

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

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)

↓ SPI (10MHz)

4. CAN Controller

Chip: MCP2515 (SPI Slave, 16MHz Crystal)

	— Mode: Listen-Only (CANCTRL=0x14, No Tx/No ACK)	
	— Buffer: 32 Rx Buffers (Circular)	
	— Interrupt: Pin 1 → THEJAS32 GPIO17	

↓ GPIO/SPI Pins

	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)	

↓ UART2 (115200)

	6. Telemetry Output	
	— MQTT Client: Lightweight JSON Serializer	
	— Topics: ev/scooter1/telemetry, ev/scooter1/health	
	— Fallback: UART CSV for PC dashboard	

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

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GPI019 → MCP2515 SCK
GPI020 → MCP2515 MOSI
GPI021 ← MCP2515 MISO
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Status LEDs (GPI022-24):
GPI022 → Green (Healthy)
GPI023 → Yellow (Warning)
GPI024 → Red (Critical)
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4. Power Architecture

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

5. Firmware-Hardware Interface

MCP2515 Register Configuration

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CANCTRL = 0x14          // Listen-Only Mode
CANINTE = 0x03          // Rx0 + Error Interrupt
CNF1 = 0x03             // 250kbps @ 16MHz
CNF2 = 0xB1             // Sample Point 75%
CNF3 = 0x02             // Normal/Sync Jump
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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 $\Delta V > 20\text{mV}$ event