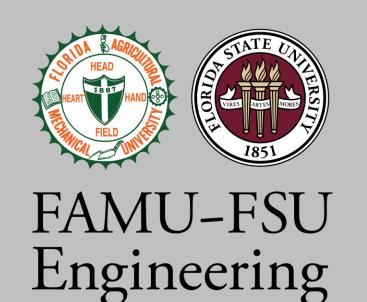
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T501: Powder Recovery for Metal Additive Manufacturing

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Project Background

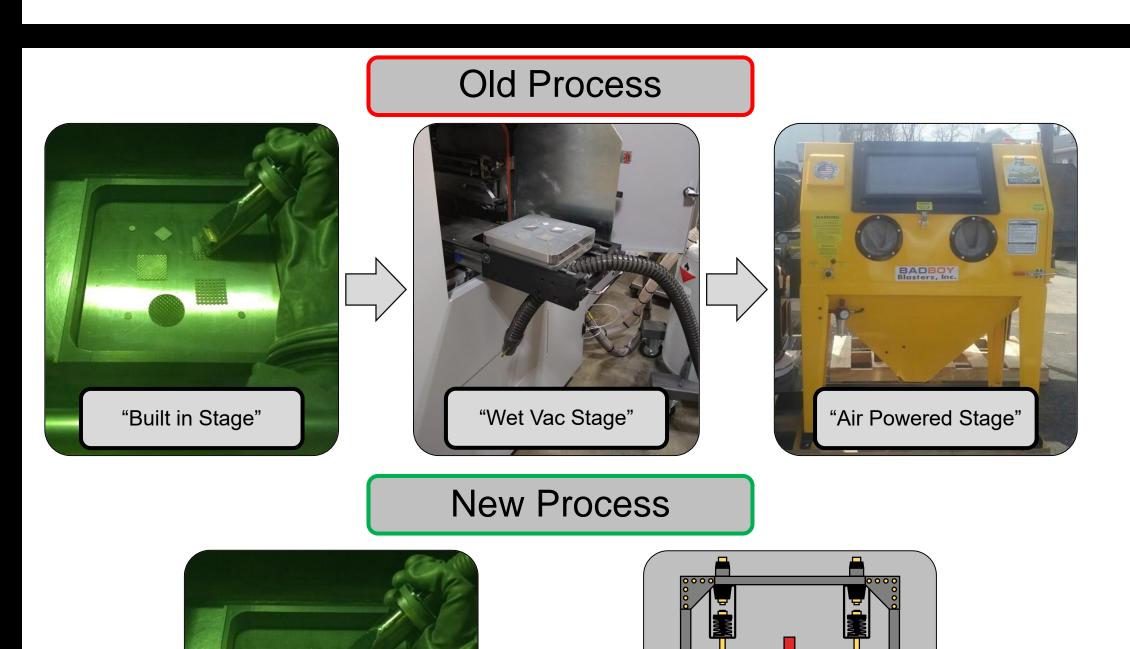
AFRL uses a process known as "Laser Powder Bed Fusion (LPBF)", which distributes metal powder in an even layer over a build plate, and then a laser traces a path in the powder to fuse the material together. The process continues, layer by layer, building up a full printed part. This process results in a large amount of unfused powder.

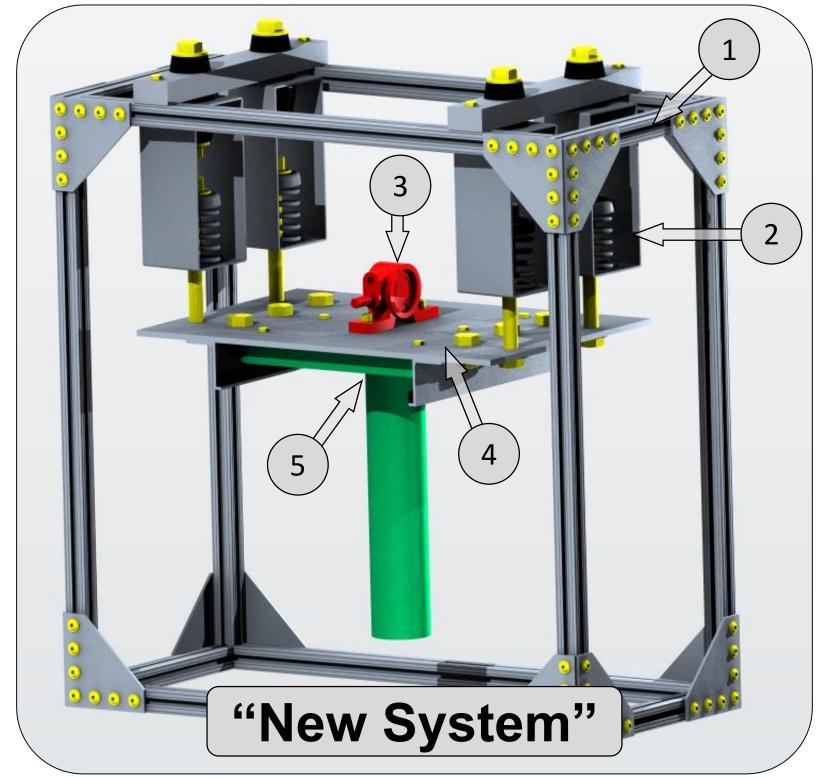
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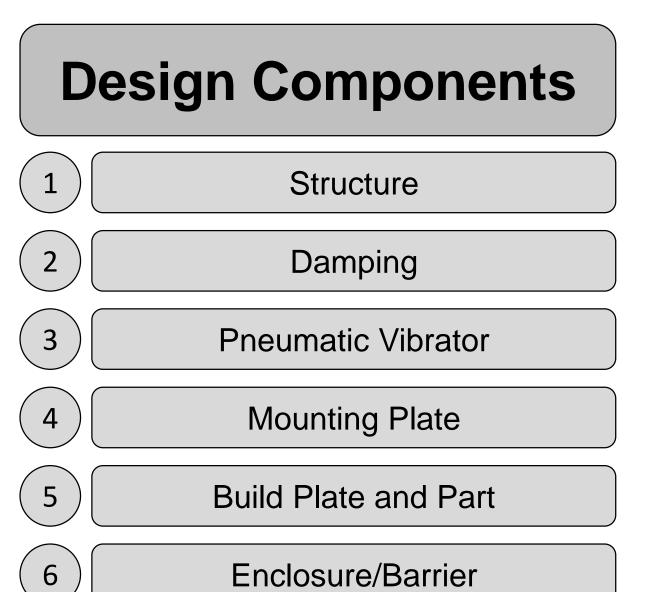
The objective of this project is to design a device which increases the amount of recovered steel powder in a metal additive manufacturing process. This device should be compatible with existing hardware and processes while ensuring the safety of the operators.

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Enclosure

Design



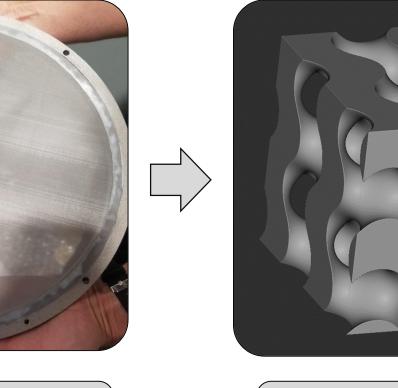
Test Procedure

"New System"



Flour: 25 – 400 μm 75 μm Mesh

"Built in Stage"



Test Parts Scaled 4x

Printed Test Parts

