

BAYESIAN VIRTUAL LAB — BMS ATTACK DETECTION REPORT

M-W Framework Physics-Layer Analysis | Generated: 20260709_130112

Parameter	Value
Detection Mode	SINGLE-FILE (auto-baseline)
Clean / Baseline	VChart1081.csv rows 0-39 [auto-baseline]
Suspect File	VChart1081.csv
Rated Capacity	100 Ah
What-If Horizon	1000 calendar days
Scenarios Analysed	S1, S2, S3

VERDICT: ATTACK CONFIRMED **Confidence: HIGH**

2 of 3 detection layers independently confirmed attack. 19 total anomaly flags across all layers.

Detection Layer Summary

Layer	Severity	Flags	Top Flag
L1_CAPACITY_INFLATION	SUSPICIOUS	1	FC std=2.391 Ah > threshold 0.5 Ah (clean std=0.0000 — constant FC expected on healthy pac...
L2_VOLTAGE_DRIFT	ATTACK_CONFIRMED	16	Cell 1: idle slope clean=-1.3700 mV/row -> suspect=-0.3938 mV/row (delta=+0.9762, mean s...
L3_IR_SUPPRESSION	INSUFFICIENT_DATA	1	Not enough current-step transitions to compute DCIR. This dataset appears to be charging-o...
L4_MANIFOLD_TRAJECTORY	ATTACK_CONFIRMED	1	SOH INFLATION CONFIRMED: suspect mean FC=103.24 Ah vs rated 100 Ah (bms_soh_mean=103.24% >...

L4 — Manifold Trajectory Inconsistency (Key Detection)

Metric	Clean / Baseline	Suspect	Physical Law
Mean Full Capacity	105.00 Ah	103.24 Ah (INFLATED)	Must equal rated 100 Ah on healthy BMS
Pack SOH (mean FC / rated)	105.000%	103.240% (IMPOSSIBLE > 100%)	Cannot exceed 100% — physics ceiling
Projected SOH at 1000d	99.44% (-5.56% — DECREASING)	97.68% (-5.56%)	Must decrease — batteries cannot get healthier
Trajectory Direction	DECREASING (physically correct)	INFLATED ABOVE RATED	Any increase = geometric impossibility on LFP man...

VAE Status: VAE M-W manifold check skipped — physics trajectory check (Part A) is primary L4 detection

Layer-by-Layer Detail

L1_CAPACITY_INFLATION			SUSPICIOUS
Metric	Clean / Baseline	Suspect	Note
FC Mean (Ah)	105.000	103.237	Should match rated capacity
FC Std (Ah)	0.0000	2.3910	Should be ~0 on healthy BMS
FC Max (Ah)	105.000	105.000	Nominal = 100 Ah
FC Slope (mAh/row)	0.000	-12.015	Should be ~0 (flat)

FC std=2.391 Ah > threshold 0.5 Ah (clean std=0.0000 — constant FC expected on healthy pack)

L2_VOLTAGE_DRIFT

ATTACK_CONFIRMED

Cell	Clean Slope (mV/row)	Suspect Slope (mV/row)	Delta	Mean Shift (mV)	Status
Cell 1	-1.3700	-0.3938	+0.9762	-23.013	DRIFTING
Cell 2	-7.1801	-1.9966	+5.1835	-100.615	DRIFTING
Cell 3	-1.4280	-0.2278	+1.2002	-15.713	DRIFTING
Cell 4	-1.2027	-0.5543	+0.6483	-29.270	DRIFTING
Cell 5	-1.2357	-0.5617	+0.6739	-29.366	DRIFTING
Cell 6	-1.3919	-0.2918	+1.1001	-19.346	DRIFTING
Cell 7	-12.8370	-2.6482	+10.1888	-153.718	DRIFTING
Cell 8	-1.2369	-0.3782	+0.8587	-22.290	DRIFTING
Cell 9	-7.6459	-2.0404	+5.6055	-103.175	DRIFTING
Cell 10	-1.3565	-0.2691	+1.0874	-17.489	DRIFTING
Cell 11	-1.2967	-0.2956	+1.0011	-18.426	DRIFTING
Cell 12	-1.3120	-0.5772	+0.7348	-30.386	DRIFTING
Cell 13	-1.4451	-0.7239	+0.7212	-37.051	DRIFTING
Cell 14	-1.4408	-0.3533	+1.0875	-21.575	DRIFTING
Cell 15	-1.3846	-0.2233	+1.1614	-15.387	DRIFTING
Cell 16	-1.3101	-0.4939	+0.8162	-27.811	DRIFTING

Cell 1: idle slope clean=-1.3700 mV/row -> suspect=-0.3938 mV/row (delta=+0.9762, mean shift=-23.01 mV)
Cell 2: idle slope clean=-7.1801 mV/row -> suspect=-1.9966 mV/row (delta=+5.1835, mean shift=-100.62 mV)
Cell 3: idle slope clean=-1.4280 mV/row -> suspect=-0.2278 mV/row (delta=+1.2002, mean shift=-15.71 mV)
Cell 4: idle slope clean=-1.2027 mV/row -> suspect=-0.5543 mV/row (delta=+0.6483, mean shift=-29.27 mV)
Cell 5: idle slope clean=-1.2357 mV/row -> suspect=-0.5617 mV/row (delta=+0.6739, mean shift=-29.37 mV)
Cell 6: idle slope clean=-1.3919 mV/row -> suspect=-0.2918 mV/row (delta=+1.1001, mean shift=-19.35 mV)
Cell 7: idle slope clean=-12.8370 mV/row -> suspect=-2.6482 mV/row (delta=+10.1888, mean shift=-153.72 mV)
Cell 8: idle slope clean=-1.2369 mV/row -> suspect=-0.3782 mV/row (delta=+0.8587, mean shift=-22.29 mV)
Cell 9: idle slope clean=-7.6459 mV/row -> suspect=-2.0404 mV/row (delta=+5.6055, mean shift=-103.18 mV)
Cell 10: idle slope clean=-1.3565 mV/row -> suspect=-0.2691 mV/row (delta=+1.0874, mean shift=-17.49 mV)
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L3_IR_SUPPRESSION

INSUFFICIENT_DATA

Not enough current-step transitions to compute DCIR. This dataset appears to be charging-only. IR suppression attack targets load-side (discharge) voltage. Full DCIR resolution requires a combined charge+discharge session.

L4_MANIFOLD_TRAJECTORY

ATTACK_CONFIRMED

SOH INFLATION CONFIRMED: suspect mean FC=103.24 Ah vs rated 100 Ah (bms_soh_mean=103.24% > 100% — physically impossible)

THREAT SCENARIO ANALYSIS

M-W Framework Detection Capability vs Deployed Infrastructure

S1: Nation-State Grid Firmware Pre-Positioning

Reference Document	BVL-NationState-BESS-ThreatScenario-8Mar2026
Target	US PJM / CAISO / ERCOT / MISO grid-scale BESS (30 GW operational, 100 GW by 2030)
Attacker Profile	Chinese state-sponsored actor (Volt Typhoon playbook — CISA AA23-144A, AA24-038A)
Attack Vector	Compromised BMS vendor OTA update server; cryptographically signed firmware payload
Dormancy Period	7-30 months post-distribution; activates on geopolitical trigger or calendar date

Attack Phases / Consequences

Phase	Timeline	Defender Visibility
1 — Initial Access	Year 0	NONE — standard IT compromise, no OT indicator
2 — Payload Prep	Months 2-6	NONE — firmware diff shows minor calibration changes, passes QA
3 — Distribution	Month 7	NONE — legitimate signed OTA, normal update traffic
4 — Dormancy	Months 7-30	NONE — all telemetry clean, assets perform normally in dispatch
5 — Activation	Month 30+	NONE at activation — all systems still report normal
6 — Cascade	Days 3-21	Thermal events — too late for monitoring to prevent damage

Scale of Exposure

Metric	Estimate	Source
US utility-scale BESS (2025)	~30 GW operational	EIA Electric Power Monthly Jan 2026
US utility-scale BESS (2030)	100+ GW committed	LBNL Utility-Scale Storage Trends 2025
Chinese-origin BMS share	>60% (estimated)	DOC Section 232 Review, ODNI 2024
PJM BESS operational	~4 GW operational, 15 GW queued	PJM State of the Market 2025
Min. capacity for PJM destabilisation	~2-5 GW simultaneous	NERC BAL-003, EOP-011

Detection Gap — Why Deployed Tools Fail

Every deployed tool trusts the BMS. The BMS is the compromised component. Network tools see correctly formatted CAN frames. SCADA reads vendor-reported values. Threshold alerts never fire — max attacked voltage 3.3384 V vs 3.65 V ceiling. Firmware integrity checks pass — attack uses vendor's own stolen signing certificate (identical mechanism to SolarWinds 2020). Minimum compromised capacity for PJM destabilisation: 2-5 GW simultaneous loss (NERC BAL-003). Time to thermal cascade once activated: 3-21 days (APS McMicken 2019, Korean BESS investigations 2017-2019).

Tool / Method	Detection Approach	Why It Fails Against This Attack
Claroty / Dragos / Nozomi	Network packet inspection, OT protocol conformance checks	All CAN frames are correctly formatted. No protocol violation occurs. The attack is entirely invisible to network tools.
SCADA / EMS Dashboards	SOH, SOC, temperature, voltage — all read from BMS	SCADA/BMS reports the BMS reports. The BMS is the compromised component. No independent data source.
BMS Threshold Alerts	Overvoltage (>3.65V), undervoltage (<2.8V)	Max attacked voltage 3.3384 V — 311 mV below ceiling. No threshold breached at any point.
Firmware Integrity Checks	Cryptographic verification firmware matches vendor signature	Attack designed through vendor's own update infrastructure using vendor's own signing certificate.
Statistical Anomaly Detection	Z-score, IQR-based outlier detection on individual channels	Each channel's value remains within one standard deviation of its channel distribution. Distributed across the fleet.
Bayesian Virtual Lab (M-W)	Physics-constrained VAE on Riemannian manifold	Not trained on this specific attack. Model does not flag anomalies. (This is the CIA TTAC)

S2: Cloud Platform Poisoning — Urban Grid Reliability

Reference Document	BVL-Global-Infra-2026-01-CascadiaAdvisory
Target	Urban BESS fleet (Cascadia / Mumbai metro); cloud analytics platform of dominant BMS vendor

Reference Document	BVL-Global-Infra-2026-01-CascadiaAdvisory
Attacker Profile	Sophisticated state or criminal actor; target is cloud processing layer, not hardware
Attack Vector	Compromise of vendor cloud platform that processes raw BMS telemetry before forwarding to national grid control centre. Physics of raw data is not tampered.
Dormancy Period	24 months; attacker has real-time visibility of true pack state throughout

Attack Phases / Consequences

Stakeholder	During Dormancy	At Activation
Grid Operator	Data stream shows flawless fleet performance	Multiple units trip within hour 1 of peak dispatch
Asset Owner	Quarterly compliance reports clean	Thermal runaway — fire service response in dense urban areas
Public	City clean energy transition narrative positive	Major commercial corridors lose grid support
Grid (systemic)	Resource adequacy forecasts rely on BESS capacity	Emergency voltage reduction; peaker emergency-start

Scale of Exposure

Metric	Estimate	Source
Mumbai island grid constraint	Tata Power / Adani / BEST — constrained load pocket	MERC tariff orders 2025
Mumbai peak ambient temp	38-43 deg C summer	IMD Mumbai climatology
Indian BESS operational	500 MW+ operational, multi-GW pipeline	SECI, CERC 2025
Cloud platform audit rights	Absent — no contractual right to algorithm audit	Standard BMS vendor contracts
Detection by passive CAN tap	Possible — raw telemetry bypasses cloud layer	M-W Framework architecture

Detection Gap — Why Deployed Tools Fail

The attack occurs upstream in the vendor's cloud, before the data reaches any monitoring layer the operator controls. The M-W framework, deployed as an independent monitor reading raw telemetry directly from the site BMS via a passive tap, sits entirely outside the compromised vendor stack. It compares what the cloud platform reports against what the physics of the raw data actually shows. The divergence between the vendor's reported SOH and the M-W physics projection is the detection signal — visible weeks before activation, not hours after thermal runaway. There is no compromised hardware to find. The attack lives entirely in software the grid operator does not own.

Tool / Method	Detection Approach	Why It Fails Against This Attack
Claroty / Dragos / Nozomi	Network packet inspection, OT protocol compliance	Attacker intercepts CAN Modbus data before it reaches OT network. No protocol violation occurs. The attack is entirely upstream of the OT layer.
SCADA / EMS Dashboards	SOH, SOC, temperature, voltage — all read from BMS reports	SCADA/BMS reports the BMS reports. The BMS is the compromised component. No independent verification.
BMS Threshold Alerts	Overvoltage (>3.65V), undervoltage (<2.8V)	Max overvoltage triggered at 3.384V — 311 mV below ceiling. No threshold breached at any point.
Firmware Integrity Checks	Cryptographic verification firmware matches vendor's	Attack designed through vendor's own update infrastructure using vendor's own signing keys.
Statistical Anomaly Detection	Z-score, IQR-based outlier detection on individual data points	Each data point remains within one standard deviation of its channel distribution. Distribution is shifted, not outliers.
Bayesian Virtual Lab (M-W)	Physics-constrained VAE on Riemannian manifold	DEILED Bayesian model consistently detected 8 months before activation. Model trained on 1000s of real-world data.

S3: Capacity Market Financial Attack

Reference Document	BVL-MarketAttack-EU-India-3Mar2026
Target	Grid-scale BESS enrolled in EU FCR-D / UK BM / India CERC ancillary services; capacity payments contingent on verified SOH
Attacker Profile	Nation-state actor, financially motivated criminal group, or market manipulator; financial dimension requires no grid failure — only SOH manipulation
Attack Vector	Same firmware compromise as S1, timed to peak demand season with thin grid reserves
Dormancy Period	12-18 months; assets appear exceptionally healthy, clearing all capacity market tests

Attack Phases / Consequences

Consequence	Mechanism	Scale
1 — Capacity Failure	Assets cannot sustain rated output; multiple units trip undervoltage	Hundreds of MW disappear at peak need

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2 — Thermal Runaway	High discharge + high ambient + elevated real IR = thermal limit breach	EUR 40-80M asset destruction; casualty risk
3 — Market Collapse	Fast-response capacity loss during shortage drives LMP to EUR 2000+/MWh	Multi-hundred-million-euro settlement in one day
4 — Regulatory Destruction	BESS earning capacity payments for SOH they no longer possess	Multi-year regulatory freeze; project finance withdrawal

Scale of Exposure

Market	Asset Type	Capacity Revenue	SOH Requirement
EU FCR-D (Nordic)	BESS 1-100 MW	EUR 60-120k/MW/yr	Typically >80% verified quarterly
UK Balancing Mechanism	BESS 10-500 MW	GBP 50-200k/MW/yr	Performance-based, tested via dispatch
Germany FCR/aFRR	BESS 1-200 MW	EUR 40-100k/MW/yr	>80% SOH, monthly self-reported
India CERC DSM	BESS 10-250 MW	INR 15-40L/MW/yr	SOH verification framework under development

Detection Gap — Why Deployed Tools Fail

The entire revenue stream is contingent on reported SOH staying above the contractual threshold. An attacker who inflates reported SOH keeps a degraded asset earning full capacity payments for performance capacity that physically no longer exists. A 200 MW BESS portfolio enrolled in Nordic FCR-D earns approximately EUR 16-24 million per year in capacity payments. The financial dimension is the most insidious consequence — a grid failure recovers in hours, but a market manipulation event that destroys confidence in BESS SOH reporting could set back grid-scale storage deployment by a decade.

Tool / Method	Detection Approach	Why It Fails Against This Attack
Clarity / Dragos / Nozomi	Network packet inspection, OT protocol compliance	Attack designed to avoid network anomalies. No protocol violation occurs. The attack is entirely internal to the device.
SCADA / EMS Dashboards	SOH, SOC, temperature, voltage — all read from BMS	SCADA/BMS reports the BMS reports. The BMS is the compromised component. No independent verification.
BMS Threshold Alerts	Overvoltage (>3.65V), undervoltage (<2.8V)	Max attacked voltage is 3.384V — 311 mV below ceiling. No threshold breached at any point.
Firmware Integrity Checks	Cryptographic verification firmware matches vendor's	Attack designed through vendor's own update infrastructure using vendor's own signing keys.
Statistical Anomaly Detection	Z-score, IQR-based outlier detection on individual channels	Each channel's value remains within one standard deviation of its channel distribution. Distributional integrity maintained.
Bayesian Virtual Lab (M-W)	Physics-constrained VAE on Riemannian manifold	Defeated by adversarial model. See IEEE Trans on Smart Grid, 2023, 14(5), 5485-5498. On this, the ATAC team has been successful in identifying the attack.

THE DETECTION PRINCIPLE

Why an Attacker Who Controls the BMS Cannot Control the Physics

A battery pack cannot get healthier as it ages. This is not a heuristic or a threshold — it is a consequence of irreversible electrochemical processes: SEI layer growth, lithium plating, active material loss, electrolyte decomposition. No operating condition, calibration update, or firmware version produces an increase in State of Health over time in a real LFP cell.

When the Bayesian Virtual Lab projects a suspect pack's State of Health forward on the Riemannian degradation manifold learned from real fleet data, and observes either (a) a reported Full Capacity above the rated pack capacity, or (b) a projected SOH trajectory that diverges upward from the clean baseline trajectory, the system flags the telemetry as geometrically inconsistent with any valid LFP degradation geodesic.

This detection is independent of the BMS vendor, firmware version, communication protocol, CAN frame format, or network architecture. It operates on the physics of the battery, not the behaviour of the software reporting it. An attacker who can compromise BMS firmware cannot compromise the laws of electrochemistry.

Proof of Detection — 8 March 2026

Metric	Clean Telemetry	Attack-Manipulated Telemetry	Verdict
Status at baseline	16 Normal, 0 Critical	16 Normal, 0 Critical	Attack invisible at snapshot level
Mean FC (reported)	105.00 Ah (= rated)	103.24 Ah (+-1.76Ah above rated)	SOH INFLATION CONFIRMED
Projected SOH at 1000d	99.44%	97.68%	IMPOSSIBLE
Threshold alert triggered	N/A	NOT DETECTED — max voltage 3.3384 V, no threshold breached	Attack bypassed threshold
M-W physics detection	N/A — this is ground truth	DETECTED — ATTACK_CONFIRMED (HIGH)	Physics-layer catches what network tools cannot