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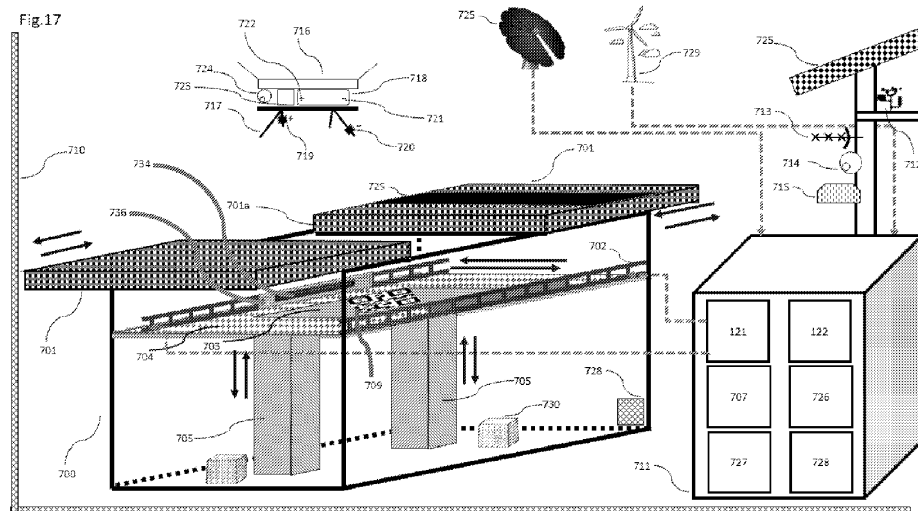
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(57) Abstract: An unmanned vehicle module (700) with a landing platform (703) and deployment system with improved charging capability is provided. The unmanned vehicle module includes a landing and deployment area for receiving or deploying an unmanned vehicle (716). The landing area includes a smart device for precision landing, alignment mechanisms for the self-alignment of the unmanned vehicle for establishing electrical contact with different charging mechanisms located on-board of the unmanned vehicle and on the landing platform of the landing platform and deployment system, an automatic charging mechanism integrated into the landing and deployment system, and the tools needed to recharge the on-board energy storage and conversion device. The unmanned vehicle module also has charging contacts (719, 720) integrated to the body of the unmanned vehicle. The unmanned vehicle module further includes an electrical energy storage and conversion device, which is coupled to its on-board charging mechanism, for connecting

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electrically with the charging plates or charging structures located on the landing platform. The unmanned vehicle module also includes an unmanned vehicle alignment mechanism (701a, 702) for moving the unmanned vehicle into the predetermined charging region to allow unmanned vehicle charging contacts to electrically connect with the respective charging plates or charging mechanisms located on the landing platform. The unmanned vehicle alignment mechanism includes a first beam, a second beam, a third beam, and a fourth beam to adjust the orientation of the landing gear to the predetermined charging region. The unmanned vehicle's landing platform and deployment system further includes motors, actuation devices, switches, processing units, communication and control modules, etc. for actuating at least one of these beams to push the unmanned vehicle into the charging region and carrying out other functionalities associated with the unmanned vehicle, landing platform and deployment system, and all other peripherals associated with both of these systems. An advanced power module with various capabilities can also be integrated with the stated landing platform and deployment system. Furthermore, the exterior look of these systems can also be designed to represent a certain theme that is relevant to the application these systems are used for.