



## **Supporting Information**

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## Photo-Rechargeable Electric Energy Storage Systems Based on Silicon Solar Cells and Supercapacitor-Engineering Concept

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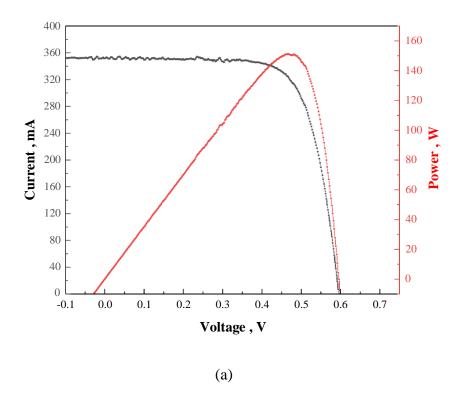
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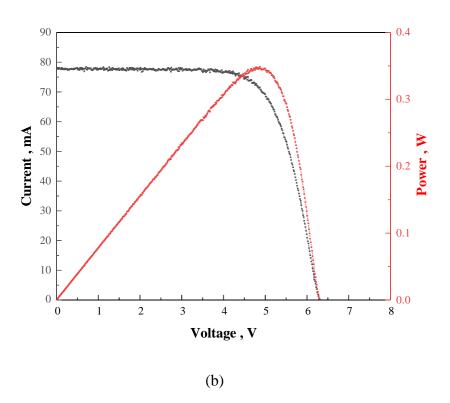
**Table S1.** A summary of crucial parameters of supercapacitors used in energy storage system.

Parameter		Supercapacitor 1	Supercapacitor 2	Supercapacitor 3
Brand Type		Eaton series XB	AXV Axial 850F	Eaton series XV
Symbol		XB3560-2R5407-R	SCCY1AB857SLBLE	XV3560-2R7407-R
dimensions		60mm × 35mm	115mm × 35mm	60mm × 35mm
Capasity of single capacitor	$C_{sc}$	400F	850F	400F
Operating potential of single supercapacitor	$V_{sc}$	2.5V	2.7V	2.7V
Storied energy	Es	0.35Wh	0.86Wh	0.41Wh
Series resistance	$R_s$	$4.5 \mathrm{m}\Omega$	1.3mΩ	3.2mΩ
Current of loss	$I_{u}$	0.45mA	2.2mA	0.85mA







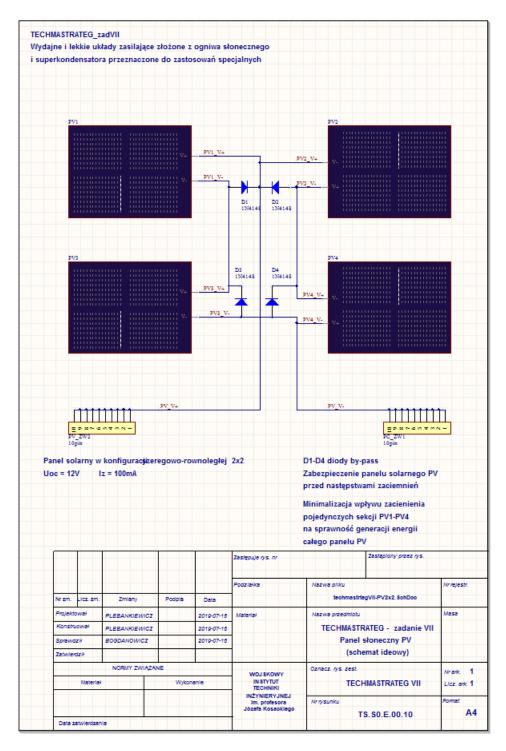


**Figure S1.** I-V characteristics of: (a) PV cell with size of  $50 \text{ mm} \times 20 \text{ mm}$  and (b) PV module with size of  $65 \text{ mm} \times 65 \text{ mm}$ .



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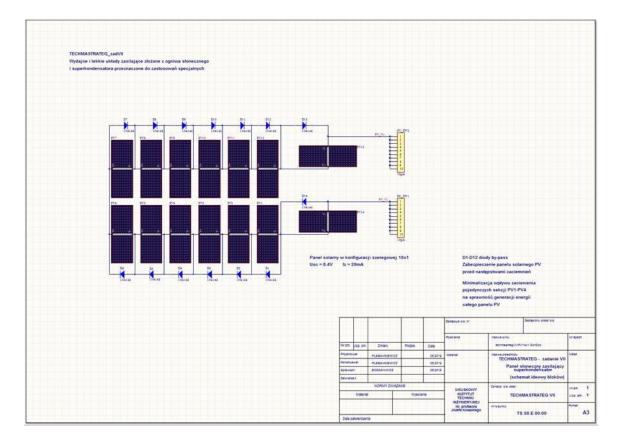






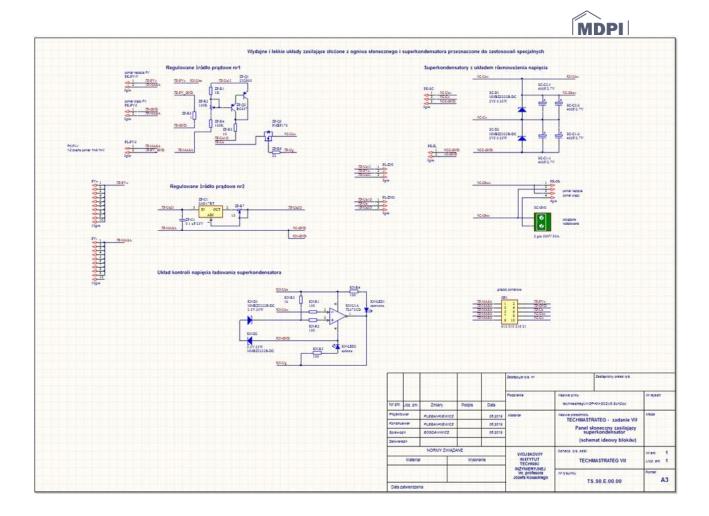
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**Figure S2.** Schematic diagrams of PV panels: (a) photovoltaic cells in a  $2 \times 10 \times 4$  series- parallel arrangement; (b) 14 solar cells in series.



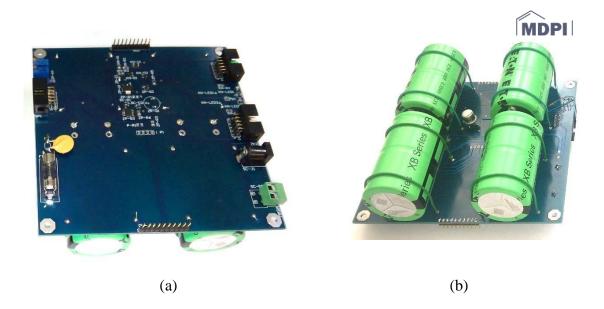


**Figure S3.** Schematic diagram of the power source block, voltage control system and supercapacitors.



**Figure S4.** View of assembled PCB of first demonstrator- photovoltaic cells in a system of 40 cells connected in series in parallel in a  $2 \times 10 \times 2$  system: (a) page of elements; (b) print page.





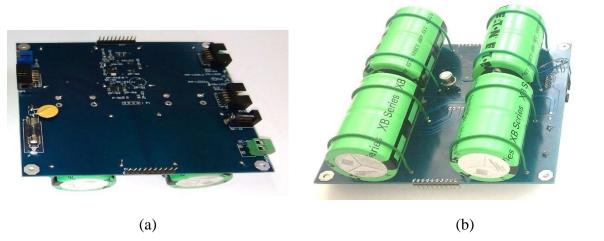
**Figure S5.** View of assembled elements: (a) a block of a power source, a voltage control system and (b) four supercapacitors with a capacity of  $C_{SC}$  = 400 F, operating voltage  $V_{SC}$  = 2.5 V



**Figure S6.** View of assembled PCB of second demonstrator - photovoltaic cells in a system of 40 cells connected in series in parallel in a  $2 \times 10 \times 2$  system: (a) page of elements; (b) print page

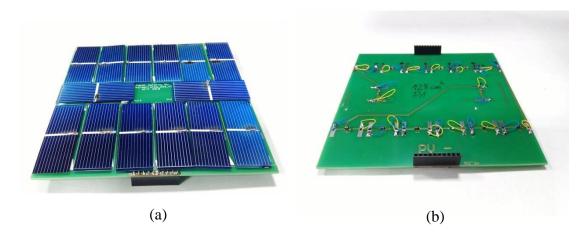




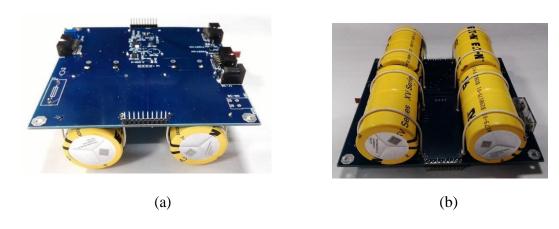


**Figure S7.** View of assembled PCB of second demonstrator: power source block, voltage control system and two supercapacitors with capacity  $C_{SC}$  = 850 F and operating voltage  $V_{SC}$  = 2.7 V,

(a) page of elements; (b) print page



**Figure S8.** View of assembled PCB of third demonstrator - photovoltaic cells in a system of 14 cells connected in series in a  $14 \times 1$  system: (a) page of elements; (b) print page

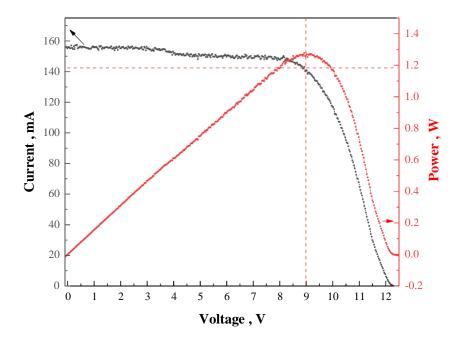




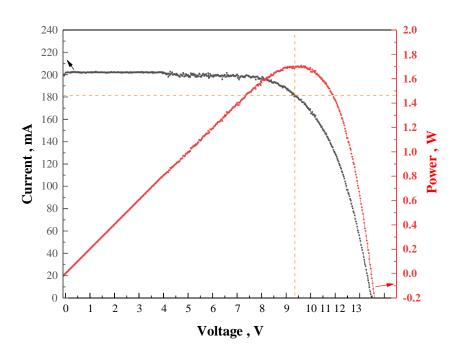
**Figure S9.** View of assembled PCB of third demonstrator - current source block, voltage control system and four supercapacitors with  $C_{SC} = 400$  F capacity and  $V_{SC} = 2.7$  V operating voltage: (a) page of elements; (b) print page







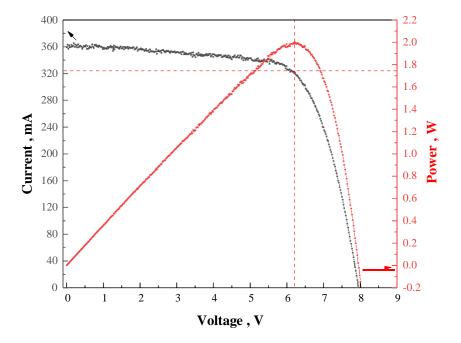
(a)



(b)







(c)

**Fig. S10.** Average voltage and current characteristics of a PV panel with the MPP optimal operating point marked at illumination  $\sim 990 \text{W/m}^2$  and  $\sim 21$  °C for: (a) demonstrator no. 1 ( $V_{oc} = 12.45 \text{ V}$ ,  $I_{sc} = 155.76 \text{ mA}$ , FF = 65%, PCE = 8.94%), (b) demonstrator no. 2 ( $V_{oc} = 12.34 \text{ V}$ ,  $I_{sc} = 212.67 \text{ mA}$ , FF = 65%, PCE = 11.85%), (c) demonstrator no. 3 ( $V_{oc} = 7.95 \text{ V}$ ,  $I_{sc} = 359.33 \text{ mA}$ , FF = 69%, PCE = 14.65%).