

# Design of supervisory controllers and ultra-low power data loggers for hybrid power systems

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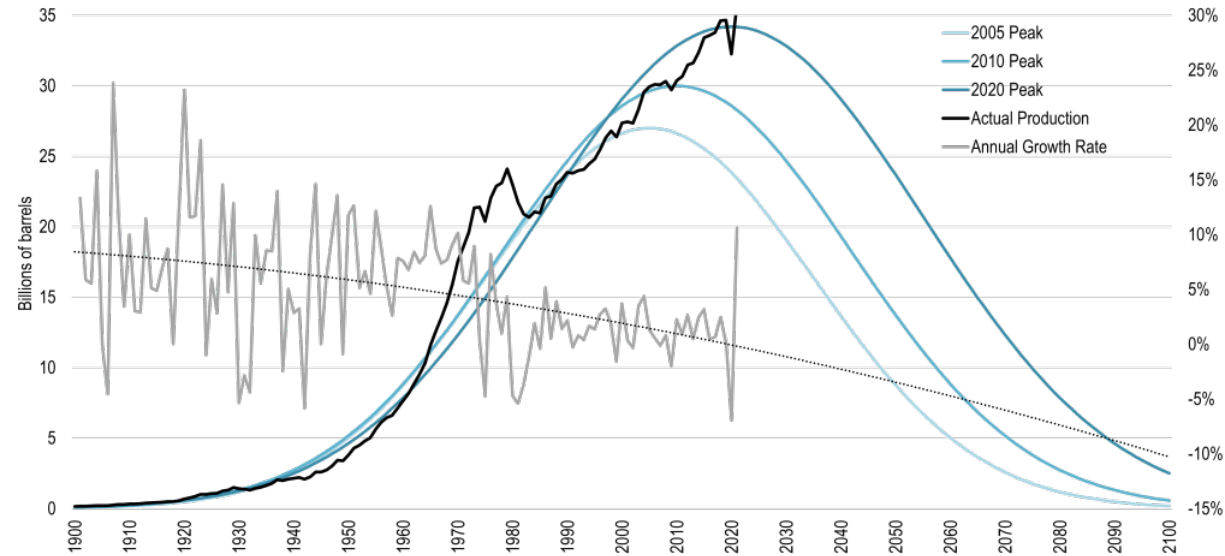
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# Introduction

- Limited fossil fuel, renewable energy as the alternative



*World Annual Oil Production 1900-2021 and Peak Oil 2005-2020 Scenarios.*

- In 2022, 25.9% of Canada's newly installed capacity is solar energy
- In Ontario, solar energy powers 517,000 homes

# Introduction

- Commercial data loggers are expensive, proprietary, and non-configurable

No.	Product	Company	Power consumption	Cost range (€) (Sensors not included)	Number of inputs	Internal data storage	Data sending/saving interval	Market launch year
1	Delta Solivia Gateway M1 G2	Delta Energy Systems GmbH	1 W @ 5 V	174	8	\	15 min by def.	2019
2	Fronius Datamanager 2.0	Fronius	< 2 W	222-259	6-10	\	\	2013
3	Q.reader	Gantner Instruments GmbH	5 W	600	2	8 GB	\	2010
4	Smartlogger 3000A	Huawei	8 W	1495	4 DI, 4 AI	\	\	2020
5	Powador-proLOG M	Kaco	\	549-664	4DI, 4 AI	\	300-3600 s	2009
6	ADL-MXSpro	Meier-NT GmbH	0.1 W-0.76 W	980-1100	max. 8	1 GB	24 h	2017
7	SMA Data Manager M Lite	SMA Solar Technology AG	4 W	285	\	\	\	2022
8	Solar-Log 2000	Solare Datensysteme GmbH	3 W	1031-1248	8	\	connected inverters < 30: 5min connected inverters 30-59: 10min connected inverters > 60: 15min	\
9	MaxWeb XPN	SolarMax	24 W (maximum)	500-600	1 DI, 4 AI	\	15 min by def.	2016
No.	Methods and rate of communication						Measurement on main connection point	Open interfaces for SCADA integration
	RS 485	RS 422	Ethernet	WLAN	USB	2G/3G/4G		
1	19200 baud rate, by def.	\	Yes	\	\	\	Yes	No
2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\	\	Yes	Yes
3	Up to 115.2 kbs	\	Yes	\	1s to 24h	\	Yes	Yes
4	1200-115200 bps	\	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
5	Yes	\	Yes	\	\	\	\	\
6	300-115200 baud	\	10/100 Mbit	\	Yes	GSM module integrated	Yes	Yes
7	Yes	\	Yes	Yes	Yes	\	Optional	Yes
8	2400-115200 bps	Yes	10/100 Mbit	Yes	Yes	\	Yes	Yes
9	Yes	\	Yes	Yes	Yes	\	Yes	No

*Commercial products of data logger in PV systems.*

# Literature Review

*Comparison of HMI designs and data storage solutions in the literature review.*

Reference	HMI Design				Data Storage	
	Customized Web Server	Website/ Software	LCD	Mobile App	SD Card	Website
[1]	√		√		√	
[2]		√	√		√	
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[4]	√				√	
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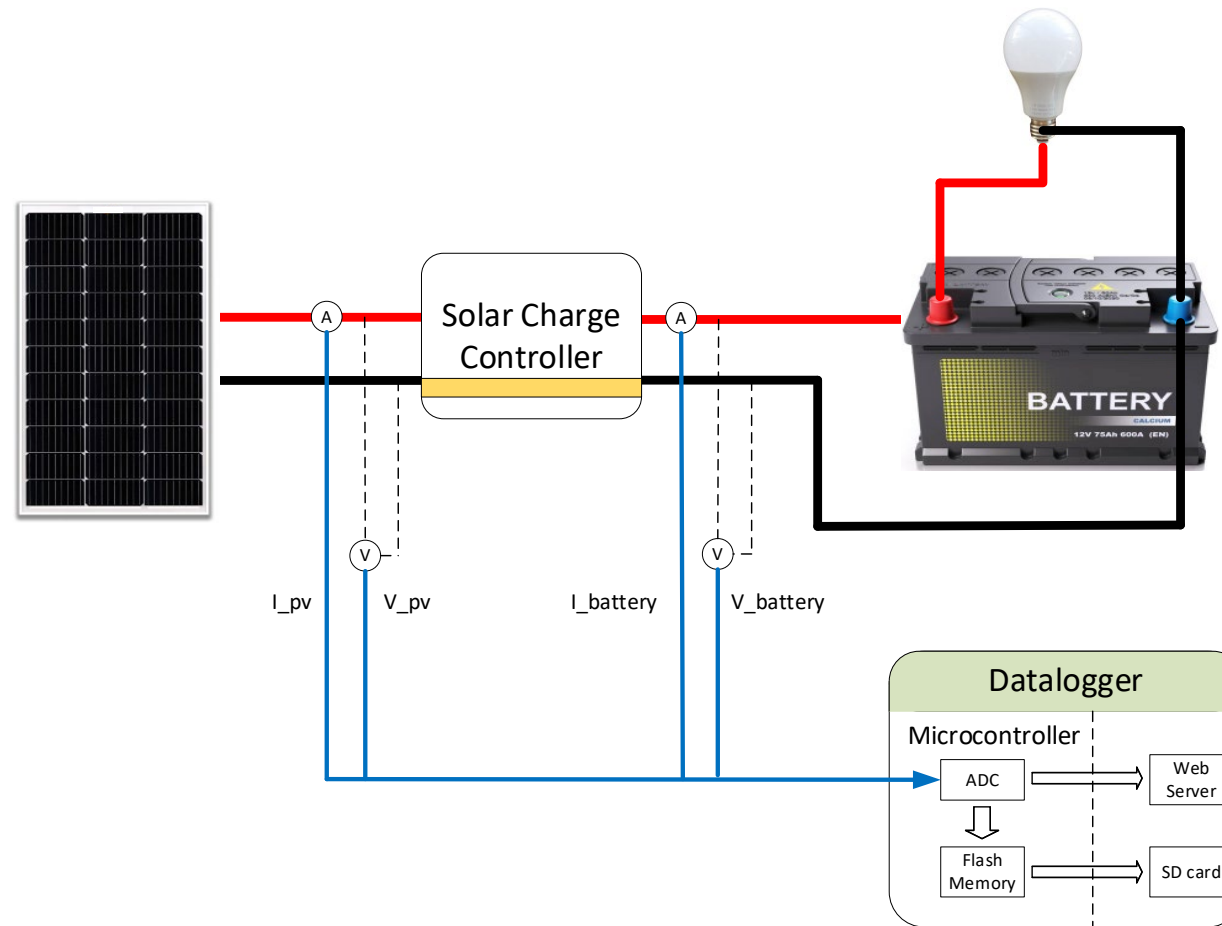
# Research Objectives

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- Design a PV system data logger using different low-power strategies to minimize power consumption without compromising performance.
- Design a PV system data logger, using an HMI that consumes low power and displays historical data, and a remote data storage solution that supports large data storage without extra charge.
- Design an open-source SCADA system based on IoT for a PV system, using locally installed middleware to manage the data flow, provide customizable HMIs, and control the PV system load.
- Design an open-source IoT-SCADA system for monitoring and controlling a PV system, using two IoT platforms, increased the system robustness by the data redundancy. Images of the load can be accessed on a web server, enabling the visual verification of the load status.

## 1. Power Consumption Minimization of a Low-Cost Data Logger for PV system

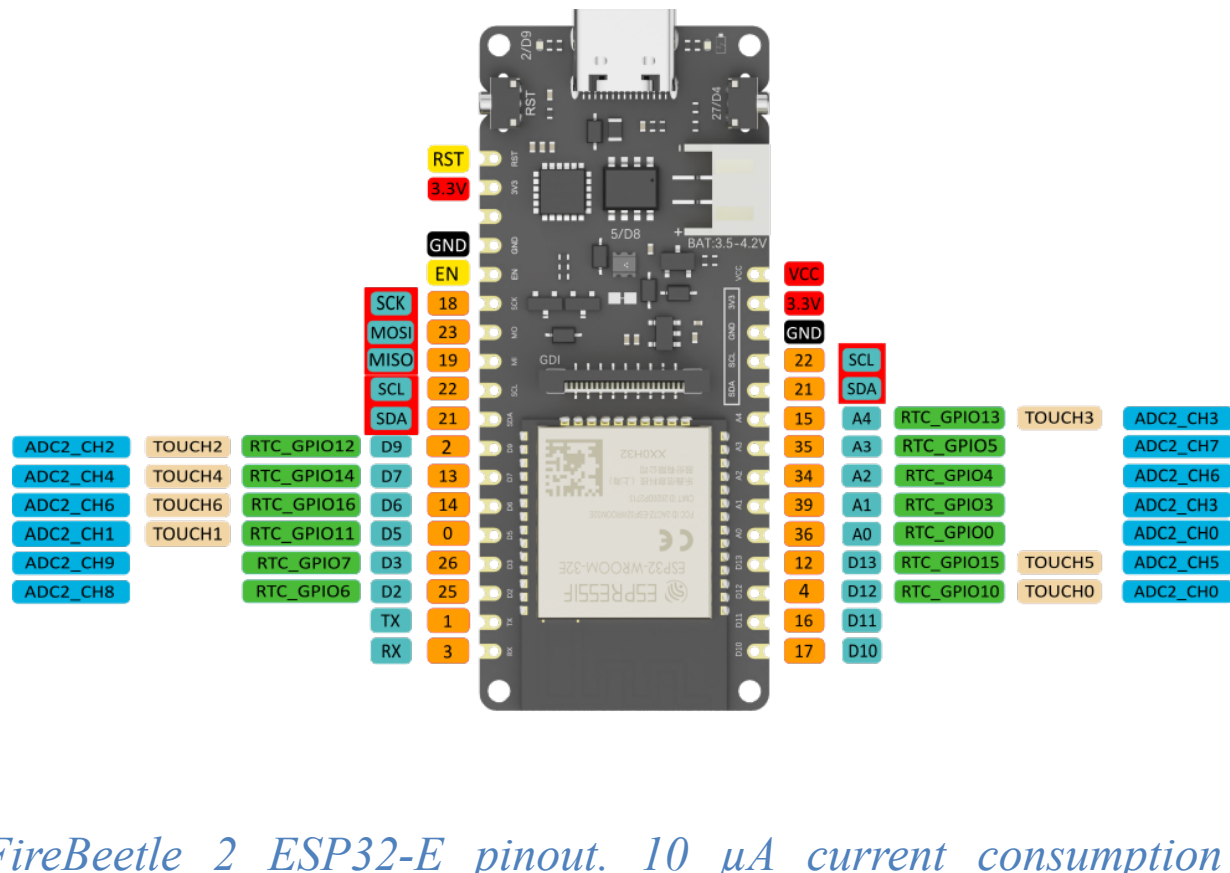


*Connection diagram of PV system and developed data logger.*

# 1. Power Consumption Minimization of a Low-Cost Data Logger for PV system

## Components

- FireBeetle 2 ESP32-E, supports Wi-Fi and Bluetooth



*Comparison of FireBeetle 2 ESP32-E and Arduino UNO.*

Components	FireBeetle 2 ESP32-E	Arduino UNO
Processor	dual-core Tensilica LX6	ATmega328P
Operating Voltage	3.3 V	5 V
CPU Speed	Up to 240MHz	Up to 16MHz
Analog In/Out/Dual Pins	4/0/9	6/0/0
Digital In/Out/Dual Pins	0/0/10	0/0/8
Flash	4 MB	32 kB
SRAM	520 kB	2 kB

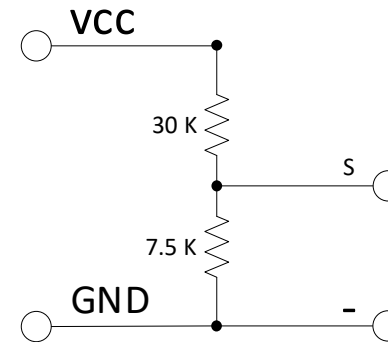
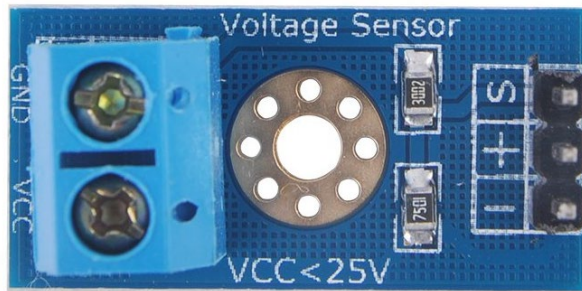
*FireBeetle 2 ESP32-E pinout. 10  $\mu$ A current consumption during deep sleep*



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## Components

- 0-25 V Voltage divider

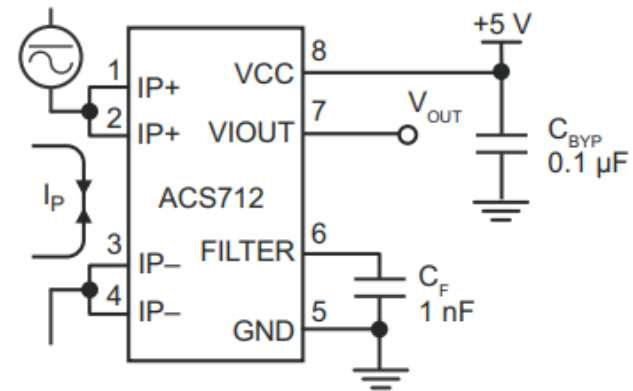
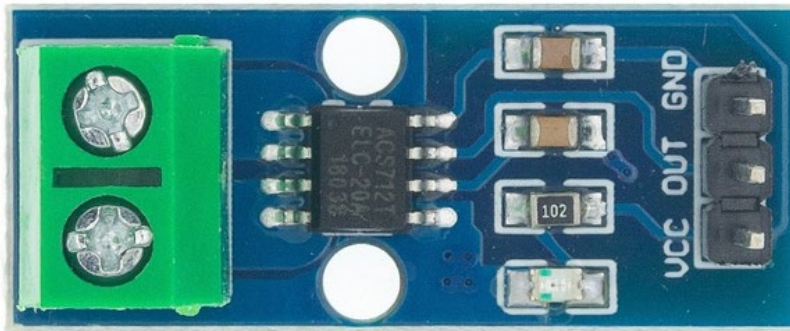


*DC 0-25V voltage sensor. (a) Real image. (b) Working diagram.*

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## Components

### ➤ ACS712 Current sensor



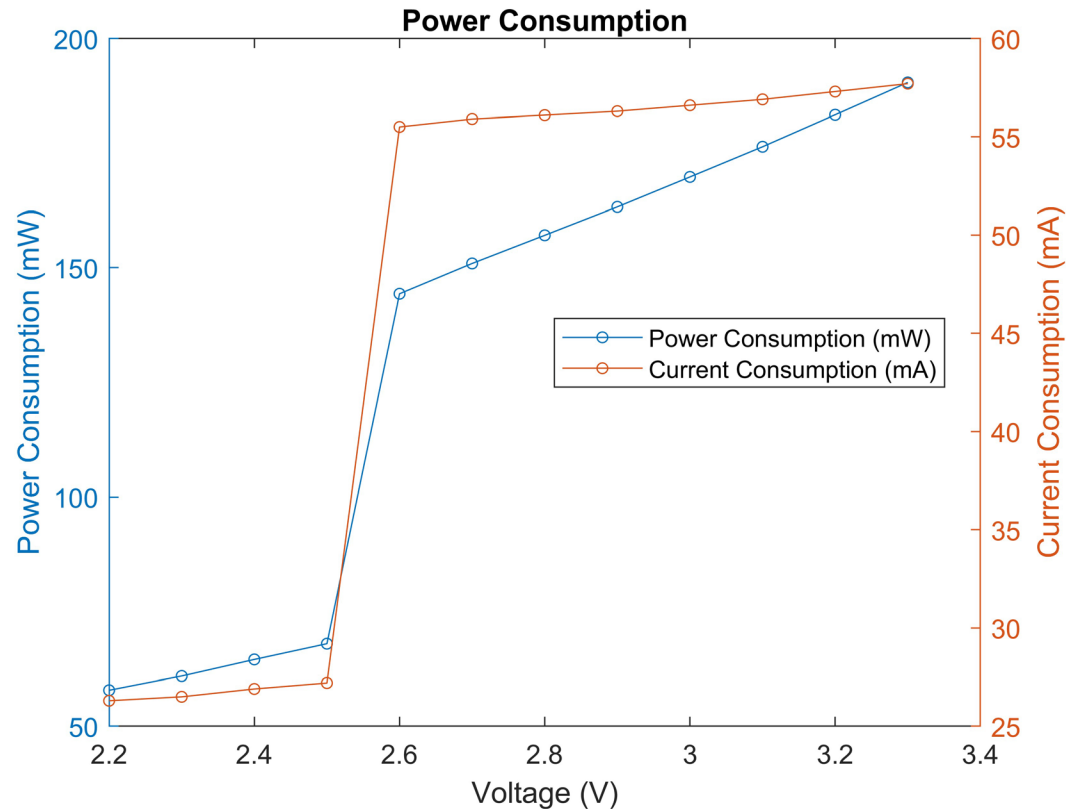
*ACS712-20A Current Sensor. (a) Real image. (b) Connection schematic.*

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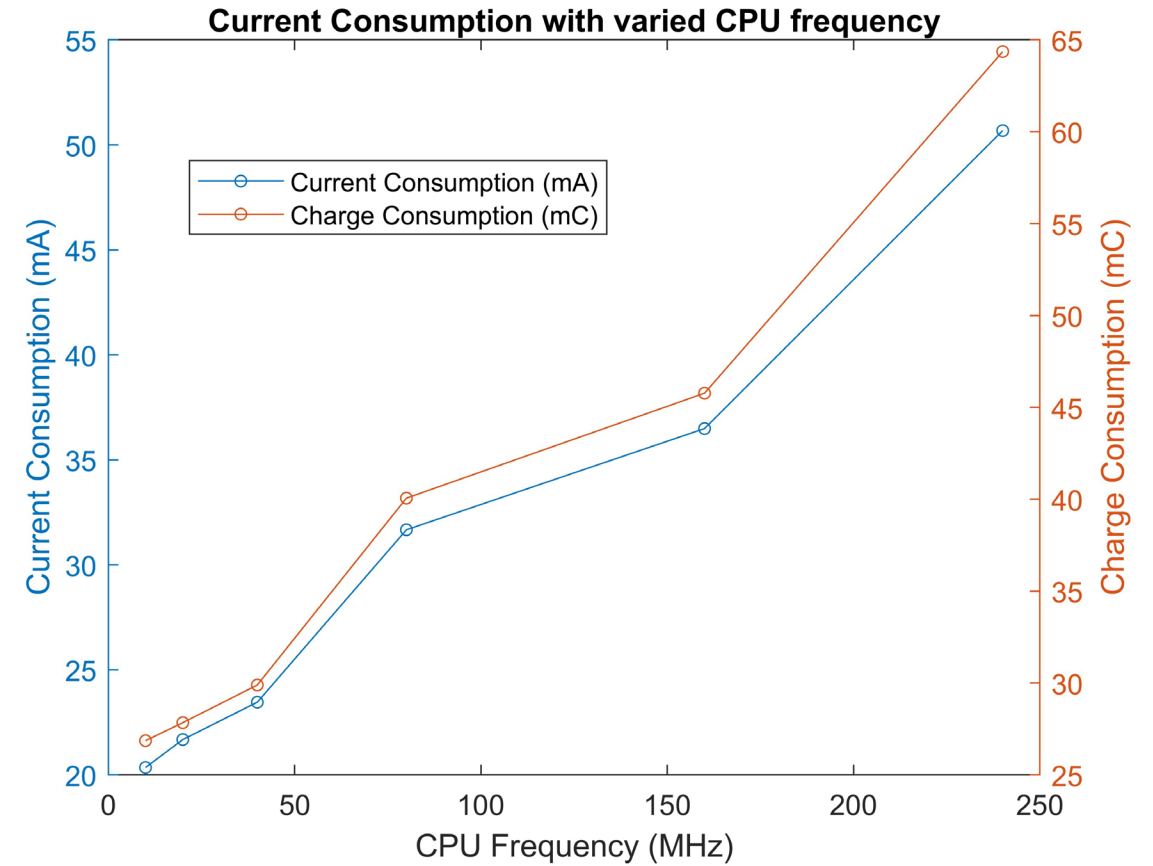
## Low Power Techniques

$$p = CV^2 f$$

$C$  is the total capacitance  
 $V$  is the supply voltage  
 $f$  is the operating frequency



Fixed  $f$ ,  $p$  decreases when  $v$  decreases



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## Low Power Techniques

*ESP32 power modes with their active components and corresponding current consumptions.*

Power Modes	Active Components	Current Consumption
Active	ESP 32 core, ULP coprocessor, RTC, peripherals, Bluetooth, Radio, Wi-Fi	95-240 mA
Modem Sleep	ESP 32 core, ULP coprocessor, RTC, peripherals	2-4 mA @ 2 MHz 20~25 mA @ 80 MHz 30~50 mA @ 240 MHz
Light Sleep	ULP coprocessor, RTC, peripherals	~0.8 mA
Deep Sleep	ULP coprocessor, RTC	150 $\mu$ A
	RTC	10 $\mu$ A
Hibernation	RTC (timer, part of RTC GPIOs)	5 $\mu$ A

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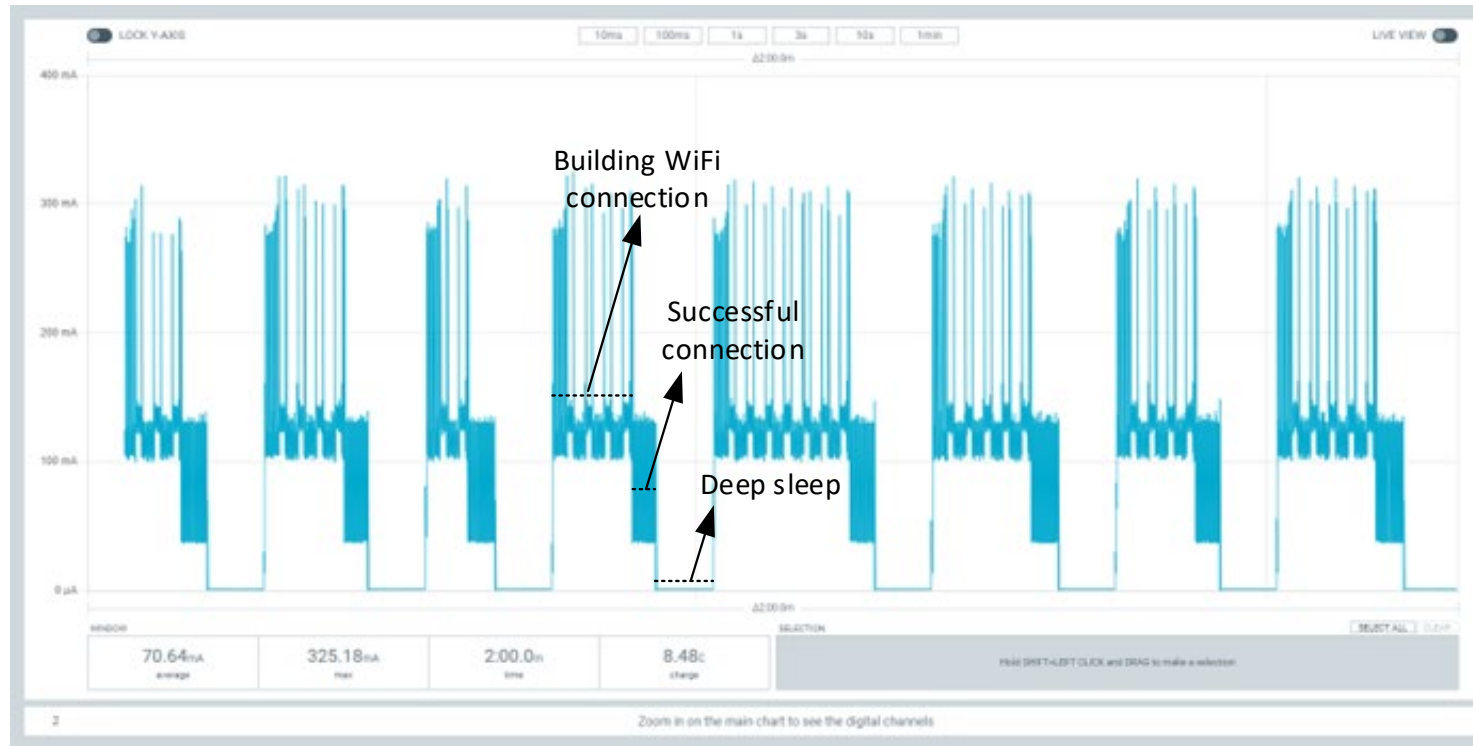
## Low Power Techniques

*Current and charge consumption comparison between SD card and the flash memory.*

Memory	Operation	Current Consumption (mA)	Period (ms)	Discharge (mC)
SD card	Initialization	65.49	4620	302.4
	Read	62.10	8.34	0.516
	Write	58.15	144.1	8.38
Flash	Read	38.84	13.05	0.507
	Write	41.64	10.11	0.421

# 1. Power Consumption Minimization of a Low-Cost Data Logger for PV system

## Low Power Techniques



Average time required to build Wi-Fi connection: **7.575 s**

Average current during Wi-Fi building process: **118.27 mA**

Average current after Wi-Fi is connected: **61.5 mA**

Average current during deep sleep: **1.35 mA**

*Current consumption during Wi-Fi connection.*

Deep sleep mode saves power, but waking up and reconnecting to Wi-Fi increase power

$$T \times 61.5 \text{ mA} = 7.575 \text{ s} \times 118.27 \text{ mA} + (T - 7.575 \text{ s}) \times 1.35 \text{ mA}$$

$T = 14.717 \text{ s}$ , as the shortest monitoring period

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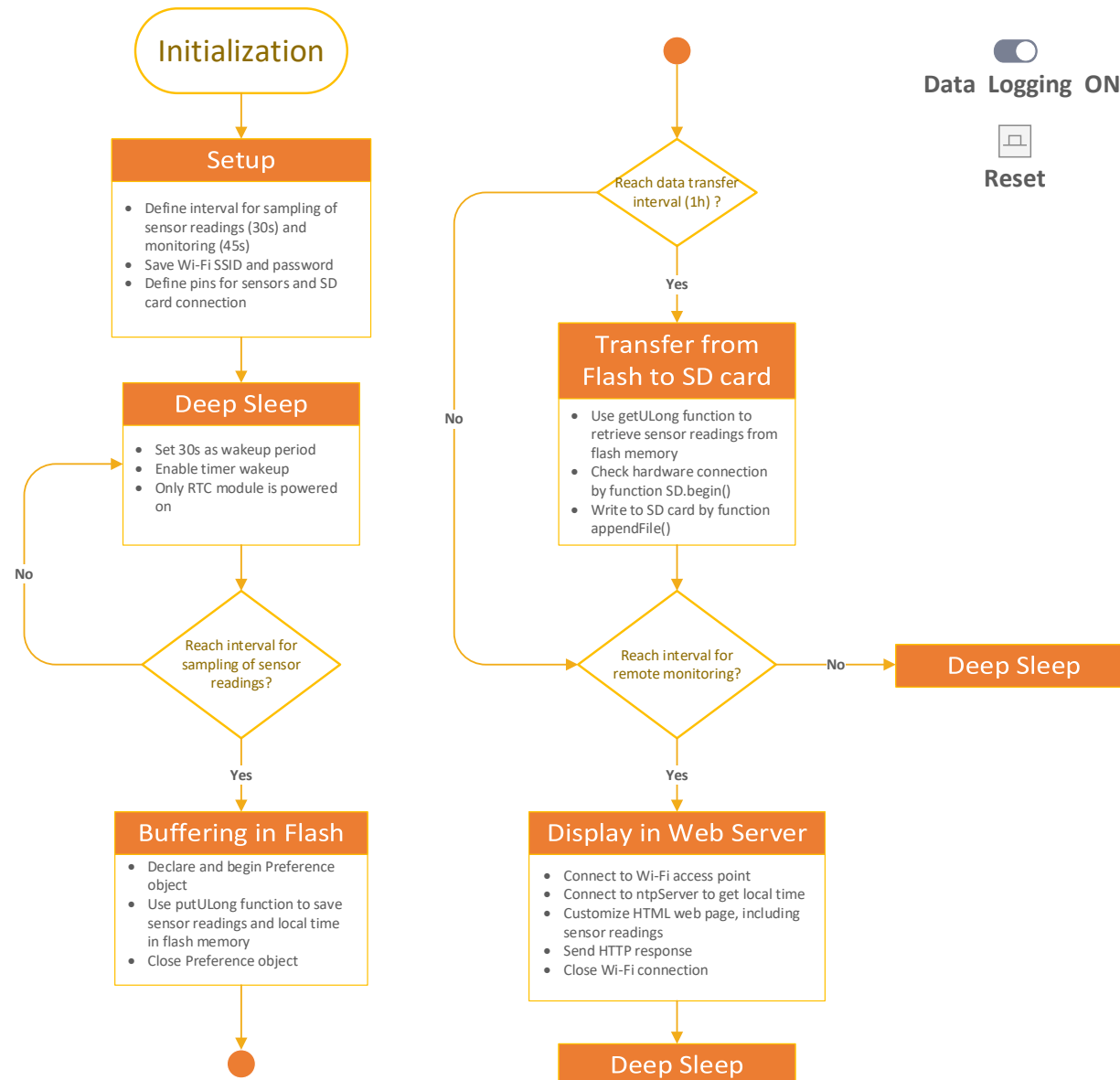
## Low Power Techniques

*The ratio of monitoring times to average current at different Wi-Fi connection intervals.*

Wi-Fi connection interval (s)	10	30	45	60
Monitoring times within 600 seconds	60	20	13.33	10
Average current (mA)	23.6	7.34	4.66	4.02
Monitoring times/ average current	2.54	2.72	<b>2.86</b>	2.49

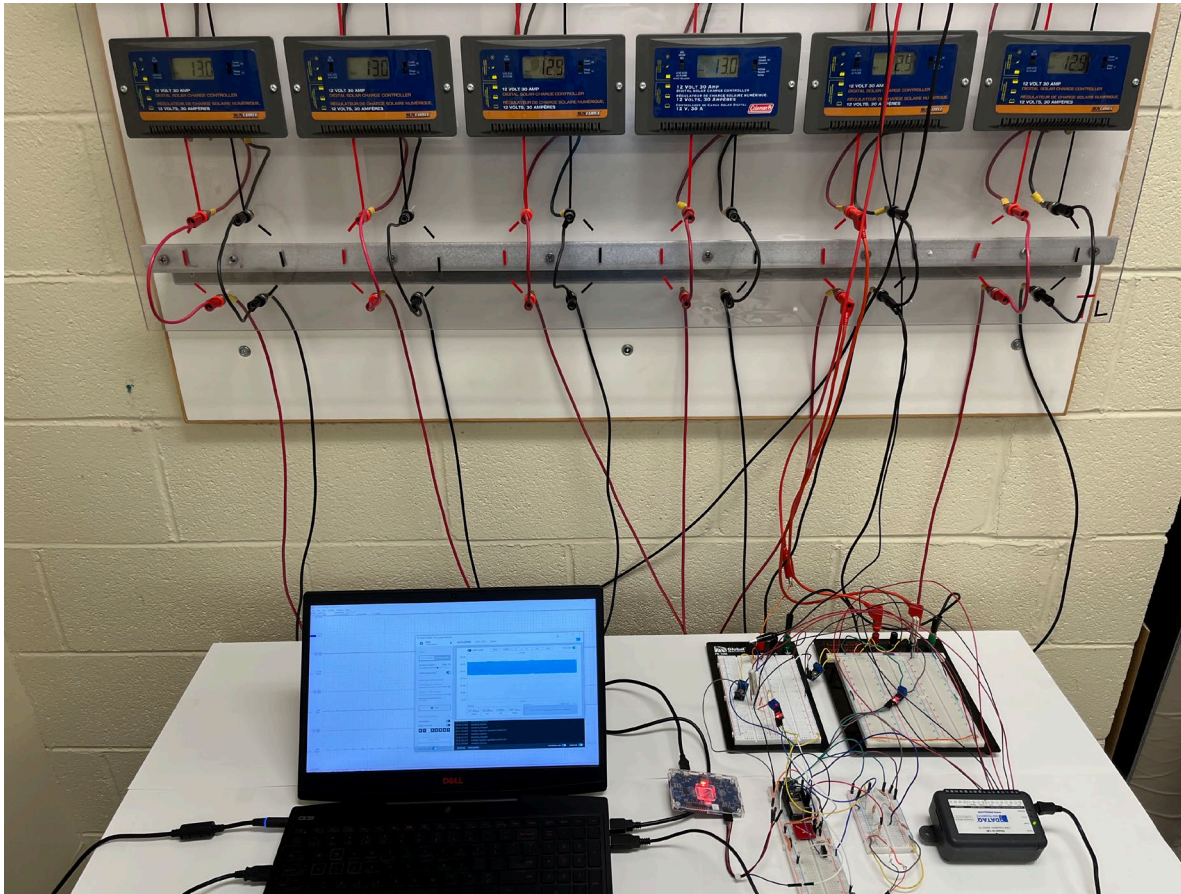
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Program Flowchart





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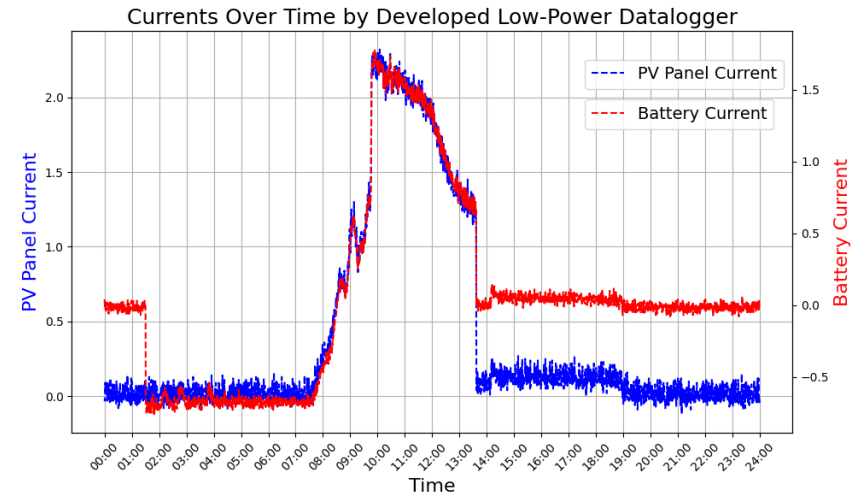
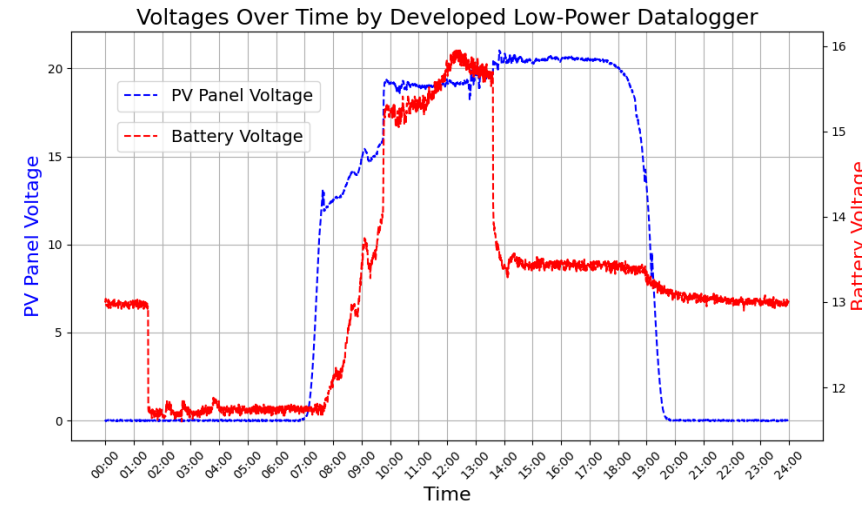
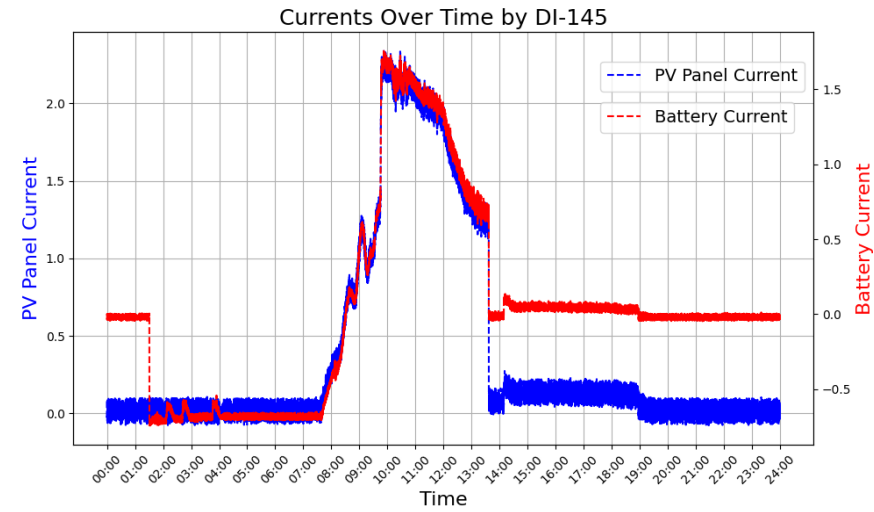
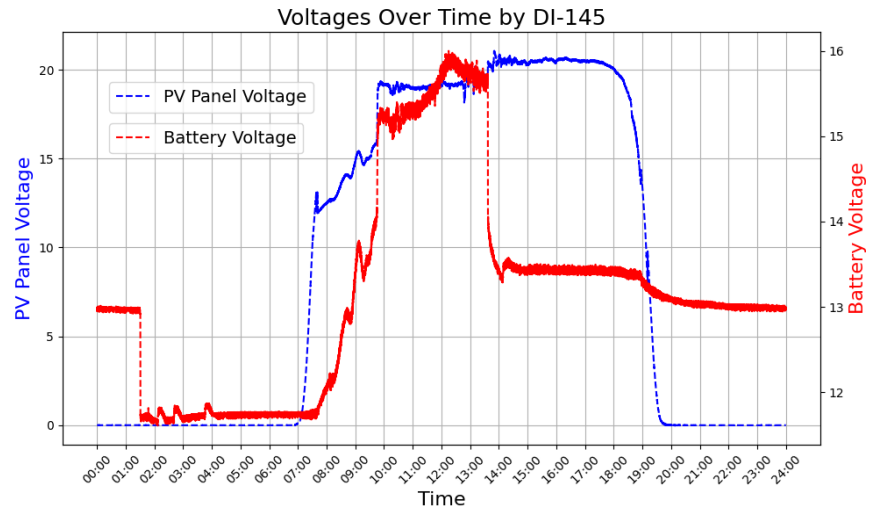


*Experiment test setup.*

DATAQ® DI-145: a data acquisition device

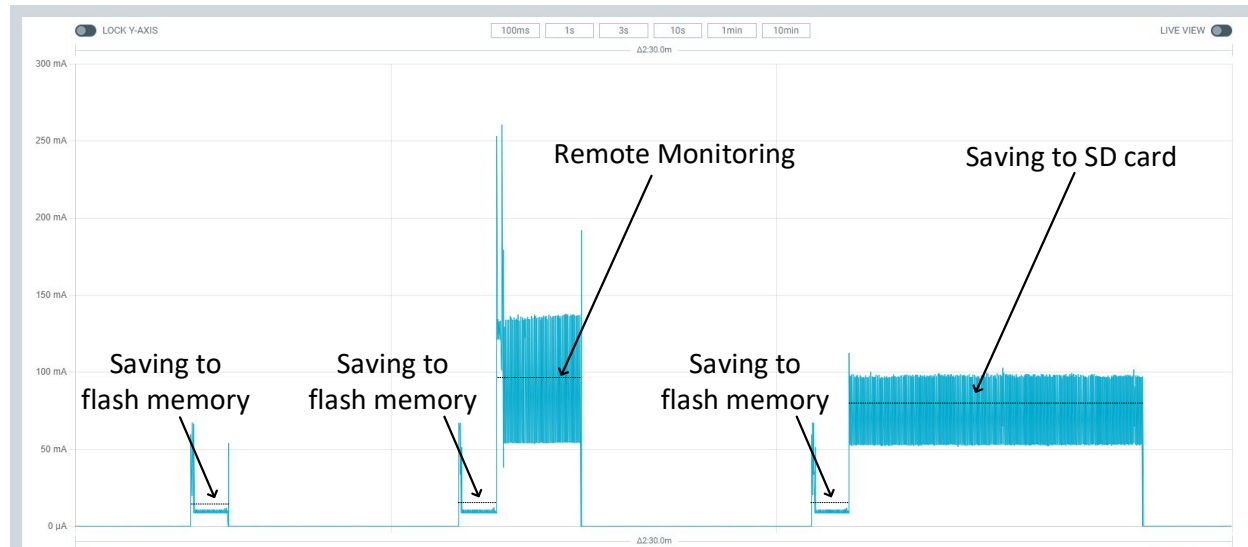
Power Profiler Kit II: measure the microcontroller power consumption

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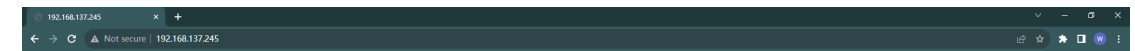


Data logger  
precision  
verification

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*Web page showing electrical parameters of monitored PV system.*



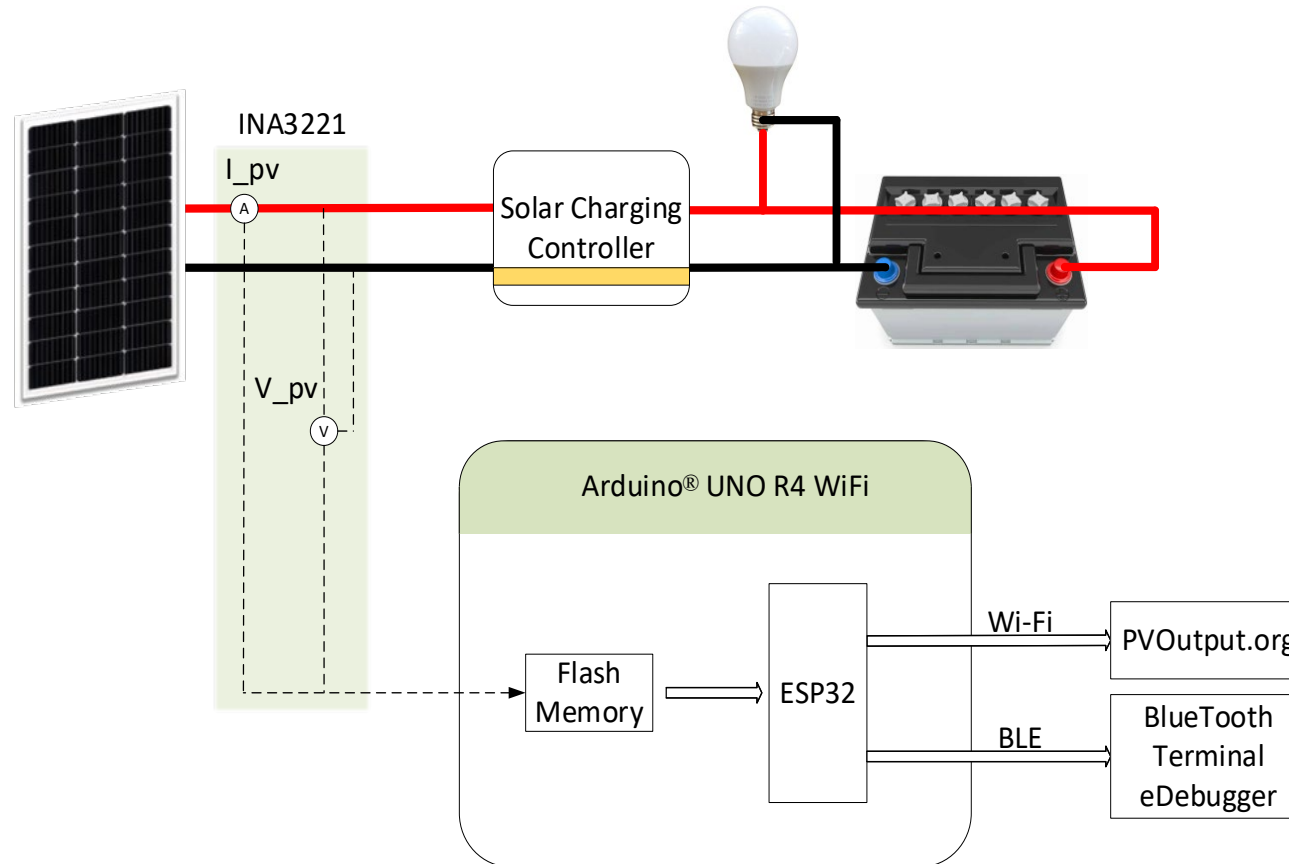
**MUN ECE PV SYSTEM DATA LOGGER: REAL-TIME DISPLAY**

Time	PV Panel Voltage (V)	PV Panel Current (A)	Battery Voltage (V)	Battery Current (A)
11:38:27	19.01	1.93	15.44	1.40
11:39:12	18.99	1.97	15.44	1.43
11:39:57	19.01	1.94	15.46	1.43
11:40:42	19.01	1.92	15.50	1.42
11:41:27	18.99	1.94	15.44	1.42
11:42:12	18.94	2.01	15.36	1.43
11:42:57	18.90	2.08	15.33	1.45
11:43:42	18.91	2.05	15.40	1.47
11:44:27	18.91	2.04	15.39	1.46
11:45:12	18.89	2.05	15.37	1.45
11:45:57	19.00	1.90	15.43	1.38
11:46:42	18.97	1.94	15.45	1.41

*Current consumption including all scenarios of the data logger tasks.*

## 2. A novel design of a low-cost SCADA system for monitoring standalone PV systems

### Block diagram



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### Components

- Arduino UNO R4 Wi-Fi supports Wi-Fi and Bluetooth

	Arduino® UNO R4 Wi-Fi	Arduino® UNO Rev3
SKU	ABX00087	A000066
Microcontroller	Renesas RA4M1 (Arm® Cortex®-M4)	ATmega328P
Digital I/O Pins	14	14
Analog Input Pins	6	6
Operating Voltage (V)	5 (3.3, for ESP32-S3)	5
Input Voltage (V)	6-24	7-12
DC Current per I/O Pin (mA)	8	20
Clock Speed (MHz)	48 (up to 240, for ESP32-S3)	16
Memory	256 kB Flash, 32 kB RAM	32 kB Flash, 2 kB SRAM
Wi-Fi & Bluetooth connectivity	Yes	No
I <sup>2</sup> C	Yes	Yes

*Comparison of technical specifications between Arduino® UNO R4 Wi-Fi and Arduino® UNO Rev3.*

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# Components

➤ INA3221:

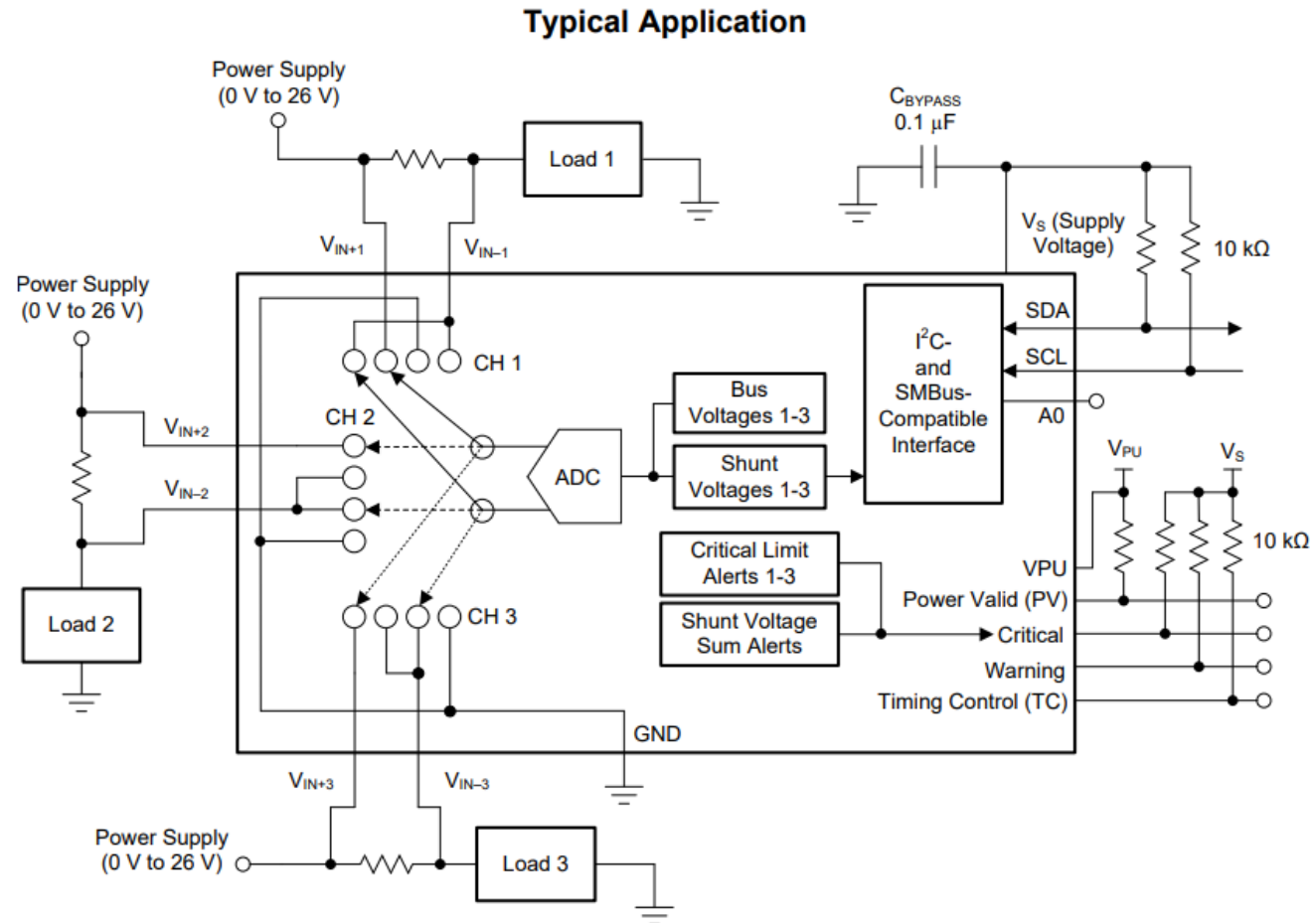
shunt and bus voltage

monitor, able to measure

## voltage and current

$I = \text{Shunt voltage} / \text{shunt resistor}$

$V$  = Bus voltage



### INA3221 schematic diagram



## 2. A novel design of a low-cost SCADA system for monitoring standalone PV systems

### Components

➤ BlueTooth Terminal eDebugger

Bluetooth debugging assistant

application running on Android OS

➤ PVOutput.org

free service for sharing PV output data

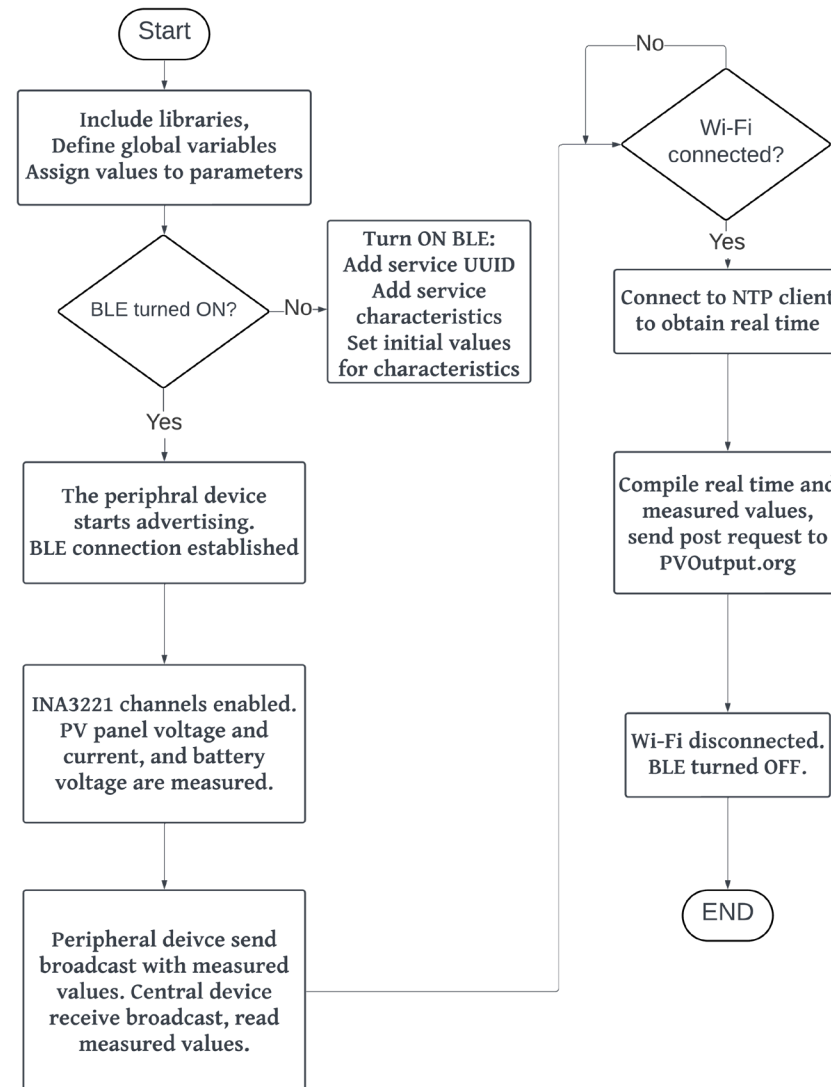
2,515,654 solar panels monitored

61,480,020 PV panel outputs recorded

	CSV loader	Live loader
Maximum Previous Days	No Limit	14 (90, in Donation Mode)
Data Interval	Up to one day	Up to five minutes
Maximum Number for per upload	200	288
Supported Parameters by both	Output Date, Energy Generation, Energy Consumption	Output Date, Energy Generation, Energy Consumption
Supported Parameters by CSV loader exclusively	Energy Exported, Peak Power, Peak Time, Conditions, Temperature Min, Temperature Max, Comments, Import Peak, Import Off Peak, Import Shoulder, Import High Shoulder, Export Peak, Export Off Peak, Export Shoulder, Export High Shoulder	/
Supported Parameters by Live loader exclusively	/	Output Time, Power Generation, Power Consumption, Temperature, Voltage

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Program flowchart





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### Experimental Results

PV System BLE Service	UUID	Result
Generic Access	00001800-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb	\
Generic Attribute	00001801-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb	\
PV power Service	0000180f-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb	\
Power Characteristic	00002a19-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb	\
Property	\	Read, Notify
Value	\	(0x)19

*BLE service information between BTeD and the RTU.*

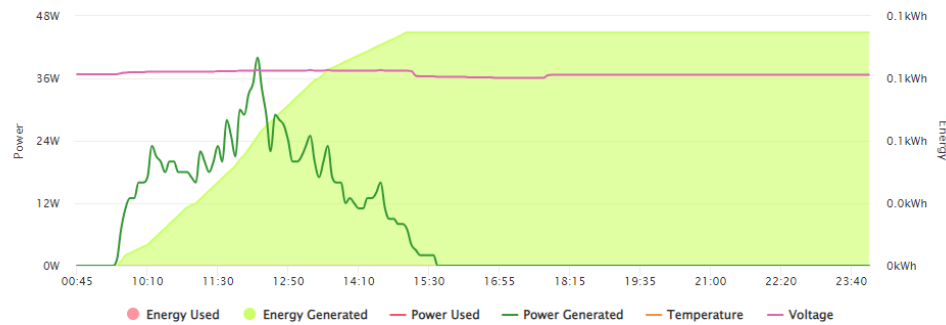


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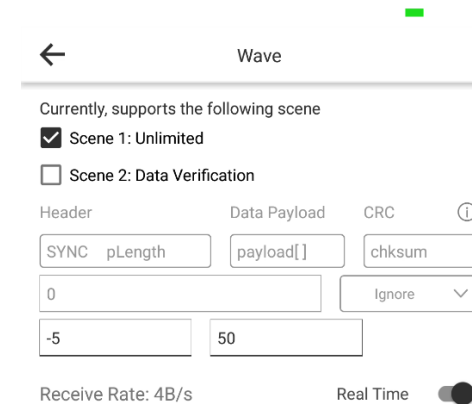
Live Production – MUN ECE PV SYSTEM 0.130kW

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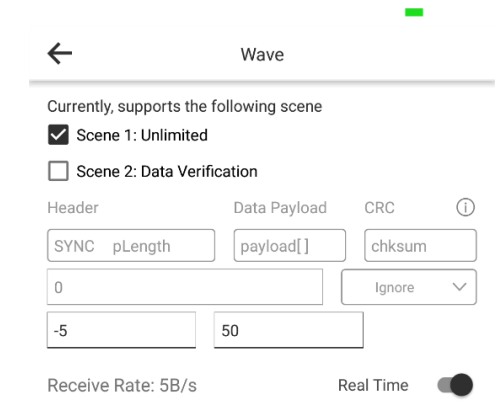
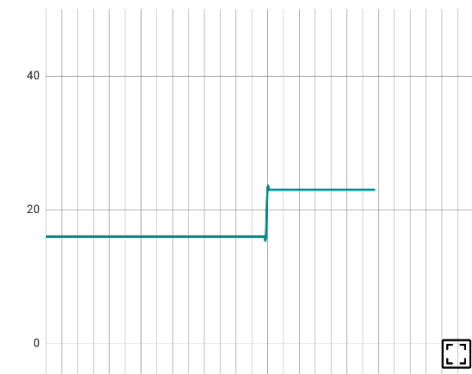


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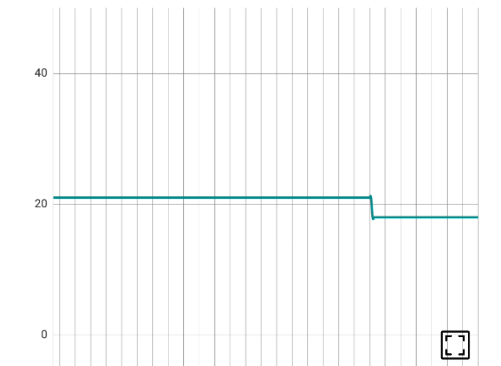
*PV panel output power on Dec. 10, 2023, recorded in PVOutput.org.*



Waveform capture interface (a) showing a single scene configuration. The interface includes a back arrow, a title bar "Wave", and a status message "Currently, supports the following scene". Two scenes are listed: "Scene 1: Unlimited" (checked) and "Scene 2: Data Verification" (unchecked). The configuration fields are: Header (SYNC, pLength), Data Payload (payload[]), and CRC (chksum). The values are: SYNC (0), pLength (-5), payload[] (50), and chksum (Ignore). The Receive Rate is 4B/s and the Real Time toggle is turned off.



Waveform capture interface (b) showing a single scene configuration. The interface includes a back arrow, a title bar "Wave", and a status message "Currently, supports the following scene". Two scenes are listed: "Scene 1: Unlimited" (checked) and "Scene 2: Data Verification" (unchecked). The configuration fields are: Header (SYNC, pLength), Data Payload (payload[]), and CRC (chksum). The values are: SYNC (0), pLength (-5), payload[] (50), and chksum (Ignore). The Receive Rate is 5B/s and the Real Time toggle is turned off.



*BTeD live recording of the PV panel output power.*

*(a) Increased power (b) Decreased power.*

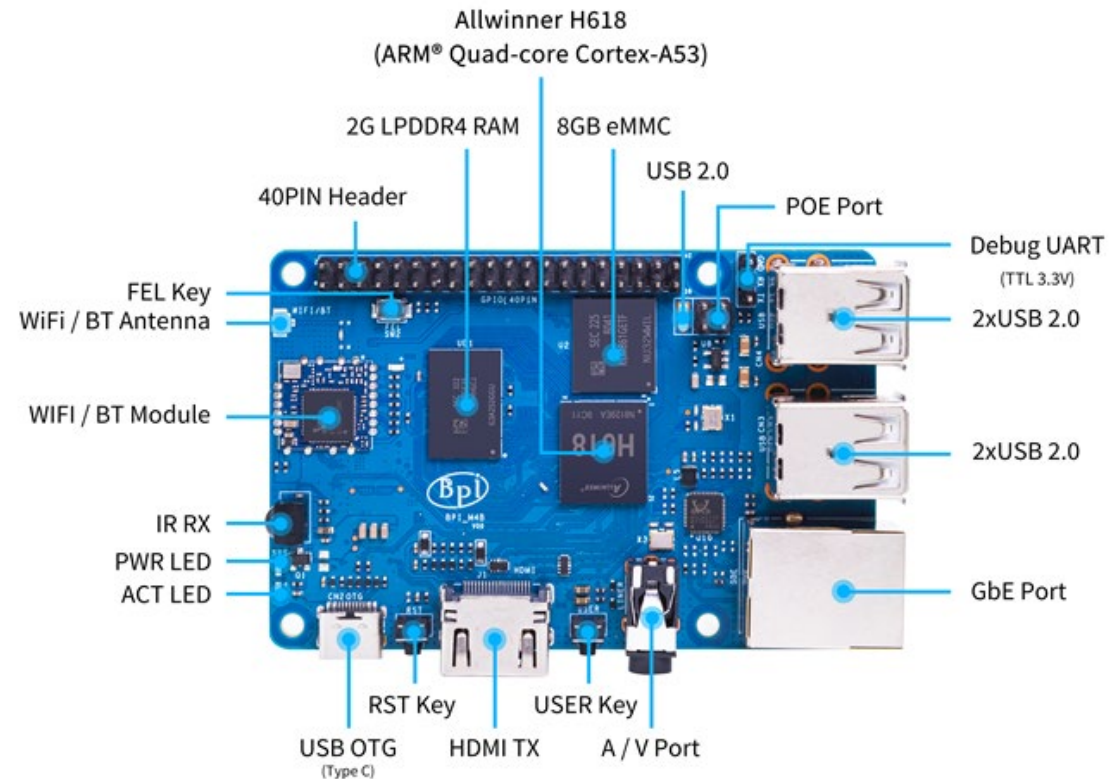


### 3. An Open-Source SCADA Architecture for PV system monitoring using ESP32, Banana Pi M4 and Node-RED

#### Components

##### ➤ Banana Pi M4 Berry

- Single Board Computer (SBC) powered by the Allwinner H618 System-on-Chip (SoC)
- Full HDMI connector and M.2 PCIe 2.0 slot
- 2GB of LPDDR4 memory, 8GB of embedded Multi-Media Controller (eMMC) storage
- Integrated Wi-Fi and Bluetooth capabilities



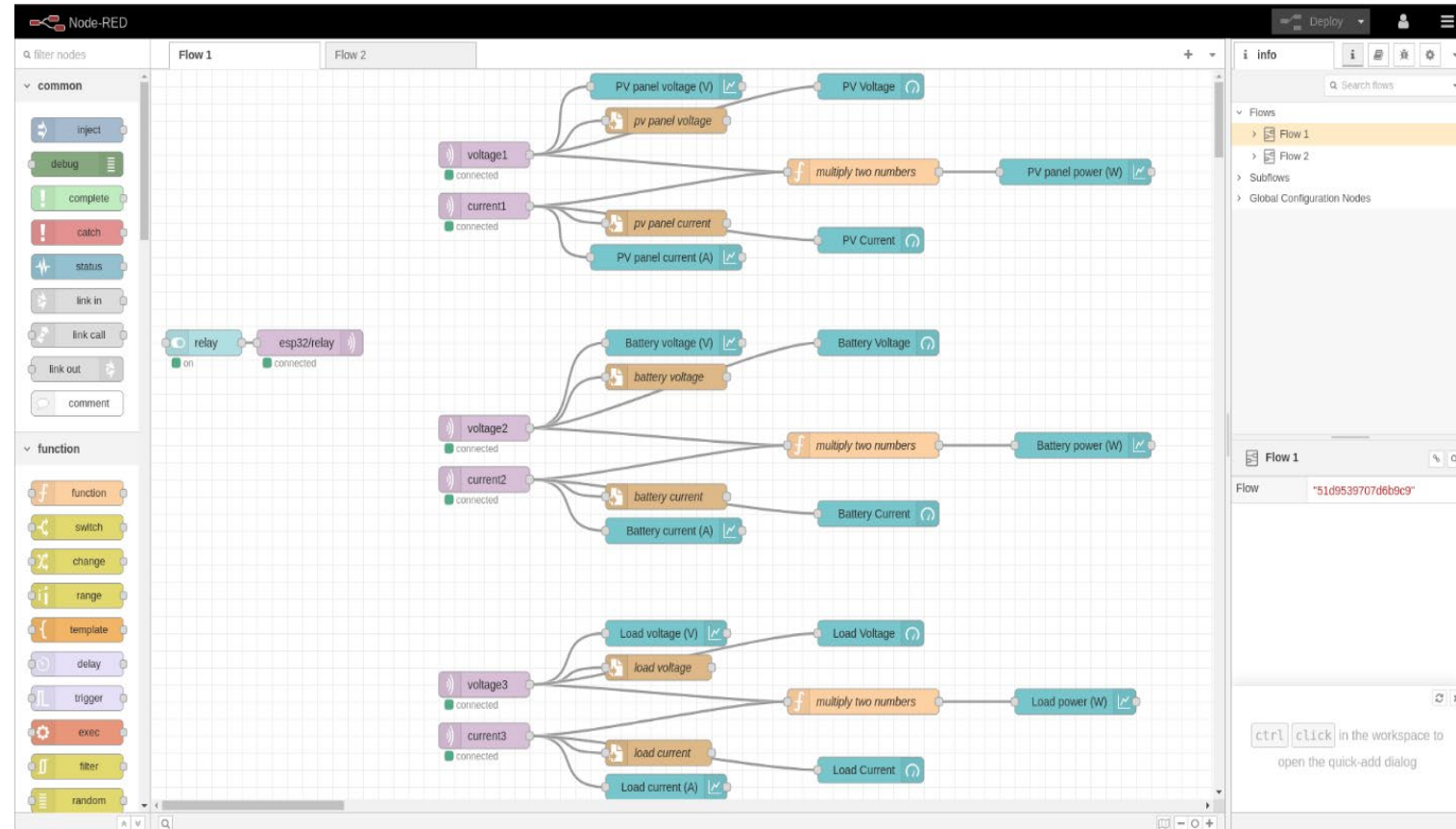
*BPI-M4 Berry*

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## Components

### ➤ Node-RED

- flow-based programming using nodes
- Each node has a specific function: receiving data, performing an operation on this data, and then forwarding the processed data onwards.
- easy implementation of MQTT protocol
- supports local running



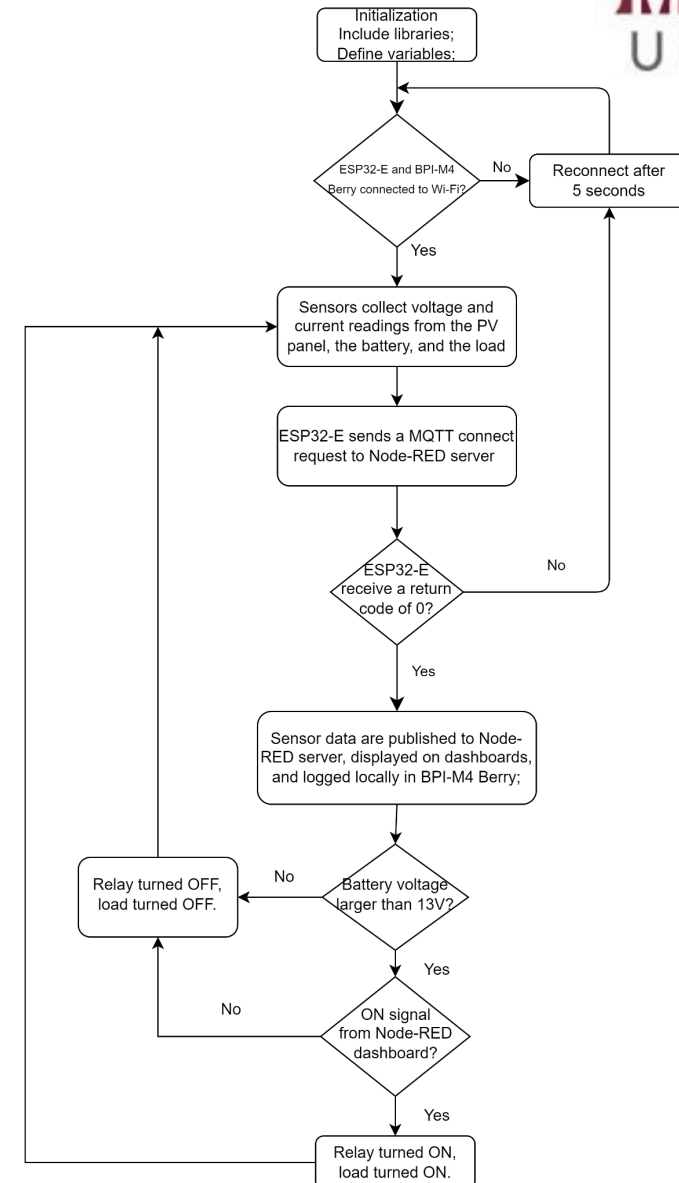
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## Program Flowchart and Algorithm

**Algorithm 1:** Data acquisition, automatic control, display, and logging.

Initialization;

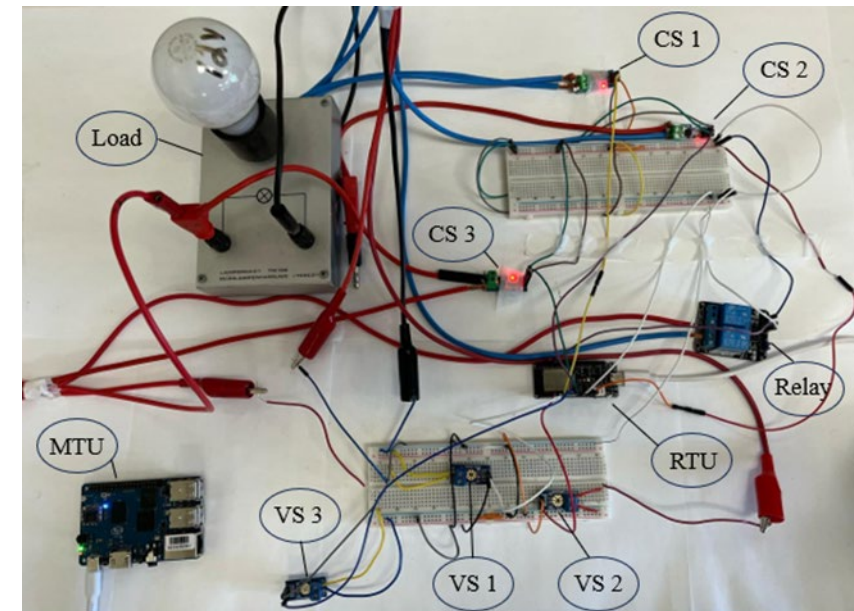
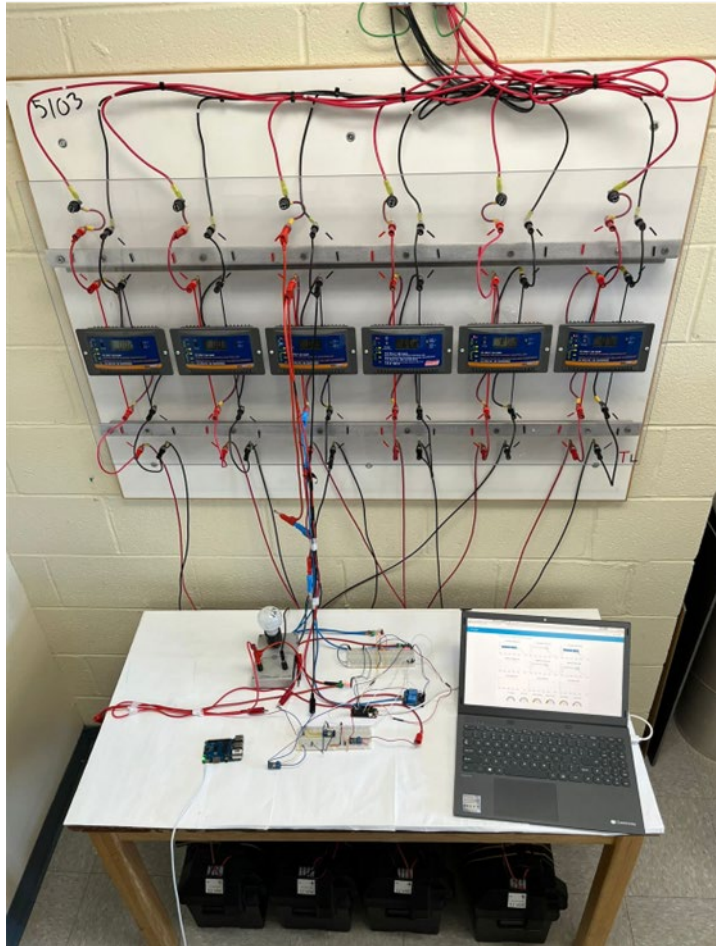
1. ESP32-E connects to the local TCP/IP Wi-Fi network;
2. Voltage/current sensors measure voltages/currents from the PV panel, the battery, and the load;
3. ESP32-E reads sensor values on Pin 36, 39, 35, 34, 12, 15;
4. ESP32-E (MQTT publisher) sends a connect request to the Node-RED server (MQTT broker) over IP;  
**While** ESP32-E receives a return code of 0 **do**
5. ESP32-E publishes the sensor data to the Node-RED server over the Wi-Fi network;
6. Node-RED logs the sensor data in the local BPI-M4 Berry flash memory;
7. Display the sensor data in Node-RED dashboards, and any other device over the Wi-Fi network;  
**If** the battery voltage is less than 13 volts or subscription message from Node-RED is OFF **then**
8. Turn off the relay;
- Else**
9. Turn on the relay;
- End**
- End**
- If** ESP32-E does not receive a return code of 0 **then**
10. Print “Attempting MQTT connection” in Arduino IDE Serial Monitor, reconnect in 5 seconds;
- Else**
11. Go to Step 1;
- End**





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#### Experimental Setup

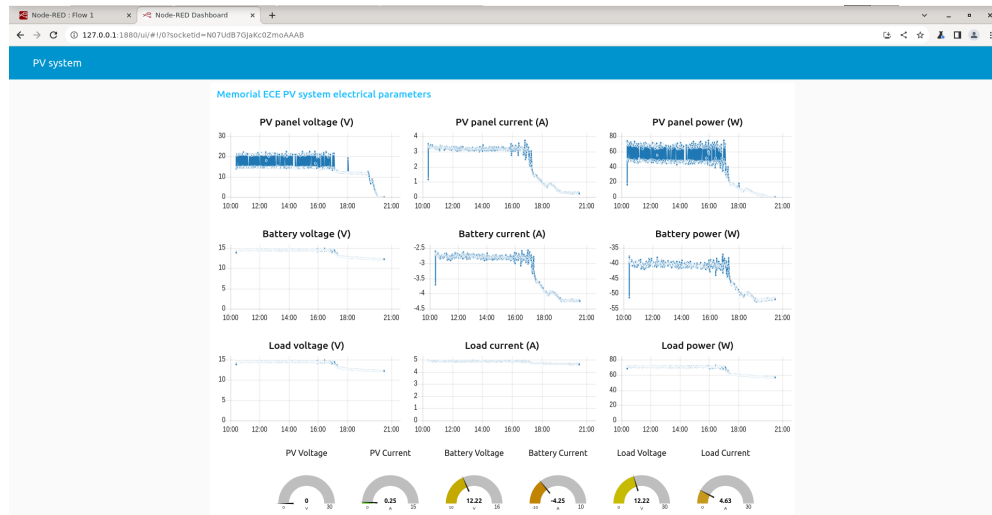


*Hardware implementation of the proposed SCADA system.*

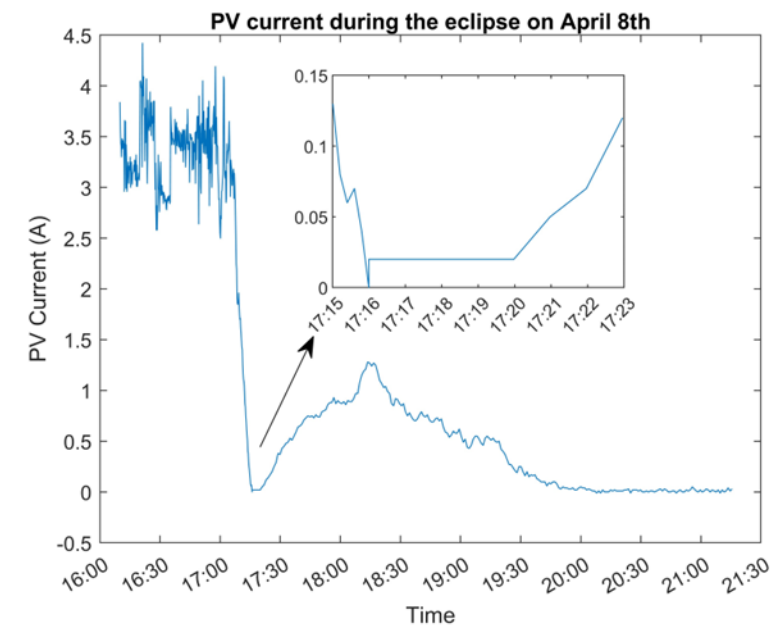
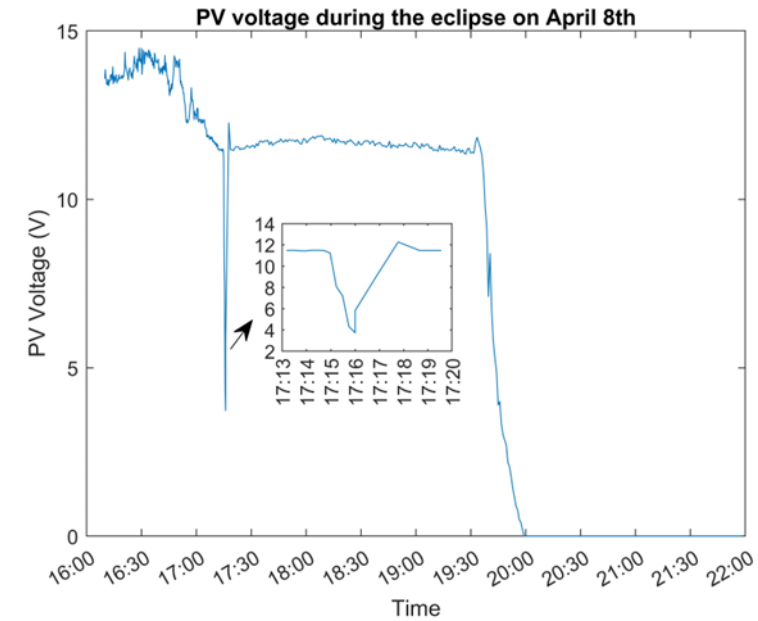
Experimental setup at MUN ECE laboratory.

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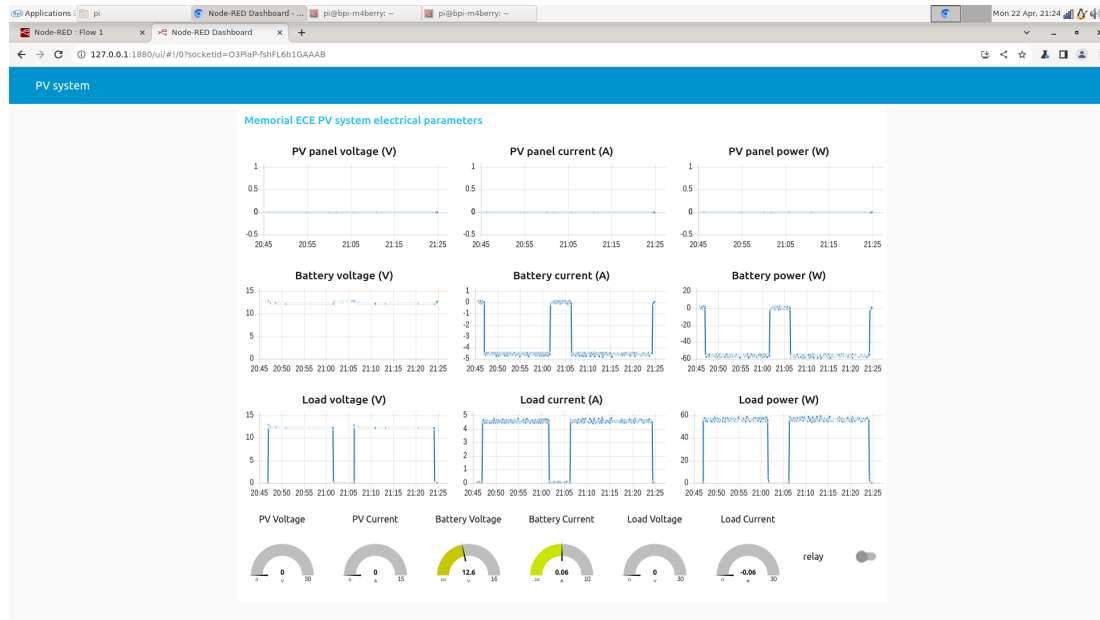


Node-RED dashboards showing the monitored values of the PV system.

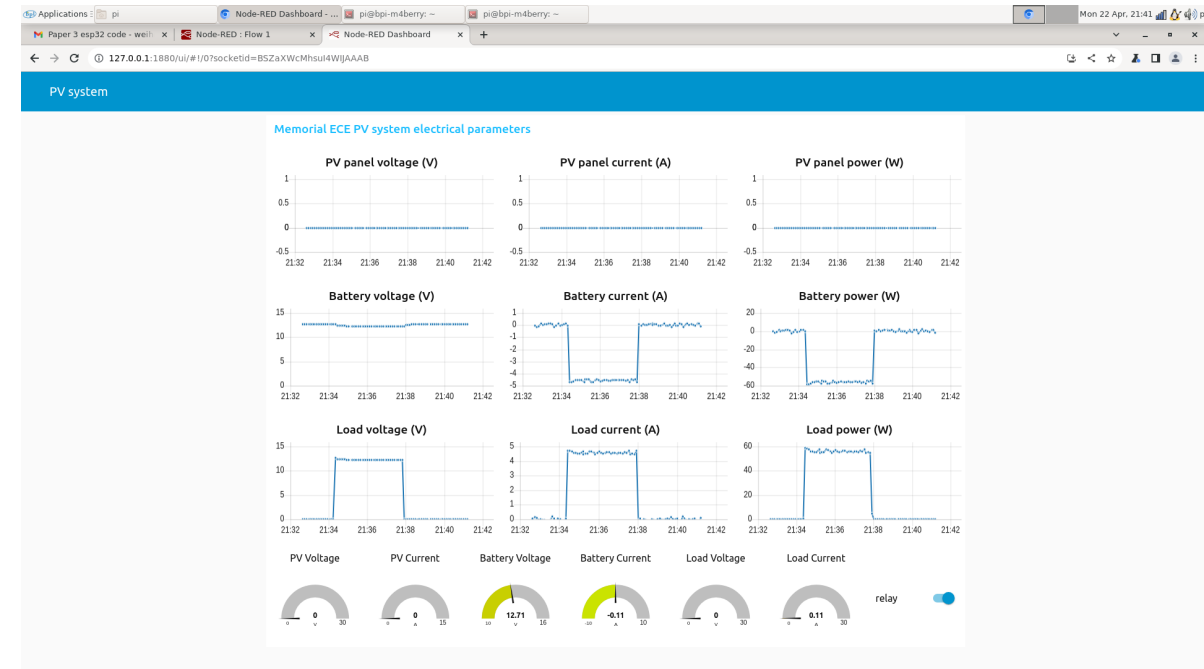


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## Results



*Test results for supervisory control.*



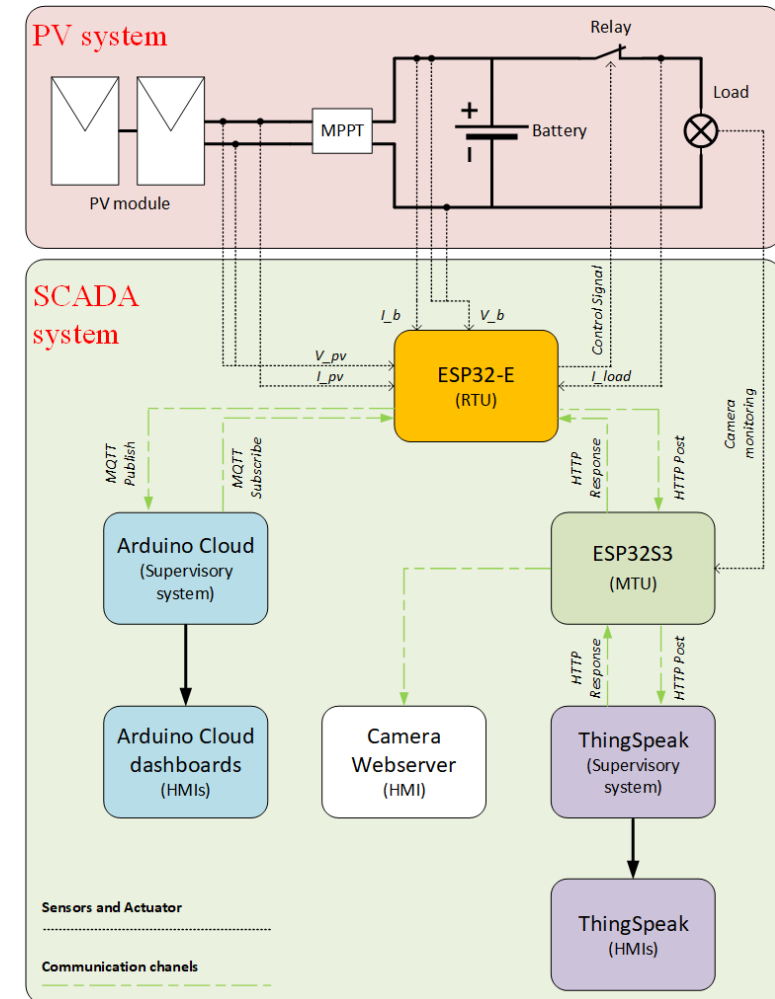
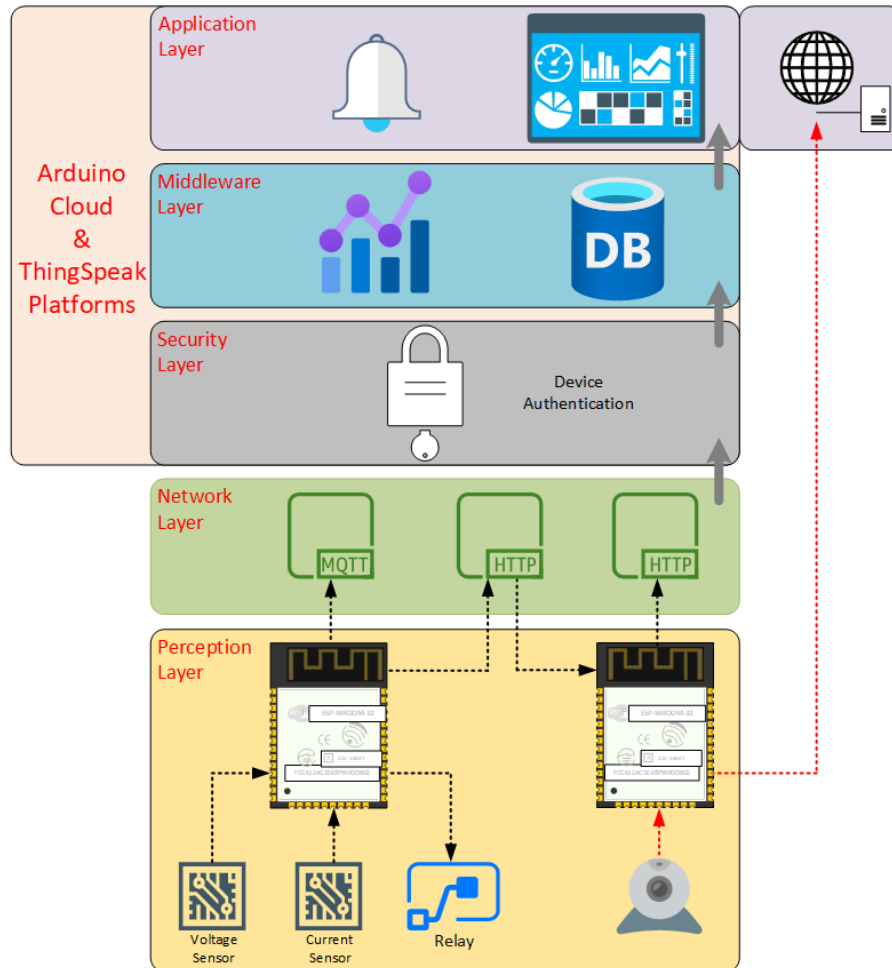
*Test results for local control.*



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##### System Diagram

##### 5-layer IoT-based SCADA architecture



*Proposed design of 5-layer IoT-based SCADA architecture.*

*SCADA components of the proposed design.*

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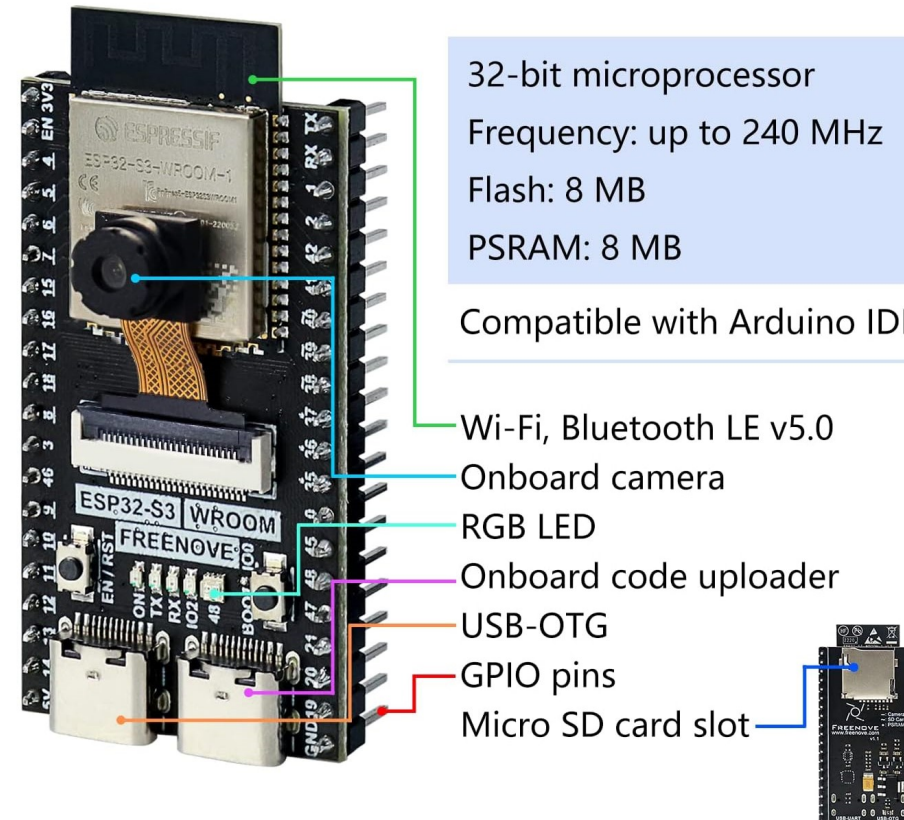
### Components

#### ➤ ESP32-S3

Xtensa® 32-bit LX7 dual-core processor, more advanced than Xtensa® 32-bit LX6 dual-core Processor in ESP32-E

Support PSRAM integration

More suitable for camera use



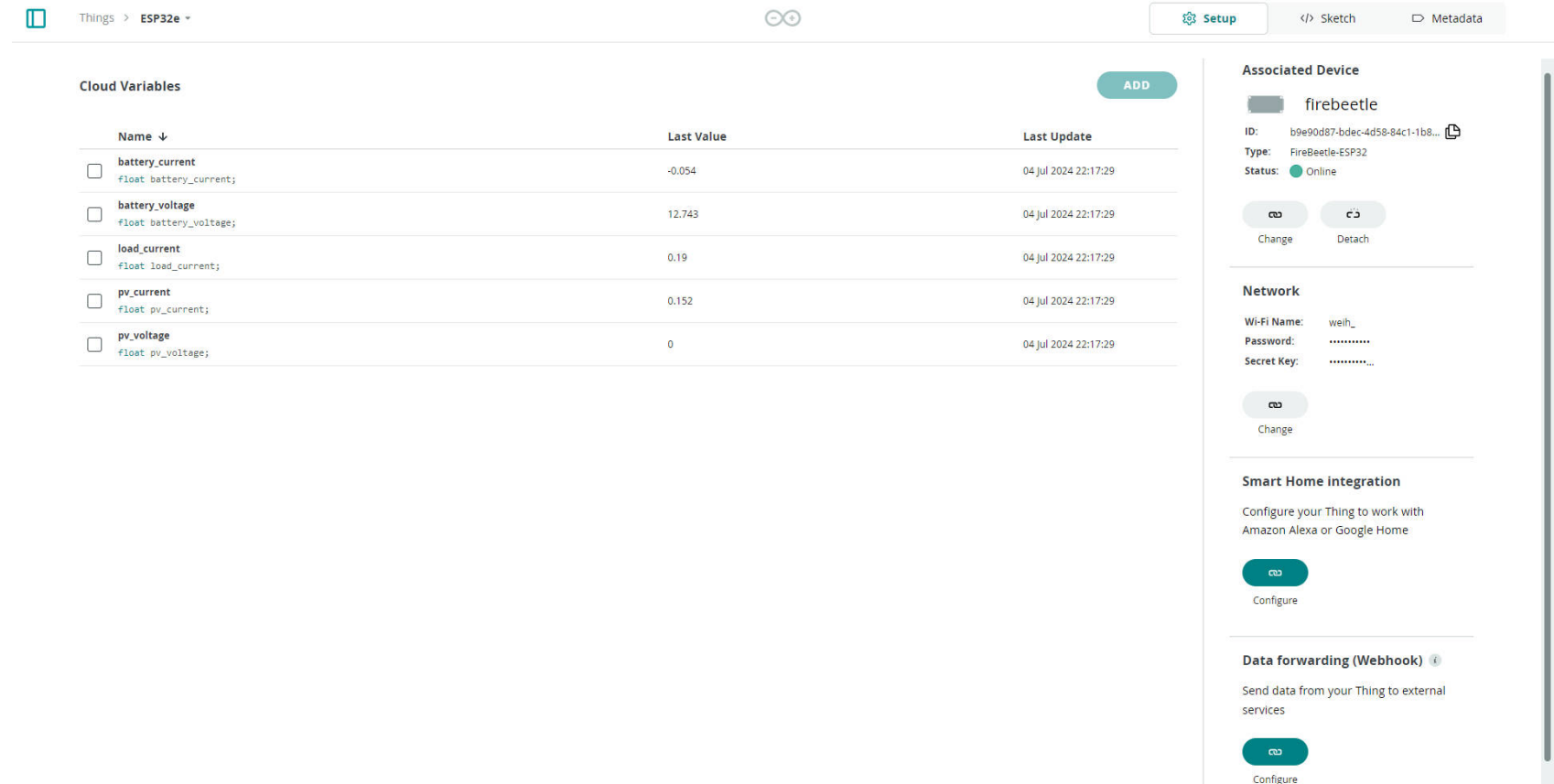
*ESP32-S3*

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### Components

#### ➤ Arduino Cloud

- Device Management
- Security
- Data Visualization
- Cloud Programming
- Remote Control
- Over-the-Air Updates
- Cloud Services Integration



The screenshot displays the Arduino Cloud interface for a device named "firebeetle". The interface is divided into two main sections: "Cloud Variables" and "Associated Device".

**Cloud Variables:** A table listing variables stored in the cloud. Each row includes a checkbox, the variable name, its data type, and its last update time.

	Name ↓	Last Value	Last Update
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>battery_current</b> float battery_current;	-0.054	04 Jul 2024 22:17:29
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>battery_voltage</b> float battery_voltage;	12.743	04 Jul 2024 22:17:29
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>load_current</b> float load_current;	0.19	04 Jul 2024 22:17:29
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>p_v_current</b> float p_v_current;	0.152	04 Jul 2024 22:17:29
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>p_v_voltage</b> float p_v_voltage;	0	04 Jul 2024 22:17:29

**Associated Device:** This section provides details about the "firebeetle" device, including its ID, type, and status (Online). It also offers options to change or detach the device.

**Network:** This section shows the Wi-Fi configuration, including the name, password, and secret key, with a "Change" button.

**Smart Home integration:** This section allows users to configure their Thing to work with Amazon Alexa or Google Home, with a "Configure" button.

**Data forwarding (Webhook):** This section allows users to send data from their Thing to external services, with a "Configure" button.

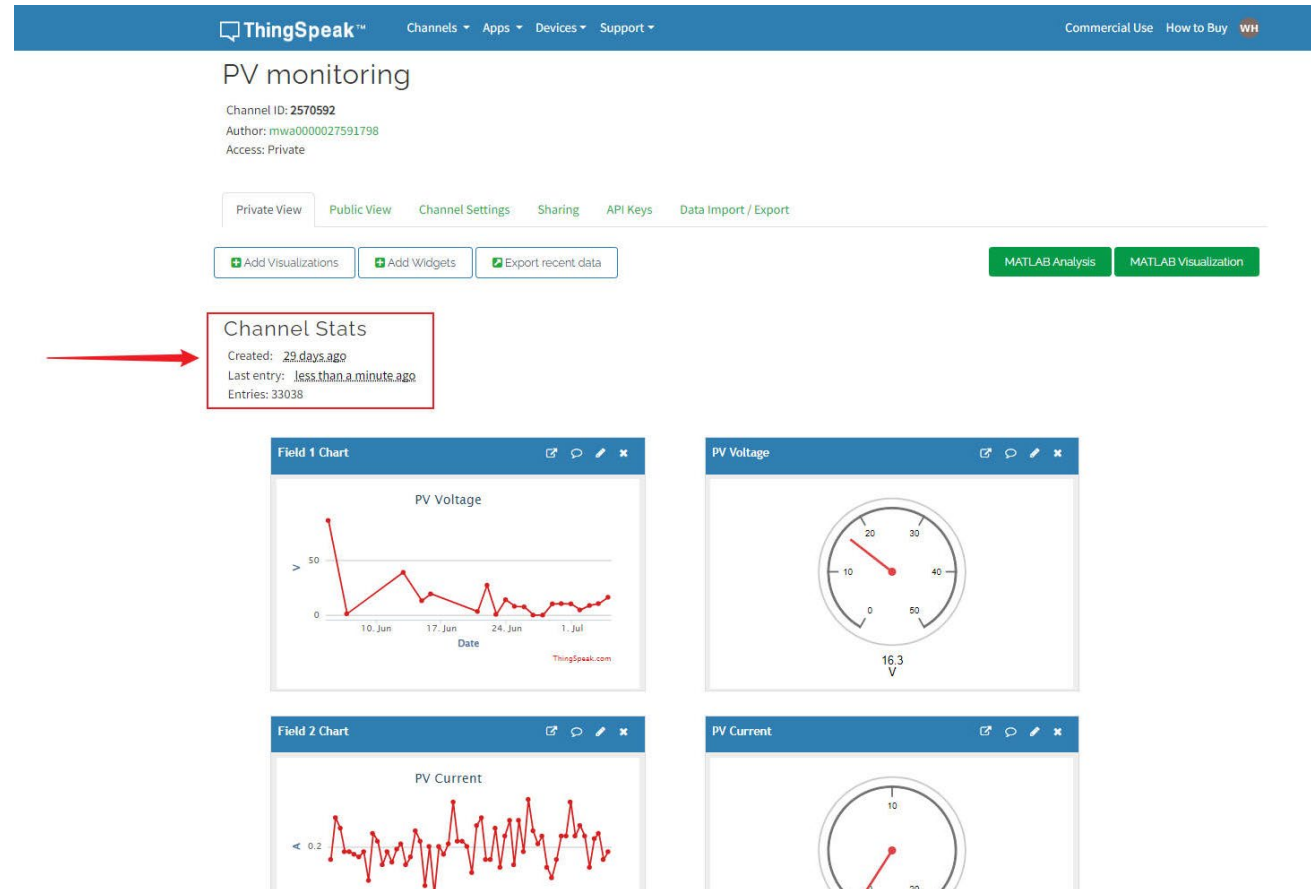
*Arduino Cloud interface*

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### Components

#### ➤ ThingSpeak

- IoT analytics platform
- MATLAB integration
- Various analysis app available
- Cloud storage



*ThingSpeak interface*

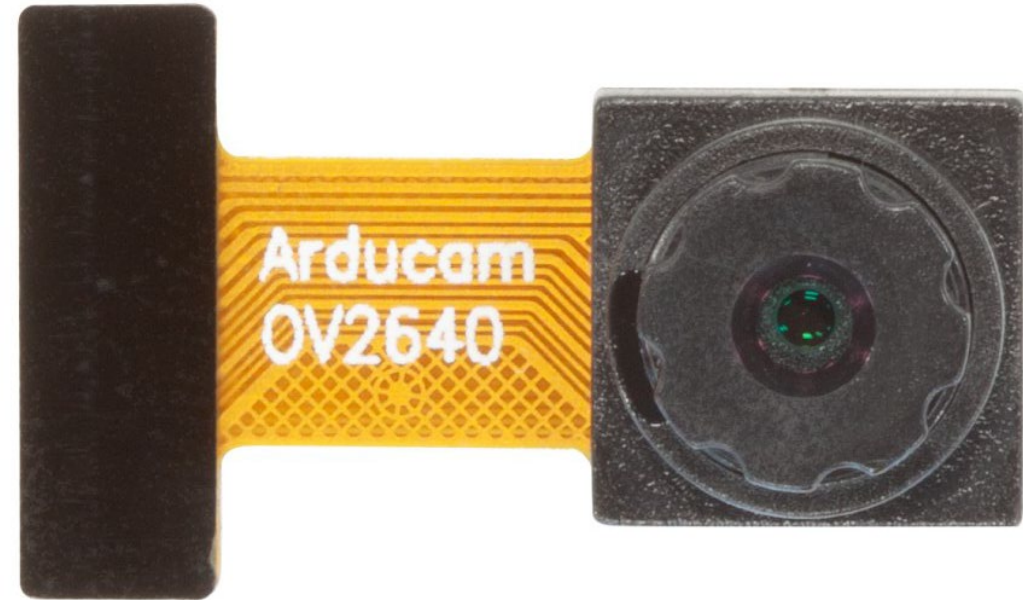
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##### Components

##### ➤ OV2640 Camera

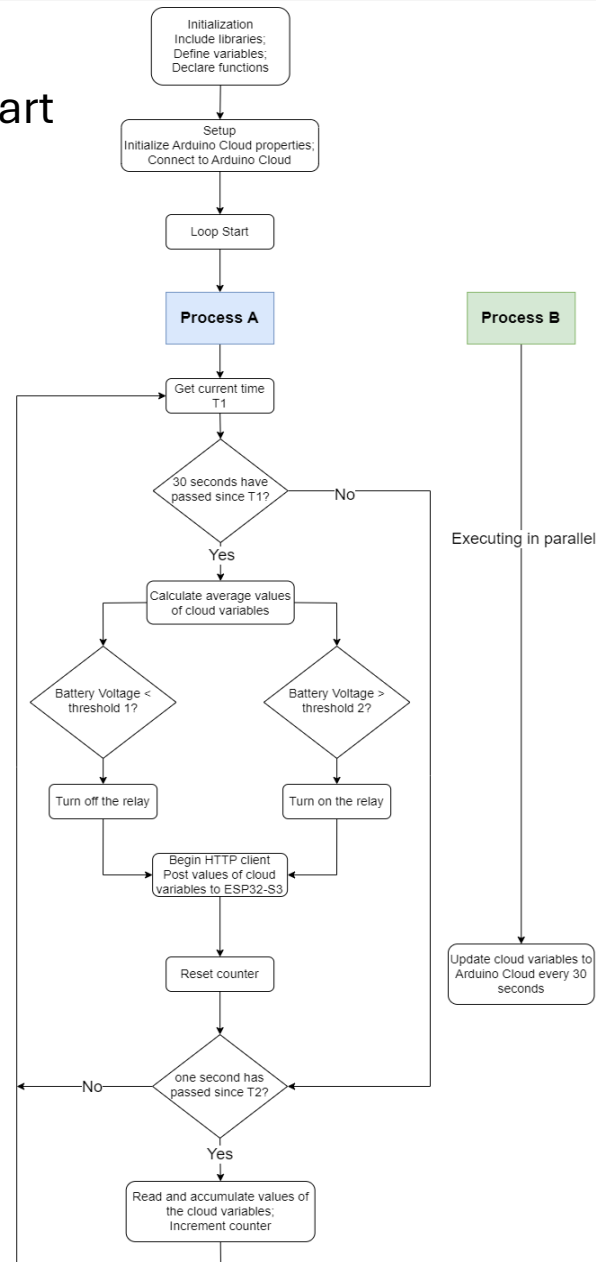
- 1/4 inch CMOS image sensor
- combination of a single-chip UXGA (1600×1200) camera and an image processor
- Supports different image sizes
- resolution, frame rate, exposure control, white balance, gain control, noise reduction can all be configured
- 3.3V supply voltage, compatible with MCU



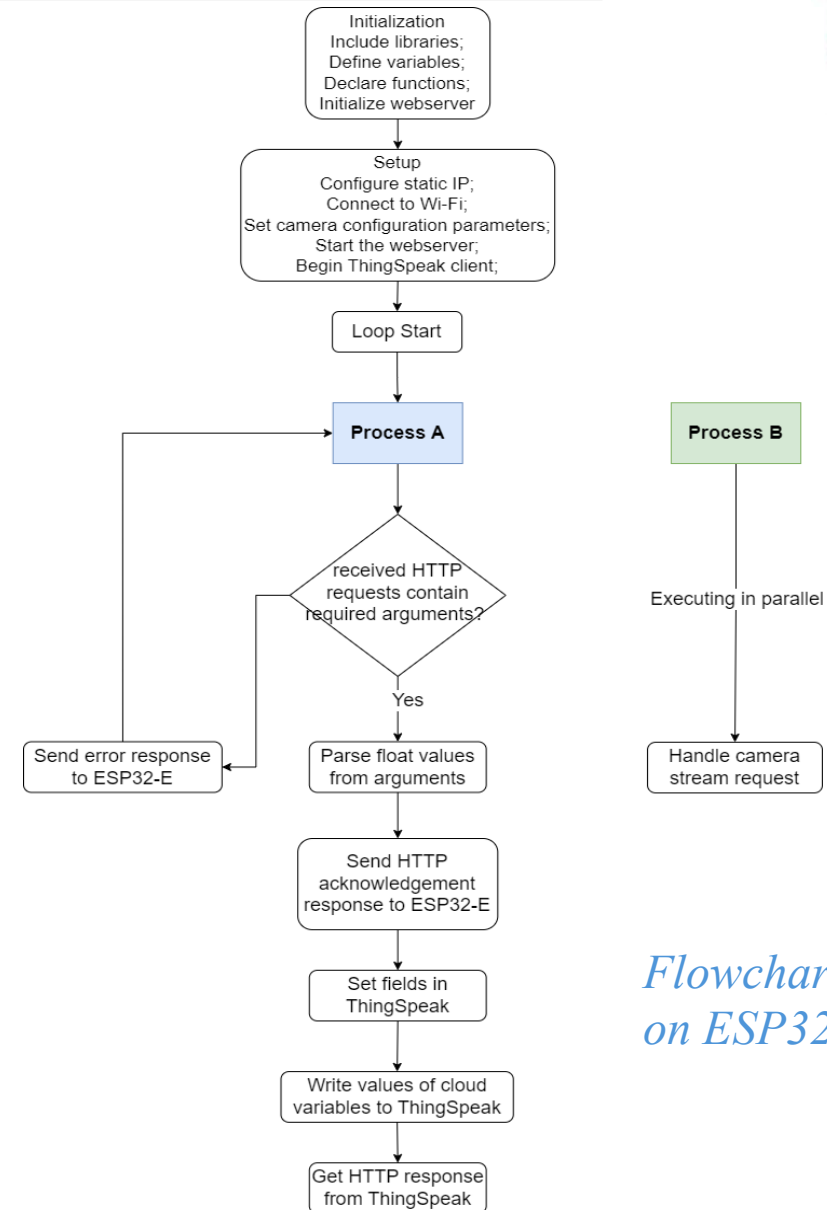
*OV2640 camera module*

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##### Program Flowchart



*Flowchart of programs  
on ESP32-E*

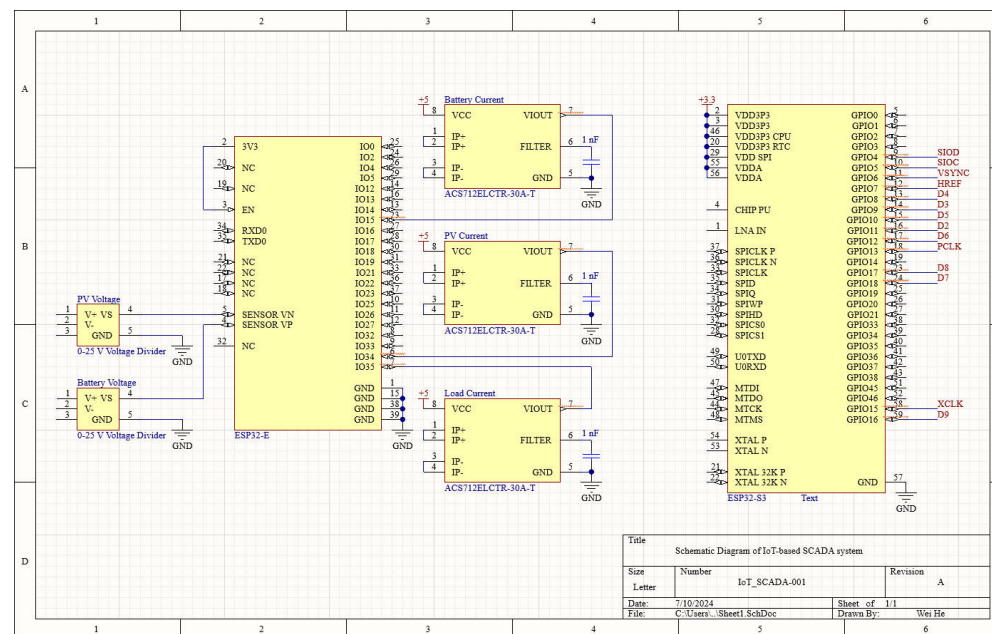
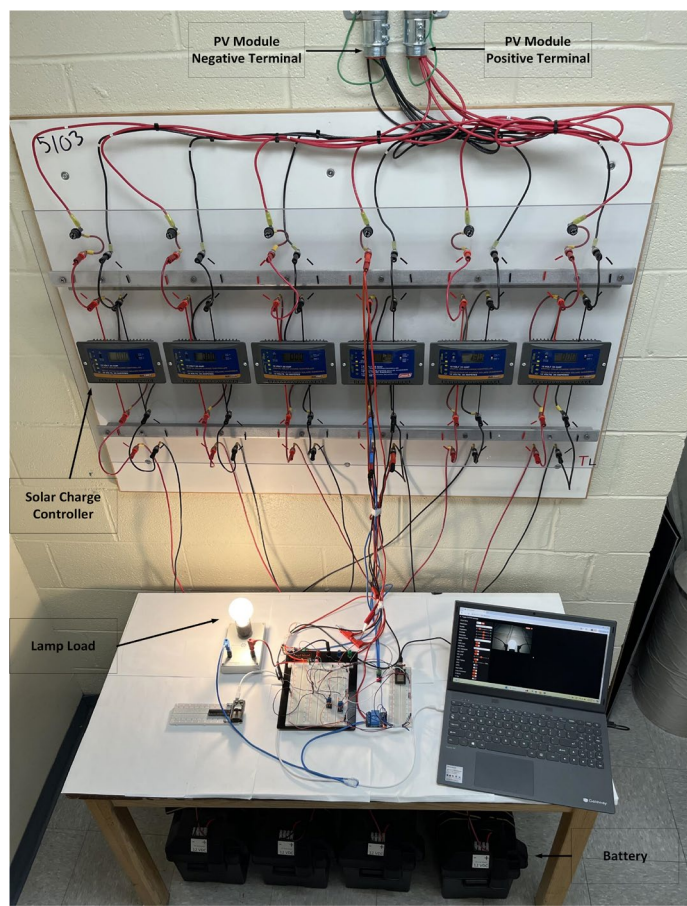


*Flowchart of programs  
on ESP32-S3*

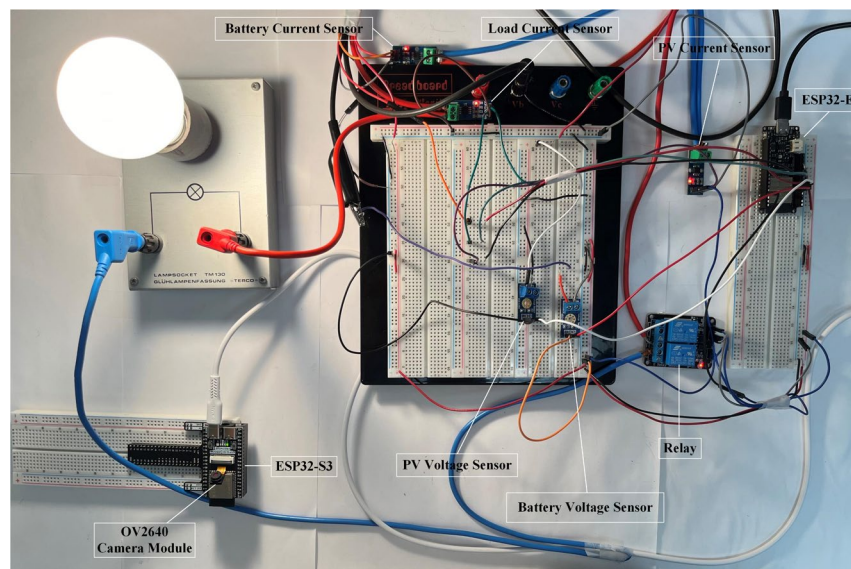


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### Experimental Setup



*Hardware schematic diagram*

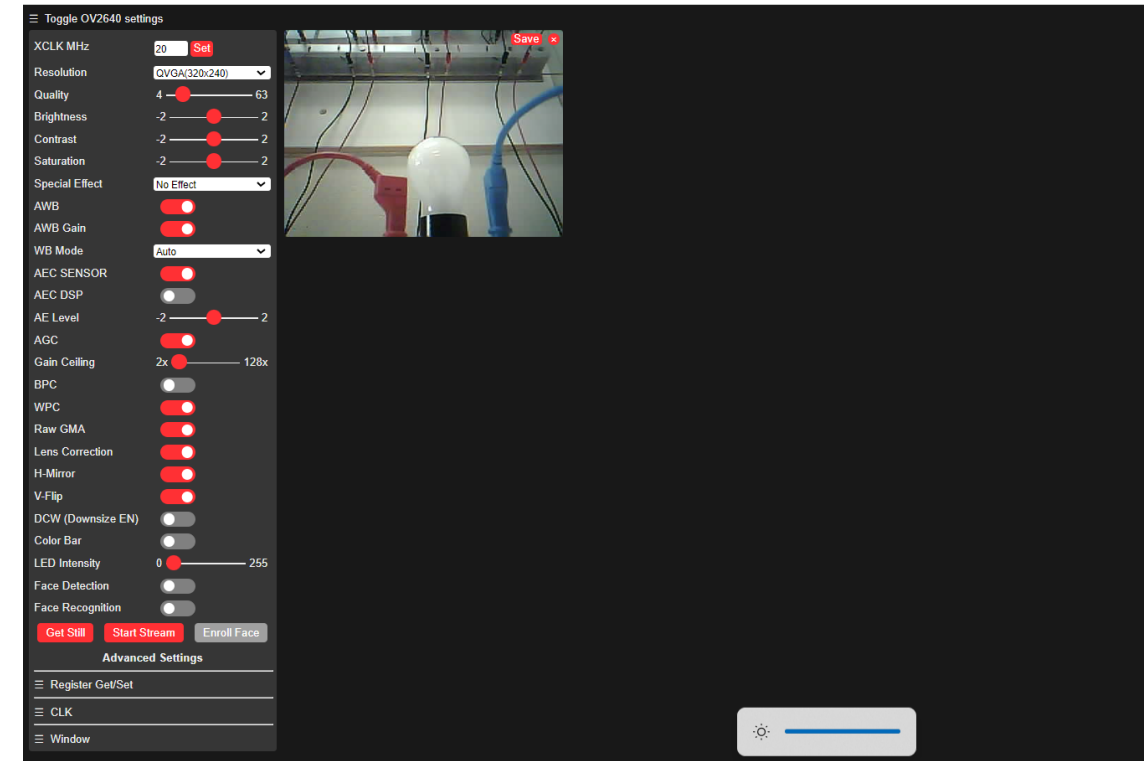


*Hardware setup of IoT-SCADA system*

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### Experimental Setup

```
1 % Store the channel ID for the PV monitoring channel.
2 channelID = 2570592;
3 readAPIKey = 'GW5DUUKETI09WJTU';
4
5 % Provide the ThingSpeak alerts API key. All alerts API keys start with TAK.
6 alertApiKey = 'TAKzIUH98ogbRUuzpzu';
7
8 % Set the address for the HTTP call
9 alertUrl='https://api.thingspeak.com/alerts/send';
10
11 % webwrite uses weboptions to add required headers. Alerts needs a ThingSpeak-API-Key header.
12 options = weboptions("HeaderFields", ["ThingSpeak-API-Key", alertApiKey]);
13
14 % Set the email subject.
15 alertSubject = sprintf("Low Battery Voltage");
16
17 % Read the recent data.
18 BV_Data = thingSpeakRead(channelID, 'ReadKey', readAPIKey, 'NumPoints', 30, 'Fields', 3);
19
20 % Check to make sure the data was read correctly from the channel.
21 if isempty(BV_Data)
22     alertBody = ' No data read from battery. ';
23 else
24     % Get the most recent point in the array of battery voltage data.
25     lastBV_Value = BV_Data(end);
26     lastBV_Value
27
28     % Set the outgoing message
29     if (lastBV_Value <= 12.5)
30         alertBody = ' The battery voltage is low! ';
31
32     else (lastBV_Value > 12.5)
33         alertBody = 'The battery voltage is normal. ';
34     end
35 end
36
37 % Catch errors so the MATLAB code does not disable a TimeControl if it fails
38 try
39     webwrite(alertUrl, "body", alertBody, "subject", alertSubject, options);
40 catch someException
41     fprintf("Failed to send alert: %s\n", someException.message);
42 end
43
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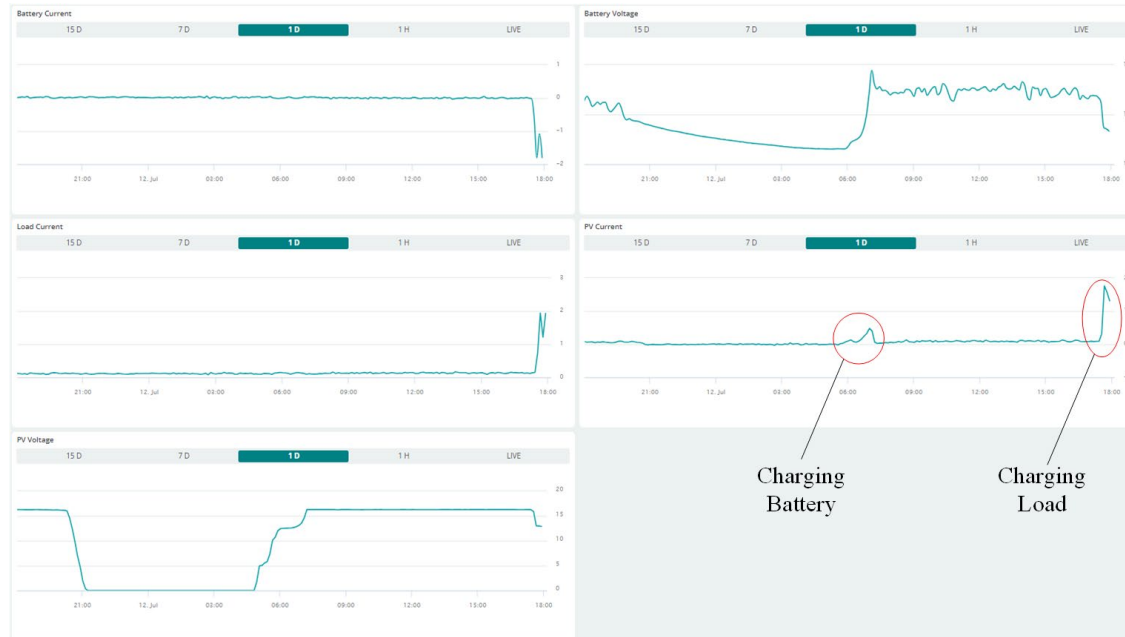
*Camera server interface*

*MATLAB program for email alert when the battery voltage is below 12.5 V.*



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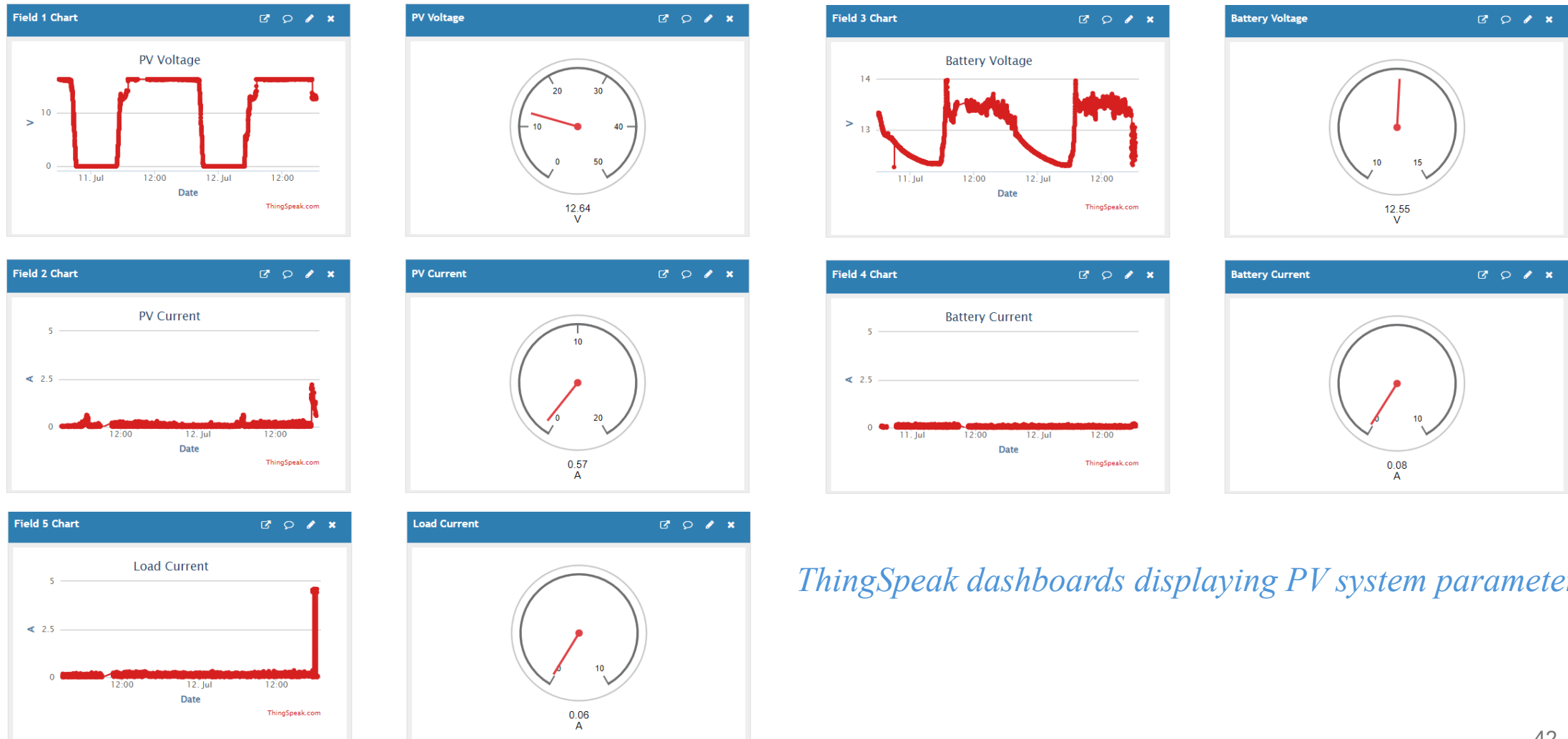
## Results



*Arduino Cloud dashboards on July 11 and 12, with 1D time scale.*      *Arduino Cloud dashboards on July 12, with 1H time scale.*

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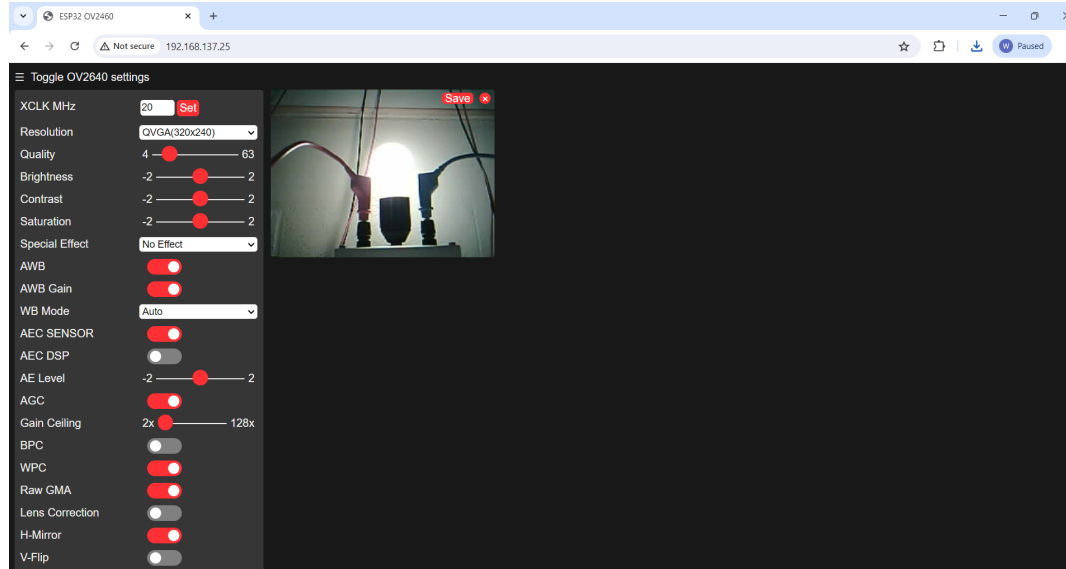
## Results



*ThingSpeak dashboards displaying PV system parameters.*

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## Results



*Load on when battery voltage is larger than 13.0 V.*



### Alert: Low Battery Voltage

The battery voltage is low!

Time: 2024-07-17 22-03-032 :+0000

You are receiving this email because a ThingSpeak Alert was requested using your ThingSpeak Alerts API key. For more information please refer to the [ThingSpeak Alerts Documentation](#).



*Email alert noticing that battery voltage is less than 12.5 V.*

# Conclusion

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- ❖ Being low power consumption and affordable, an IoT data logger specifically designed for PV system monitoring was studied. Different power-saving techniques were employed.
- ❖ A new design of HMI and a data storage solution featuring remote, extensive, and low-cost characteristics was proposed for the SCADA system to monitor standalone PV systems.
- ❖ Total solar eclipse data were recorded, using an IoT data logger based on BPI-M4 Berry single board computer and Node-RED middleware, featuring easy-to-implement and versatility
- ❖ An IoT-SCADA system was proposed to monitor and inspect the PV system, using Arduino Cloud and ThingSpeak. Such data redundancy increased the system robustness.

# Future Works

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- Wireless communication between the smart sensors and actuators
- Non-intrusive DC current sensors.
- One integrate solution that achieves local HMI, local data storage, cloud HMI, and cloud data storage.

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