

Hardware Approach Document

EV Battery Intelligence Challenge - Hardware Layer

1. System Context & Hardware Role

Challenge: Unlock "black-box" BMS data → Indigenous RISC-V analytics → Transparent RUL

Target: Simple E-Pluto 7G 2W Test Rig (16S6P, 60V, 1.2kWh Li-ion)

BMS: DALY 16S60V60A (CAN 250kbps, DB9 test point)

Edge: VSDSquadron ULTRA + THEJAS32 RISC-V (100MHz)

Hardware Mission: Passive CAN observer → Raw signal decode → Feature extraction → MQTT telemetry

2. Complete Hardware Stack

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2. Scooter Rig: Simple E-Pluto 7G Test Rig
|   └─ Battery: 16S6P Li-ion (60V, 1.2kWh)
|   └─ BMS: DALY 16S60V60A
|       └─ Signals: V_pack, I_pack, T_NTCs, V_cell[1-16]
|           └─ CAN: 250kbps, DB9 Test Point (CANH/CANL/GND)
|   └─ LV Power: 12V Auxiliary Bus
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3. CAN Physical Layer
|   └─ Connector: DB9 → Screw Terminal Adapter
|   └─ Transceiver: SN65HVD230 (3.3V, 2.5kV Isolation)
|   └─ Termination: 120Ω (matches BMS bus impedance)
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↓ SPI (10MHz)

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4. CAN Controller
|   └─ Chip: MCP2515 (SPI Slave, 16MHz Crystal)
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|   └── Mode: Listen-Only (CANCTRL=0x14, No Tx/No ACK)
|   └── Buffer: 32 Rx Buffers (Circular)
|   └── Interrupt: Pin 1 → THEJAS32 GPIO17
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↓ GPIO/SPI Pins

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5. Edge Compute: VSDSquadron ULTRA
|   └── Processor: THEJAS32 RISC-V 64-bit (100MHz)
|   └── Memory: 512KB SRAM + 16MB Flash
|   └── Peripherals: SPI2, GPIO17-20, UART2, 32-bit Timer
|   └── Power: 12V→5V DC-DC → 3.3V LDO (500mA margin)
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↓ UART2 (115200)

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6. Telemetry Output
|   └── MQTT Client: Lightweight JSON Serializer
|   └── Topics: ev/scooter1/telemetry, ev/scooter1/health
|   └── Fallback: UART CSV for PC dashboard
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3. Pinout & Connections

Scooter Harness DB9 → CAN Adapter:

Pin 2 → CANL (Orange)

Pin 7 → CANH (Yellow)

Pin 3 → GND (Black)

Pin 9 → 12V LV (Red)

VSDSquadron GPIO Mapping:

GPIO17 ← MCP2515 INT (Rx Ready)

GPIO18 → MCP2515 CS

GPIO19 → MCP2515 SCK
GPIO20 → MCP2515 MOSI
GPIO21 ← MCP2515 MISO

Status LEDs (GPIO22-24):
GPIO22 → Green (Healthy)
GPIO23 → Yellow (Warning)
GPIO24 → Red (Critical)

4. Power Architecture

Scooter LV Bus (12V, 79W total load capacity)
↓ [LM2596 DC-DC: 12V→5V, 3A]
USB-C Input (VSDSquadron: 5V/2A)
↓ [Local LDO: 5V→3.3V, 1A]
MCP2515 (3.3V, 50mA) + SN65HVD230 (3.3V, 20mA)
↓ THEJAS32 Core (3.3V, 300mA peak)

Total Consumption: ~400mA @ 3.3V = 1.3W (fits LV budget)

5. Firmware-Hardware Interface

MCP2515 Register Configuration

CANCTRL = 0x14	// Listen-Only Mode
CANINTE = 0x03	// Rx0 + Error Interrupt
CNF1 = 0x03	// 250kbps @ 16MHz
CNF2 = 0xB1	// Sample Point 75%
CNF3 = 0x02	// Normal/Sync Jump

Interrupt Flow

500ms Timer IRQ → Poll MCP2515 → Decode Frame →
Timestamp → Feature Calc → MQTT Publish → LED Update

6. BOM (Bill of Materials)

Component	Qty	Part Number	Source	Cost
VSDSquadron ULTRA	1	VSD Kit	Hackathon	Free
MCP2515 Module	1	Waveshare	Amazon	₹150
SN65HVD230 Module	1	Generic	Local	₹100
DB9 Breakout	1	Generic	Local	₹50
Status LEDs + Resistors	3	Generic	Local	₹20
DC-DC 12→5V	1	LM2596	Local	₹80
Total				₹400

7. PCB / Assembly Notes

Form Factor: Perfboard (10x10cm) - Hackathon Ready
Connectors: DB9 Female + USB-C + UART Header
Mounting: DIN Rail Clips (optional)
Enclosure: IP54 Plastic Box (future)
Debug: SWD Header for THEJAS32

8. Test & Validation Plan

- Phase 1: CAN Signal Verification
 - └ Multimeter: V/I/T static check
 - └ Oscilloscope: CANH/CANL waveform
 - └ Logic Analyzer: MCP2515 SPI traffic
- Phase 2: Edge Processing
 - └ Serial Monitor: Raw decode verification
 - └ LED Test: Health zones trigger
 - └ MQTT Inspector: Payload validation
- Phase 3: Scooter Integration
 - └ Live discharge: 5km simulated ride
 - └ Charge cycle: Full SOC sweep
 - └ Stress test: High current acceleration

9. Edge-to-Cloud Data Contract

- Every 500ms → MQTT Payload (180 bytes avg):
 - └ Raw: V,I,T,ΔV,SOC_ref (40 bytes)
 - └ Features: C_rate,Energy,Cycles,R_est (60 bytes)
 - └ Scores: HealthIndex,StressScore (20 bytes)
- Full 16-cell snapshot: Every 30s or on ΔV>20mV event