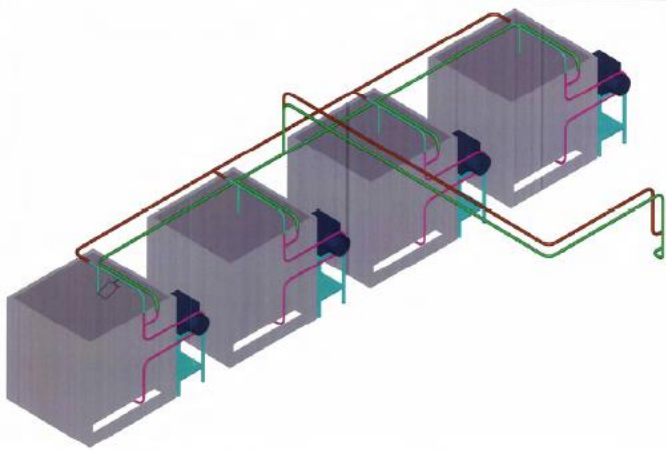


## Experience

# Increase flexibility of downstream process (cont'd)

Only disposable technology could meet the different criteria, being non invasive for the original production hardware, having fast track building, and process flexibility for the process development, at a fare price

Due to the large equipment volume, components, assembly design (easiness of installation) have to be carefully chosen



## Experience **multi-product final filling suite with isolator**

Increase flexibility for multi-product filling by ensuring applicability for high throughput plant (three shifts per day, five days per week) and small-scale products and/or clinical demands

A crucial requirement for commercial implementation was the establishment of a risk-based strategy and a rationale to qualify and validate this application of single-use technology at the Drug manufacturer facility

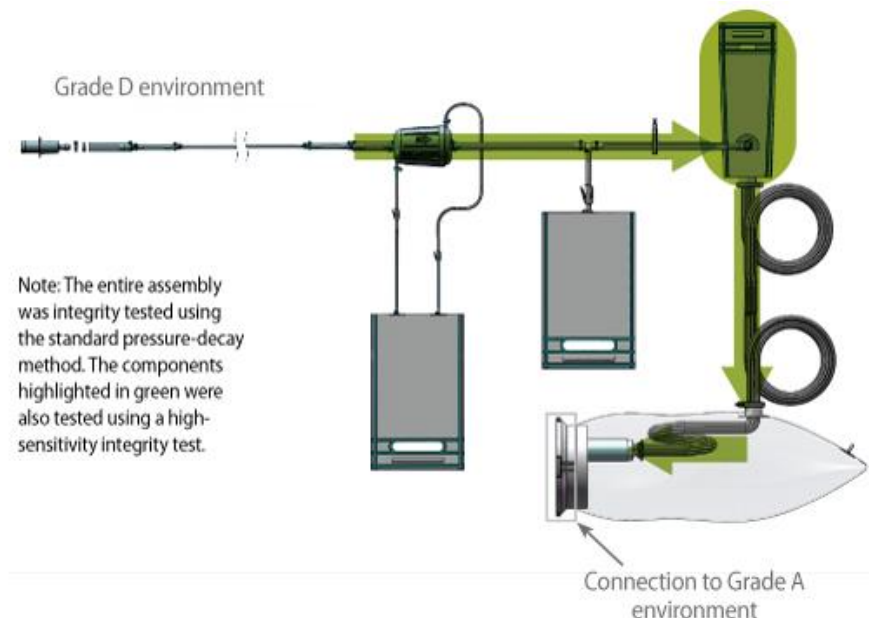


## Experience

# multi-product final filling suite with isolator (cont'd)

The risk-based approach identified several key validation activities that were required to reduce the risk of a non-integral single-use assembly having an adverse effect on the drug product including:

- An integrity test that correlated to microbial ingress
- Validation of packaging
- Assemblies shelf-life validation
- Sterilization validation
- Extractable studies
- Product-specific leachable studies
- Dose accuracy



## Experience

# **multi-product final filling suite with isolator** (cont'd)

### Engagement of regulatory authorities

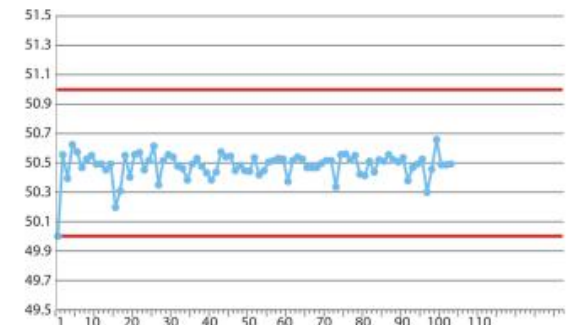
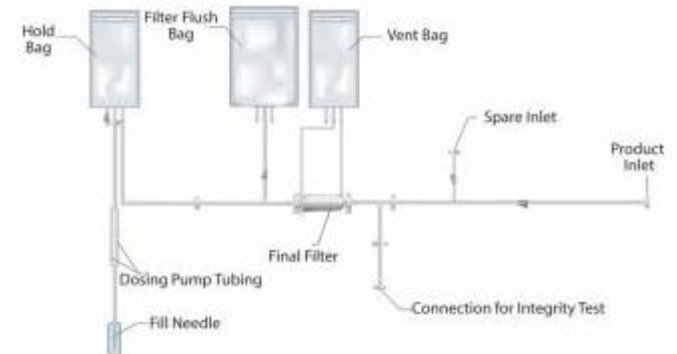
Drug Manufacturer decided to present their facility design, new technology concepts, control and qualification strategies to local authority bodies as well as to FDA in an early stage of the project.

A close, collaborative working relationship between the drug manufacturer and single-use supplier based on openness and transparency was important. Face-to-face meetings were encouraged and were a key element in helping to create a common understanding and set of goals between the two companies. Weekly teleconferences assured continuous alignment and project control.

## Experience Life-threatening diseases

From a Dummy model to efficient Filling

- Bacteria retention testing
- Filter Integrity testing
- Chemical Compatibility
- Transfer in production area (VHP)
- Filling accuracy
- Extractables & Leachables
- Integrity of the SU assembly
- Sterility of the SU assembly
- Media fills



## Experience

# Life-threatening diseases (cont'd)

Just 10 months after the start of the project, the first batch of clinical trial material was manufactured using the single-use equipment. Thus, the task had been successfully implemented by the deadline.

Project Milestones	Activity
March 2012	Creation of the dummy model
March 2012	Supplier selection interviews
April 2012	First drawing
May 2012	First test run
June 2012	Final drawing
July 2012	Completion of the filter validation
September 2012	Completion of additional extractables
October 2012	Validation of the filling equipment with three media fill runs
November 2012	Filling of the first batch of clinical test material





# Experience Formulation to Final Fill example



## Experience

# Articles and few EU SU users

### Recent articles

#### ❑ **Single-Use Technology for Syringe Filling**

BioPharm international, March 2014

<http://www.biopharminternational.com/biopharm/issue/issueDetail.jsp?id=23609>

#### ❑ **Establishing Single-Use Assemblies on Filling Equipment**

Bioprocess International, April 2014

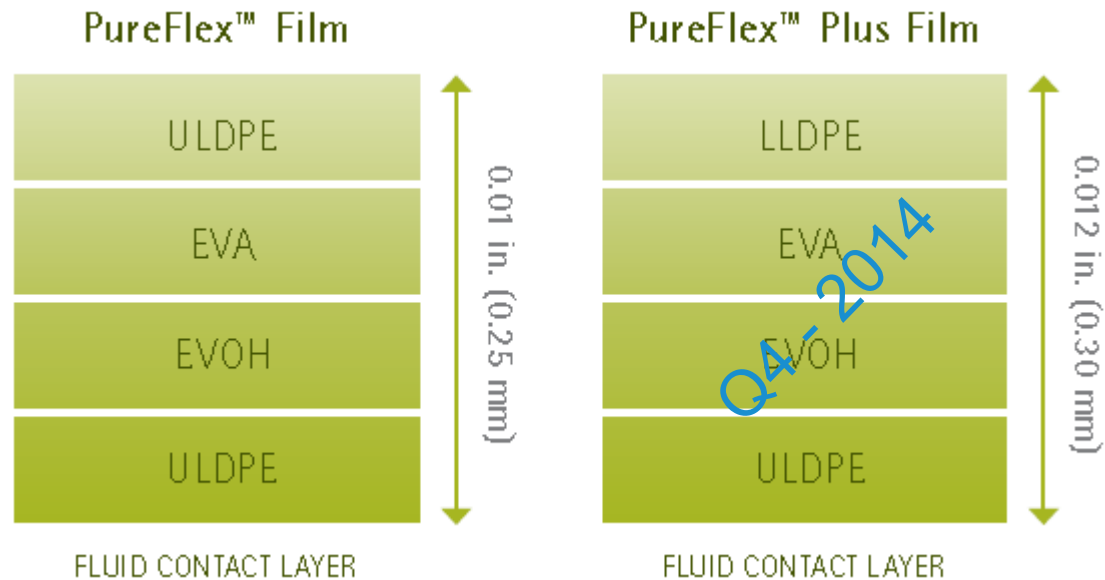
<http://www.bioprocessintl.com/journal/supplements/2014/April/Establishing-Single-Use-Assemblies-on-Filling-Equipment-351081>





# Future

# Future Film



*“Plus” version is designed to meet demanding applications*

- Maximize process robustness and resistance to leak formation
- Minimal changes to PureFlex™ film structure

## Future Film (cont'd)

Protocol Variable	Range
Film	PureFlex™ and PureFlex™ Plus
Extraction solution	Milli-Q® water, 1N NaOH, 1N HCl, 50% Ethanol, 10% DMSO, pH 10 WFI, pH 3 WFI, 1% Tween 80, 5M NaCl
Temperature	RT, 45°C
Sterilization	> 45 kGy gamma irradiation and non-gamma'd
Duration	120 days
Analytical methods*	TOC, HPLC, IC, GC-PT, GC-HS, GC-DI, ICP

- Demonstrates equivalence of PureFlex™ to PureFlex™ Plus
- Full extractables study in line with industry draft recommendations (BPSA, BPOG)

# **Future and what else ?**

