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Battery management in NuttX with NXP RDDRONE-BMS772

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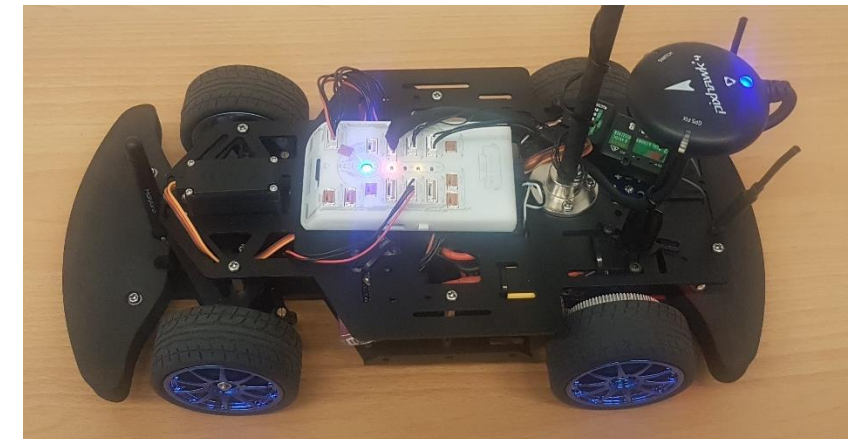
Delivering real-time responsiveness at the speed of 5G





Mobile robotics at NXP

- Started as a small drone team → Now mobile robotics
 - Drones
 - Rovers
 - Delivery vehicles and open experimentation like X-VTOL
- Applying products from throughout the company to drones and rovers
 - MCU, MPU, Safety, Security, Networking, Wireless
 - Automotive functional safety parts (ISO 26262)
- “We don’t build drones, we build reference designs”





HOVERGAMES - CODING CHALLENGE

HELP DRONES HELP OTHERS DURING PANDEMICS

Challenge yourself to think creatively about drone solutions for real world problems.
Learn more on www.hovergames.com

Registration is now open <https://www.hackster.io/contests/hovergames2>

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**Applications for
hardware close today!
(August 16)**



NXP and NuttX

Why does the NXP Mobile Robotics team like NuttX?

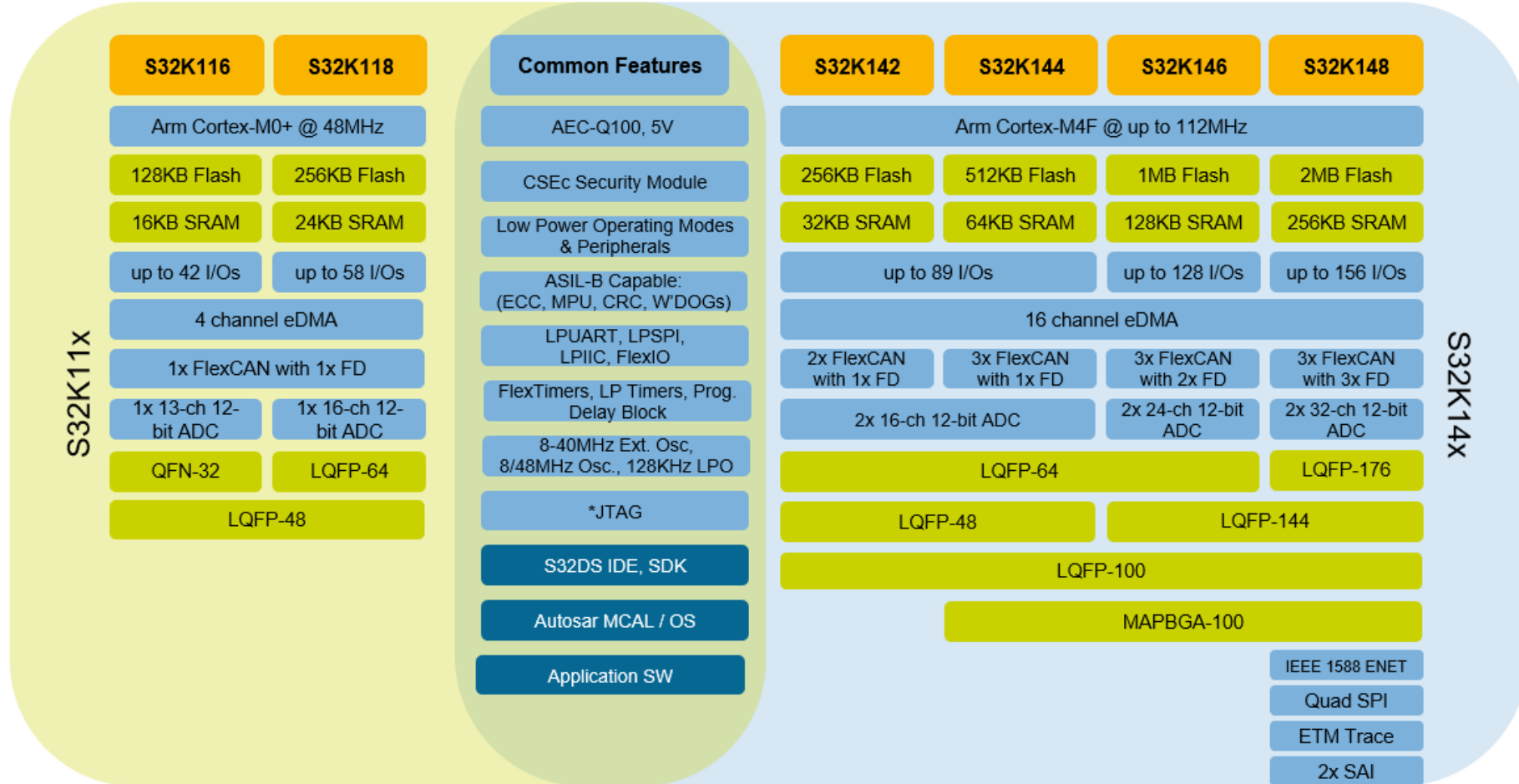
- (PX4 community)
- We create complex systems with many different tasks and peripherals
- Standards compliance, use of POSIX and Unix APIs
- Portability, support of many different platforms
- Extensive set of drivers and applications
- Enthusiasm for NXP silicon in the NuttX community

Support for many NXP MCUs and MPUs:

- i.MX RT 105x/106x (ARM Cortex-M7)
- **S32K1xx (ARM Cortex-M0/M4)**
- Kinetis (K/L) (ARM Cortex-M0/M4)
- LPC 17xx/40xx/43xx/54xxx (ARM Cortex-M0/M3/M4)
- i.MX 6 (ARM Cortex-A9)



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<https://www.nxp.com/products/processors-and-microcontrollers/arm-microcontrollers/s32k-automotive-mcus/s32k1-microcontrollers-for-general-purpose:S32K>



Our recent contributions

- S32K1xx arch support (thanks Gregory for the initial port!)
- S32K1xx EVB board support
- SocketCAN implementation (by Peter van der Perk)

Very soon:

- RDDRONE-UCANS32K146 UAVCAN node
- RDDRONE-BMS772 battery management system
 - MC33772 driver and battery management application



Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uQkgr5NjTVo>

ACTUAL SPEED



Problem description

- Drones
- Lithium ion polymer battery
- Unsafe
- Monitoring & protection





LiPo comparison

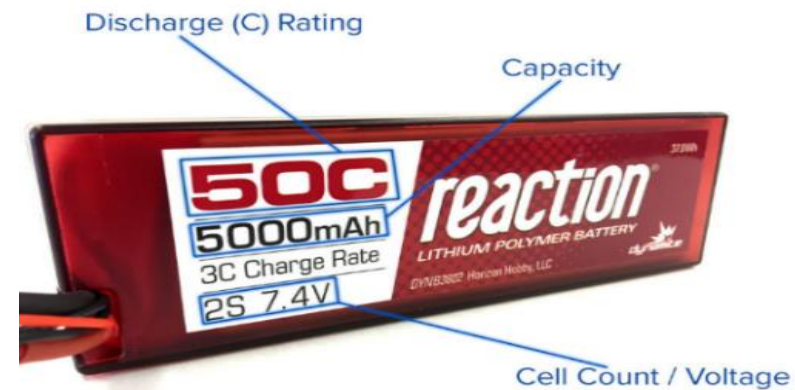
Pros

- Weight and shape
- High capacity
- High discharge rate



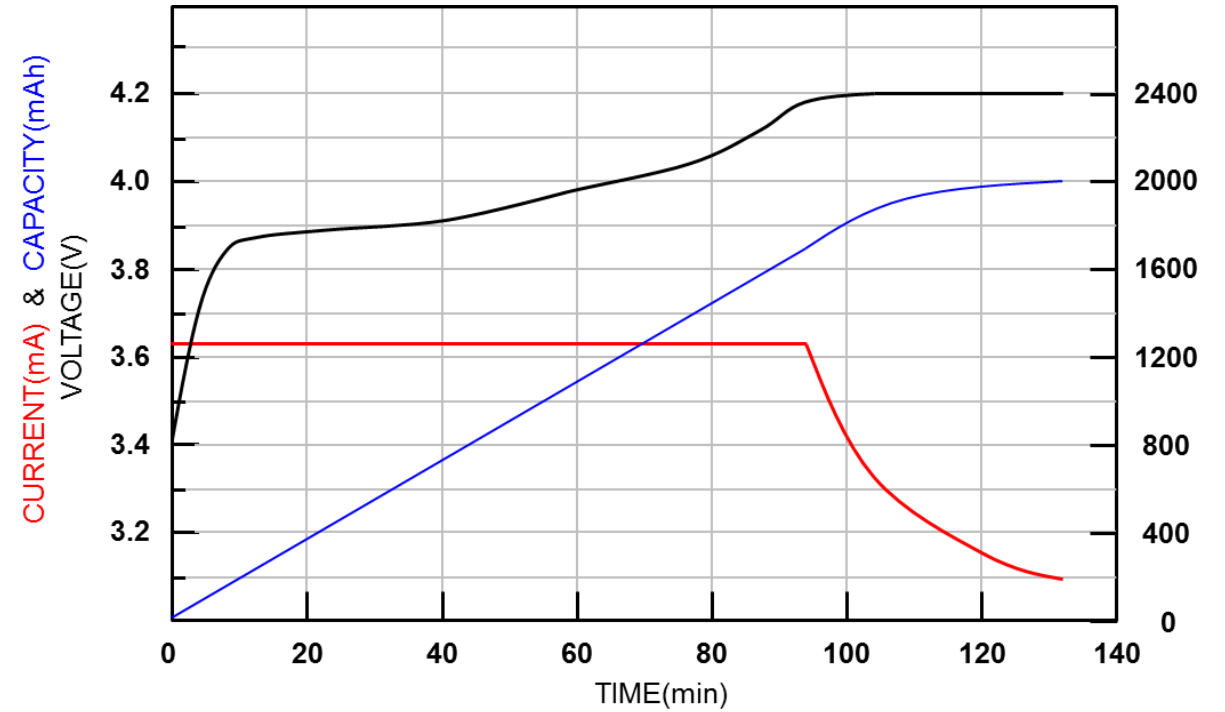
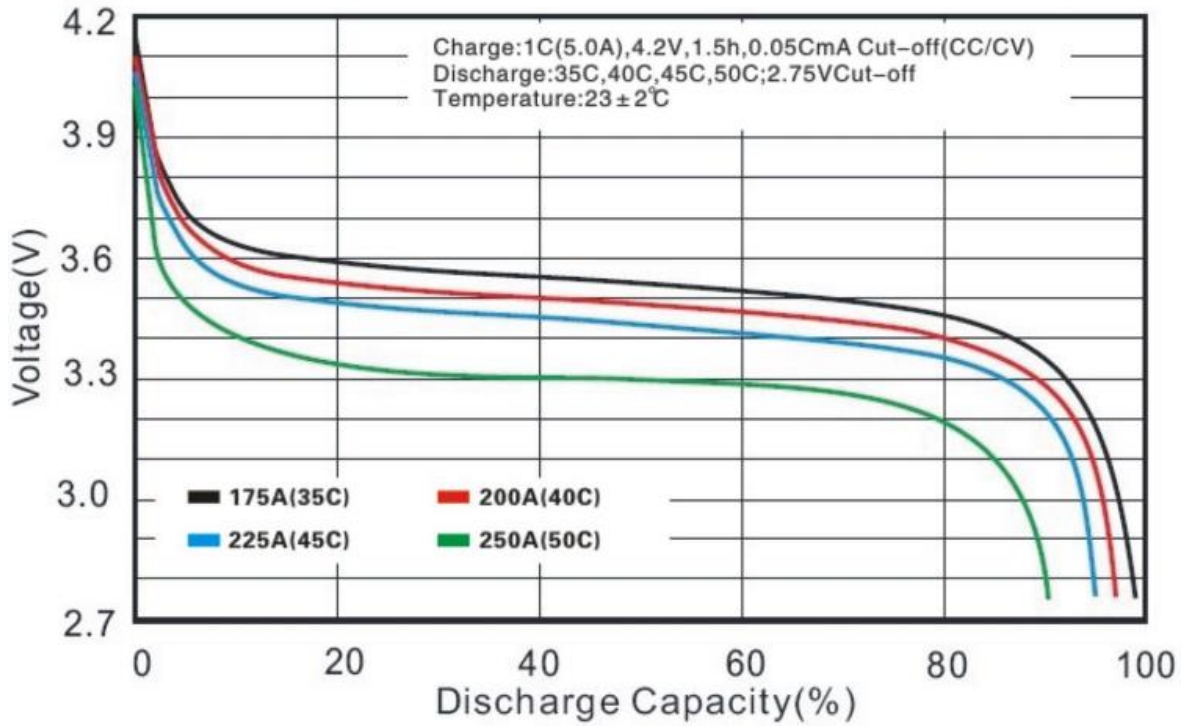
Cons

- Special attention
- Sensitive chemistry
- Short lifetime (150-250 cycles)





LiPo curves





What should this BMS do?



Measure

Batt voltage
Cell voltages
Batt current
Batt temperature
PCB temperatures



Estimate

State of charge
State of health
Avg power
Full charge capacity
 T_{charge}
BMS status



Act

Cut power with an extreme fault
React on:
- Overcurrent
- Over & under voltage
- Over & under temperature
Balance cells

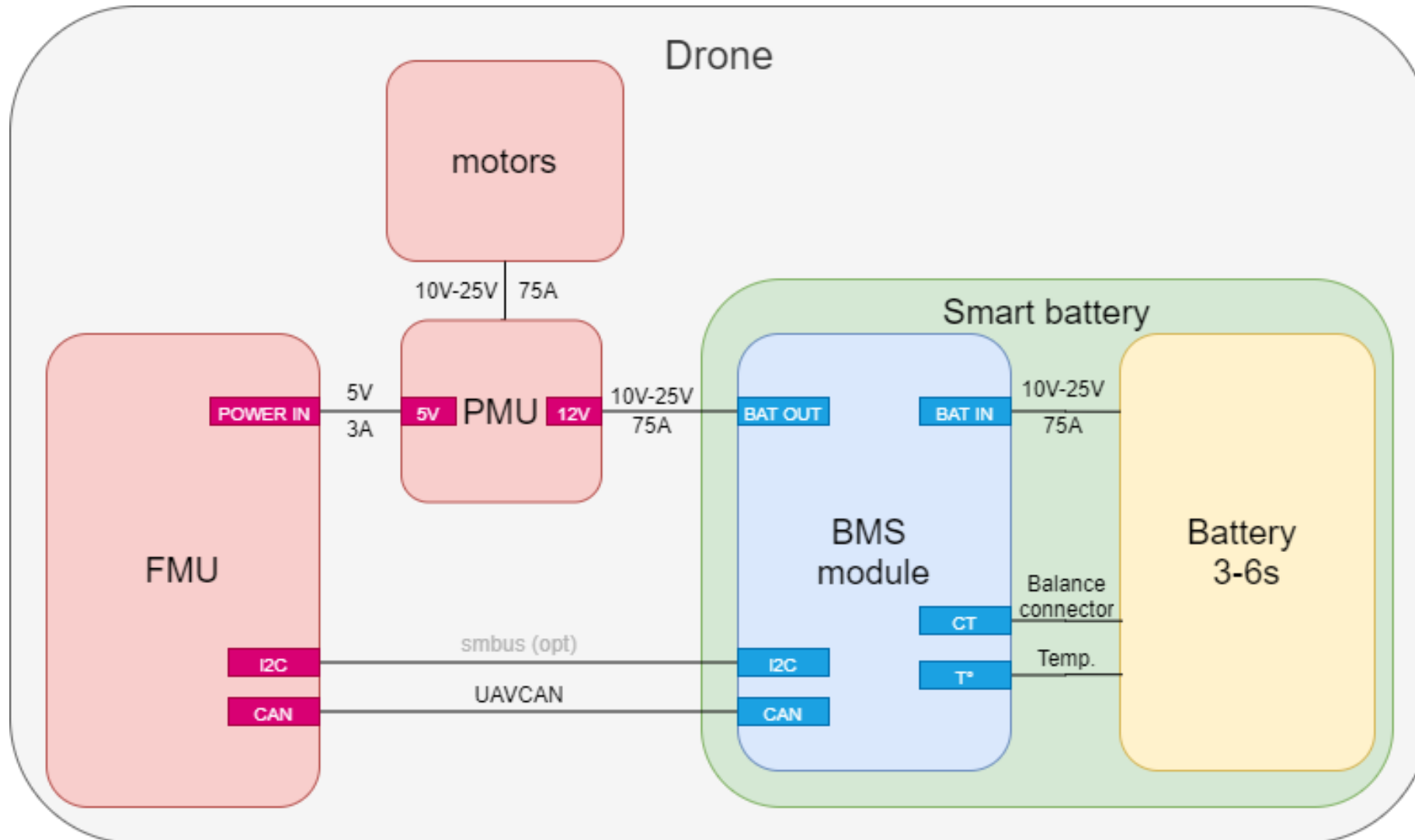


Communicate

UAVCAN
LED
(NFC)
(Display)

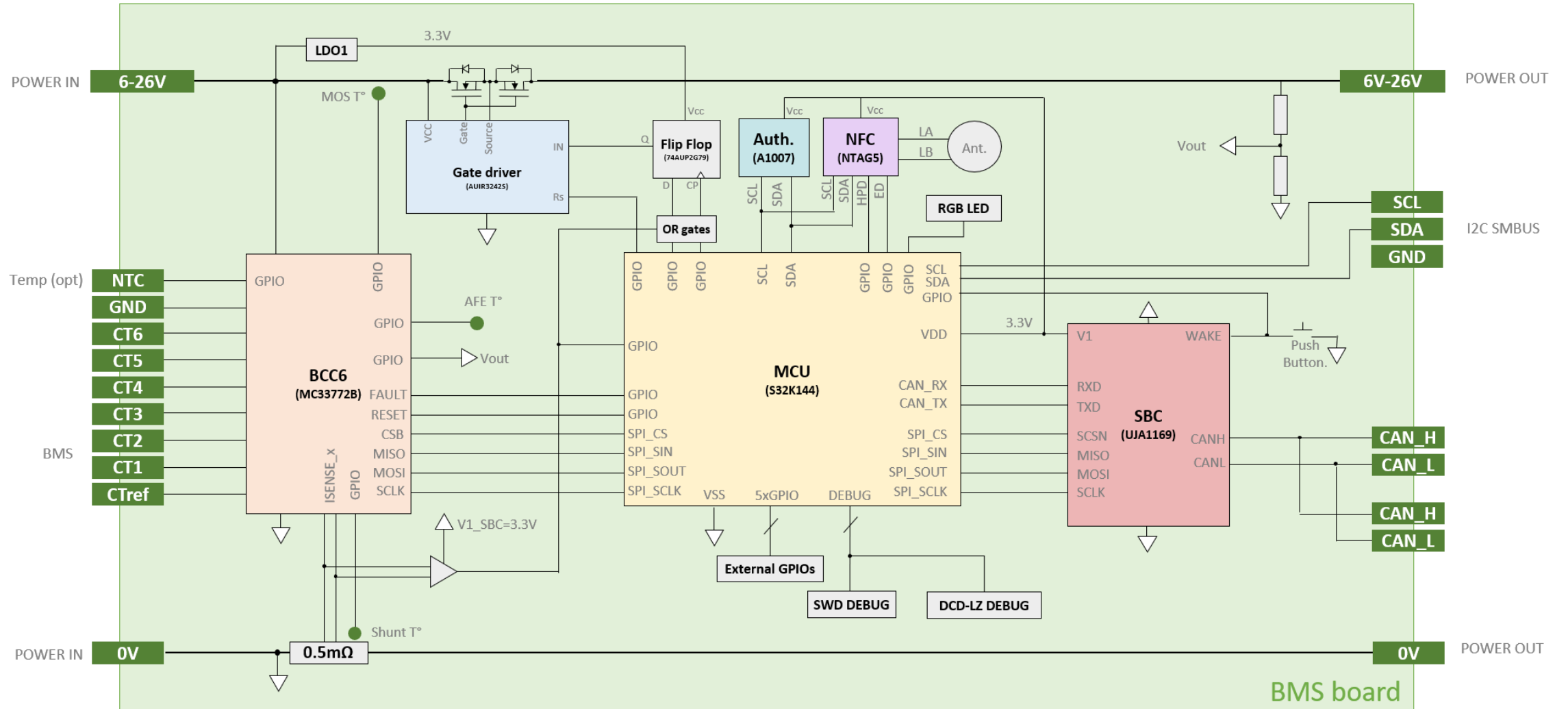


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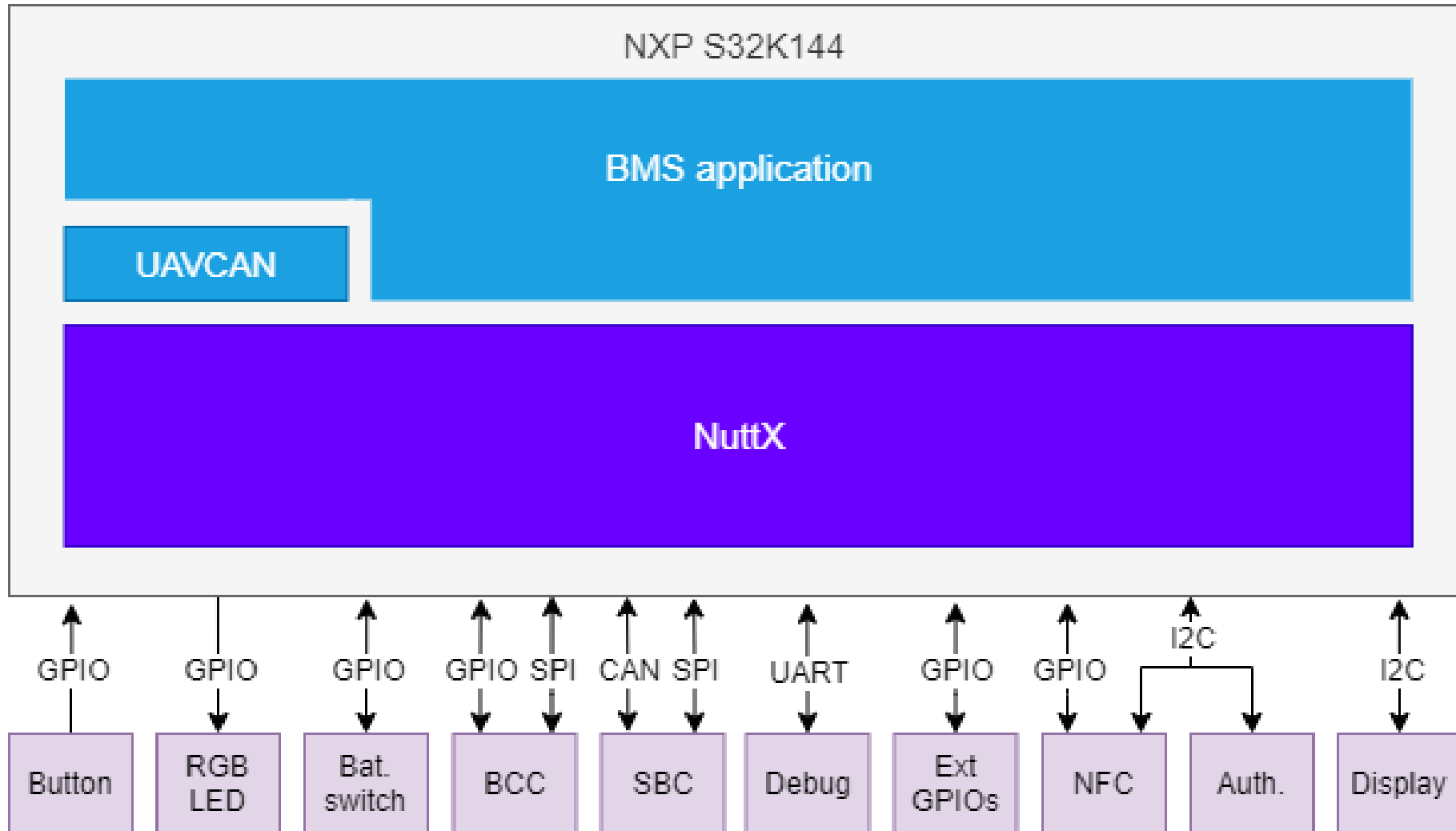


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Data

Shared memory
Multi-thread access
Easy save to flash



CLI

Easy debugging
Easy configuration



LED state

Visual indication
NuttX userled functions



Battery management

Monitoring, configuration
BCC (library & SPI driver)
Control the output



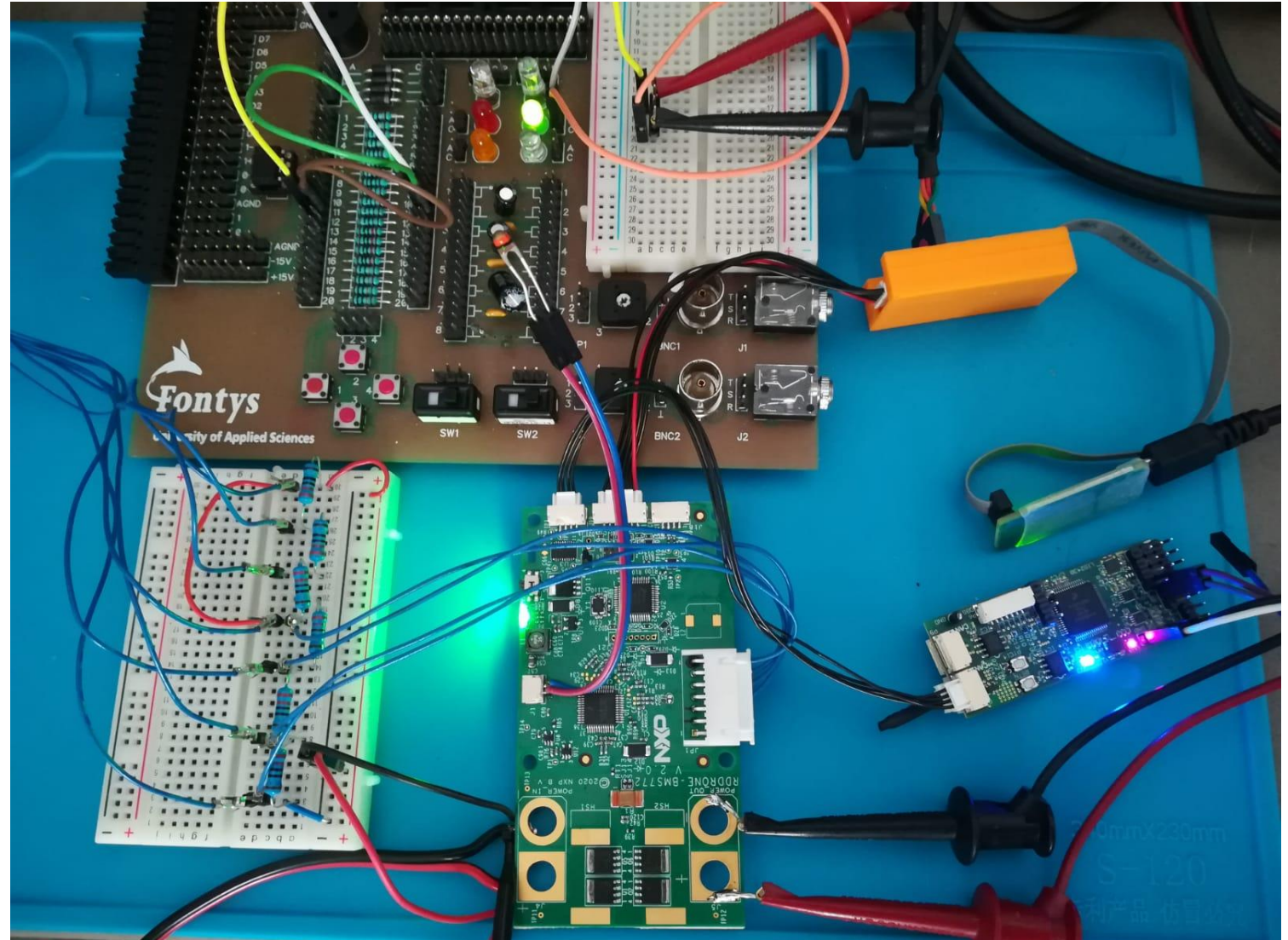
UAVCAN

Draft of the battery standard
socketCAN API
Communication with FMU



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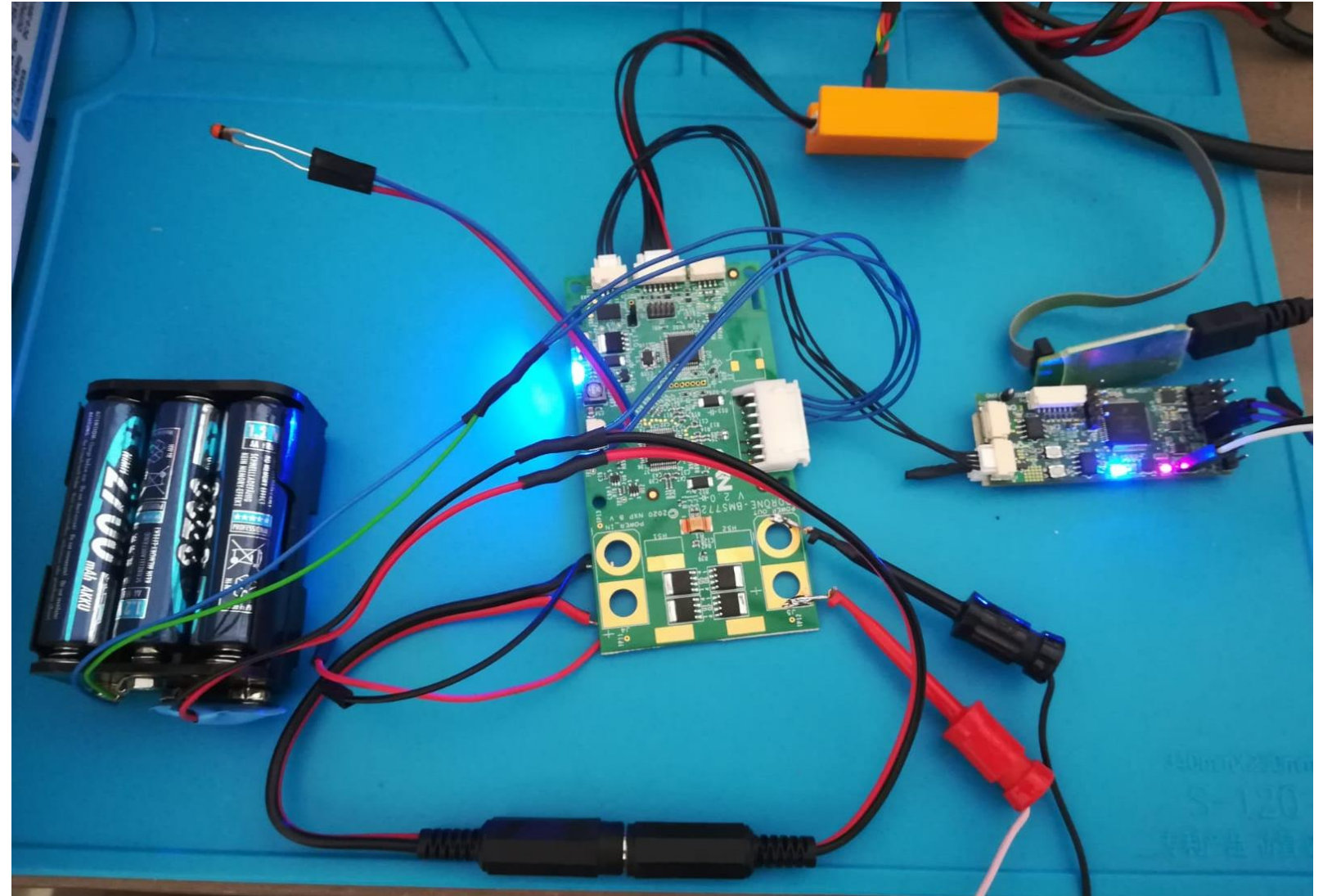
Test set-up





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Test set-up



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regulated.drone.sensor.BMSStatus.1.0  
temperature: 10.1328125  
voltage: 11.796875  
current: -0.0180816650390625  
energy_consumed: 0.0017948150634765625  
battery_id: 0  
state_of_charge: 53  
output_status: True  
status: regulated.drone.sensor.BMSStatusValue.1.0(status: 255)  
□
```





Results



Measure

- Batt voltage
- Cell voltages
- Batt current
- Batt temperature
- PCB temperatures



Estimate

- State of charge
- State of health
- Avg power
- Full charge capacity
- T_{charge}
- BMS status






Act

- Cut power with an extreme fault
- React on:
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Communicate

- UAVCAN
- LED
-  CLI
-  NFC
-  Display



More information

RDDRONE-BMS772 on NXP.com:

<https://www.nxp.com/design/designs/rddrone-bms772-smart-battery-management-for-mobile-robotics:RDDRONE-BMS772>

Documentation on GitBook:

<https://nxp.gitbook.io/rddrone-bms772/>

Software will be released soon!

HoverGames:

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Thank you for watching!