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Powder Removal in Microgravity Environments (PRIME)

Team 518

Virtual Design Review 2

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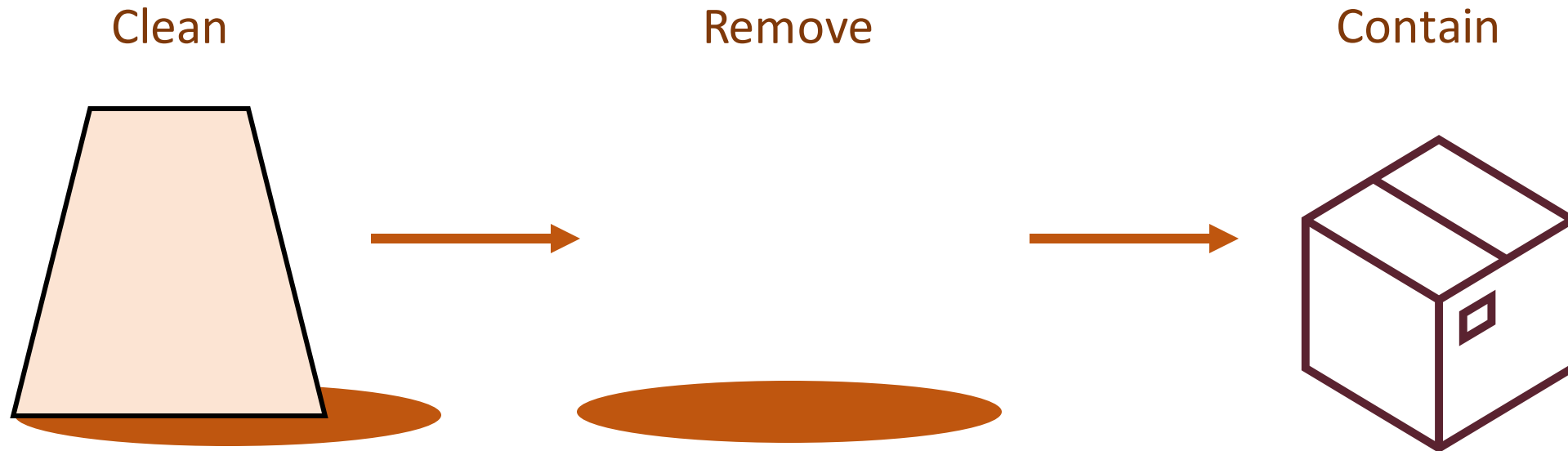
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Objective

The objective of this project is to develop a proof of concept for removing powder residue from additive manufactured parts in microgravity environments.

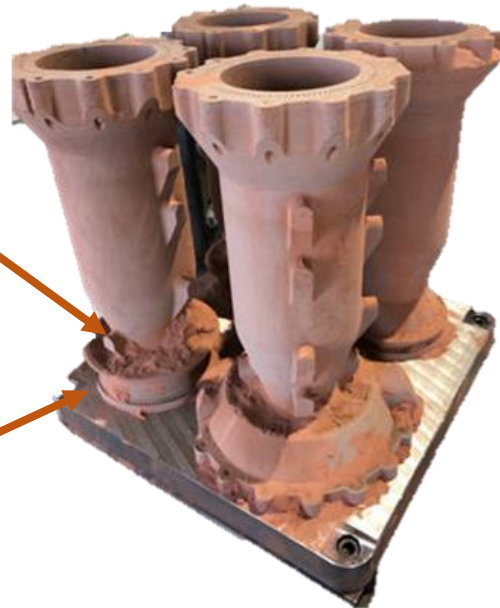


Project Background

**Additive Manufacturing offers:
Rapid Prototyping
Reduced Production Time**

Trapped powder
inside parts

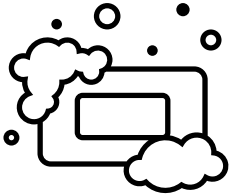
Hazardous
particles in
microgravity



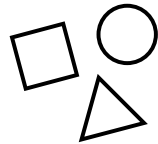
**Goal: Portable
cleaning
device to
bring to ISS**



Key Goals



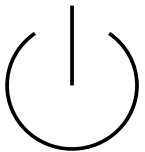
**Clean Internal
Features**



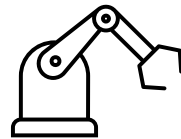
**Clean Multiple
Parts**



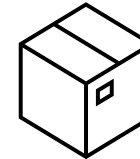
**Functions
in Microgravity**



**Automatic
Operation**



**Physical
Prototype**



**Contain Dirty
Solvent**



Assumptions



No supports



120V, 15A outlet



$P = 1 \text{ atm}$



Functional Decomposition

Cleaning

Containment/Safety



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Targets and Metrics



Cleaning



Containment/Safety



Targets and Metrics

Design will be able to
clean 85-90% of debris

Cleaning



Containment/Safety



Targets and Metrics

Design will be able to
clean 85-90% of debris

Cleaning

Particle are contained with
no leaks in the device

Containment/Safety



Targets and Metrics

Measuring Safety of Device

Contain Debris

Prevent Leaks

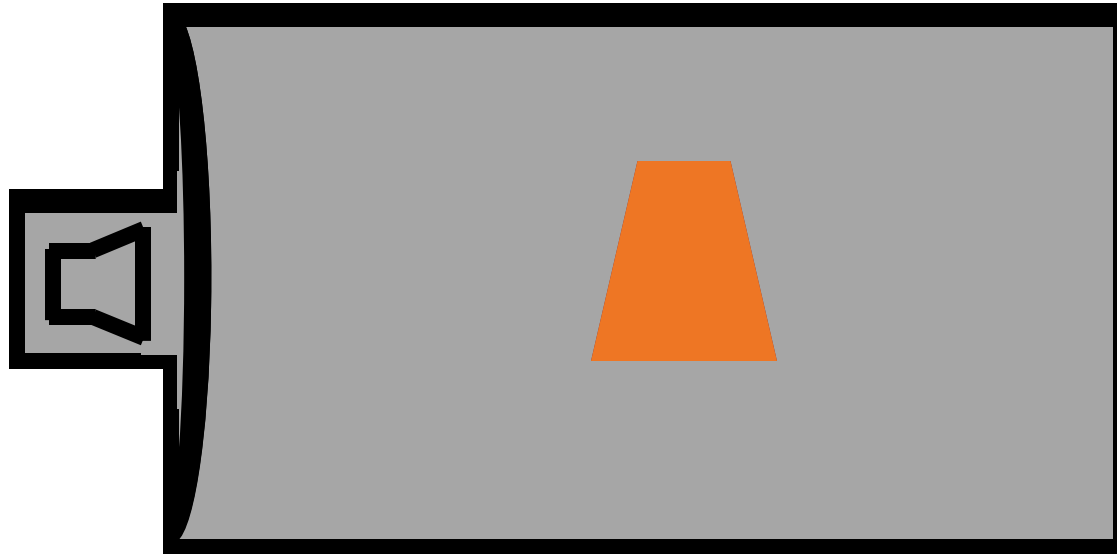
Structurally Sound



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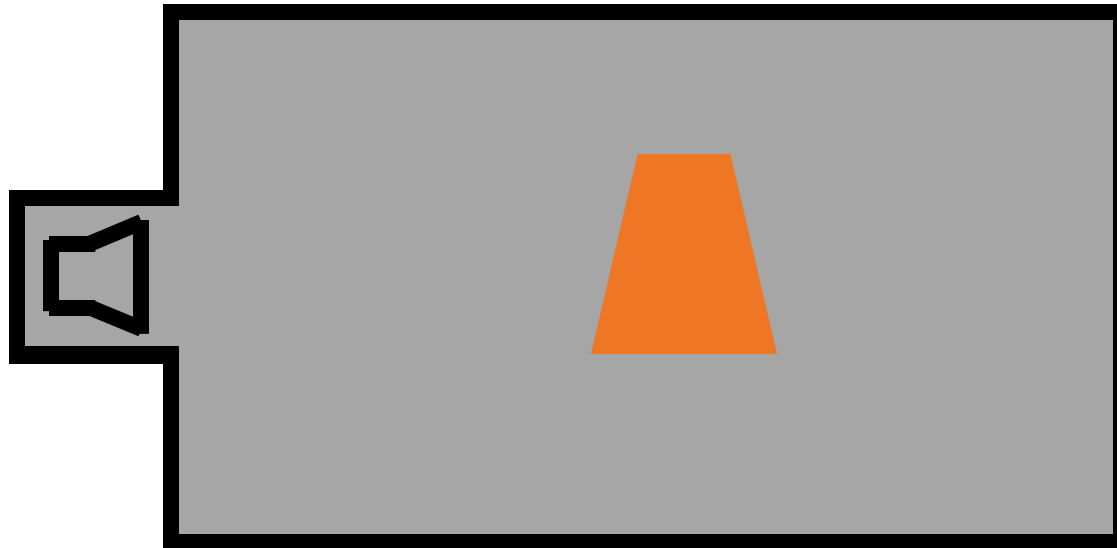
Targets and Metrics

Measuring Debris Collected



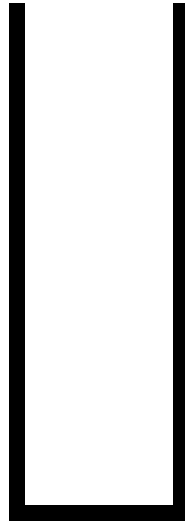
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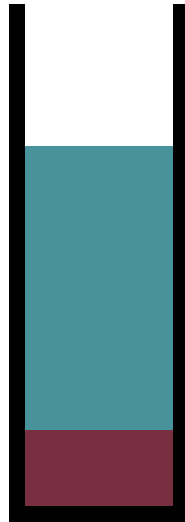
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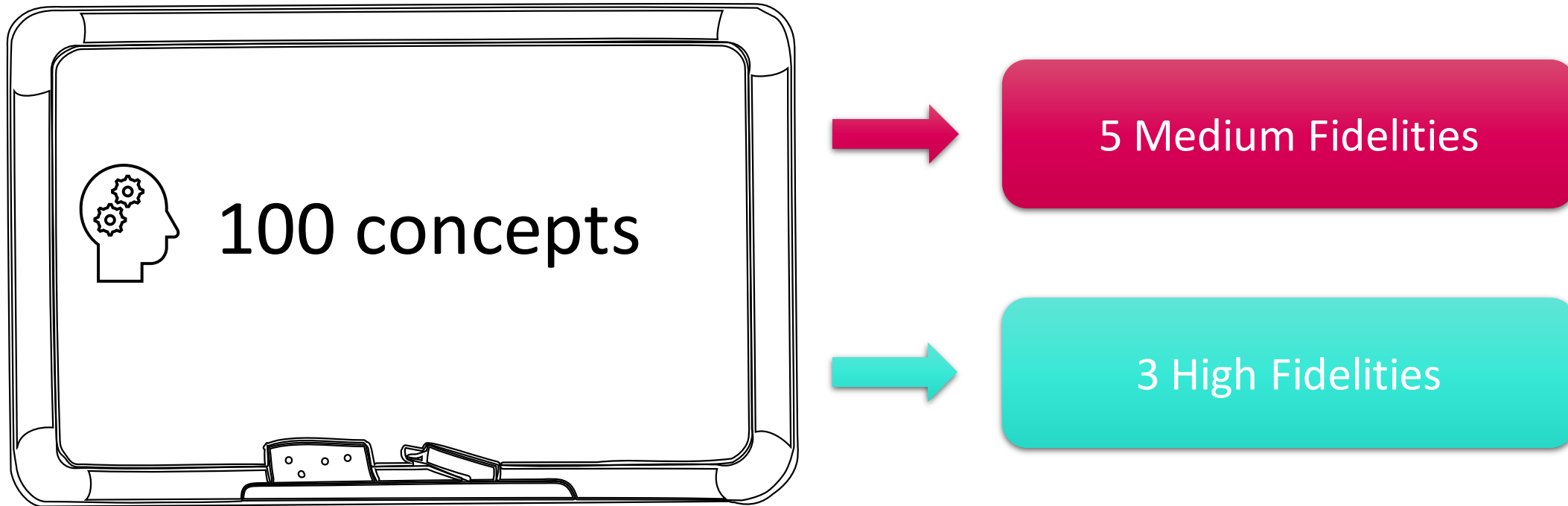


Targets and Metrics

Measuring Debris Collected



Concept Generation



Generation Methods

Biomimicry

- Snake Like Device
- Elephant Trunk Jetting

Forced Analogy

- Car Wash
- Dishwasher

Anti- problem

- Powder Coat
- Sonic Wave

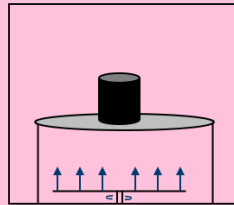
Battle of Perspectives

- Momentum Shaker
- Spinning Disk

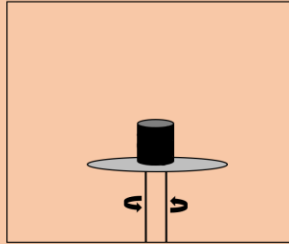


Medium Fidelity Concepts

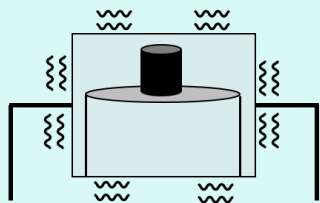
Dishwasher



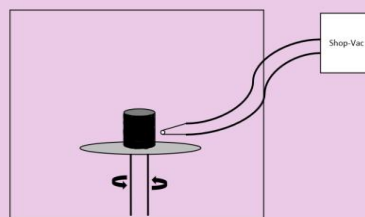
Spinning Plate



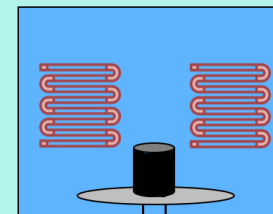
Momentum Shaker

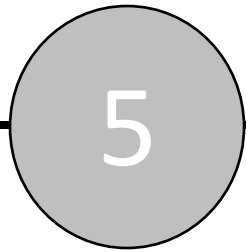
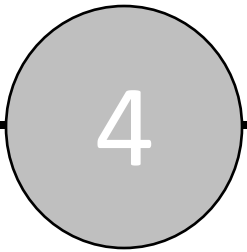
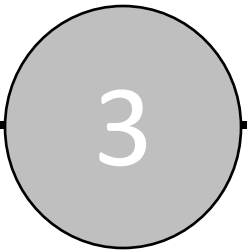
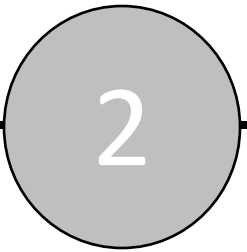
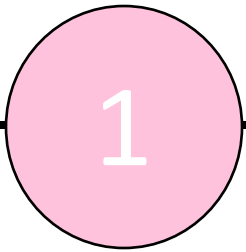


Shop-Vac

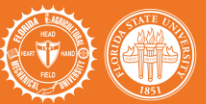
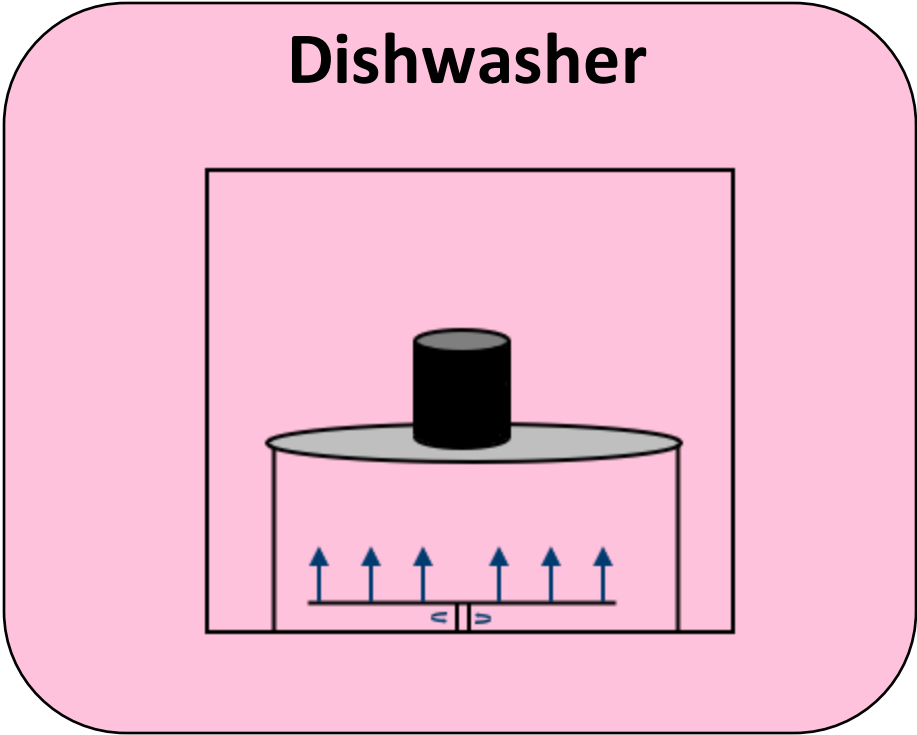


Boiling Water





- Spray water through grooves under the plate
- Cycle the water around



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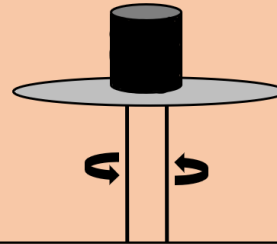
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Spinning Plate

- Spin the plate through a fast-rotating pole
- Particles are thrown outward away from the part



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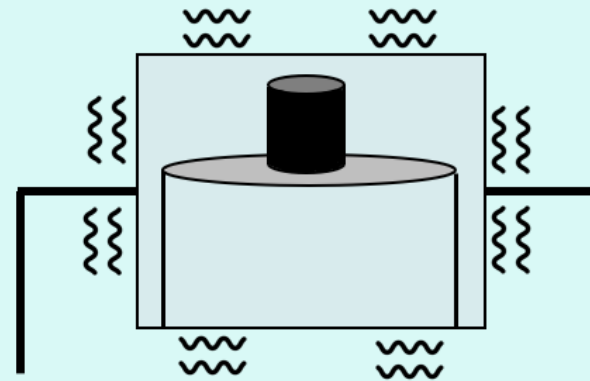
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- Shake the part in a confined space
- Particles are detached and moved away from the part

Momentum Shaker



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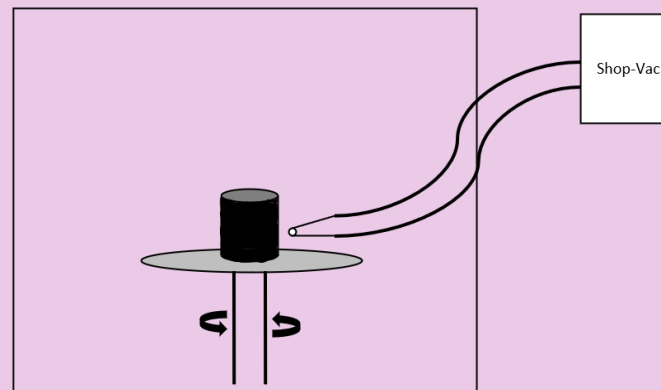
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- Use a vacuum attachment to collect dust through small grooves in the part
- Gathers powder on the outside wall and inside cavities of the part

Shop-Vac



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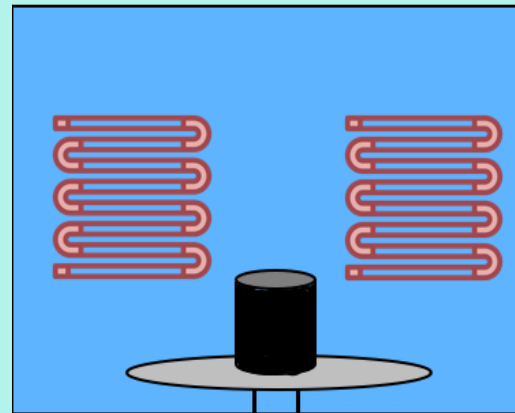
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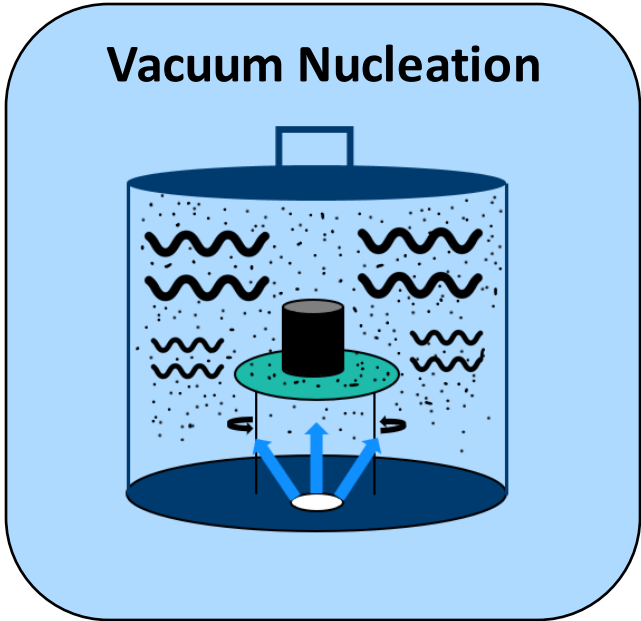
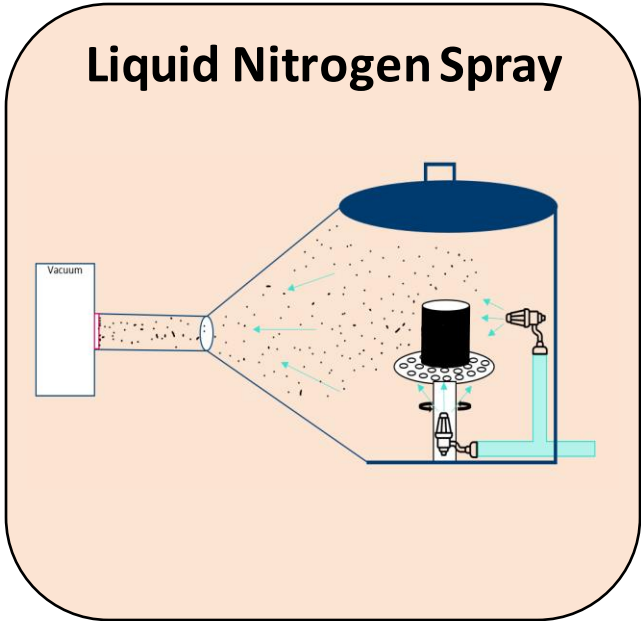
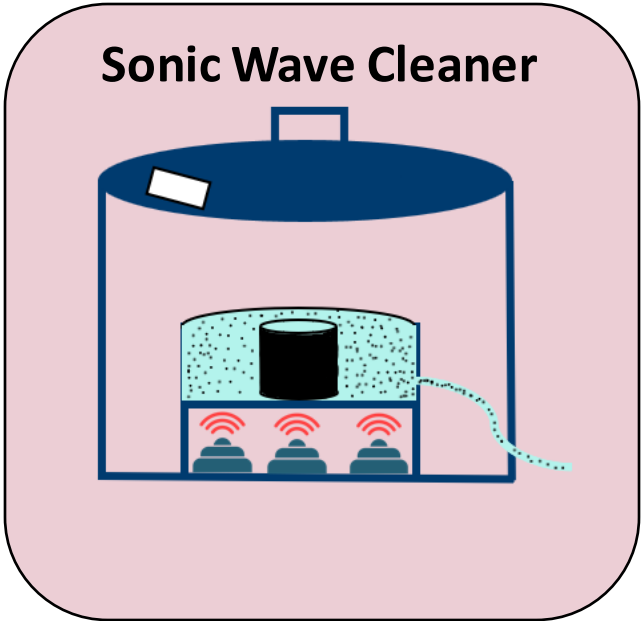
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- Use boiling water to excite powder residue out of the part
- Causing the part to expand flushing the particles out

Boiling Water

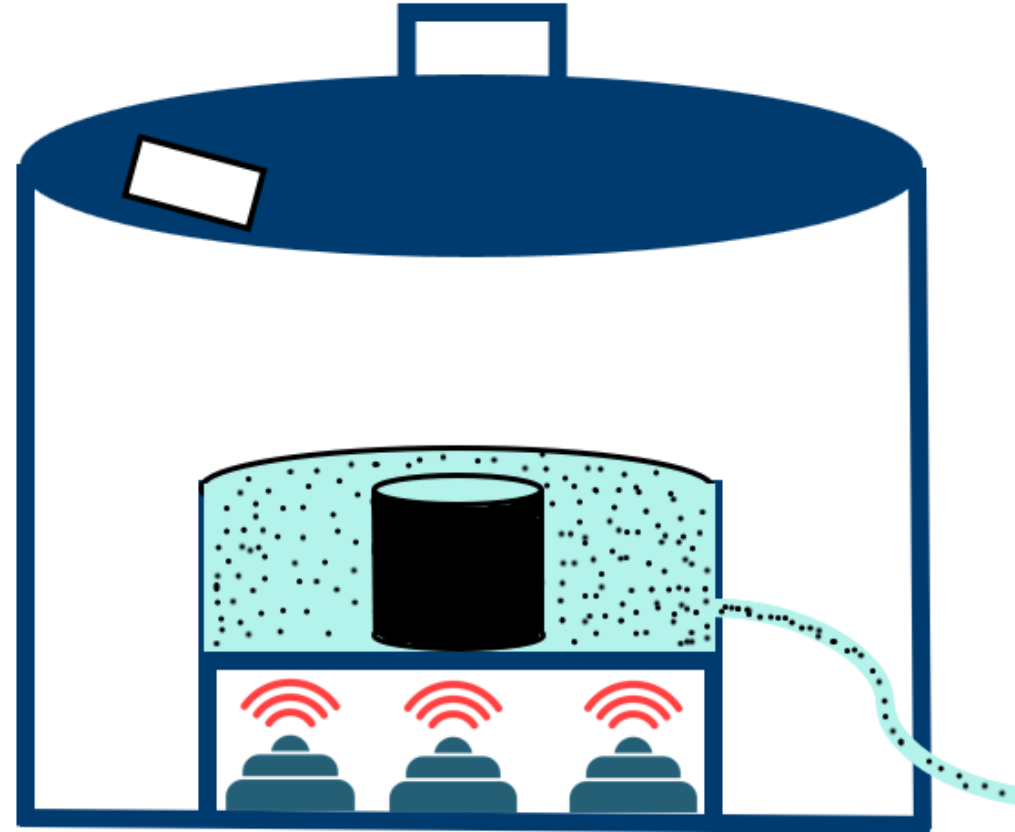


High Fidelity Concepts



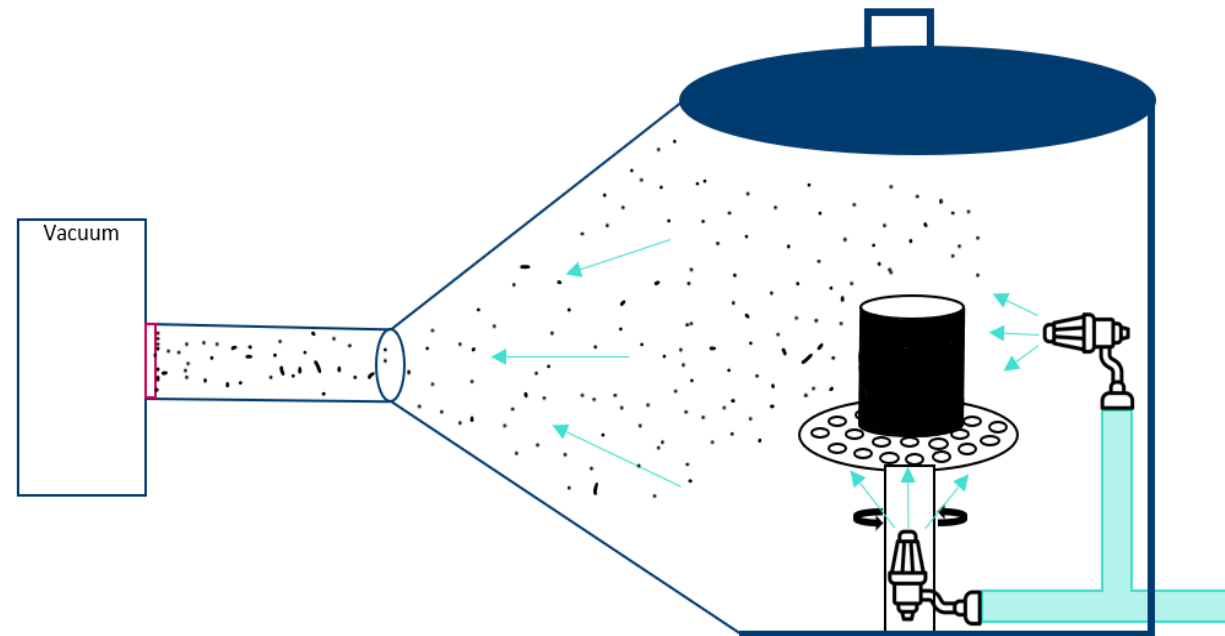
Sonic Wave Cleaner

- Sonic waves pulsed underneath fluid
- Fluid is spun creating vortices
- Fluid is drained while being spun to keep the particles away



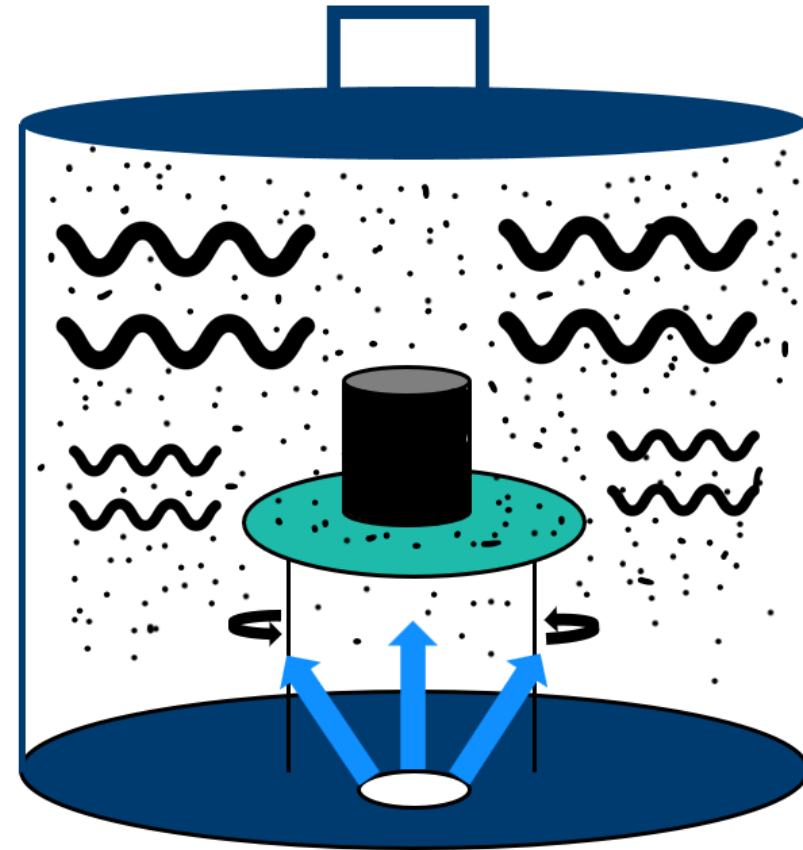
Liquid Nitrogen Spray

- Rotating Plate spins the part
- Sprayed from underneath and side
- Vacuum used to create a pressure differential



Pulsing Vacuum Nucleation

- Vacuum pulse every second
- Soapy water had been used as medium
- Fluid is drained once pulses have been completed

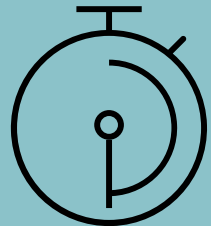


House of Quality

Total Mass



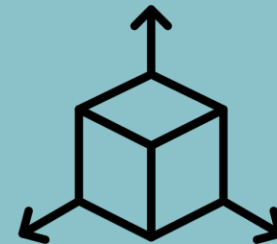
Time to Clean



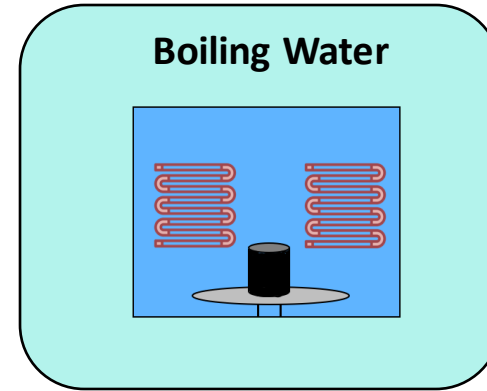
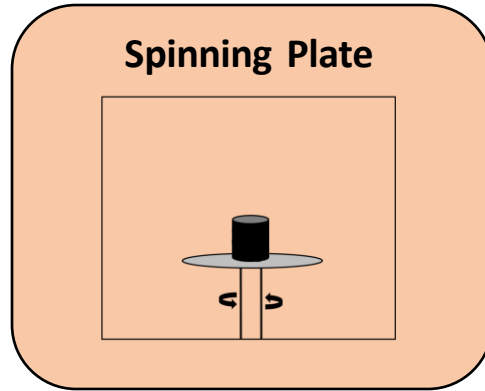
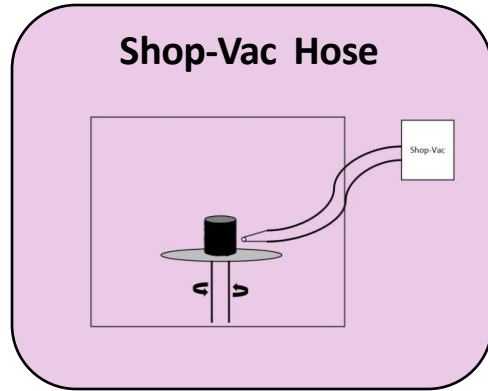
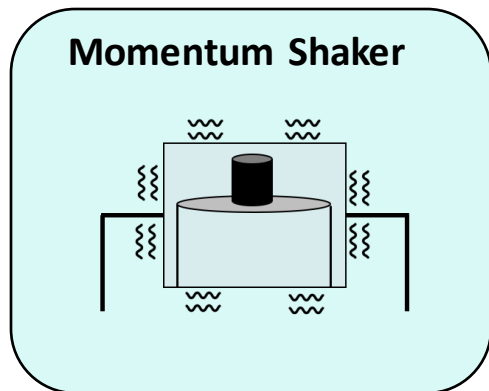
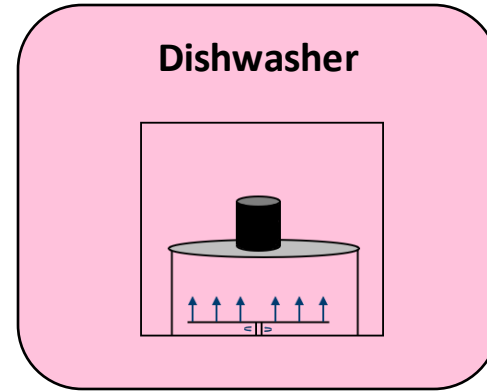
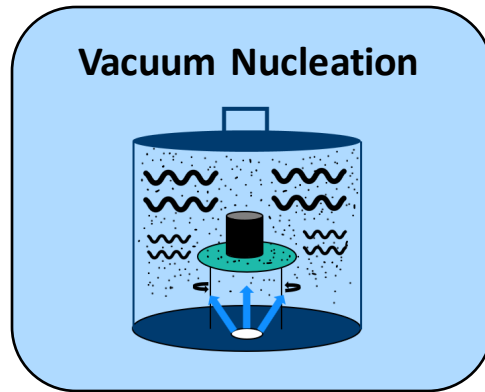
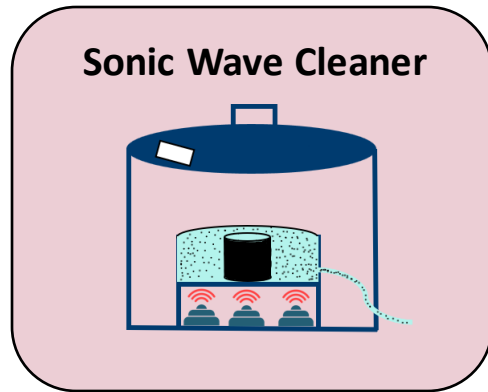
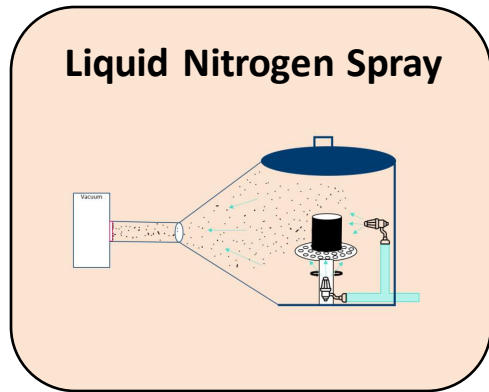
Volume
Collected

m^3

Total Area



Pugh Chart: First Iteration

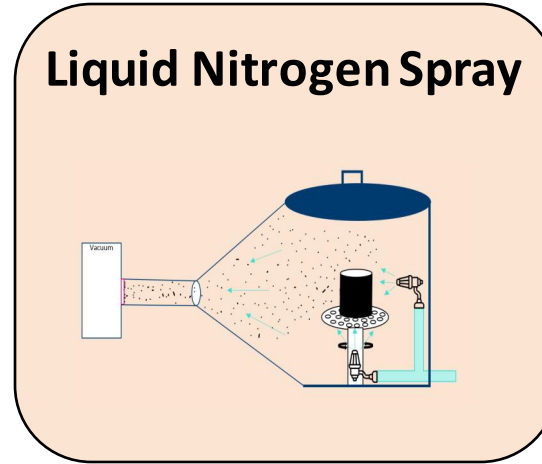


Pugh Chart: Second Iteration

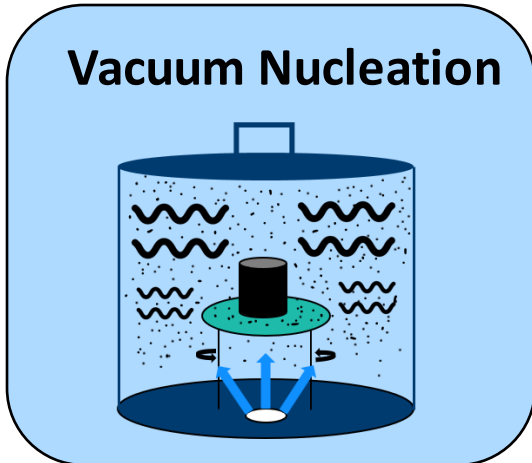
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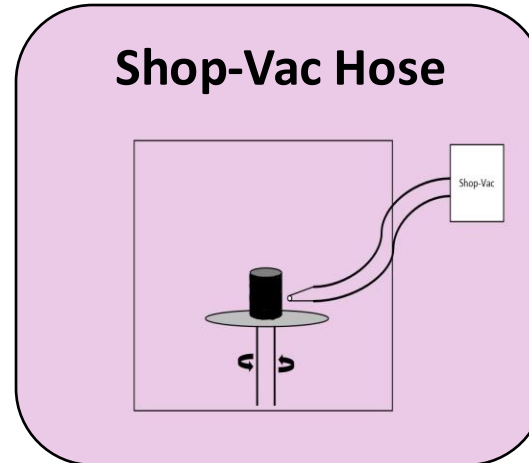
Liquid Nitrogen Spray



Vacuum Nucleation



Shop-Vac Hose



Analytical Hierarchy Process

Final Selection	
Concept	Alternative Value
Sonic Wave Vibrational Cleaning	0.533
Liquid Nitrogen Sprayer	0.333
Pulsing Vacuum Nucleation	0.134



Winner



Sonic Wave Cleaner



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Future Work

Create first prototype

Research and list materials needed

Talk about next semester plans

Iterate on prototype

Research skills needed to build device



Reference

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Questions

