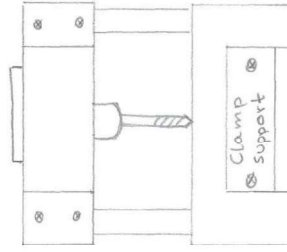
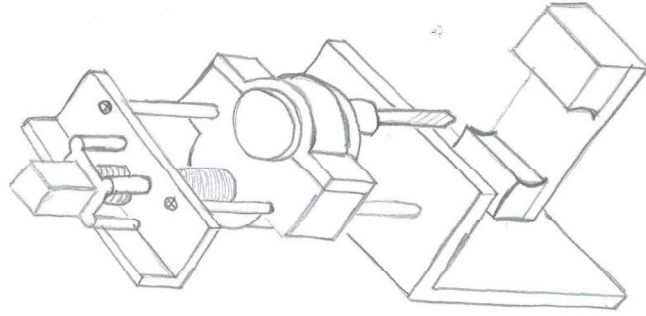


APPENDIX A: Morphological Chart

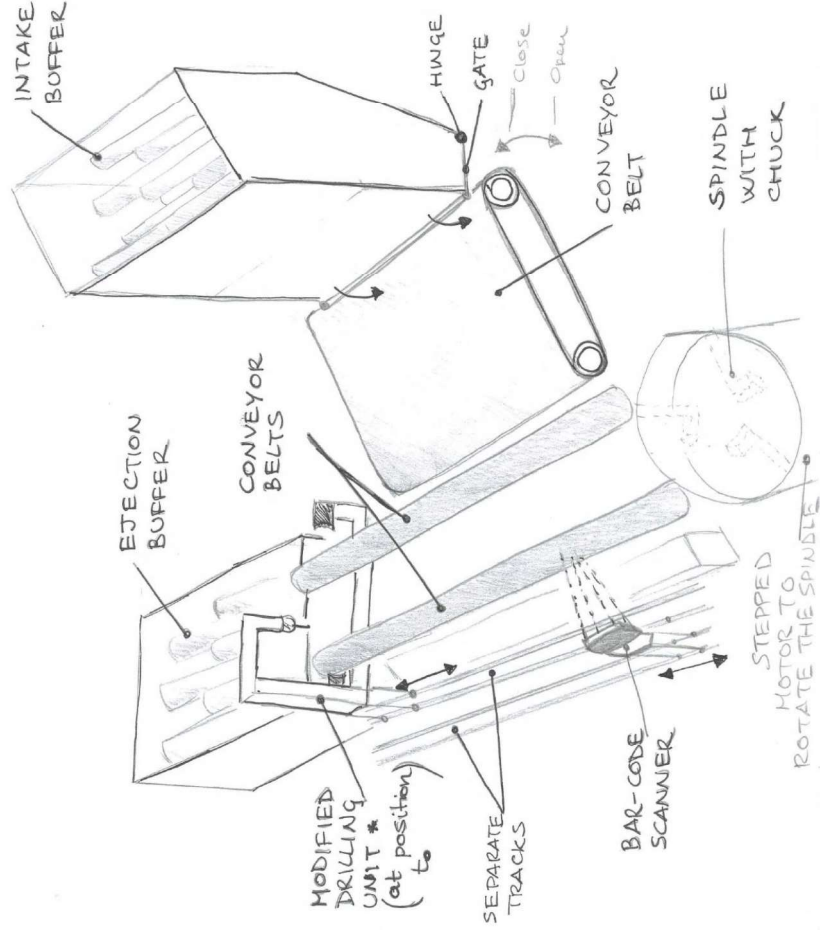
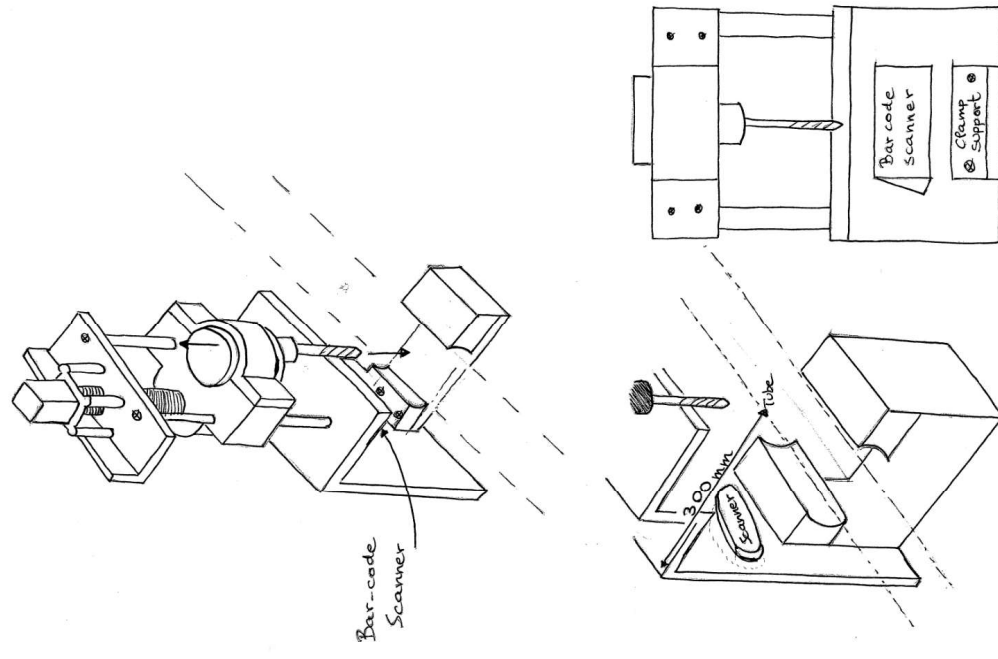
FUNCTION	CONCEPT				FUNCTION	CONCEPT				
Linear Actuator					Clamping					
Description	Pneumatic	Hydraulic	Electric	Ball Spline	Description	Pneumatic Schunk PZH-SF	3 jaw gripper electric	Spindle with chuck	2 finger	Magnetic gripper
Support					Angular Position					
Description	Concave	Bearings	Conveyor belts	Rollers	Description	Stepped DC servomotor	Electric Servo	Hydraulic rotary actuator	Ball spline actuator	Low torque servo-hinges
Chip Removal					Sliding (either drill or tube)					
Description	Air Blow Gun, 6 bar	Sprain Gun, 6 bar	Pneumatic Cold Air Gun		Description	Linear carriage (drill)	Conveyor belt (tube)	Linear actuator (tube/drill)	Linear Motion Roller(tube)	Ball spline actuator (tube/drill)
Buffer Storage					Ejection					
Description	Separated sections	Tubes vertically stored	Tubes horizontally stored longitudinally	Tubes horizontally stored one on top of the other	Description	Conveyor belt(s)	Linear actuator	Transverse ejection through turning lever arm		
Intake					Valve System/Air management					

DRILL CONFIGURATION N 1

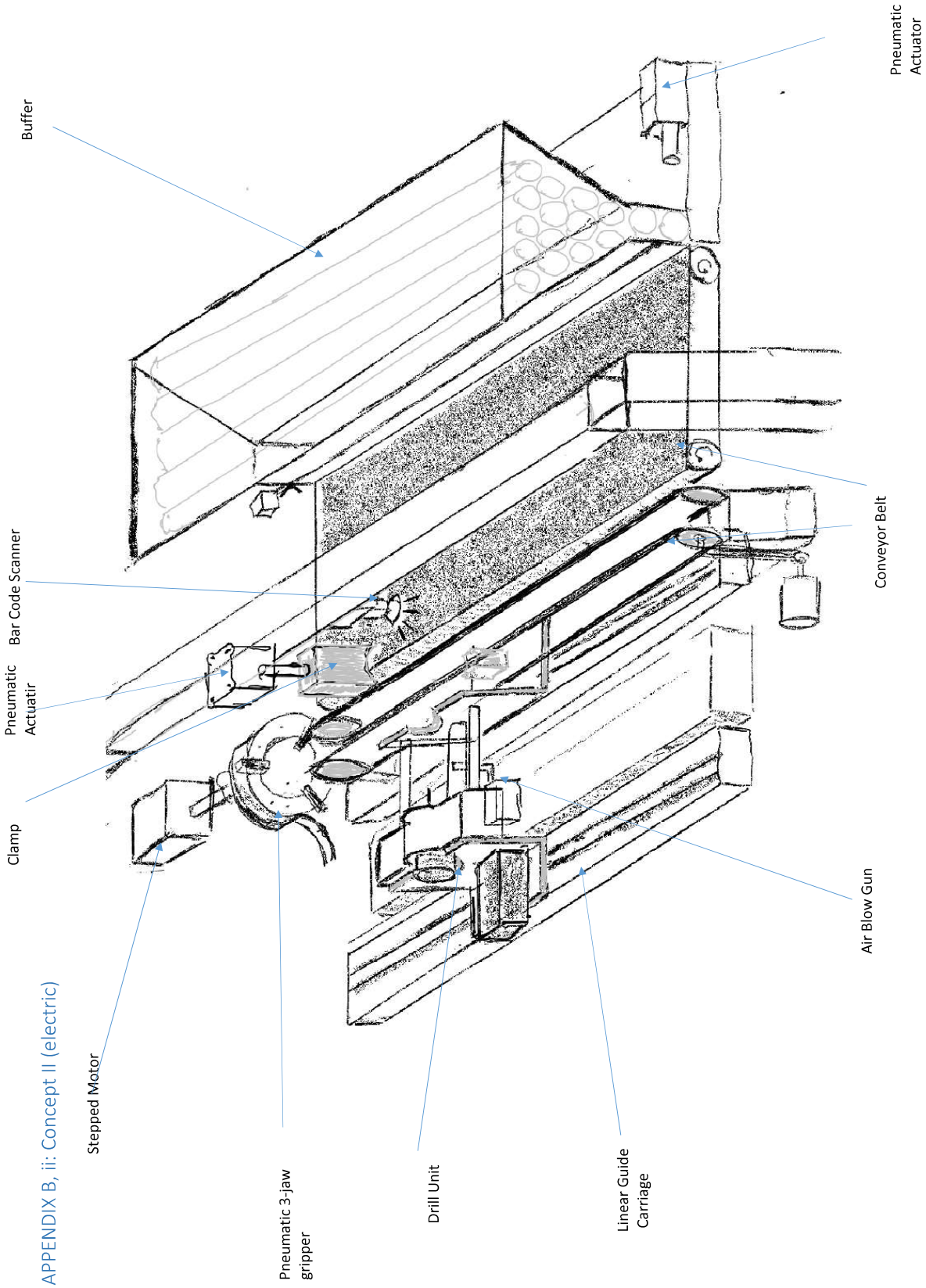
Additional clamp support



APPENDIX B, i: Concept I



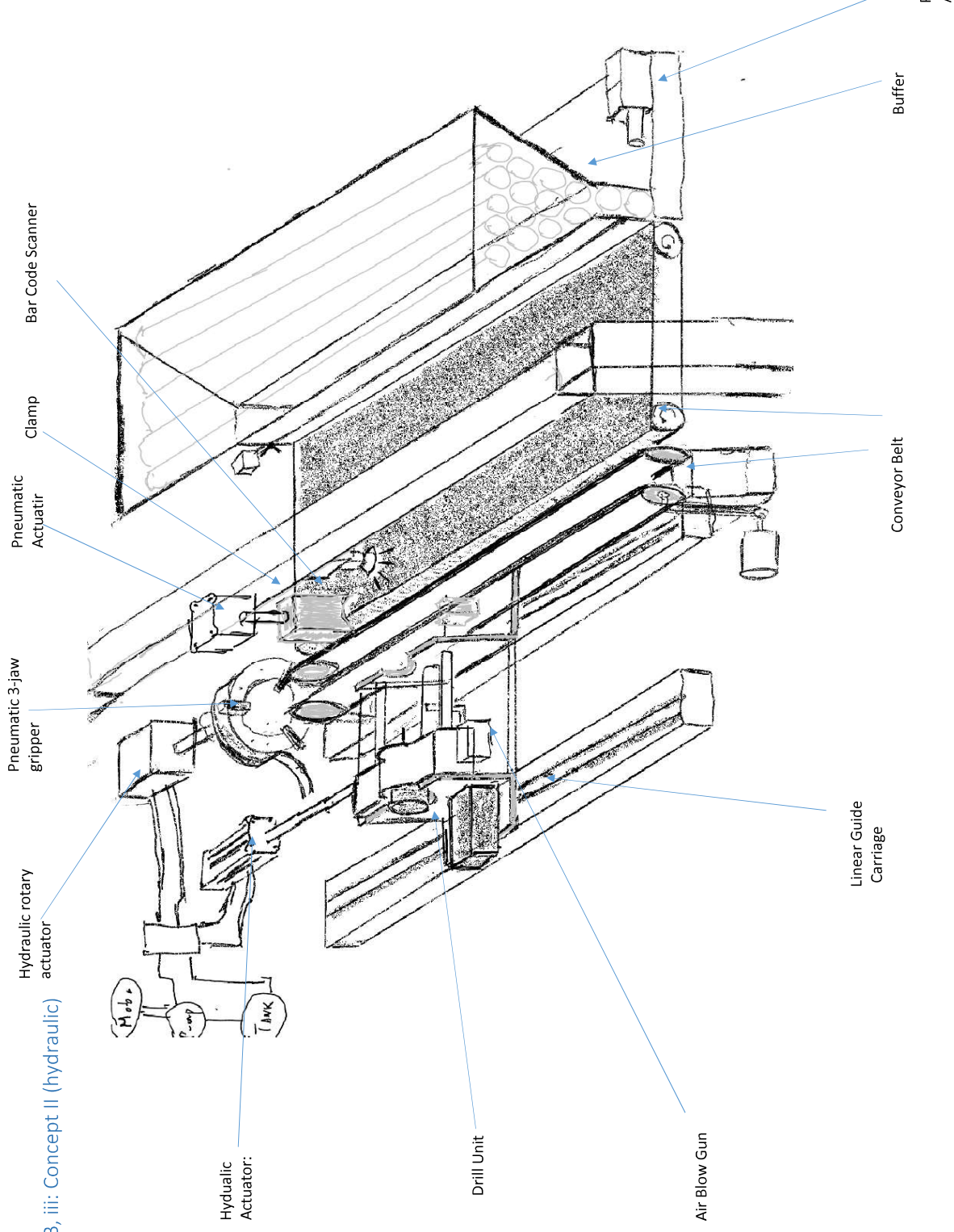
APPENDIX B, ii: Concept II (electric)



In this concept, the tube exits the **buffer** through the funnel shaped end. A servo motor turns the hinge connected to the gate opening a passage and the **pneumatic actuator** pushes the tube to the first conveyor belt. Here, the tube is transported to the edge where it falls into the second **stranded conveyor belt** which acts as a support. The conveyor slides the tube into the **pneumatic 3 jaw gripper** which clamps the object firmly. At this stage, the tube is rotated through the **stepped motor** at fixed angular changes. At each angular rotation, the **bar code scanner** moves along the vertical top frame scanning for the code. The process is repeated until the code is found. Next, the **drilling unit** is actuated in synchrony with the **clamp** on the vertical frame through a **linear guide carriage**. The clamp is moved down using a pneumatic actuator and holes are drilled at different positions along the length of the tube.

Finally, the tube is ejected at the end in the end into a secondary buffer.

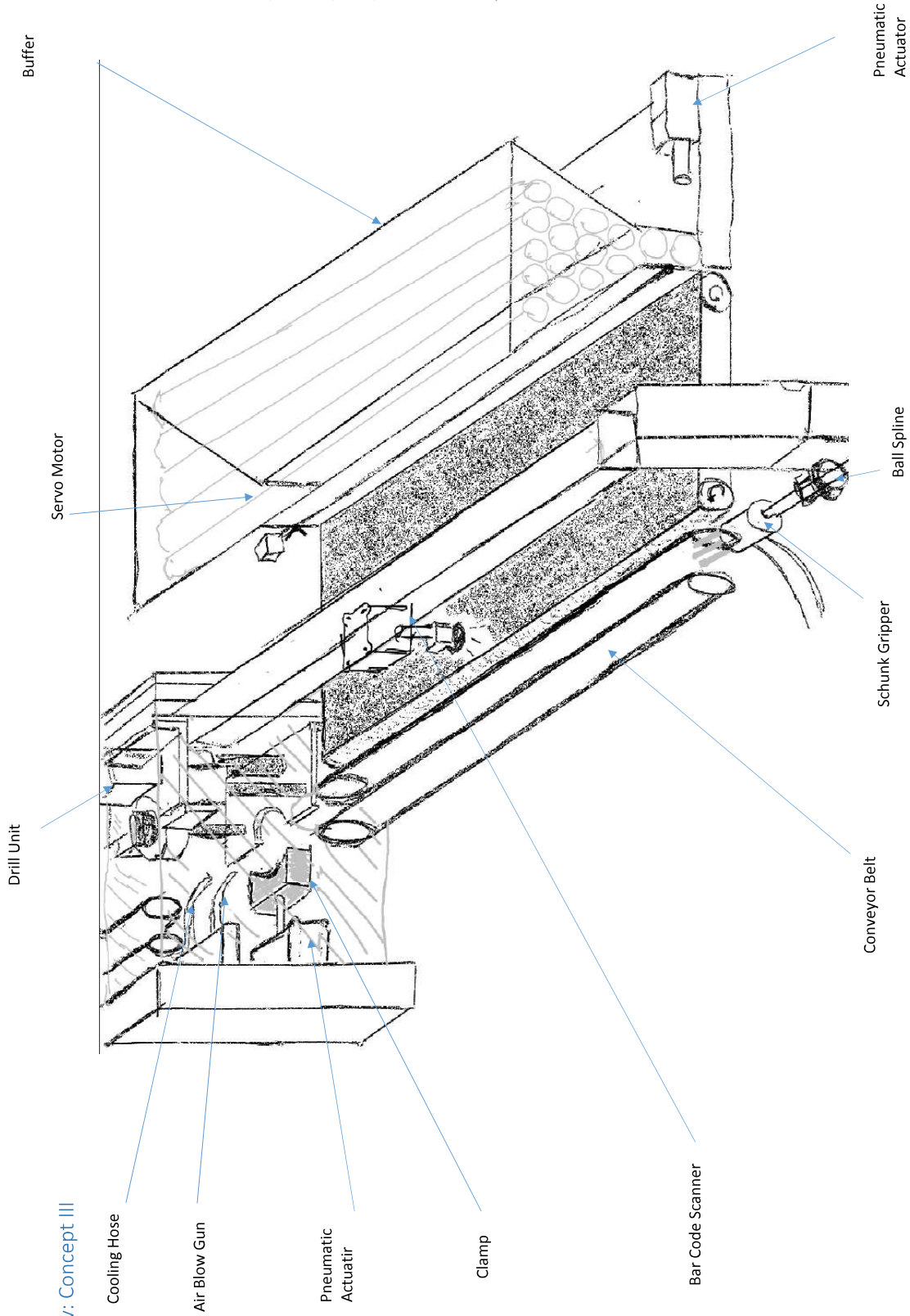
APPENDIX B, iii: Concept II (hydraulic)



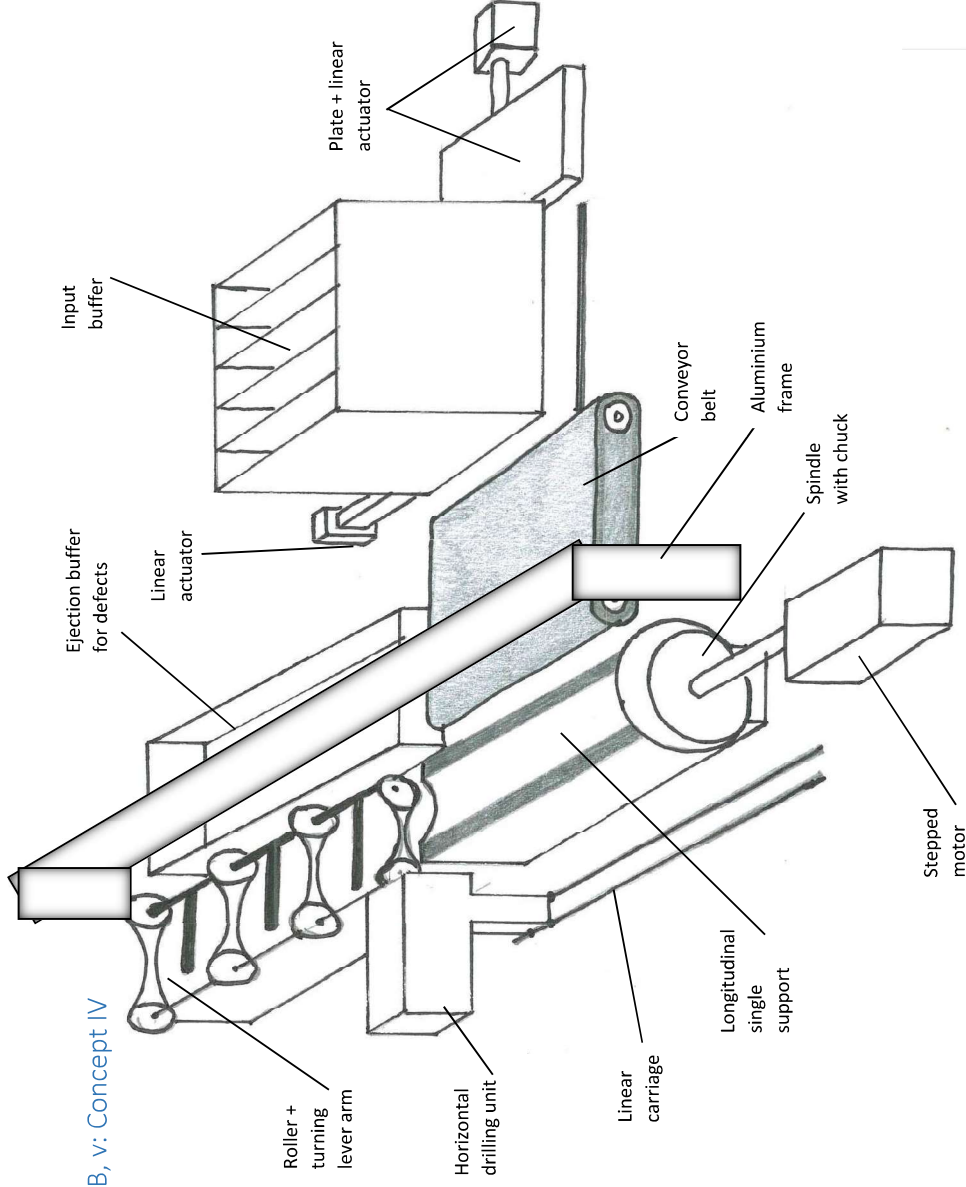
In this concept, the tube exits the **buffer** through the funnel shaped end. A servo motor turns the hinge connected to the gate opening a passage and the **pneumatic actuator** pushes the tube to the first conveyor belt. Here, the tube is transported to the edge where it falls into the second **stranded conveyor belt** which acts as a support. The conveyor slides the tube into the **pneumatic 3 jaw gripper** which clamps the object firmly. At this stage, the tube is rotated through the **angular actuator** at fixed angular changes. At each angular rotation, the **bar code scanner** moves along the vertical top frame scanning for the code. The process is repeated until the code is found. Next, the **drilling unit** is actuated in synchrony with the **clamp** on the vertical frame through the **hydraulic linear actuator**. The clamp is moved down using a pneumatic actuator and holes are drilled at different positions along the length of the tube.

Finally, the tube is ejected at the end in the end into a secondary buffer.

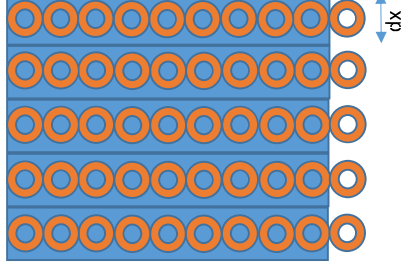
APPENDIX B, iv: Concept III



In this concept, the tube exits the **buffer** through the funnel shaped end. A servo motor turns the hinge connected to the **pneumatic actuator** pushes the tube to the first conveyor belt. Here, the tube is transported to the edge where it falls into the second **stranded conveyor belt** which acts as a support. The conveyor slides the tube into the pneumatic **Schunk Gripper** which clamps the object firmly. At this stage, the tube is rotated at fixed angular changes and moved axially through the **ball spline**. As the tube is moved through the ball spline the **bar code scanner** is fixed in one position on the top vertical frame. The process is repeated until the code is found. Next, the tube is moved also using the ball spline into the **drilling unit** area and fixed using the **clamps** on the vertical frame through a **pneumatic actuator**. The process is repeated to drill holes at different positions along the length of the tube. Finally, the tube is ejected at the end into a secondary buffer.



INPUT BUFFER SECTION

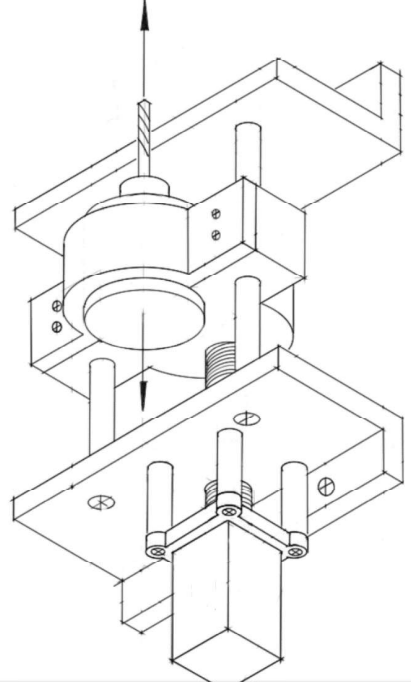


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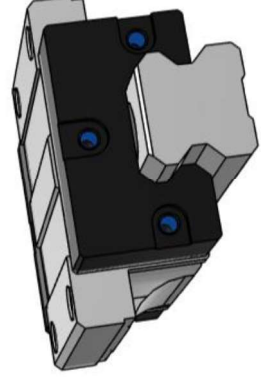
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3. 10 times $3dx$
4. 10 times $4dx$
5. 9 times $5dx$



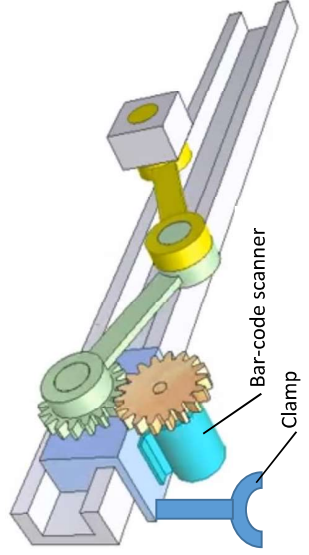
HORIZONTALLY LOCATED DRILLING UNIT WITH COOLING SYSTEM



LINEAR CARRIAGE



ALUMINIUM FRAME and SLIDER MECHANISM



APPENDIX B, vi: Concept V

