



## Small Business Innovative Research Program (SBIR) Topic: “Self-Sustaining Intelligent Pavement Systems”



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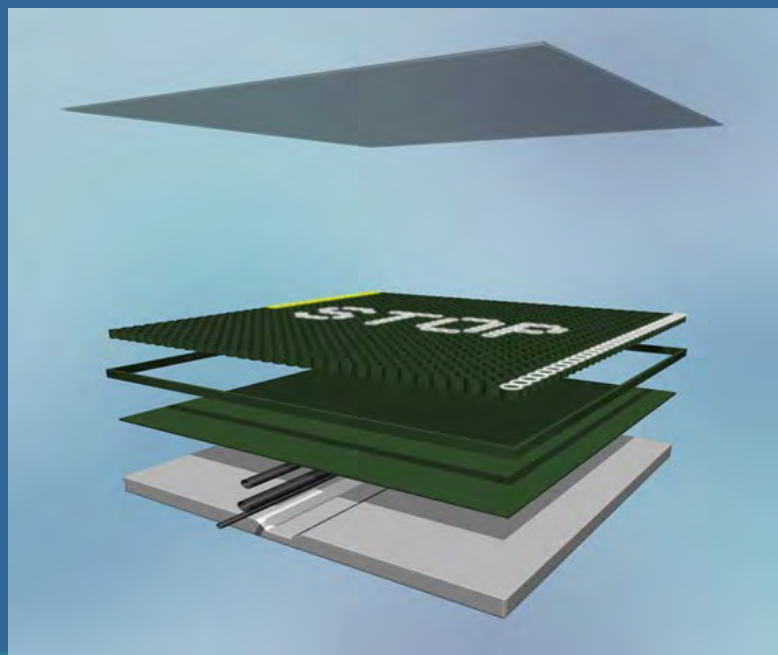
- generates its own power...
- transfers the power generated ...
- made of recycled or other sustainable materials....
- modular for ease of replacement....
- durable enough to withstand repeated loading from traffic
- meets or exceeds safety characteristics ...
- mitigates water runoff ...
- cost that allows it to be economically self-sustaining...





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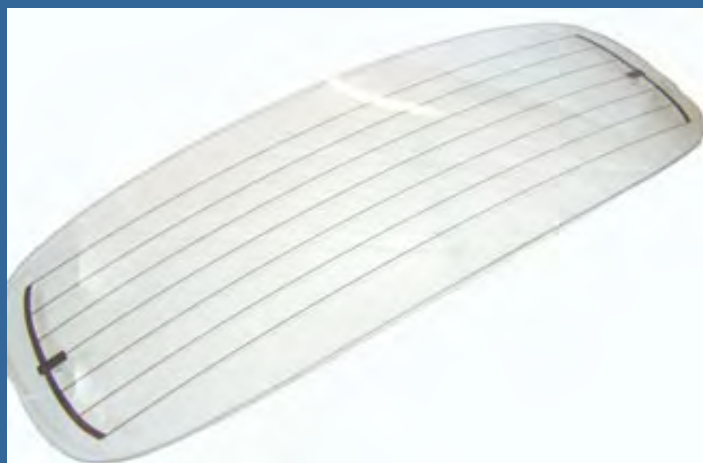
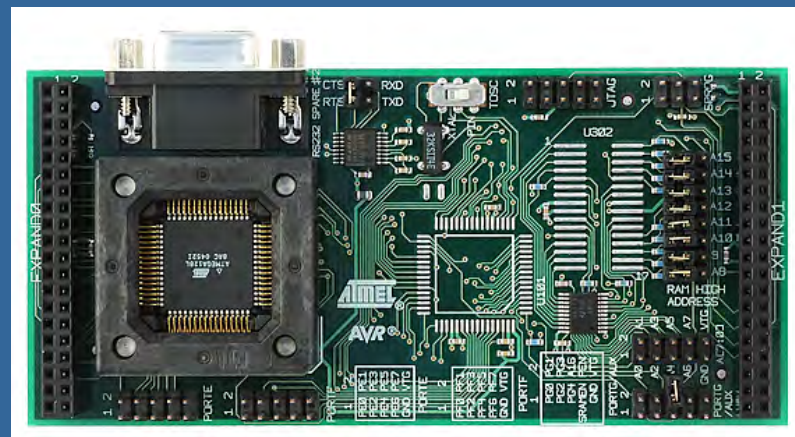
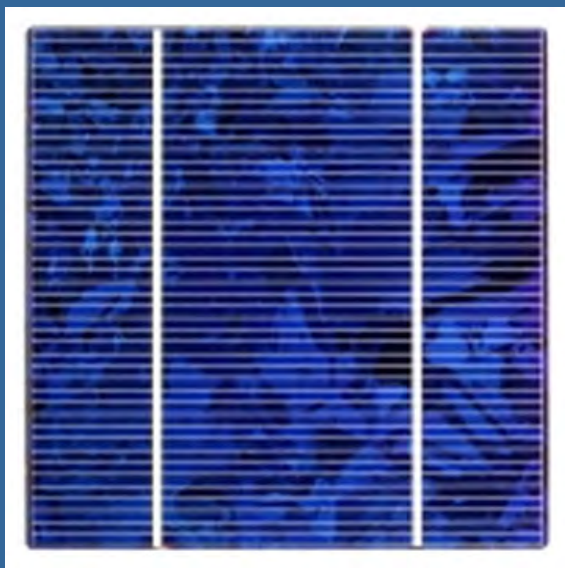
- 2 Phase I awards in 2009 at \$100k each
- 1 Phase II award to Solar Roadways in 2011 at \$750k
- Phase IIB award at \$750k for durability and viability evaluation



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## Components



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# Potential early application: Glass Sidewalks





## **Engineered, tempered, low-iron glass tests**

### **Traction testing**

British Pendulum Test

### **Load testing**

ASTM Standard C1161, 2002c (2008)e1 "Standard Test Method for Flexural Strength of Advanced Ceramics at Ambient Temperature"

### **Impact resistance testing**

Standard Test Method for Ball Drop Impact of Laminated Architectural Flat Glass", Glass Association of North America (GANA). 1.875" steel balls (0.922 pounds) dropped from 10-feet

### **Transmissivity Testing**





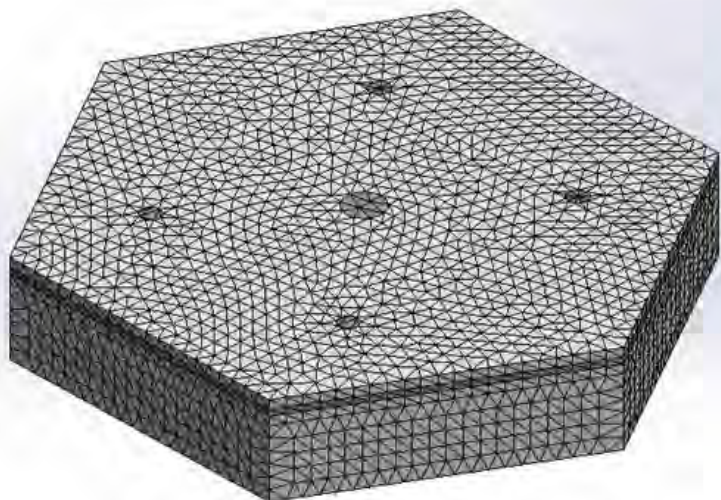
## Glass surfaces tested for transmissivity and skid



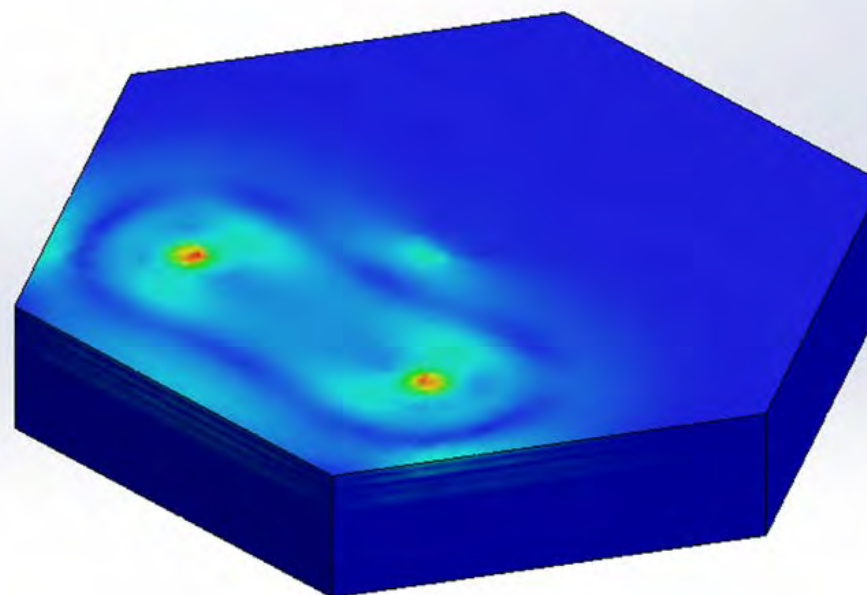




# Finite Element Analysis



Mesh



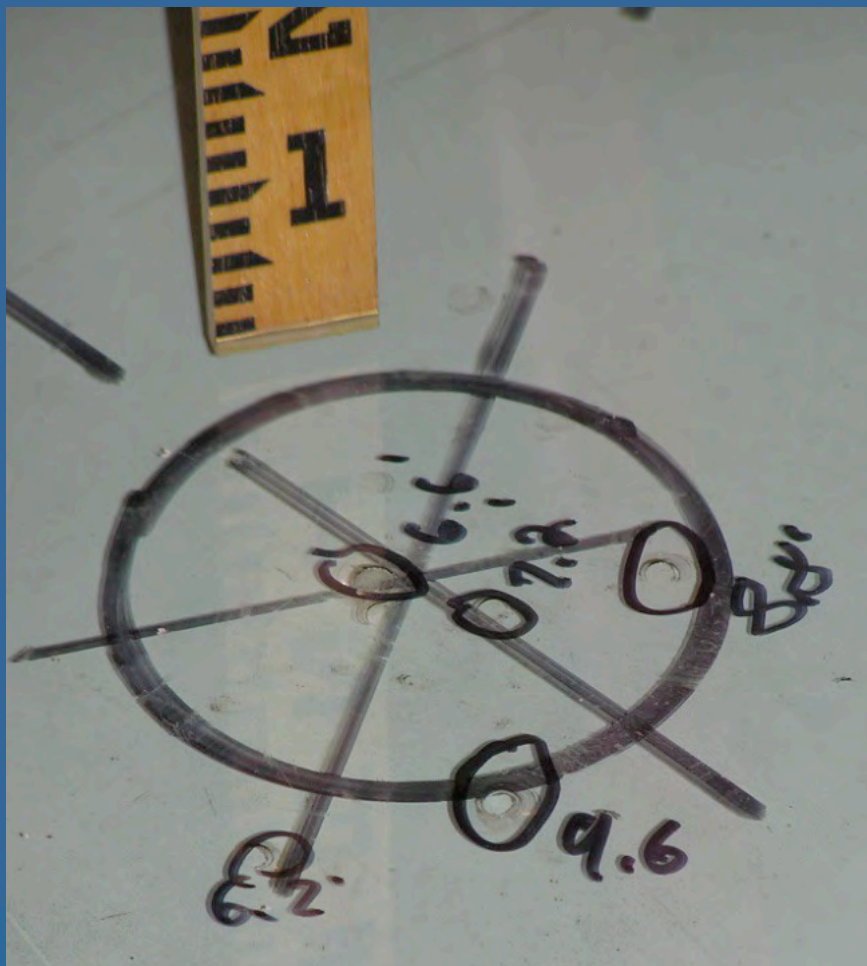
Tire Loading





## Impact Testing

Center



Edge



## Load Testing



Before



After



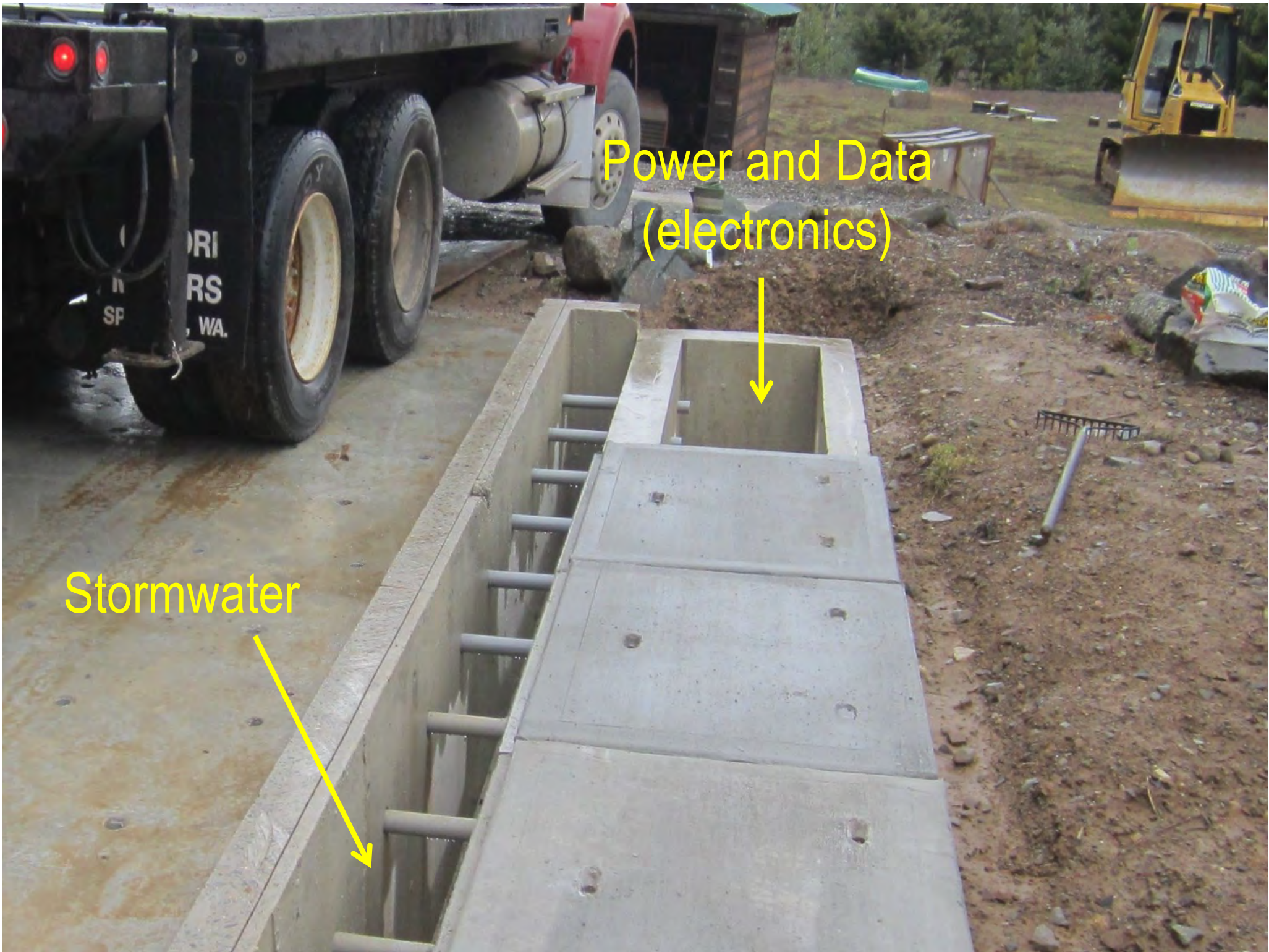


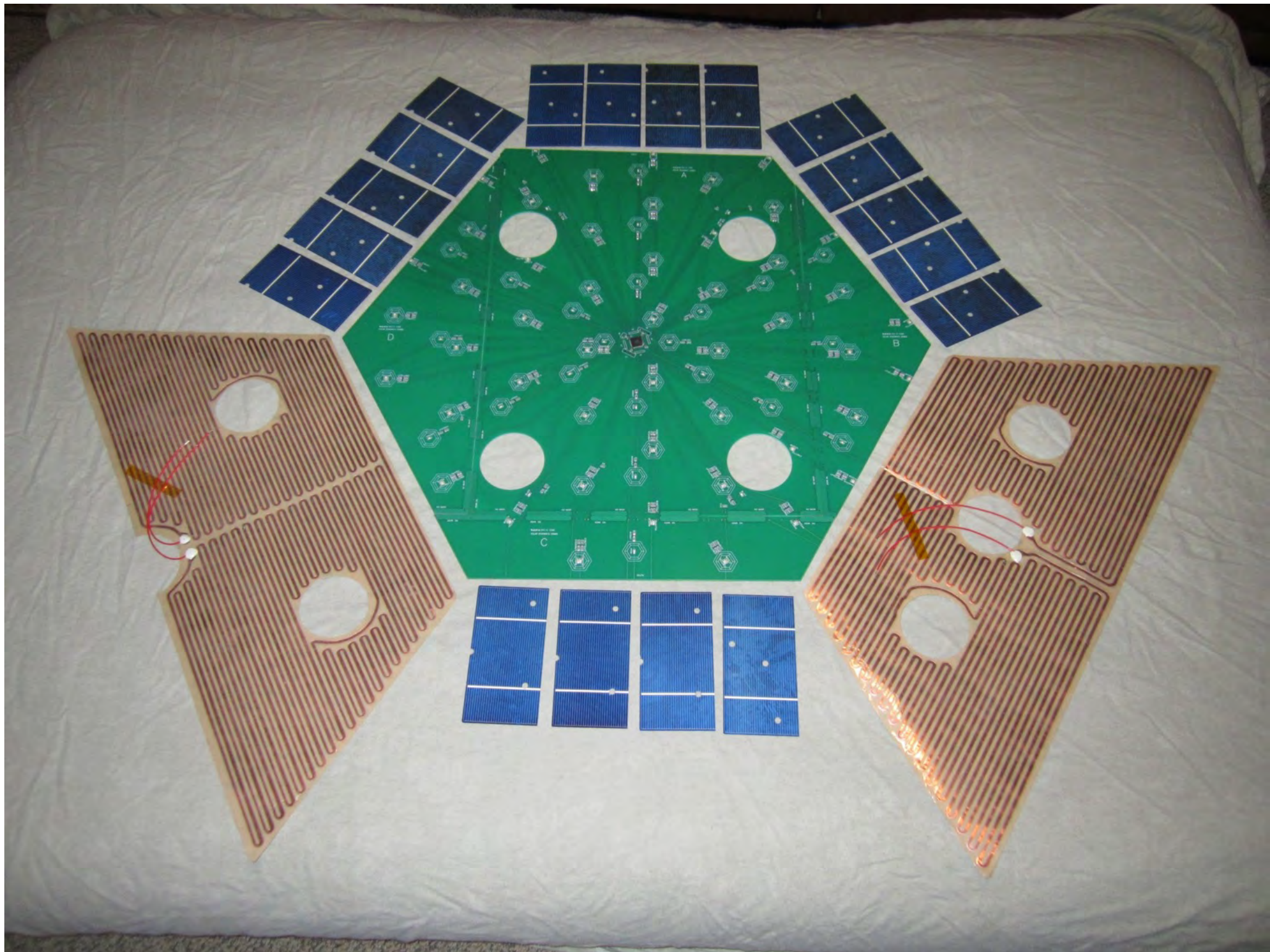


Power and Data  
(electronics)



Stormwater

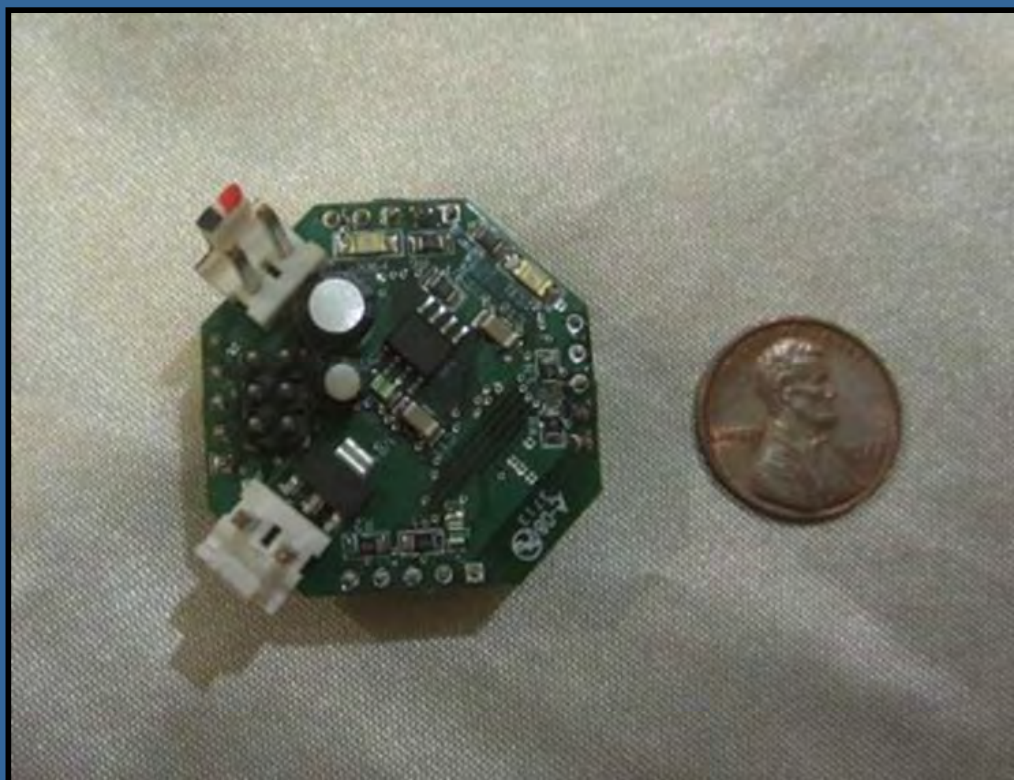






## Electronic Control and Communication

### Microprocessor



### Controller

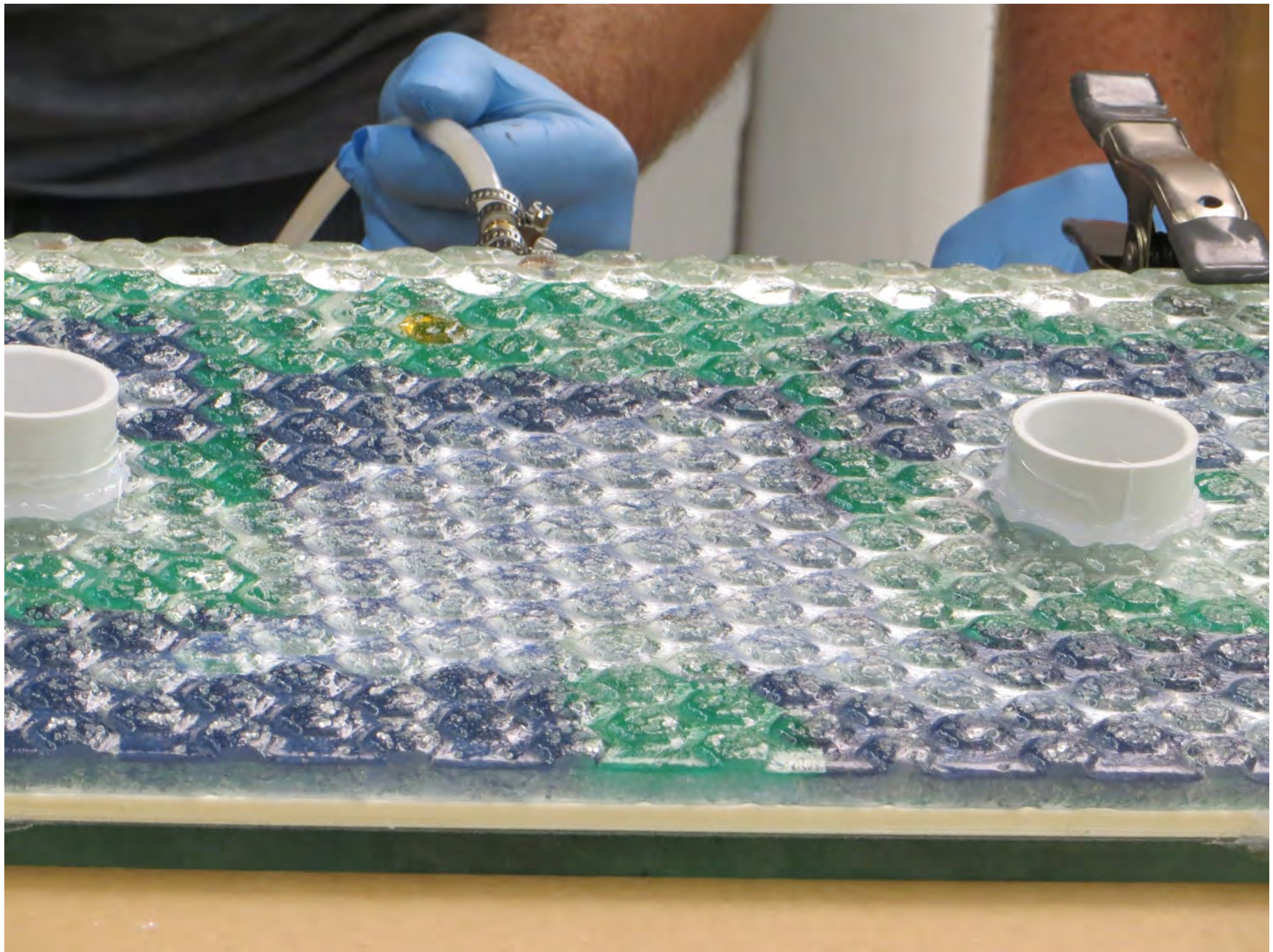
















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HEAVY

FRAGILE  
HANDLE WITH CARE

DO NOT  
ACCEPT IF  
DAMAGED

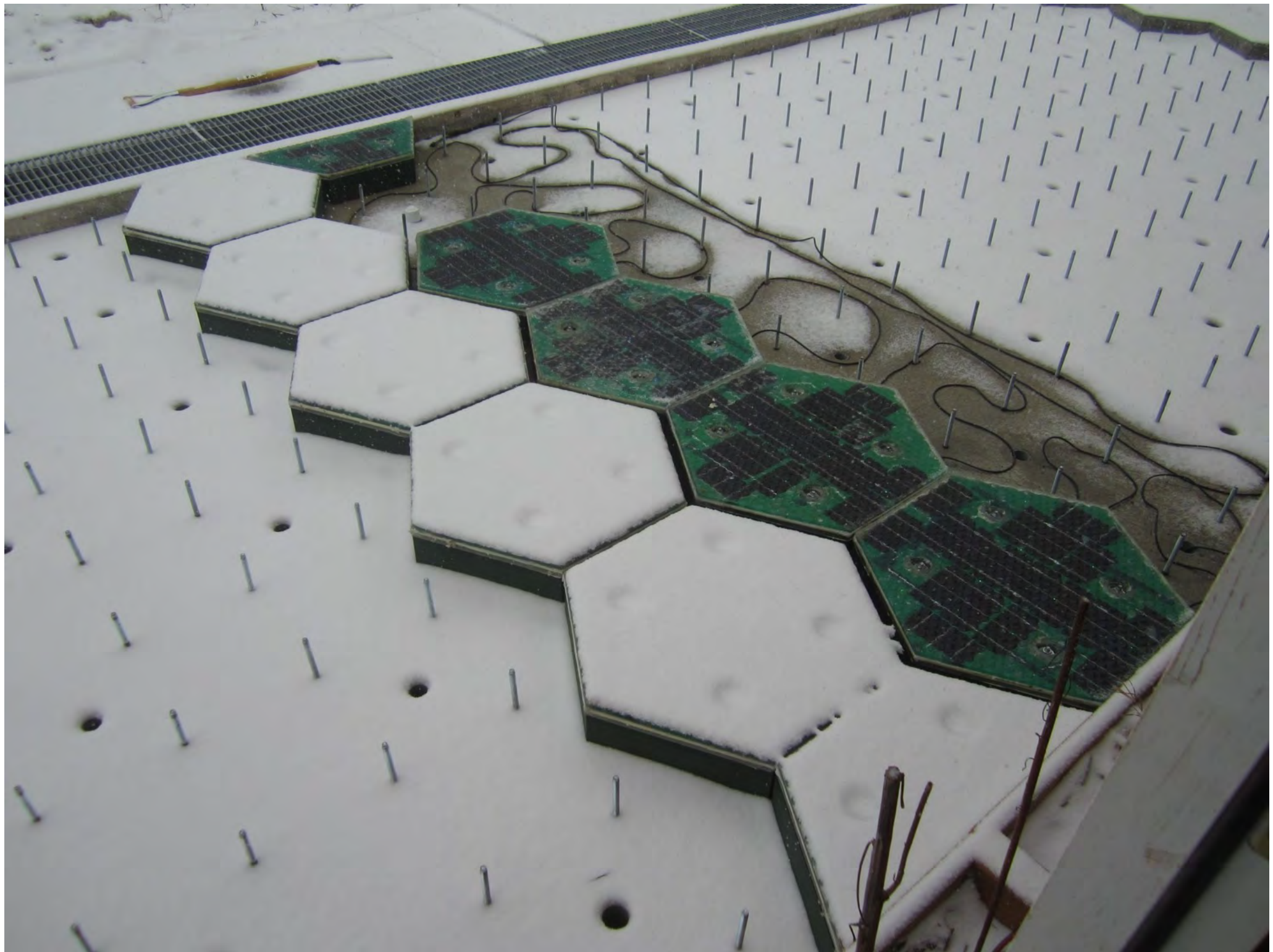
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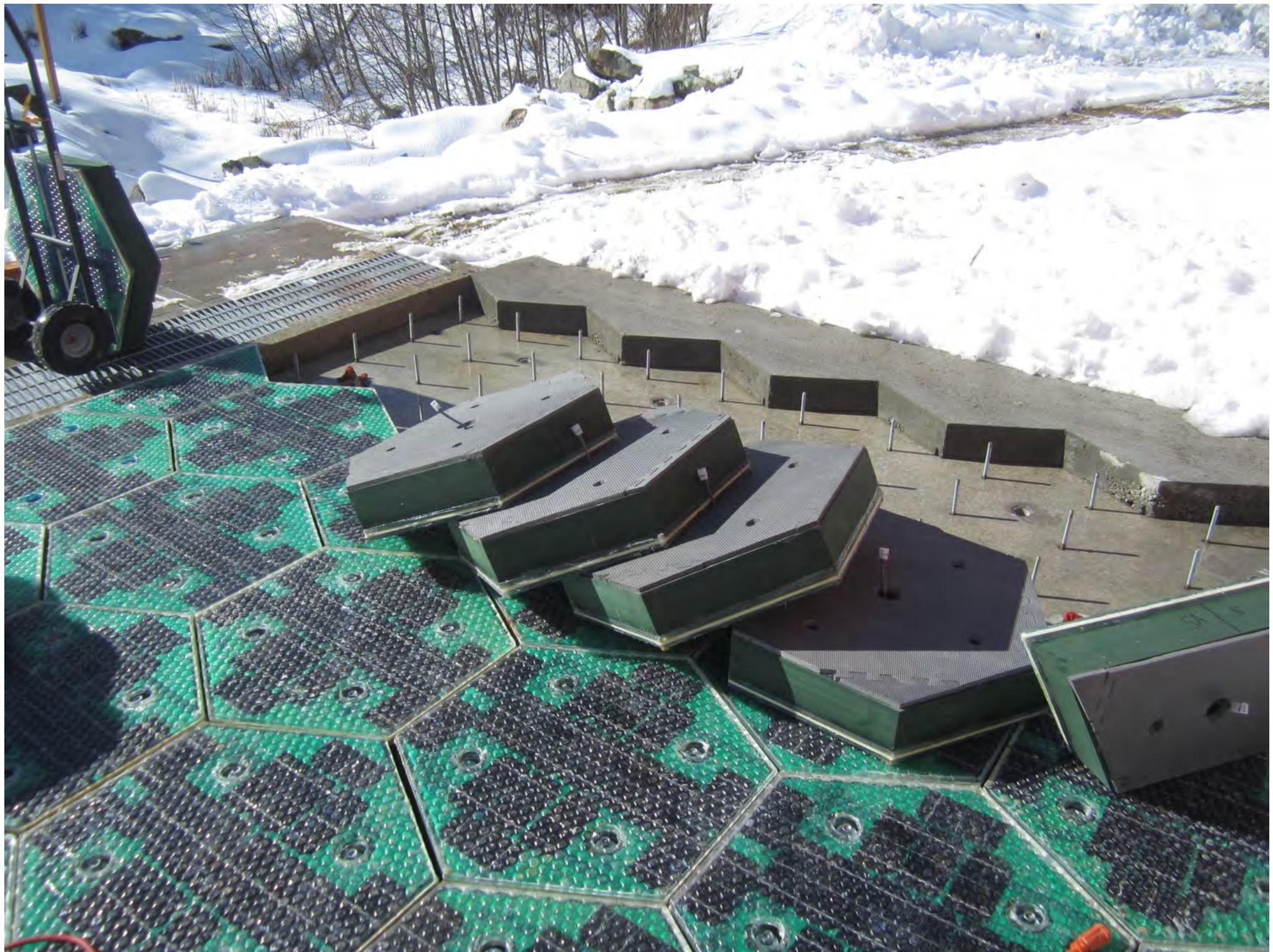












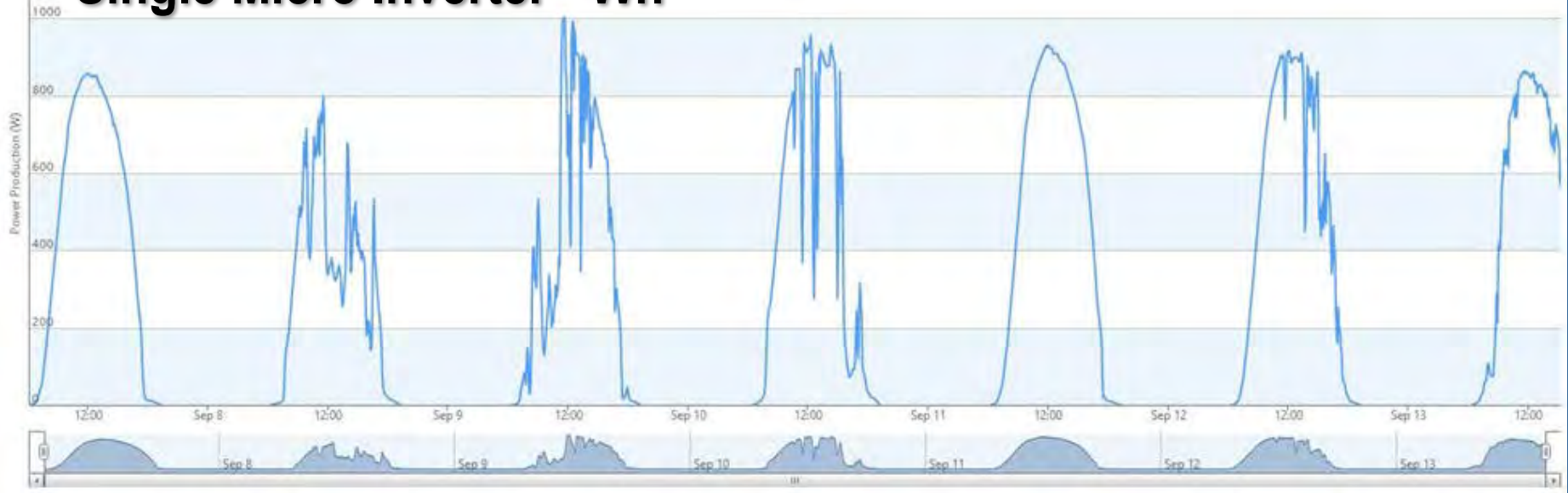




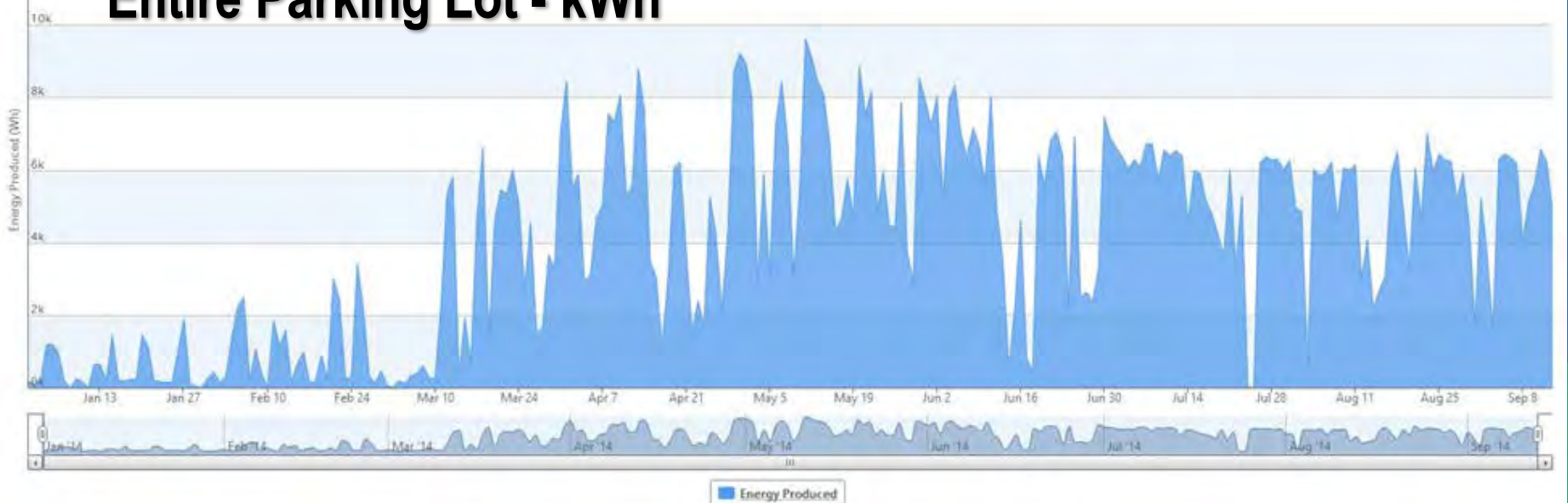
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## Single Micro Inverter - Wh



## Entire Parking Lot - kWh





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# SOLAR BREAKIN' ROADWAYS



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# Sandpoint, Idaho



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Existing concrete is cut



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Federal Highway Administration

Drain system and conduit  
added



Forms built



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Forms complete



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Concrete poured





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Dried concrete



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Mayor of Sandpoint helping install aluminum retainer rails (perimeter only).



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Leveling the sand base prior to compaction



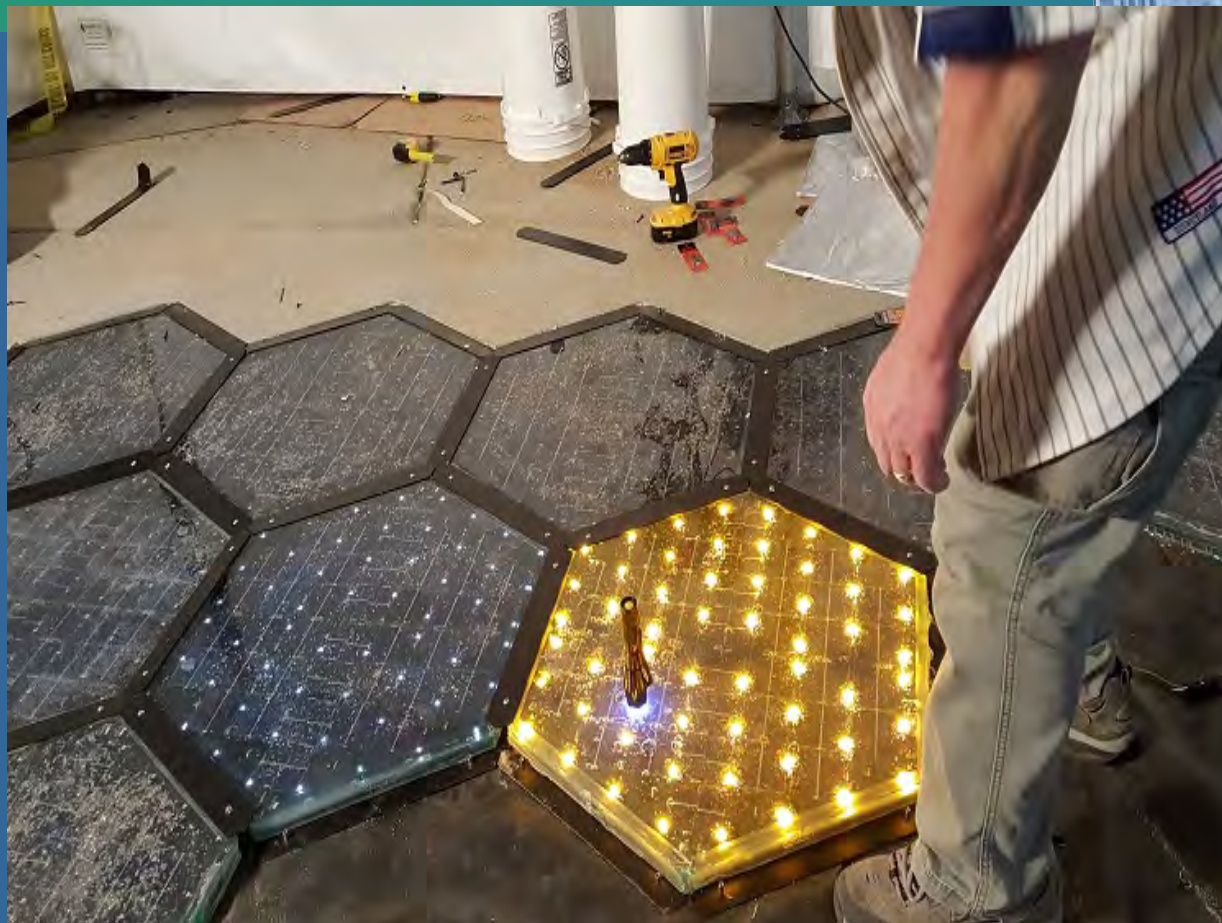
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Installing Tyvar over the sand



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Installing panels. The high intensity flashlight is positioned over the internal light sensor, causing the LEDs to brighten.



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Final test



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Kids enjoying the pilot project



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Webcam - <http://www.cityofsandpoint.com/visiting-sandpoint/solar-roadways#ad-image-4>







U.S. Department of Transportation  
Federal Highway Administration

# Amtrak Train Station Sandpoint



# Sandpoint Airport





# Competition



## SolaRoads - Netherlands





CONCEPT

APPLICATIONS

COLAS

## The concept





## Related Concepts



## Plastic Roads - Netherlands





## SBIR Phase IIB

- Recommended for award July 2015
- \$750k over 2 years
- Address the following objectives:
  - 3D FEM structural analysis and deflection testing...
  - Refine the manufacturing and production processes...
  - Demonstrate mechanical and structural performance with time...
  - Demonstrate electrical performance with time...
  - Perform life cycle assessment...
  - Produce design, construction, operation and maintenance guidelines
  - Guidance for coordinating with multiple relevant stakeholder entities

