

ArgonCube Core Design Principle

Modules are to be cold-swappable. 2x2 is being designed thus.

Regardless of not intending to extract modules at Fermilab.

This is non-negotiable.

Module recirculation:

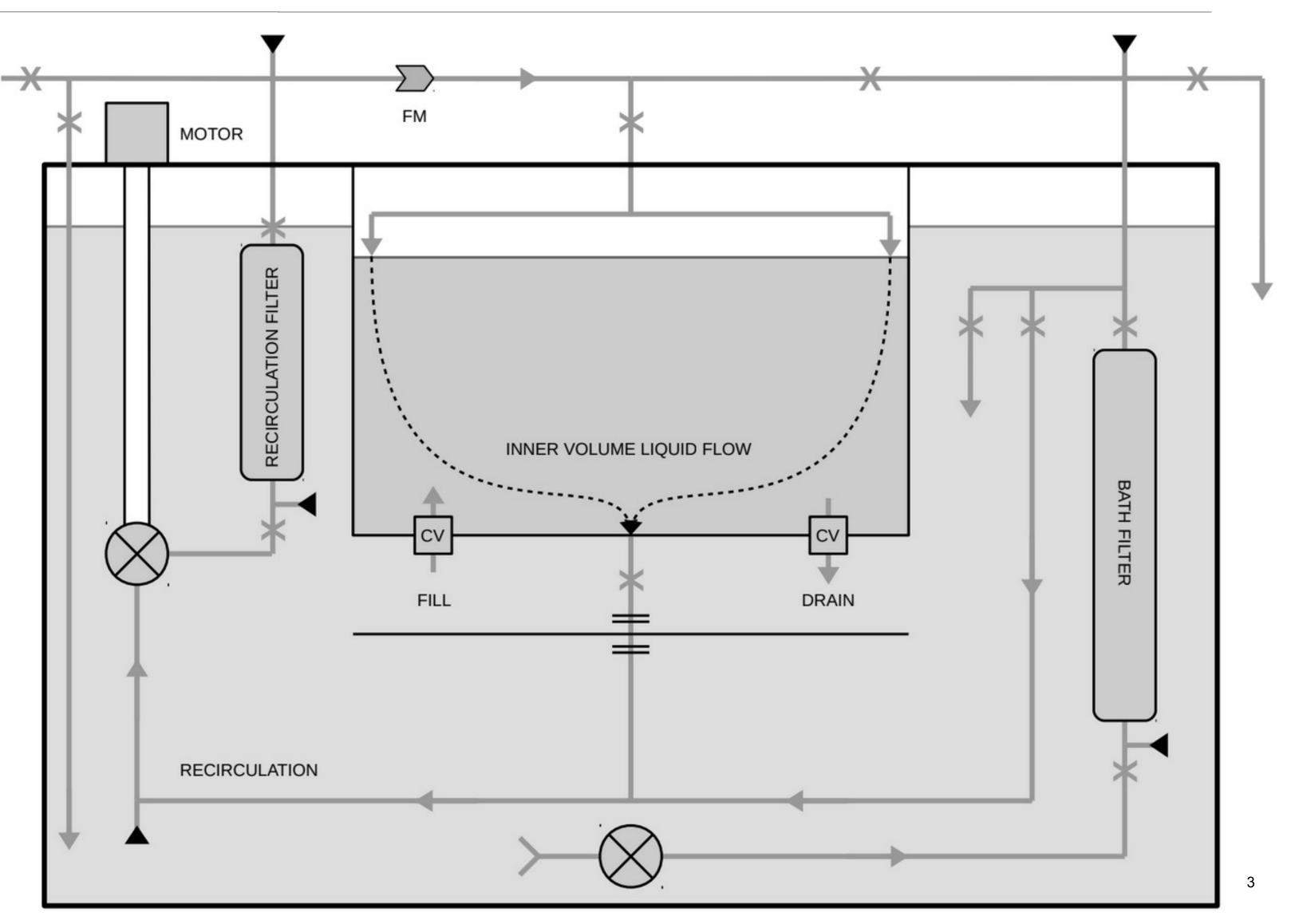
Pump mounted at cryostat top flange used to extract argon from base of module, through filter and return to top of module.

Bath recirculation:

Pump in sump constantly recirculating bath through cold filters. Can also be used to drain bath and/or refill module. With appropriate valves closed the lines can be used for piston purge.

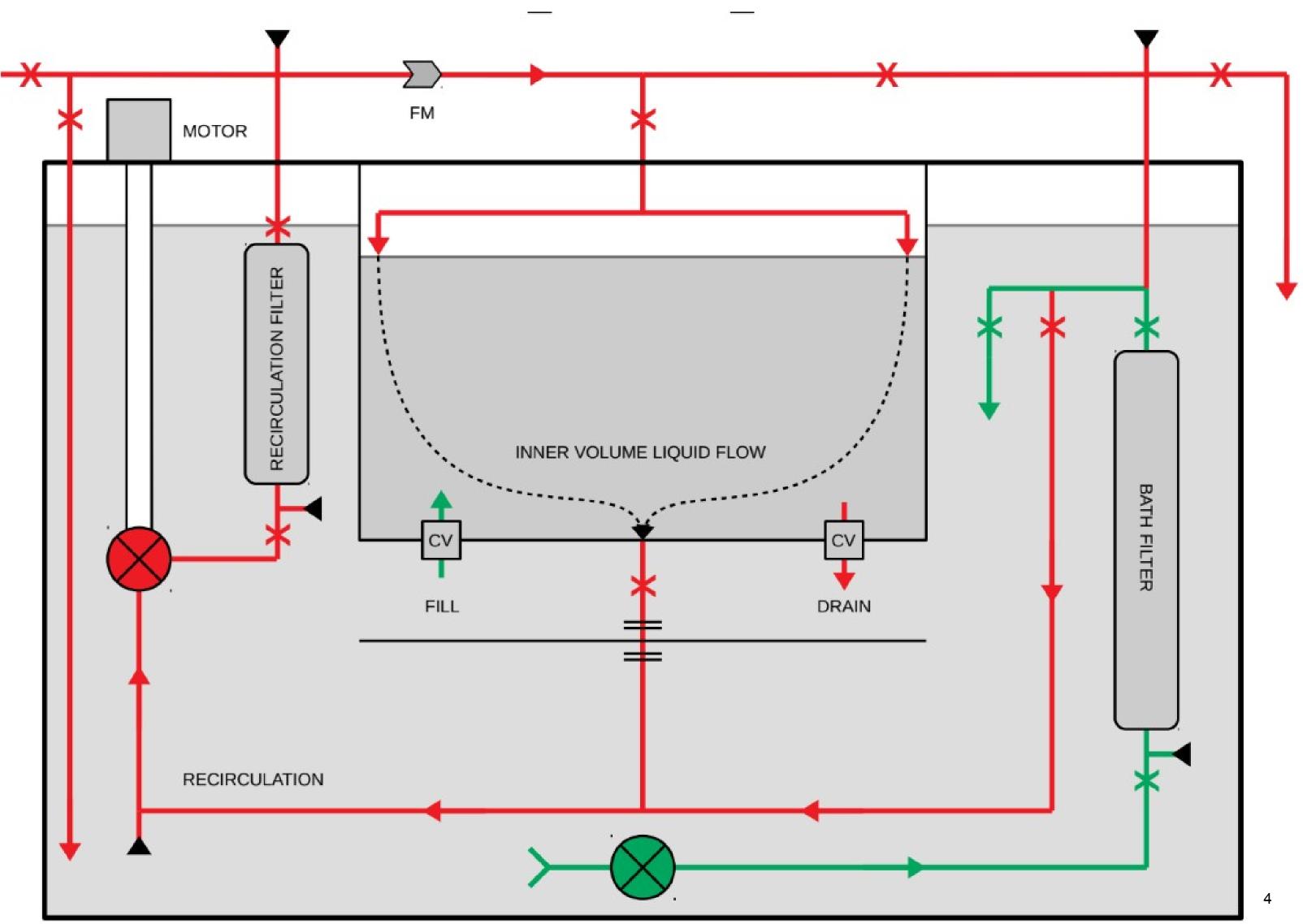
All cold lines are flexible steel pipe.

Piston purge possible via drain lines.



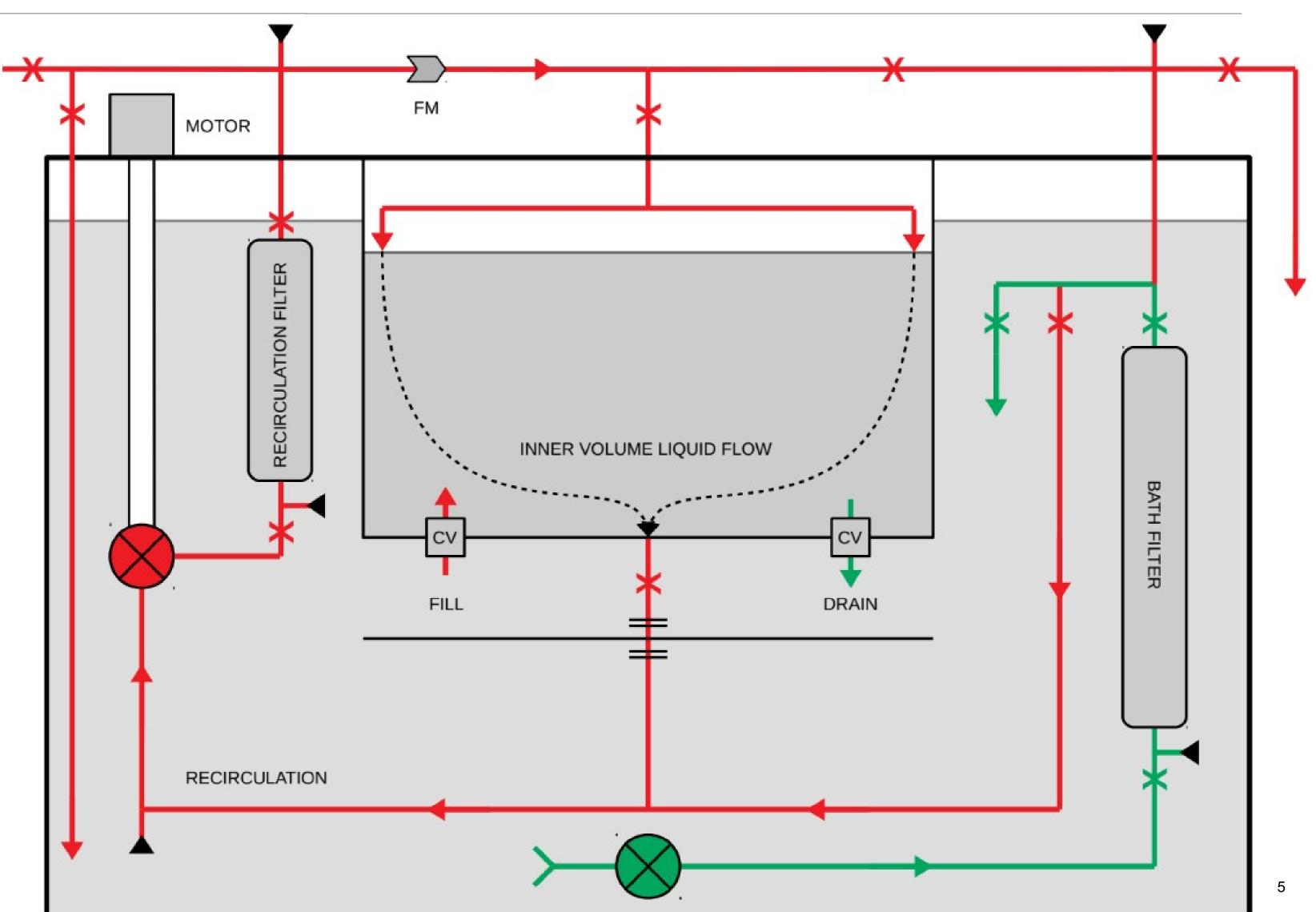
On module insertion:

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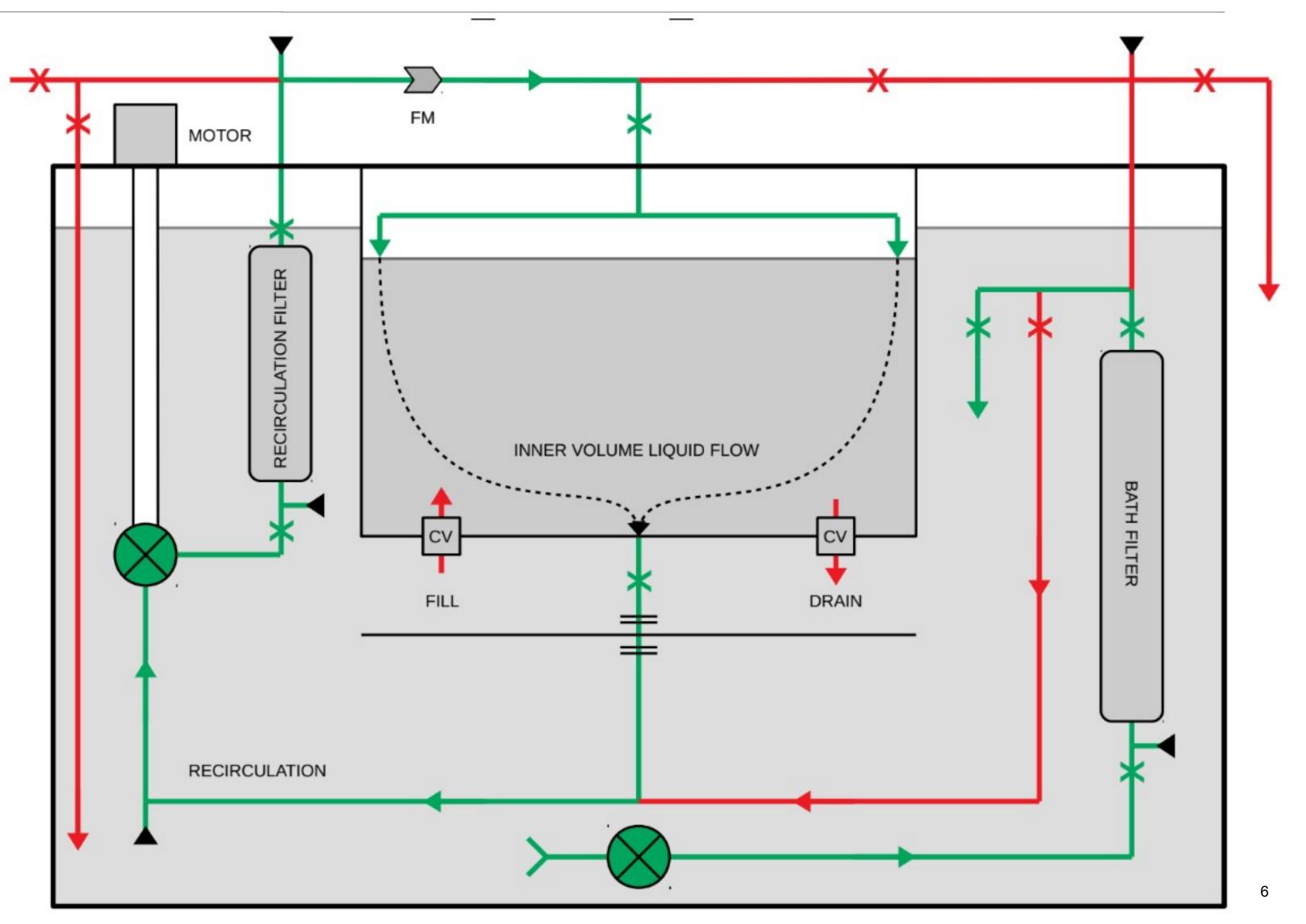
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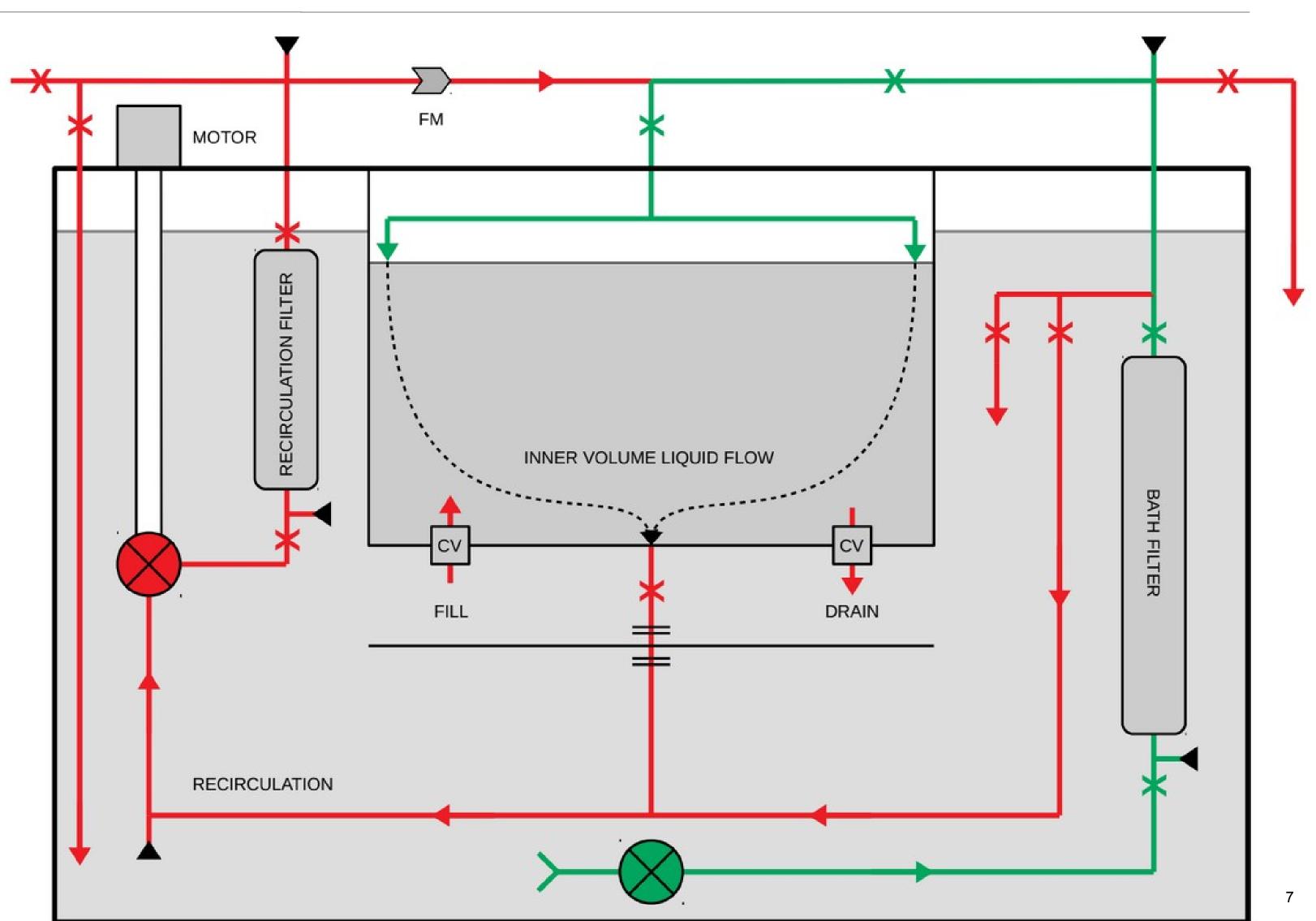
Normal operation:

- -- The bath is continually purified.
- -- LAr is extracted from the base of the module, then pumped through a filter back into the top of the module.



Refilling the module:

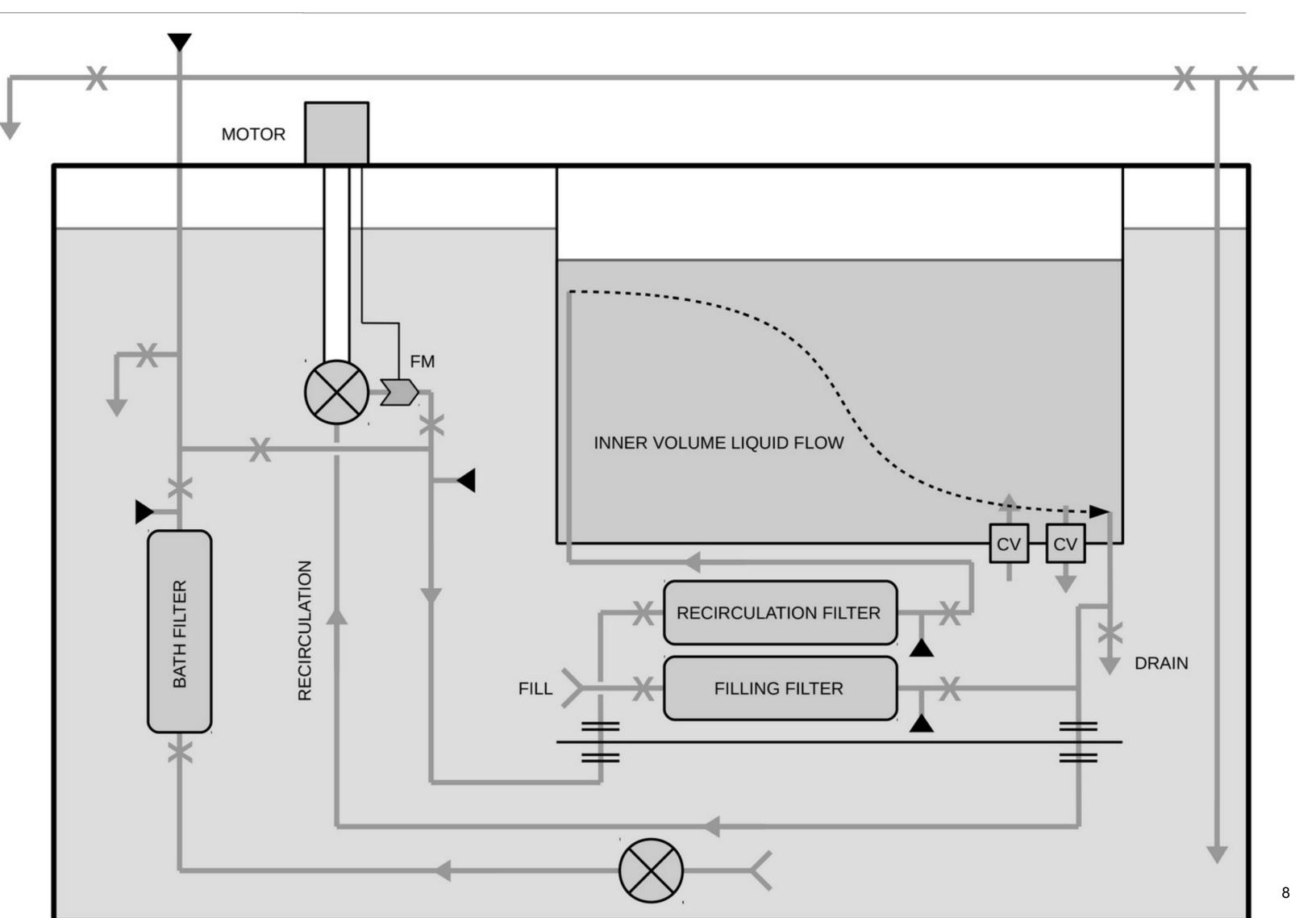
-- Bath purification system is redirected into the module.



Cryo (liquid) Scheme for Next R&D Test in Bern

Adapting pre-existing components to demonstrate:

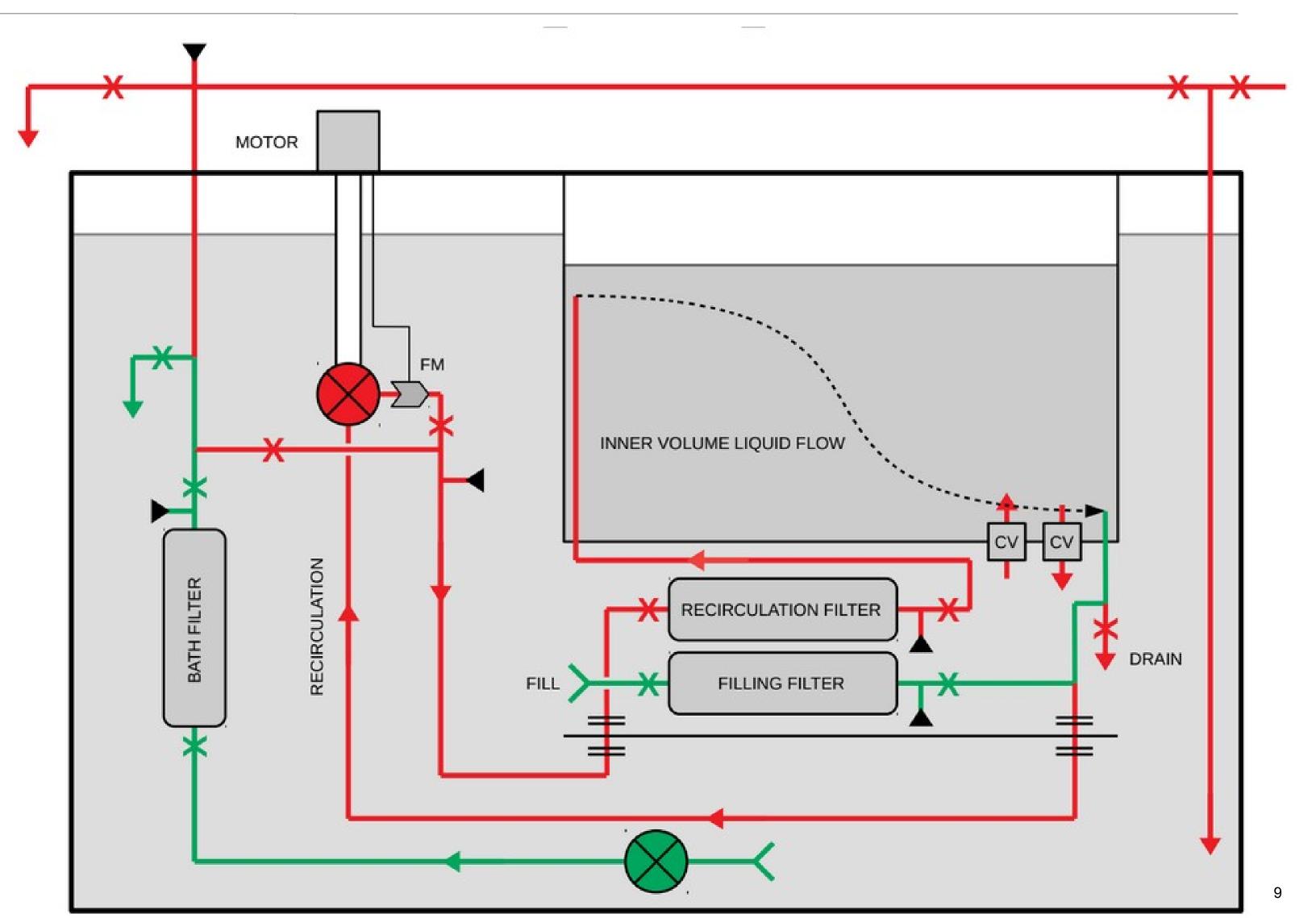
- Flexible steel lines below the dummy flange.
- Module recirculation with external (to module) pump
- Bath filtration, and module filling from bath system.



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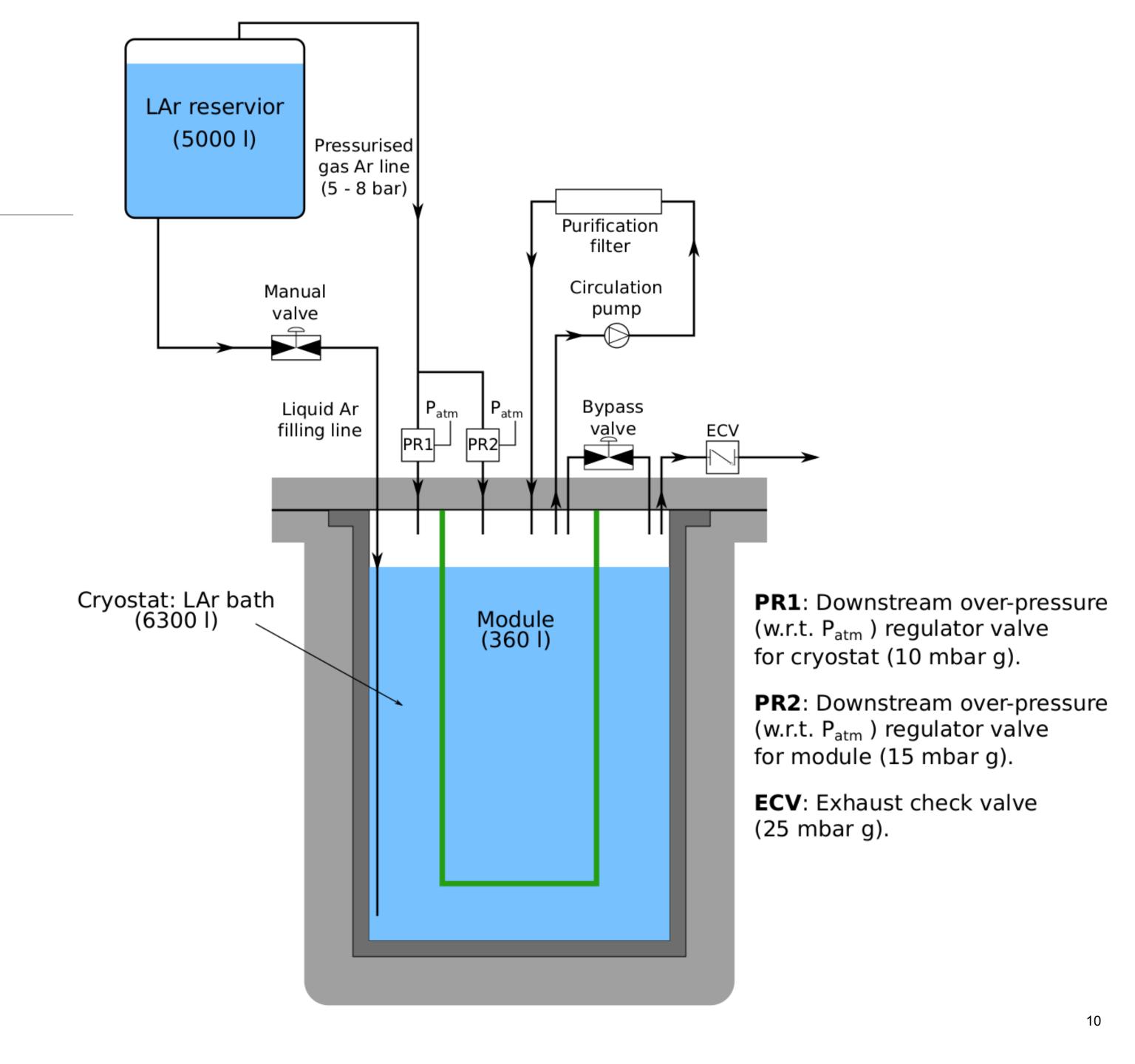
- -- The bath is continually purified.
- -- module is filled via a filter at the base.



Pressure Control

Module Liquid level can be maintained by monitoring level in the volume above TPC, and filling from bath purification system.

To cope with dynamic pressure changes, it is preferred not to move liquid directly between the bath and module. Instead, the pressure should be maintained using the gas phase.



Cryogenic Control Valves

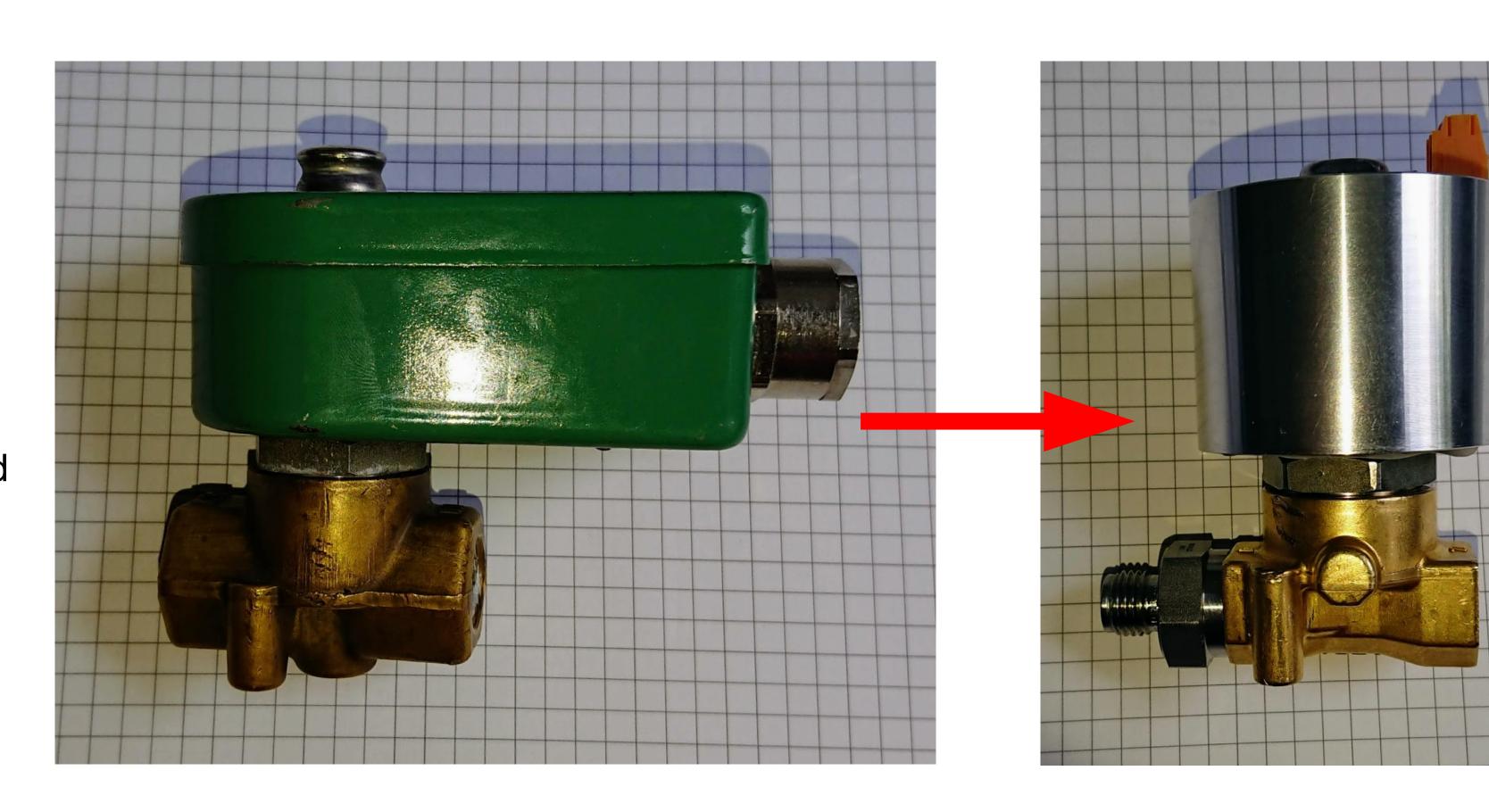
Cryogenic solenoid valves would mitigate the need for check valves.

Modify the actuator of existing valves (NOT THE VALVE MECHANISM), to create a bistable cryogenic valve. Using a permanent magnet and solenoid.

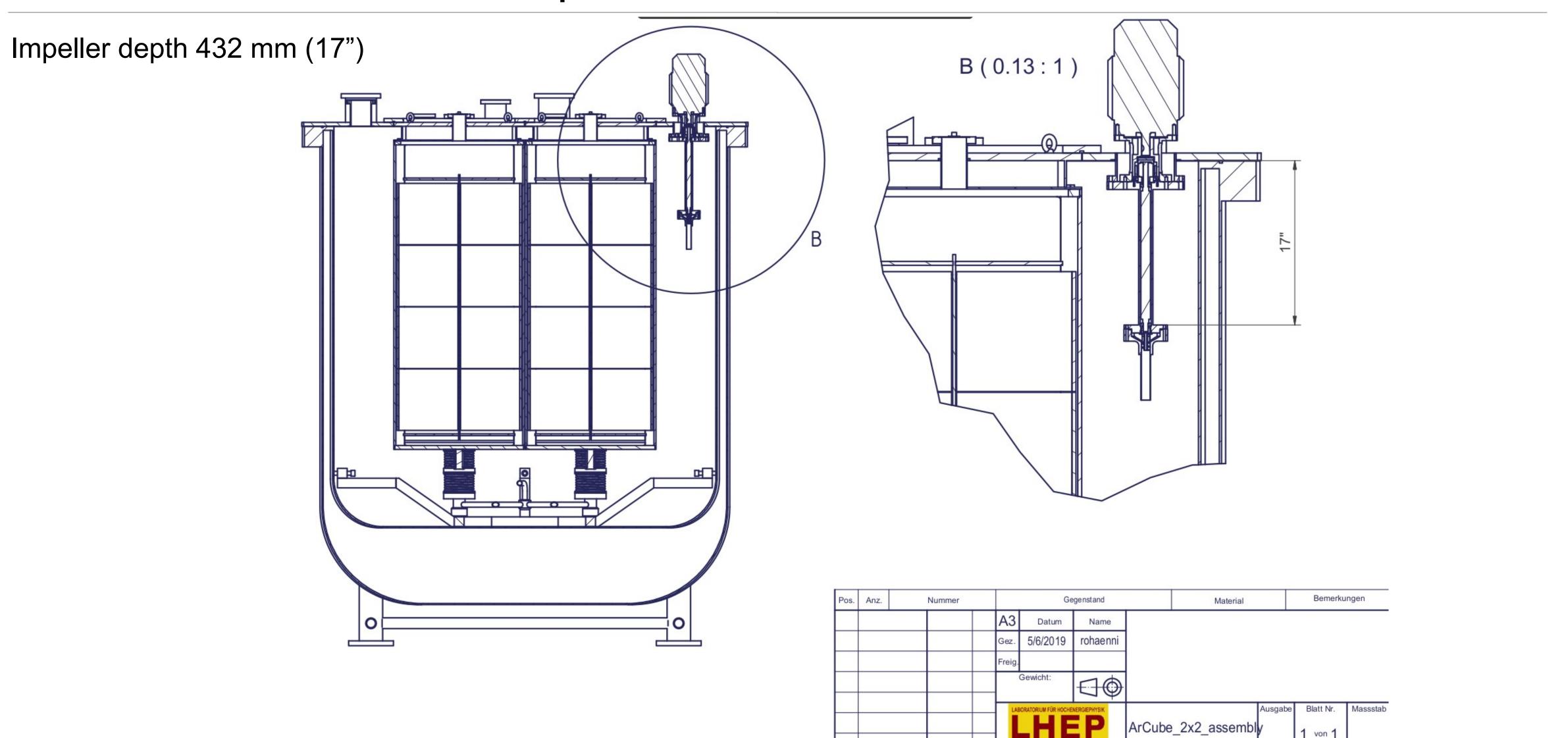
Prototype has been shown good for 150k cycles in LN2.

12 valves produced. Capacity 10 in PLC, limited by I/O.

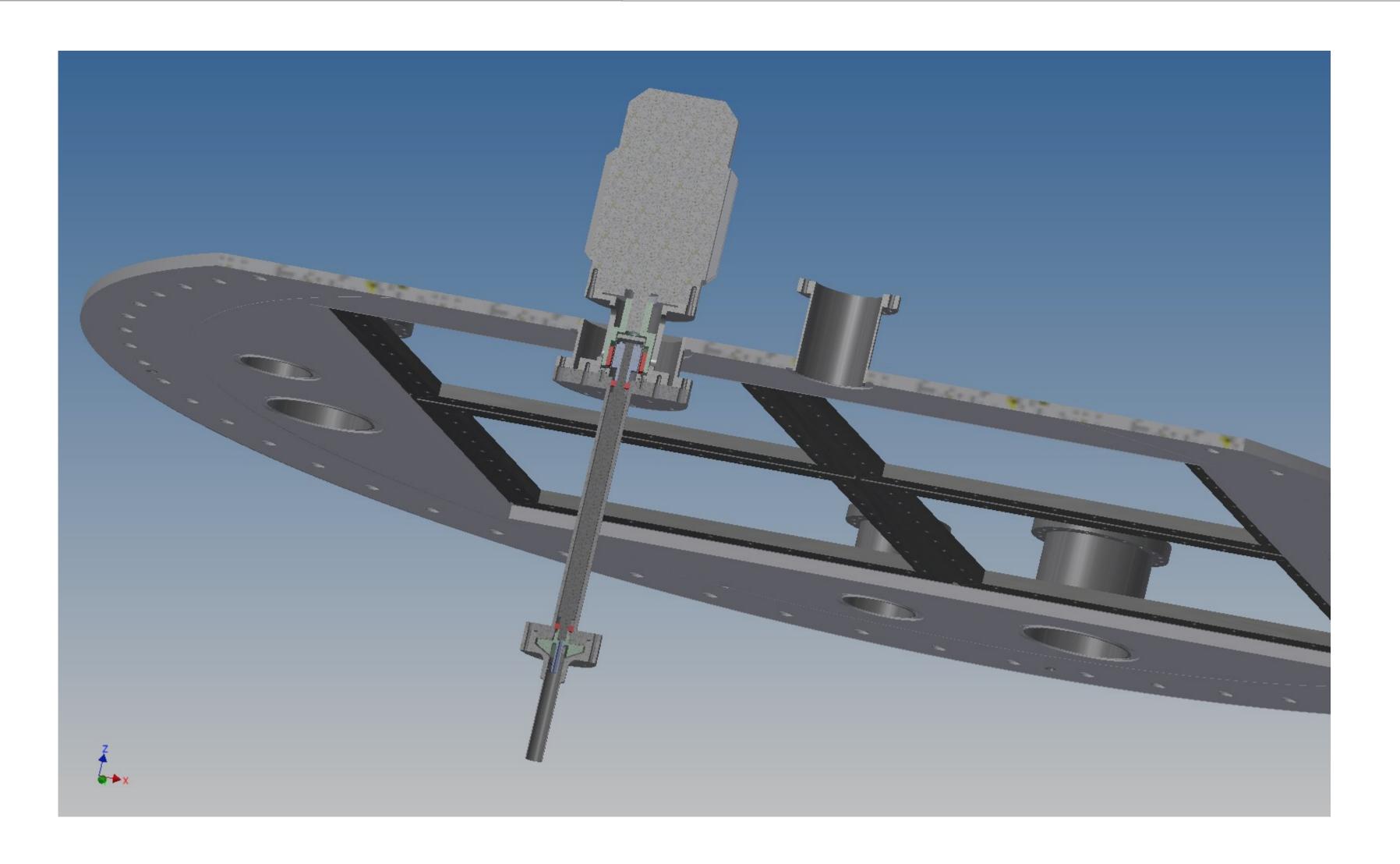
Currently, working on control modules for each valve. (Thanks to Trevor for advice on PCB design).



Module Recirculation Pump



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