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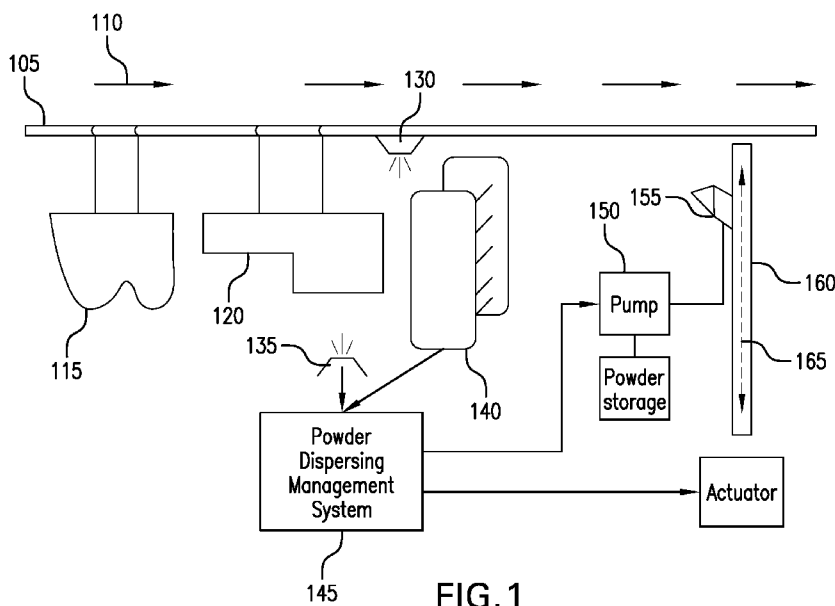


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: Apparatus and associated methods relate to dynamically generating commands to manage the flow rate of a powder as a function of time in response to arbitrarily shaped target parts (115) traveling along a conveyor (105). In an illustrative example, a controller (265) may receive shape information about each target part (115) as the part (115) travels along the conveyor (105). The controller (265) may dynamically generate commands to a pump to control the flow rate of powder to a reciprocating nozzle (255). In some embodiments, the controller (265) may generate motion trajectory commands to the reciprocating nozzle (255) to deliver a predetermined amount of powder to the target part (115) as the target part (115) travels along the conveyor (105).





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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claims Nos.: 11-20
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
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3. Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

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2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fees, this Authority did not invite payment of additional fees.

3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

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- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest but the applicable protest fee was not paid within the time limit specified in the invitation.
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Claims Nos.: 11-20

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