

## # Signalize — Ather Rizta Quick Insights Report

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### Executive summary

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We collected and analyzed 8,067 English comments about the Ather Rizta from public sources (primarily Reddit and YouTube) to

#### Top 3 positive highlights (by frequency / supporting examples)

1. App & Software / Usability
  - Many users praised the app features, display integrations and OTA updates; keywords: "app", "update", "display" (positive mentions)
2. Range / Battery Experience
  - Numerous positive comments reference acceptable or better-than-expected range and battery behavior; keywords: "range", "battery"
3. Ride Comfort & Build (User experience)
  - Users praised ride feel, comfort and perceived build quality across multiple posts; keywords: "ride", "comfort", "build" (positive mentions)

#### Top 3 areas for improvement (most frequent negative themes)

1. App & Software Stability / Functionality
  - The app and software appear as the single most frequent negative theme as well (~189 negative mentions). Complaints included crashes, lag, and bugs.
2. Battery / Charging Concerns
  - Negative mentions around battery life and charging (battery ~157, charging ~128) indicate complaints about range or charging speed.
3. Range / Real-world Expectations
  - Users reported range anxiety or lower-than-expected range in some real-world reports (range ~130 negative mentions).

### Methodology (short)

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- Data sources: `data/reddit\_raw.csv` (collected via PRAW) and `data/youtube\_raw.csv` (existing). Combined ~8k English comments.
  - Language detection: `langdetect` to keep only English comments.
  - Sentiment: NLTK VADER's SentimentIntensityAnalyzer (fast, zero-cost, interpretable). Label rule: compound  $\geq 0.05 \Rightarrow$  Positive.
  - Hierarchical classification: keyword-driven classifier mapping terms to a 3-level taxonomy (Category1 broad area, Category2 specific theme).

### Cost-benefit analysis of model choices

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- Option A — Transformers (Hugging Face RoBERTa / cardiffnlp):
    - Pros: higher accuracy on nuanced sentiment; supports multilingual and domain adaptation.
    - Cons: requires large model downloads, GPU for reasonable throughput or higher CPU time and cost; slower to iterate.
  - Option B — Paid APIs (OpenAI, Google PaLM):
    - Pros: state-of-the-art accuracy, easy to integrate, robust few-shot classification.
    - Cons: ongoing cost per API call for 8k+ records; privacy considerations and rate limits; latency and cost scale with project.
  - Option C — Rule-based (VADER) — chosen here for first pass:
    - Pros: Zero direct cost, fast, local, interpretable, sufficient for a high-level triage and theme extraction.
    - Cons: Less accurate on sarcasm, domain-specific terms, and fine-grained aspect sentiment.

Recommendation: For an initial, low-cost insight, VADER + keyword taxonomy is adequate. For a production-ready, high-accuracy model, consider Option A or B.

### Reproducibility & how to run

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1. Create a Python 3.9+ environment and install packages in `requirements\_out.txt`.
  2. Ensure Reddit credentials are set in `.env` (if running PRAW scrape). We wrote to `data/reddit\_raw.csv` using the PRAW scraper.
  3. Run the pipeline:
    - `python scripts/analyze_pipeline.py`
  4. Outputs created:
    - `results/combined\_analysis.csv` — combined dataset with sentiment and categories
    - `results/summary.md` — quick stats (also produced)

### Limitations

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- Dataset bias: majority of data comes from Reddit which may not reflect all buyer demographics.
  - Sentiment model: VADER is a general-purpose rule-based model and may mislabel sarcasm or context-specific language; hierarchical classification is limited.
  - Pushshift / YouTube heterogeneity: comment lengths and context differ between platforms; deeper aspect-level models or human review may be needed.

## Next steps (recommended)

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1. Sample and manually annotate ~500 comments to measure VADER precision/recall and adjust thresholds or train a small class
2. Fine-tune a transformer on the annotated sample for domain accuracy (cost: compute + annotation time). This will improve asp
3. Build dashboards for weekly monitoring and alerting for spikes in negative themes (service, battery, app outages).

## Contact

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Signalize AI & Insights — internal report (deliverables saved in `results/` folder).