



Cartridge Concepts 2

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Lyse-n-Go 4

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Lyse-n-Go 4: Bi-Directional 3-State Valve, No Manifold Check Valves

	action	valve	syringe 4		syringe 3	syringe 2	syringe 1	
			air		diluent	lysis buffer	diluent 2	
			▼					
			puck top	puck side				puck bottom
1	sample	sample		→				→
2-4	pressurize	bottom	↓			X		
5	drain	bottom			↓waste		↑ ←	
6	vent top	bottom	↑		↓waste			
7	fill line	bottom			↓waste			
8	fill puck	side	↑	↑ ←		X		
9	pressurize	side	↑	↑ ←		X		
10a	pull bubble	bottom					↑	
10b	push bubble	side						
10c	extract	bottom	↓			X		
11	vent	bottom	↑		↓waste		↑ ←	
12a	dump	sample			↓waste			
12b	analysis	sample			analysis			
				water in		Burkert		water out

		sample	bottom	side	
1					
2	puck side				water in
3	manifold				
4	puck bottom				
5					water out

- Spring (plus magnet, if needed) returns the valve back up to the side state

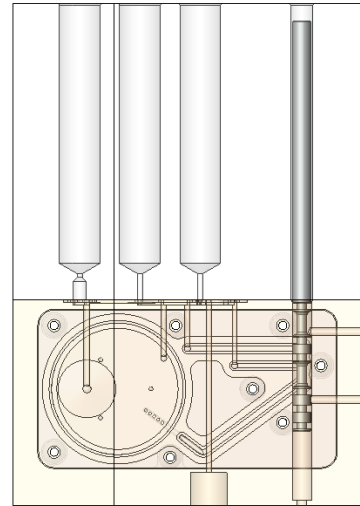
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Lyse-n-Go 4: Comparison

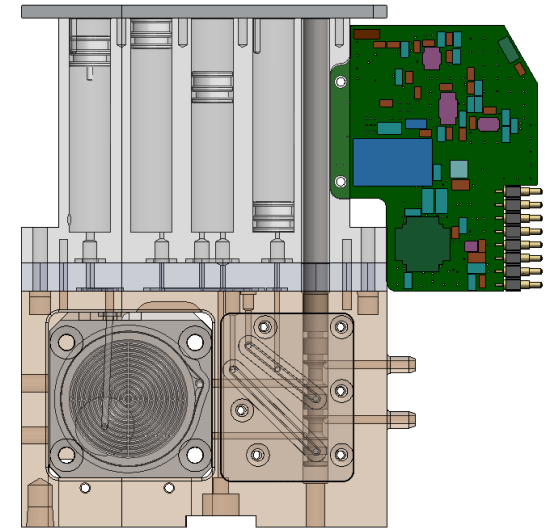


Lyse-n-Go 4 Main Differences:

- Syringe 1 removed
- Longer Syringe - +9mm (optional)
- Water in location moved up - 2.7mm, water out same as current
- Bi-directional 3-state valve eliminates two check valves
- Return spring needed for valve - actuator must overcome spring + valve friction
 - Smaller valve diameter for reduced friction
- Puck top and cover integrated into housing
- Channels moved to the back side
- Center manifold part removed



LnG 4 (layout only)

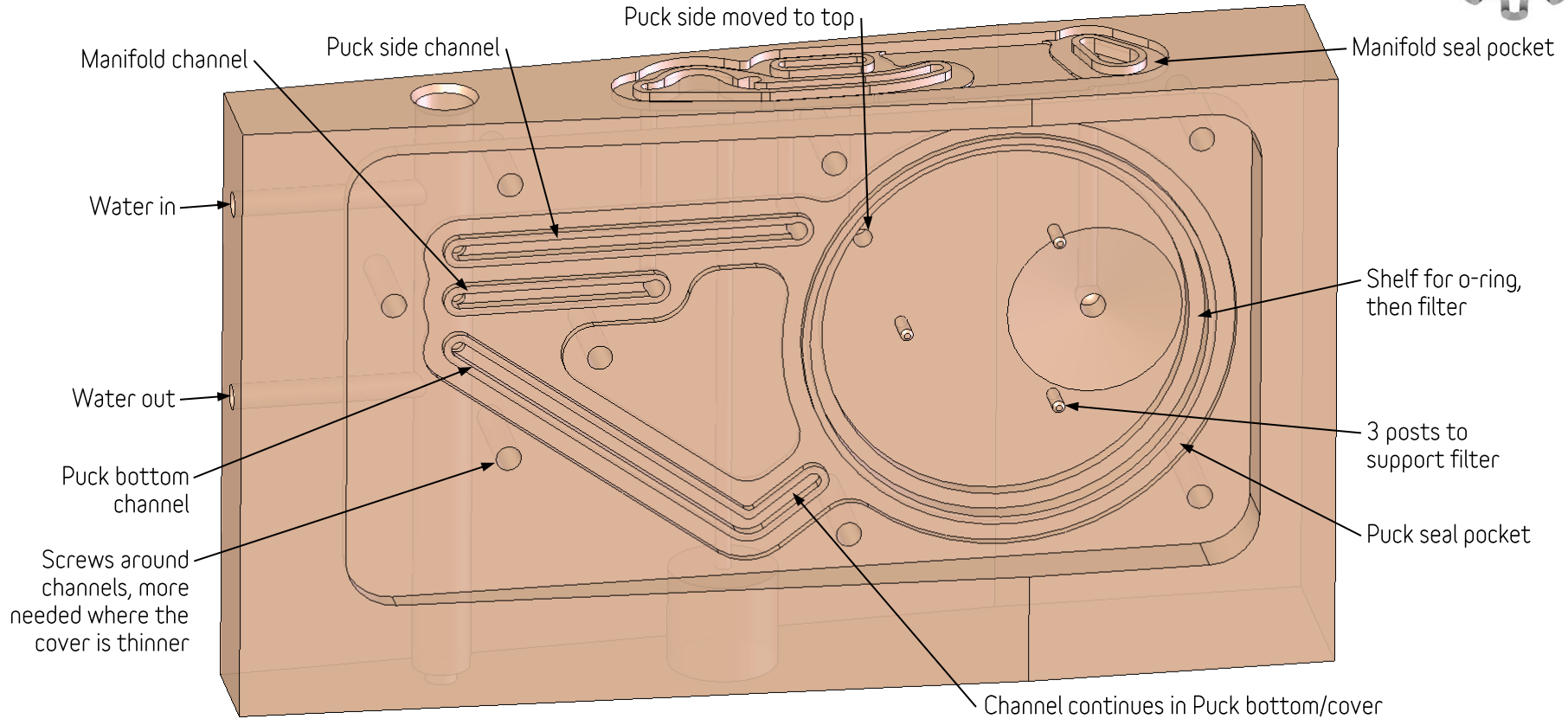


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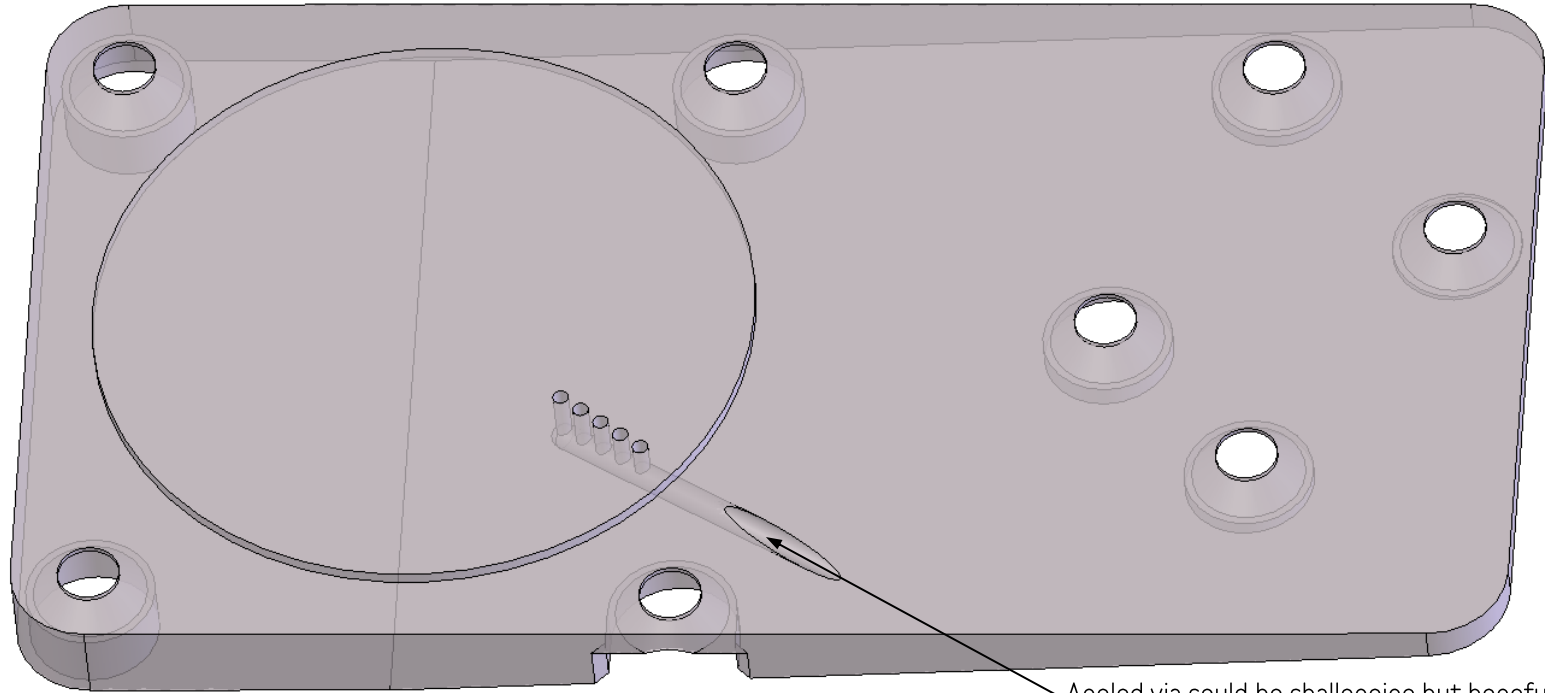
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- Internal vias and surface channels are both on the cartridge part where possible for alignment/tolerance
- Moving puck side port to the top allows 360° o-ring seal over the filter

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Lyse-n-Go 4 Puck Bottom/Cover

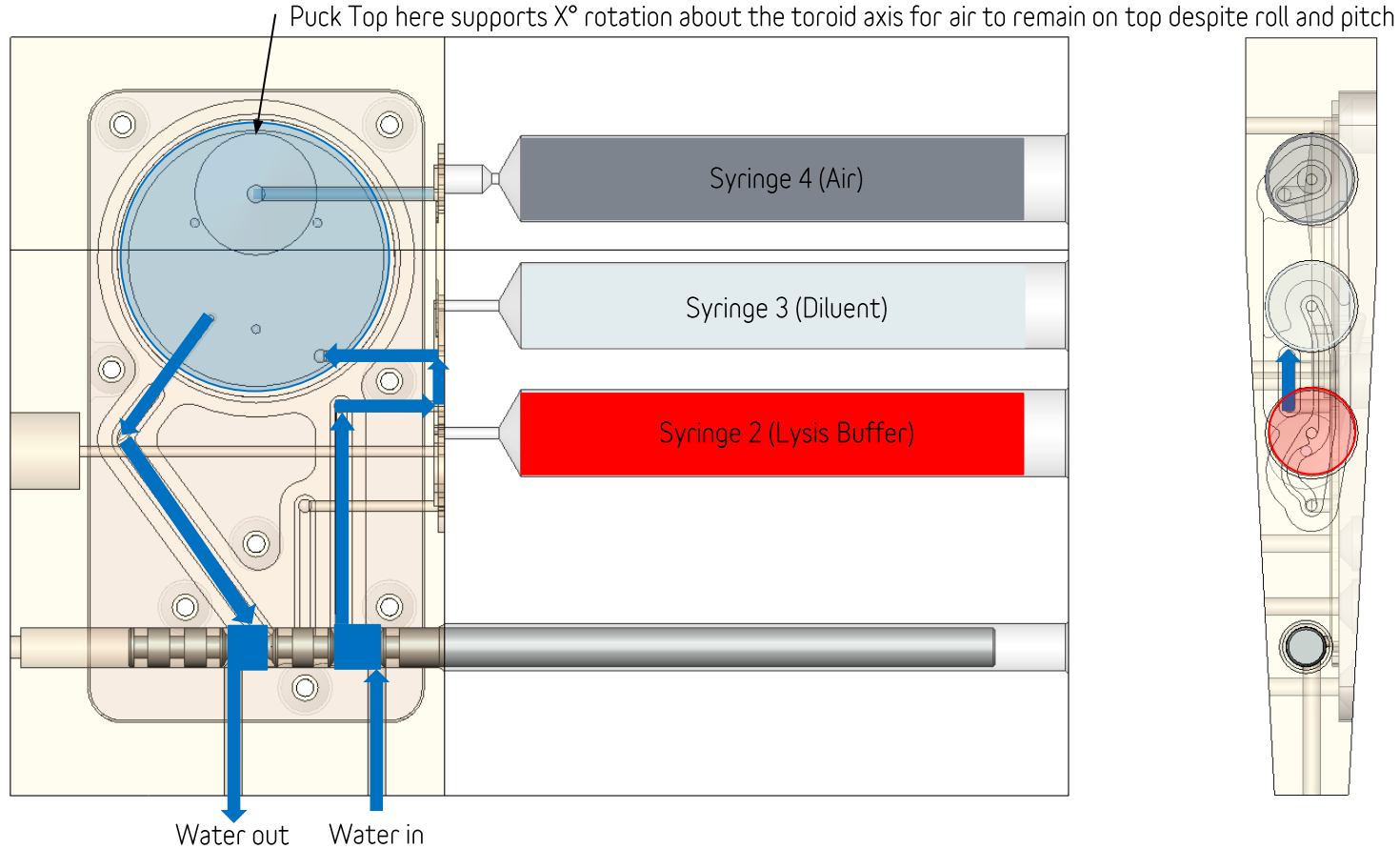


Angled via could be challenging but hopefully feasible for machining and injection molding

- Maximize thickness for stiffness to seal vs. pressure
- Puck Bottom rib pattern and heater cutout not yet modeled
- Machined part should be metal to conduct heat, maybe insert molded plastic over metal disc for production

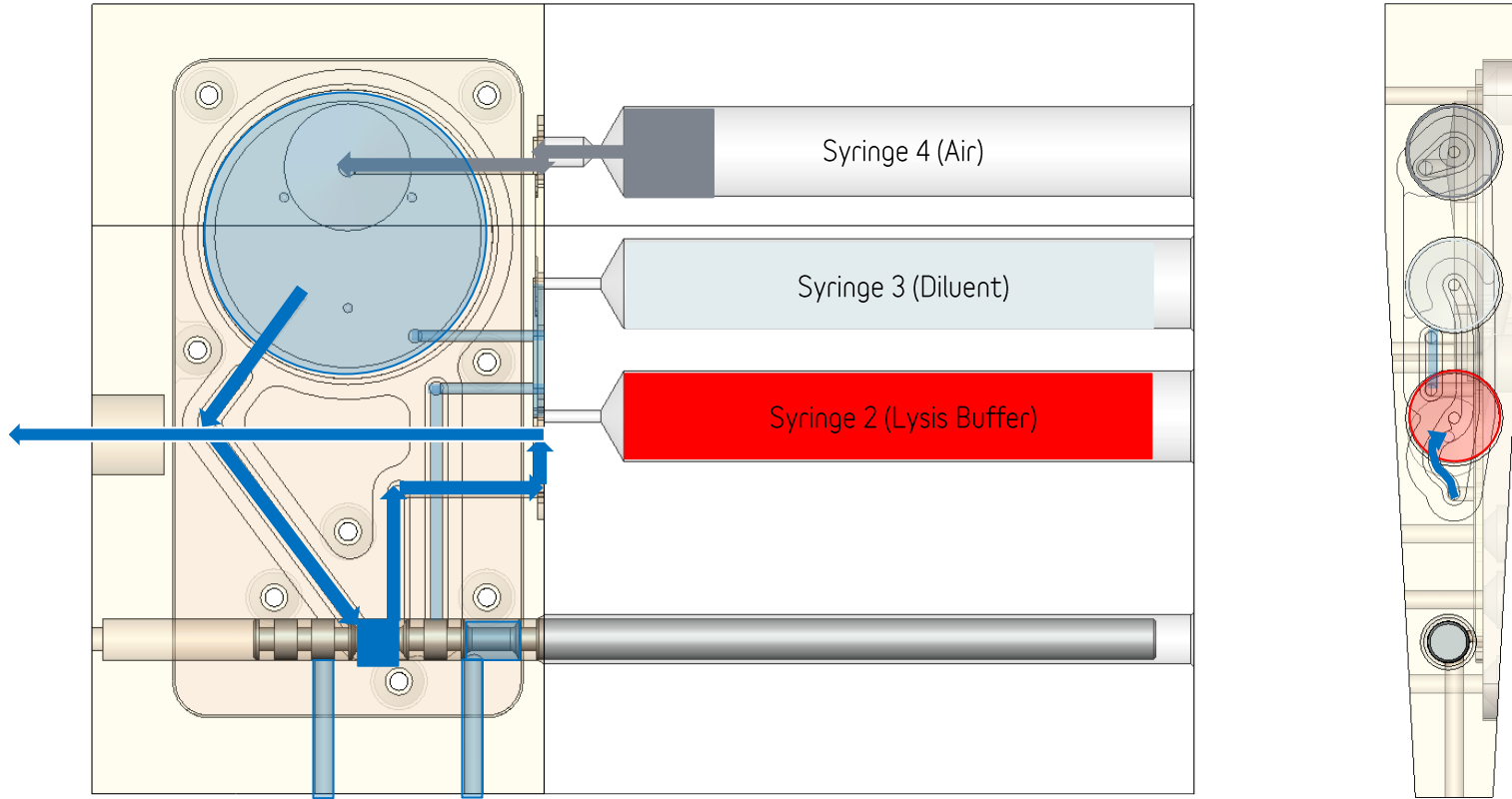
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Lyse-n-Go 4: Sample - Sampling



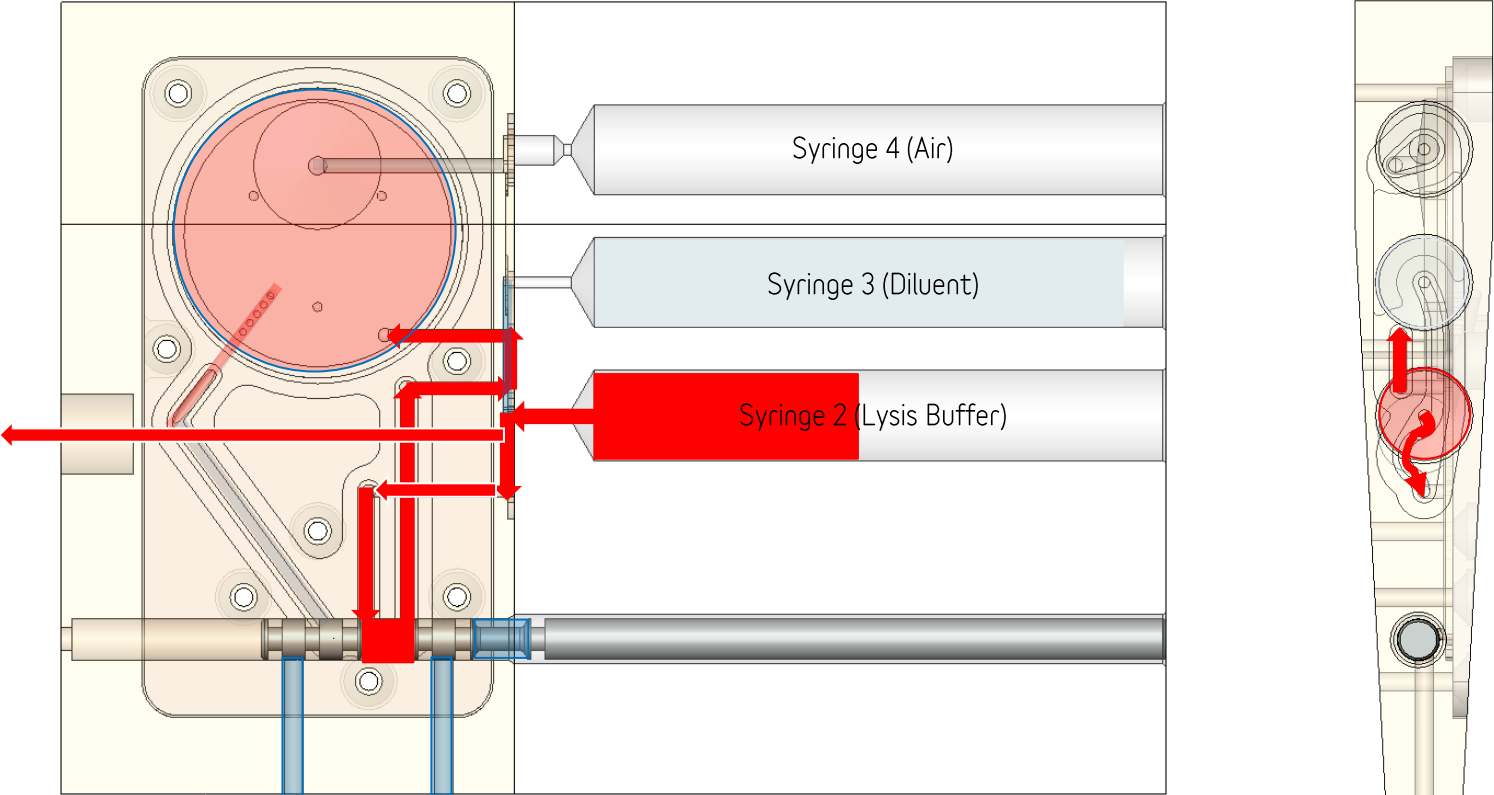
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Lyse-n-Go 4: Puck Bottom - Evacuate Water



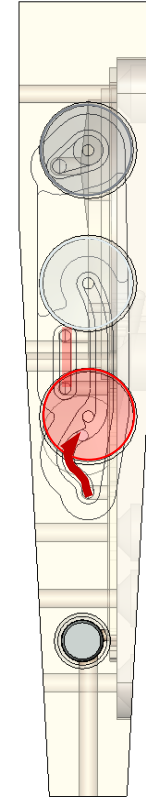
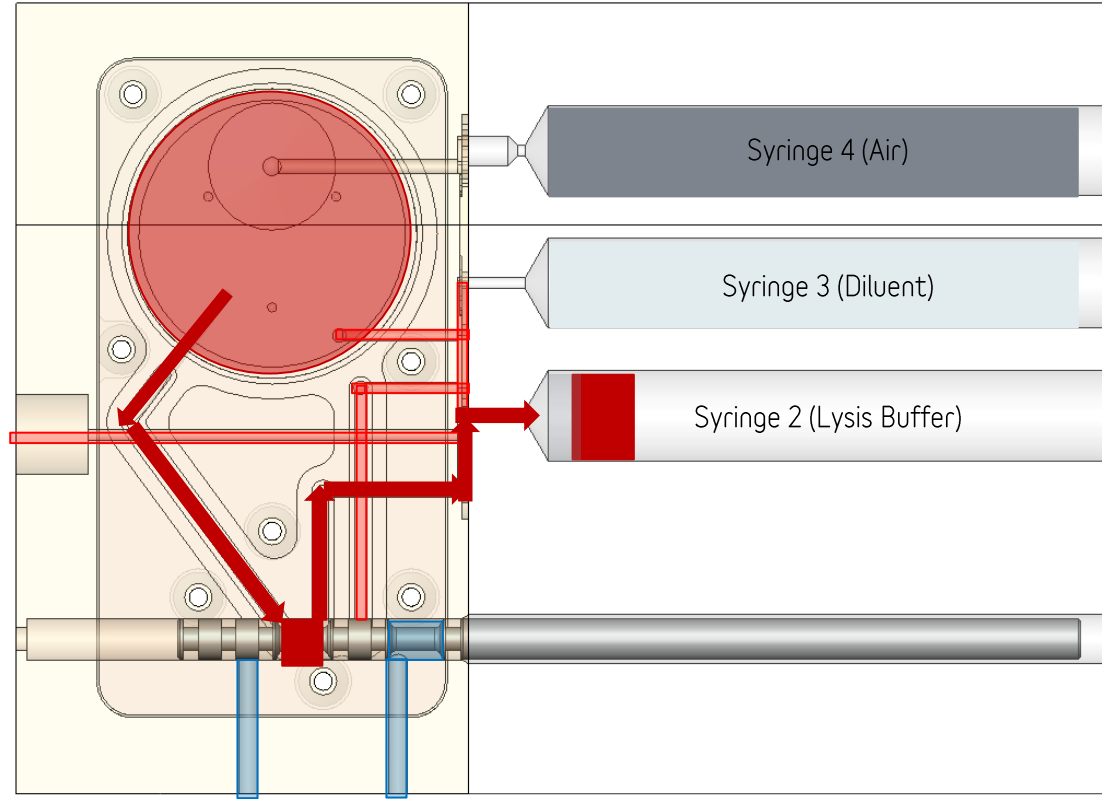
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Lyse-n-Go 4: Puck Side - Add Lysis Buffer & Heat



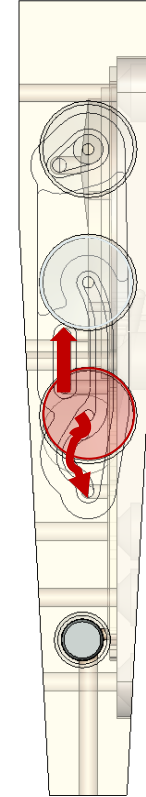
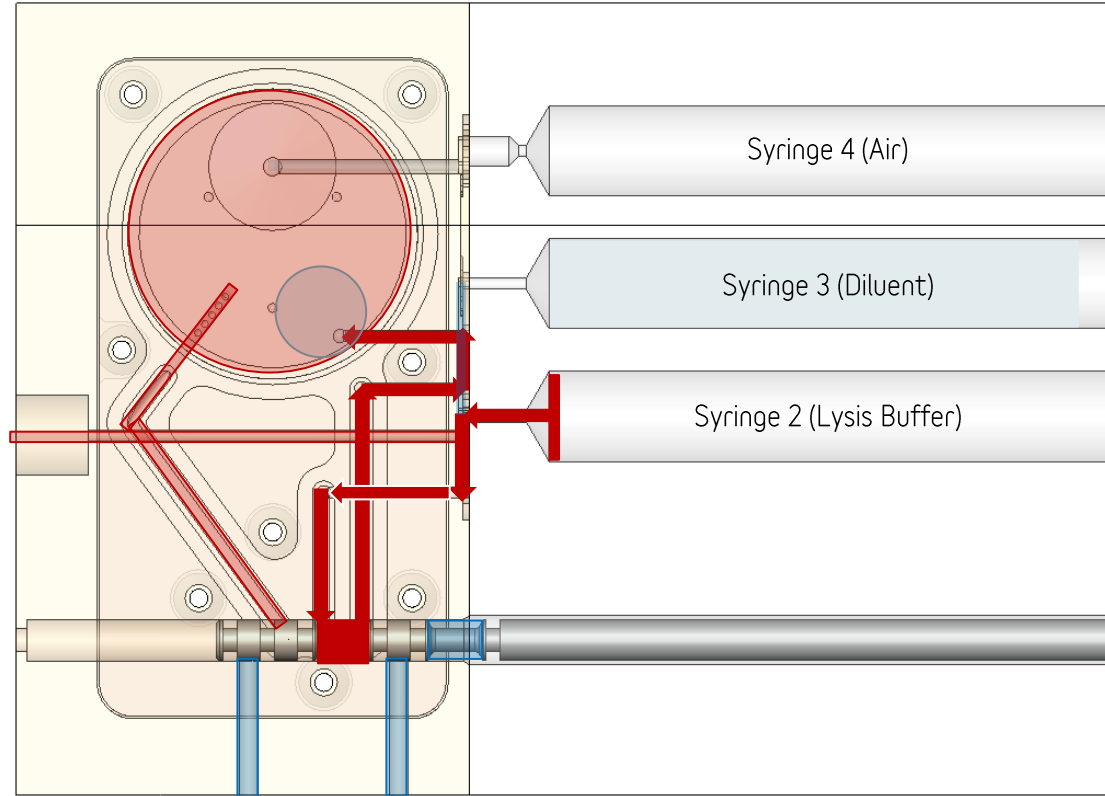
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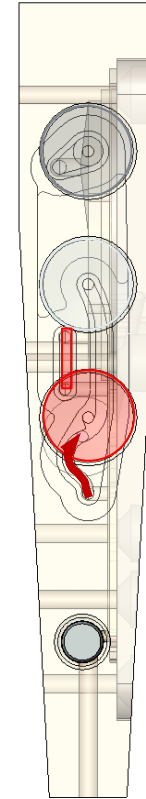
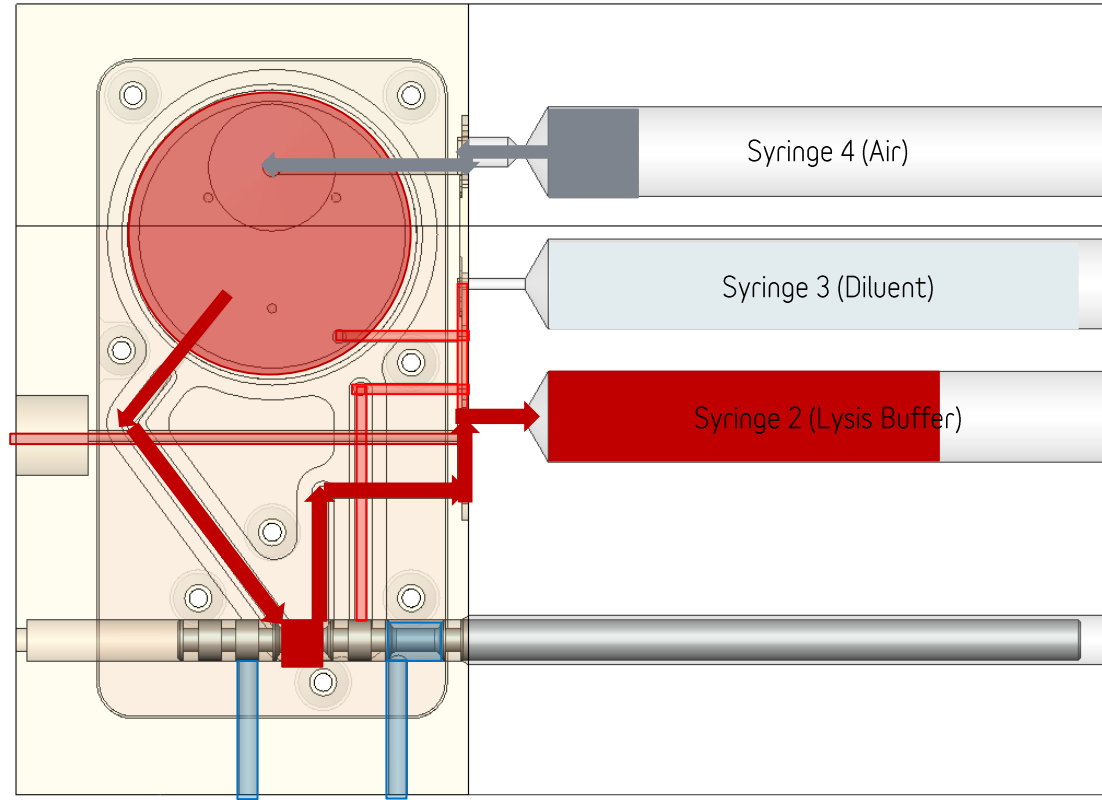
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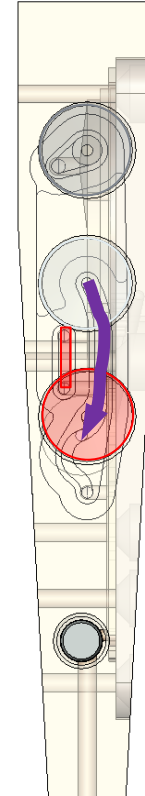


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Lyse-n-Go 4: Puck Bottom - Recover Lysate



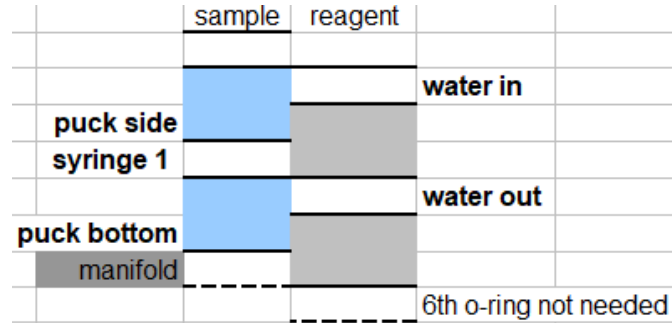
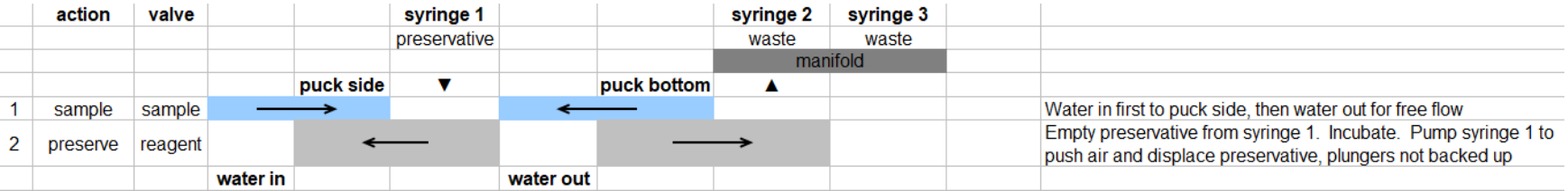
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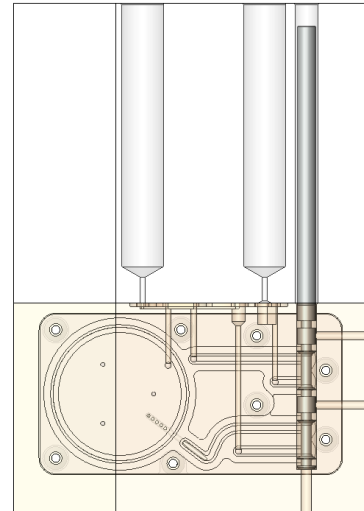
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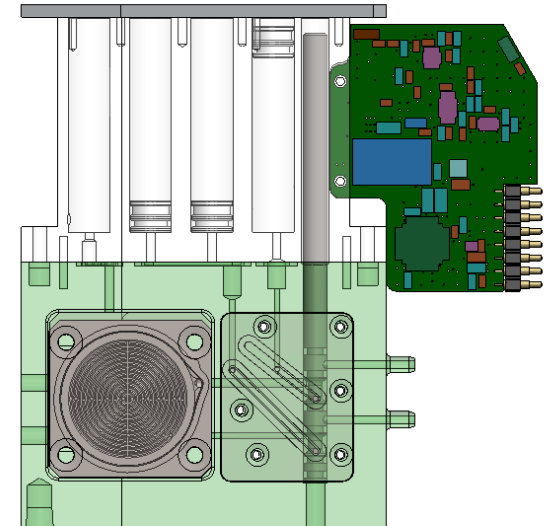
Archive 0: comparison

Archive 0 Main Differences:

- Syringe 4 removed
- Single waste container (still needs to be enlarged)
- Longer Syringe - +9mm (optional)
- Water in location moved up - 2.7mm, water out same as current
- Bi-directional 3-state valve eliminates two check valves
- Puck top and cover integrated into housing
- Channels moved to the back side



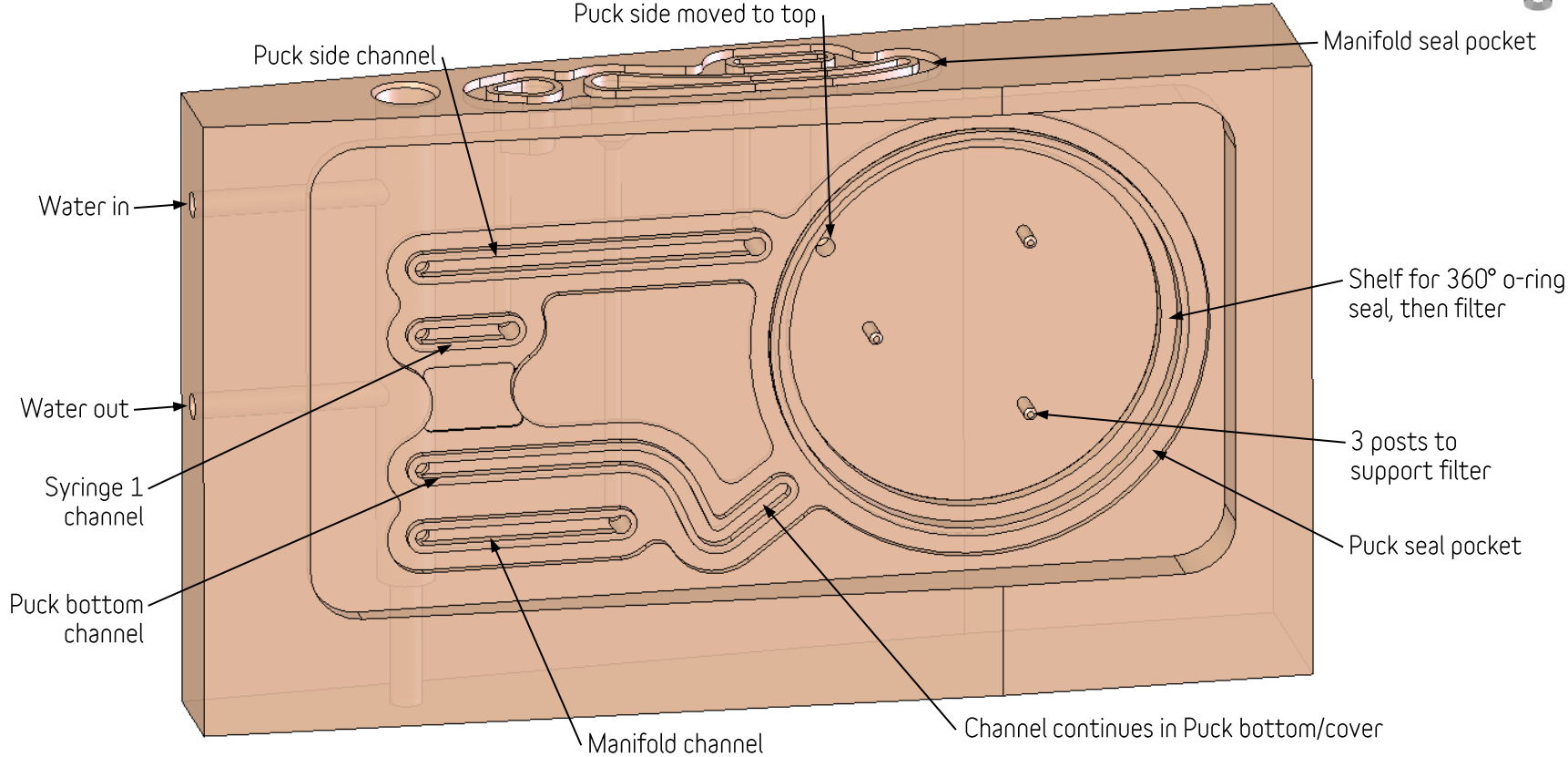
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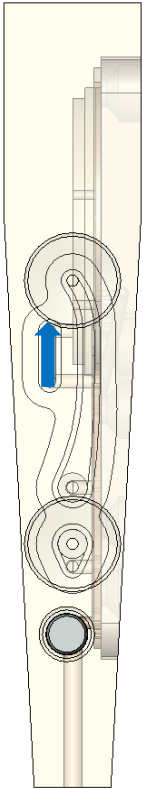
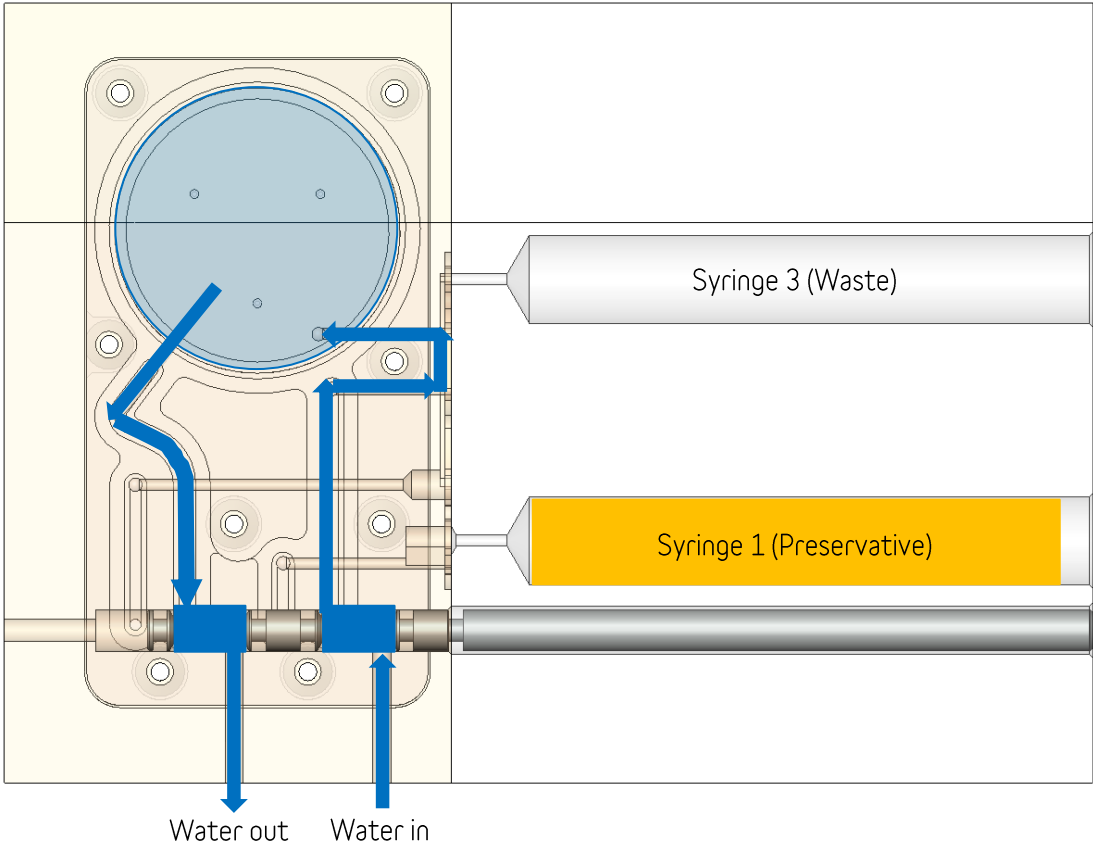
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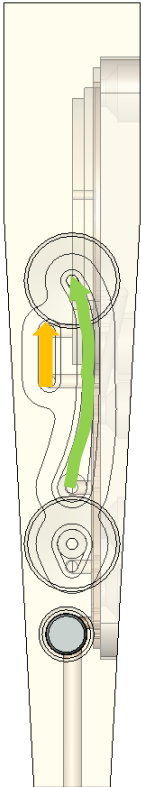
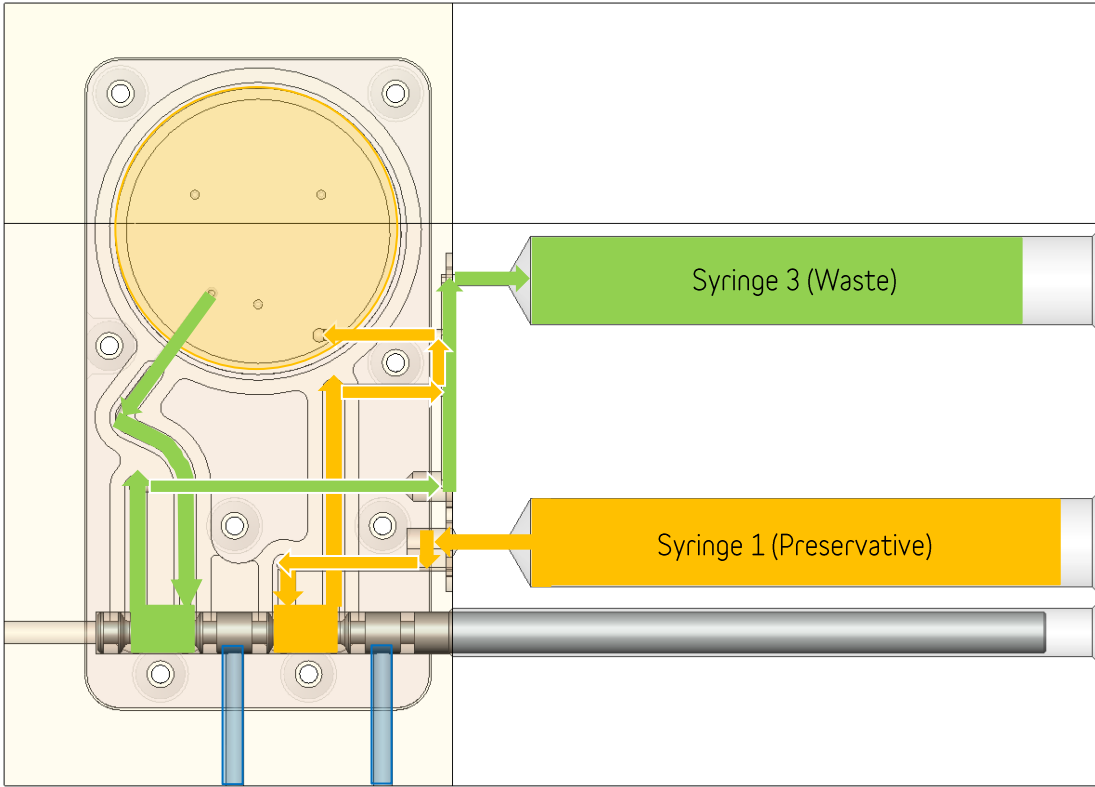
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Archive 0: Sample - Sampling



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Archive 0: Reagent - Preserve Sample





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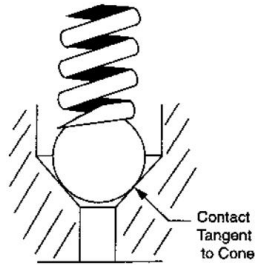


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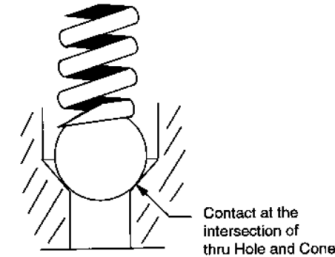
- If the bottom of the syringe can move down, how should we best take advantage?
 - Move Syringe vs. Actuator interface to increase plunger travel or reduce envelope?
 - Reduce syringe diameter and friction force while keeping the same volume?
 - Increase syringe length and total volume?
- Can the actuators move closer together? Any future value in being able to fit 5 syringes?
 - Re-defining the interface to allow up to 5 syringes (if feasible), does not obligate current cartridges to have more syringes than needed
- Archival cartridge waste volume
- Re-evaluation of the ball valve is recommended in the next phase
 - What is the origin of the current ball seal geometry?
 - Chemical compatibility?

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Ball Check Valve



A widely used ball seat design consists of an internal conical surface with a through hole. This design has the advantage that the ball will self-center as it moves toward the seat. There are two functional variations of this design. In the first, the contact of the ball is tangent to the cone. Machining tolerances for this design can be liberal as the ball contact only needs to fall somewhere along the conical surface (see Figure #2.). For this design to work well, the cone must be machined very round.



The second version of the conical seat has the ball making contact right at the intersection of the cone and the through hole. Using the same conical angle this design yields much higher sealing forces. Therefore, a leak free valve is easier to produce, while still maintaining the good self-centering of the ball and the quick reaction of the valve. The machining tolerances for this design are quite tight, as the ball must end up exactly at the intersection of the cone and the through hole (see Figure #3). This design requires a very round cone and through hole and good concentricity between them.

A design question that must be answered is what should the angle of the conical seat be? There are several factors involved. The steeper the angle the better the balls self-aligning tendency will be. The steepness of the angle must be tempered by the fact that the ball must be released from the seat when the flow reverses. The flatter the seat angle the crisper the ball release will be, but as the included angle increases the sealing quality is reduced. The majority of ball seats have an included angle of 90 degrees, which is 45 degrees per side, or very near it.

- www.precisionballs.com/ball_valve.php

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Ball Check Valve



Plastic Balls

In a closing note, we will look at using balls made of highly resilient materials such as rubbers and plastics. Rubber still finds some applications in low-pressure devices, but it has been replaced by much less expensive plastics in most applications.

Density of Plastic

One common consideration is the specific gravity or mass of the plastic ball material. Polyethylene and polypropylene have specific masses of approximately .98 so they will just float in water. Polyethylene is slightly softer and more resilient, while polypropylene is harder and tougher. Both materials have good resistance to organic solvents as well as moderate acids and bases. Both are low cost materials that we stock in most sizes.

For heavy-duty applications, Nylon is the hands down favorite. It is fairly hard, very tough i.e. wear resistant and we stock finish ground balls in most sizes. Nylon is resistant to most organic solvents as well as mild acids and bases. Nylon does have a problem in aqueous solutions, as it is slightly hygroscopic and will swell about 1/4 of one percent (0.25%).

Teflon

For very high and very low temperatures → PTFE is the obvious choice. PTFE has a high density, i.e., it is heavy. We stock precision ground PTFE balls in most sizes. PTFE is not cheap, it is several times as expensive as most other plastics. There is another problem, PTFE can cold flow under heavy pressure and may not come out of the seat after a long exposure to a high-pressure condition. Care must be exercised in the seat design when using this material. A ball tangent to a rather large conical angle is the normal design.

	Minimum Temp., °F	Maximum Temp., °F	Acetic Acids	Animal/Veg-etable Oils	Detergents	Gasoline	Grease	Hydraulic Oils	Isopropyl Alcohol	Salt Water	Steam	Synthetic Lubricants	Water
Multipurpose													
Neoprene	0°	200°			•				•	•			•
High Temperature													
Silicone	-60°	400°	•		•				•	•			•
Oil Resistant													
Buna-N	-20°	170°		•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•
Buna-N/Vinyl	-20°	200°		•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•
Chemical Resistant													
Viton® Fluoroelastomer	0°	400°		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Aflas	40°	400°			•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•
Fluorosilicone	-65°	450°		•		•	•	•	•	•			•
Kalrez	0°	525°	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Abrasion Resistant													
Polyurethane	-10°	200°		•		•	•						•
Natural Gum	-20°	140°			•				•	•			•
SBR	-20°	170°								•			•
Weather-Resistant													
EPDM	-40°	225°	•		•				•	•	•		•
Butyl	-40°	225°	•		•				•	•	•		•
Santoprene	-50°	250°	•				•			•	•		•

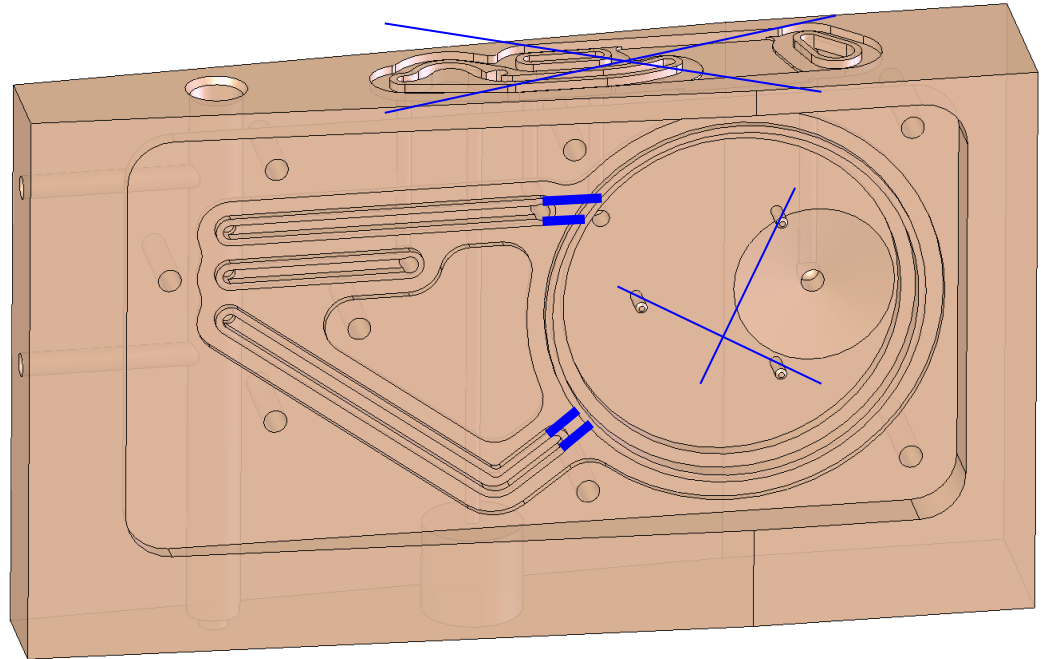
- Ball valves typically use precision metal or ceramic balls in precisely lapped valve seats
- Softer ball/seat materials can seal with looser tolerances and easier manufacturing
 - Needs evaluation for chemical compatibility, performance, and manufacturability
- www.precisionballs.com/ball_valve.php, www.mcmaster.com/balls

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Next Steps

- We suggest a breadboard prototype of a simplified LnG4 cartridge, cover, and valve to develop cut flat seals that hold seal pressure
- We would try different materials and seal compression





Appendix



Appendix

Five state uni-directional valve

		Sample	Bottom	Side	Bottom	Closed	
1	water out						
2							
3							
4							
5							
6	water in						
7							
8							
9							
10							
11							
12							