

# Machine Learning Applied to Defect Detection in Vial Capping

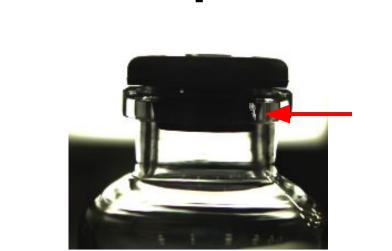
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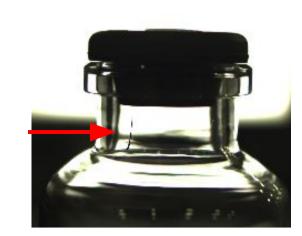
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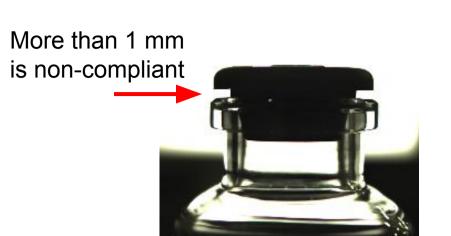
## Goal: Apply unsupervised machine learning to upstream detection of capping defects







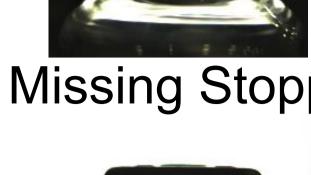
Crack\*



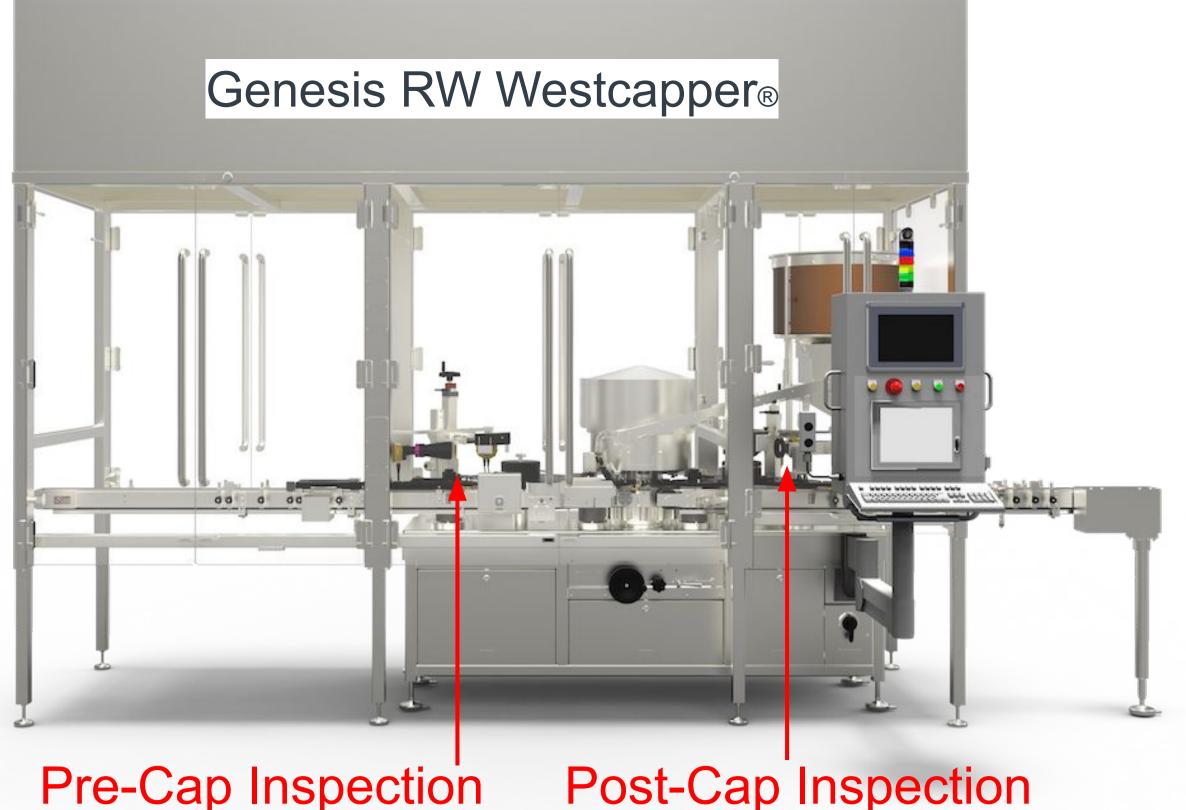
Glass Defect\*



Raised Stopper\* Missing Stopper

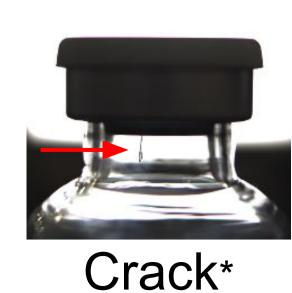


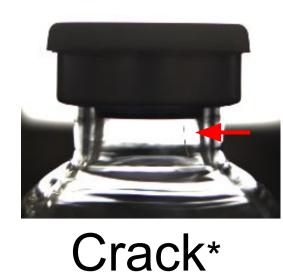
Cocked Stopper Discoloration

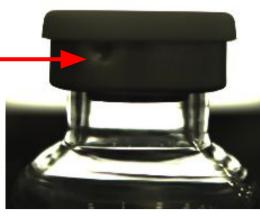


Pre-Cap Inspection

#### **Example Post-Cap Defects**









Dented Skirt Missing Stopper



**Button Defect\*** 



Skirt Defect\*

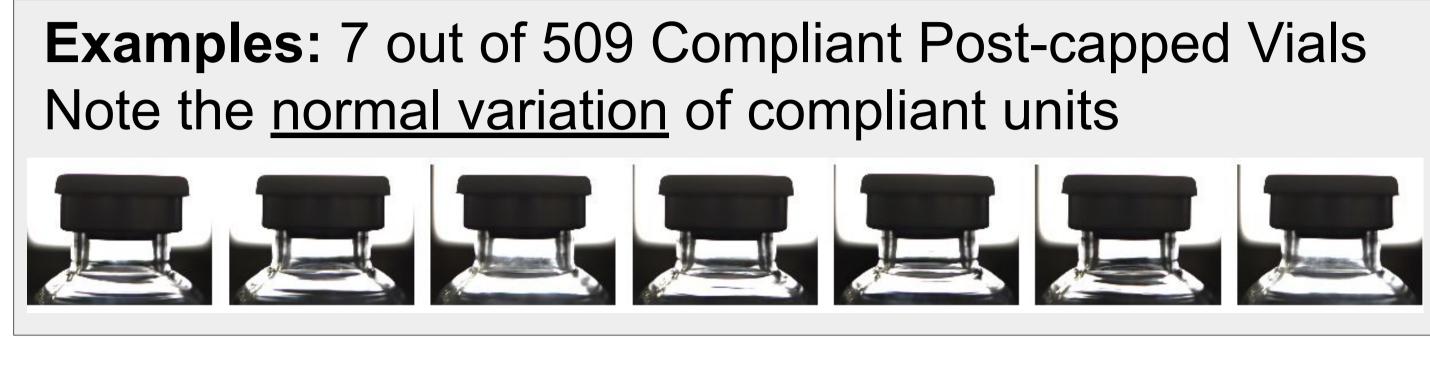
Method: Anomaly detection based on Boon Logic AVIS technology

\* = simulated defect



Step 1. Create training set: Collect ~500 images of compliant units from RW machine's pre- and post-capping cameras

**Examples**: 7 out of 629 Compliant Pre-capped Vials Note the <u>normal variation</u> of compliant units 



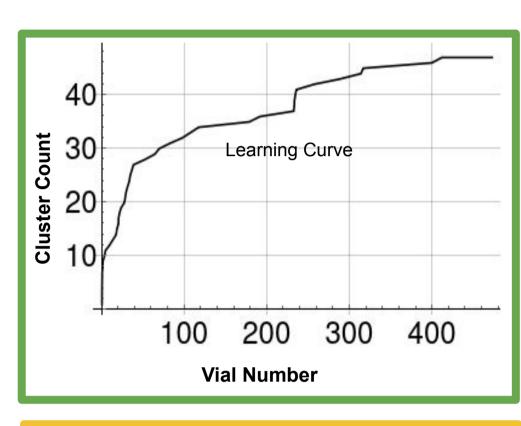
Step 2. Define Regions of Interest; AVIS generates a unique model of "normal variation" for each ROI **Post-Cap ROIs Pre-Cap ROIs** 

#### Advantages

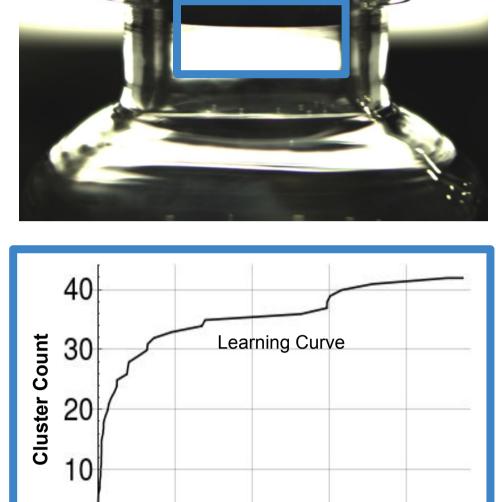
- Easy to create the training set since >99% of produced vials are compliant
- No hand-crafted computer vision rules to implement

No image labeling required

- A "defect" is any unit that has low (or no) representation in the trained recipe
- High-dimensional ML models create high detection accuracy (low false accept rate combined with low false reject rate)

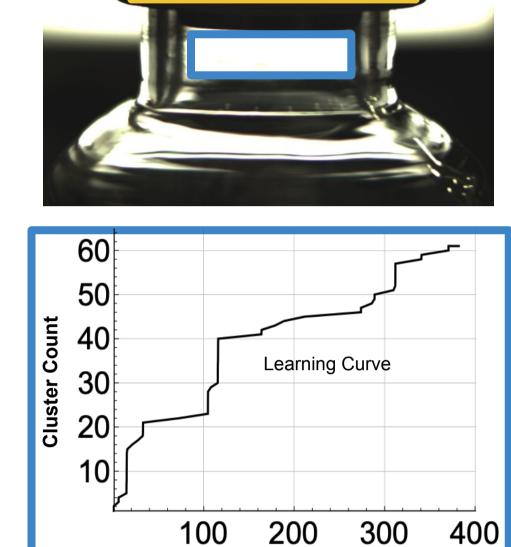


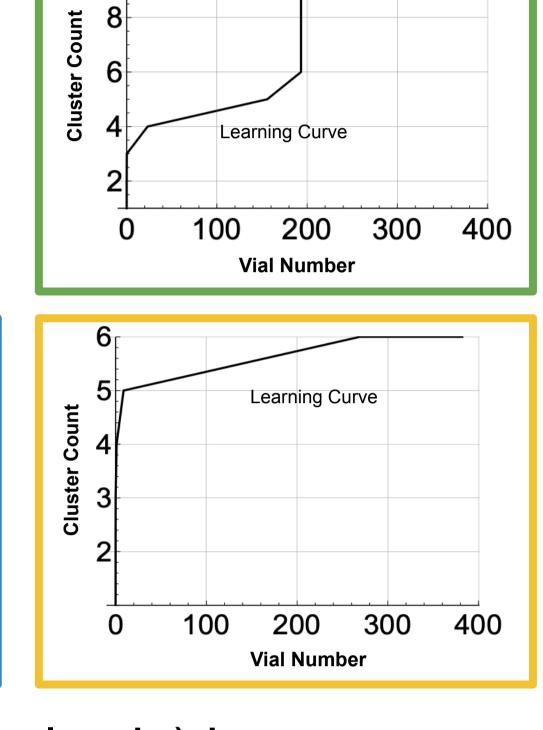
Learning Curve 100 200 300 400



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**Vial Number** 





Learning curves for each ROI: The number of clusters (vertical axis) increases as new variations are found in the training set vials (horizontal axis)

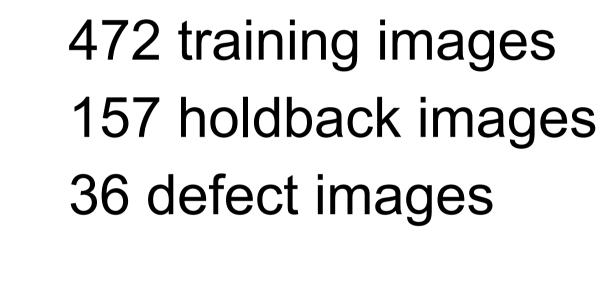
Step 3. Combine ROI models into two recipes: one for pre-cap inspection and one for post-cap inspection

#### Results: AVIS marks non-compliant areas of defective vials



Glass Defect





**Pre-Cap Recipe** 

100% True Positive 0% False Positive

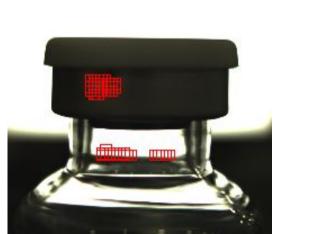
### **Post-Cap Recipe**

382 training images 127 holdback images 16 defect images

93% True Positive 1% False Positive



















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Processing speed (single-core COTS) 90 milliseconds per image Equivalent to > 600 vials per minute







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