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uSOP: a microprocessor-based Service-Oriented Platform for Control and Monitoring

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Summary

- uSOP: a Service-Oriented Platform for embedded applications
- Hardware
- Software
- uSOP at work: monitoring @ KEK Laboratory
 - Belle2, Beast
- Future plans
- Conclusions ...
- ... *and one for aficionados of manga* 漫画 ...



Belle2 detector, KEK (J)



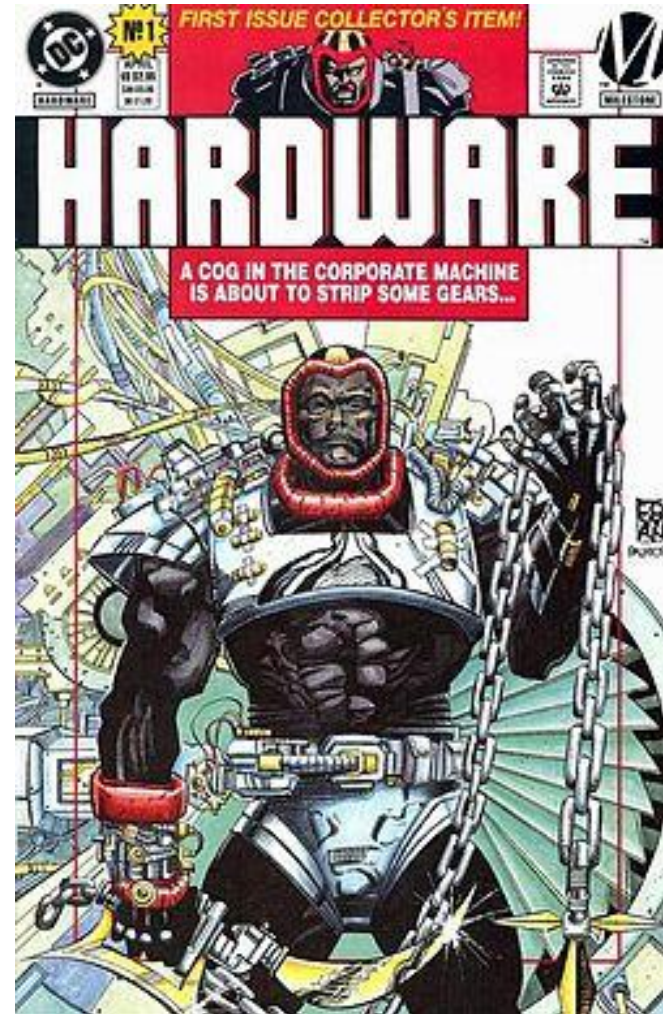
The uSOP board

uSOP

- uP- based, Service-Oriented Platform for embedded applications
- Designed for slow-controls the Belle2 experiment (KEK-Tsukuba, J)
- Strongly oriented to SPI, I2C, JTAG, UART, with isolated power for peripherals and sensors
- Fully managed remotely
- Running Linux OS (Debian)
- 3U Eurocard native form factor, expandable
- Derived-from and compatible-with BeagleBone Black open-source project



LET'S SPEAK



uSOP – uP and utilities

4 GB Flash eMMC

USB device

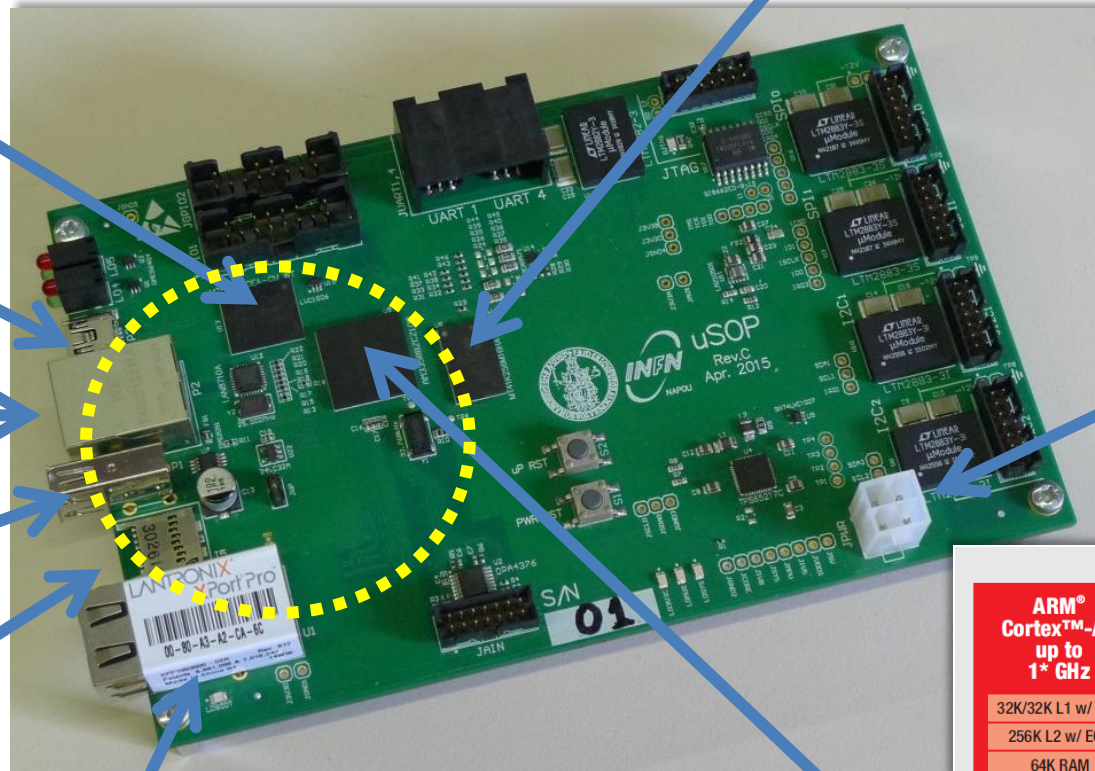
10/100 Ethernet

USB host

uSD

512 MB DDR3 RAM

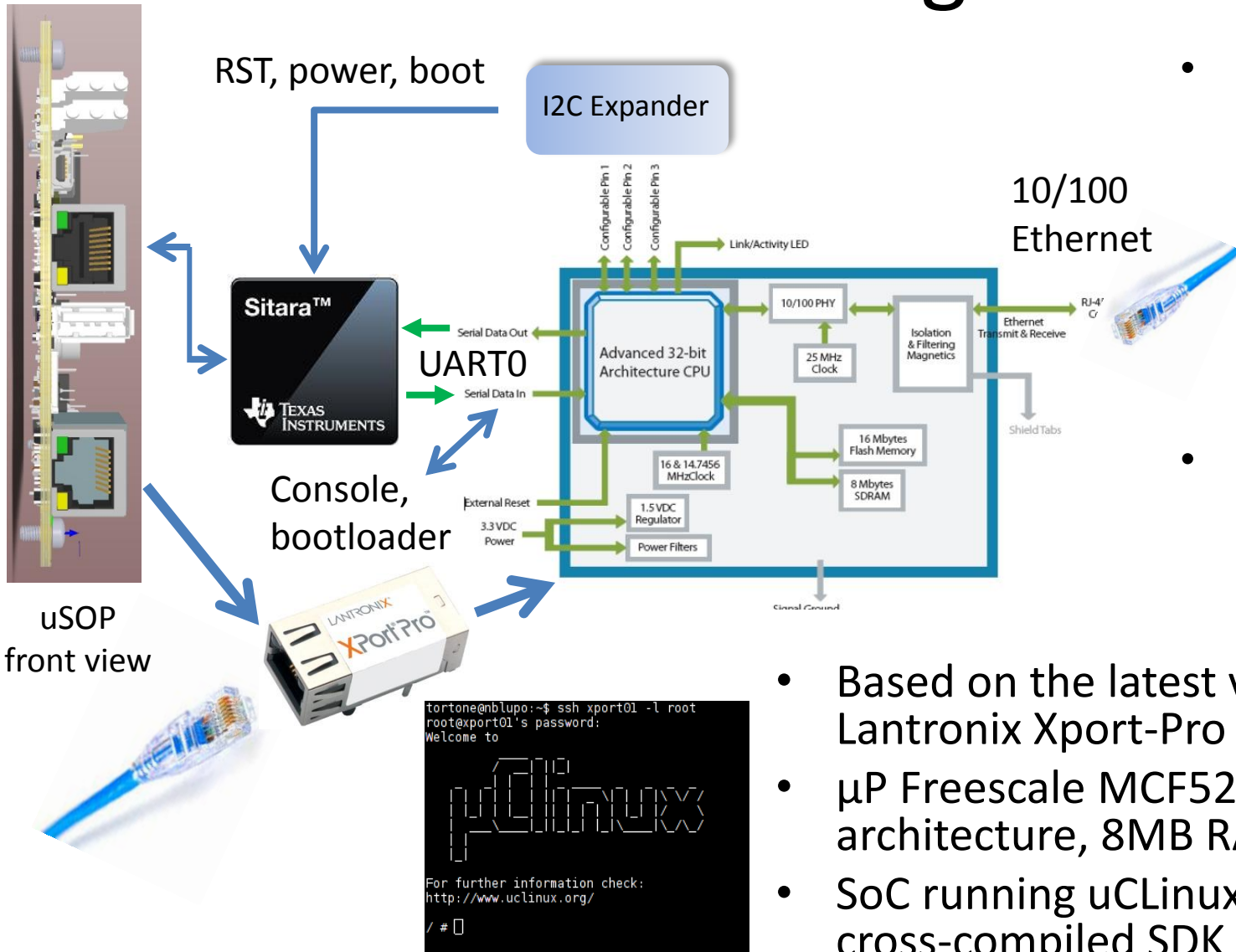
5V, 500mA (typ)



10/100 Ethernet (controls and managment only. **See next slide**)

| AM335x Processor | | | |
|--|---|--|---|
| ARM® Cortex™-A8 up to 1* GHz 32K/32K L1 w/ SED 256K L2 w/ ECC 64K RAM | Graphics PowerVR SGX™ 3D Gfx 20 M/Tri/s | Display 24-bit LCD Ctrl (WXGA) Touch Screen Ctrl (TSC)** | |
| | | Security w/ crypto acc. | PRU-ICSS EtherCAT® PROFINET® Ethernet/IP™ and more |
| | | 64K shared RAM | |
| | | L3/L4 Interconnect | |
| Serial Interface UART ×6 SPI ×2 I²C ×3 McASP ×2 (4 ch) CAN ×2 (2.0B) | System EDMA Timers ×8 WDT RTC eHRPWM ×3 eQEP ×3 eCAP ×3 JTAG/ETB ADC (8 ch) 12-bit SAR** | Parallel MMC/SD/SDIO ×3 GPIO EMAC 2 port 10/100/1G w/ 1588 and switch (MII, RMII, RGMII) | Memory Interface LPDDR1/DDR2/DDR3 NAND/NOR (16b ECC) |

Remote Management



- Remote control over IP for:
 - uP RST
 - Boot mode
 - Power on/off
 - UART over IP:
 - Console
 - Bootloader
 - More tasks can be implemented (watchdog, controls, ...)
- Best version of Pro F5208, MMU-less 512KB RAM, 16MB Flash
Linux with a full SDK

Timers
PWM
Event Capture
PRU

uSOP – Peripherals/Intf

16 x GPIO



2 x RS232 (*)

JTAG (*)

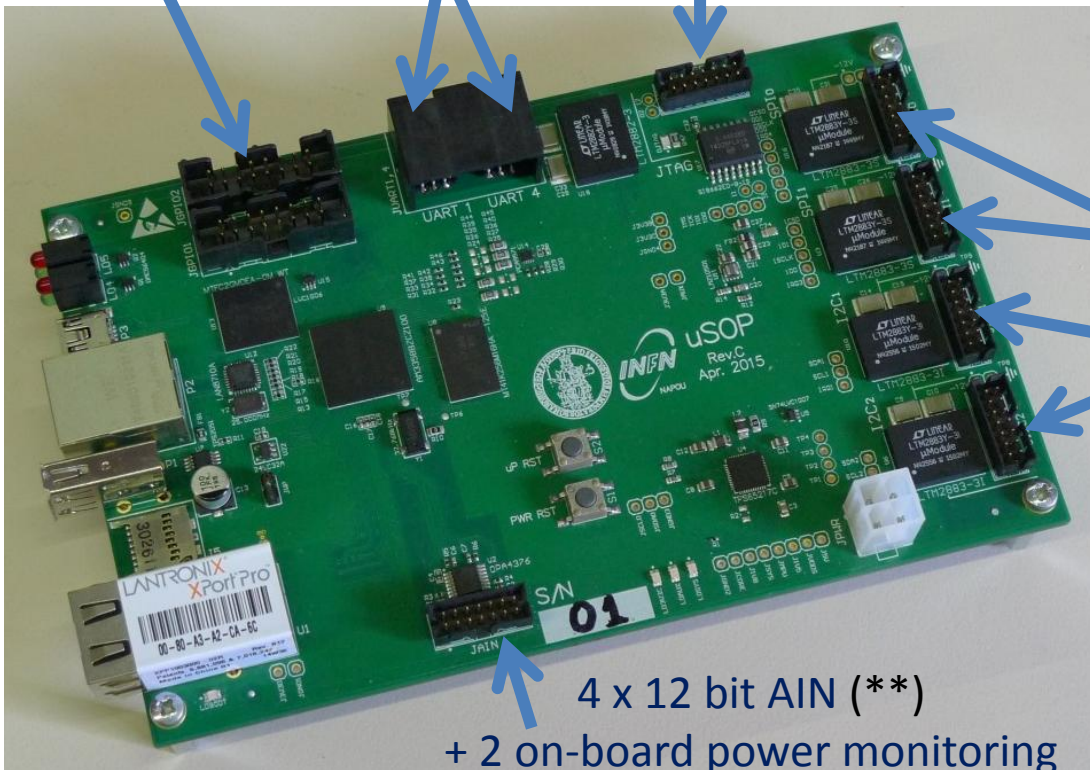
TCK



TDI



FPGA firmware download



2 x SPI (*)



2 x I2C (*)



- = fully isolated, 5V-12V supply
- ** = buffered

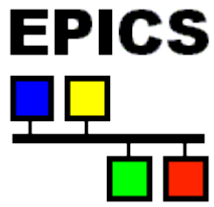
4 x 12 bit AIN (**)
+ 2 on-board power monitoring

SOFTWARE



Linux porting

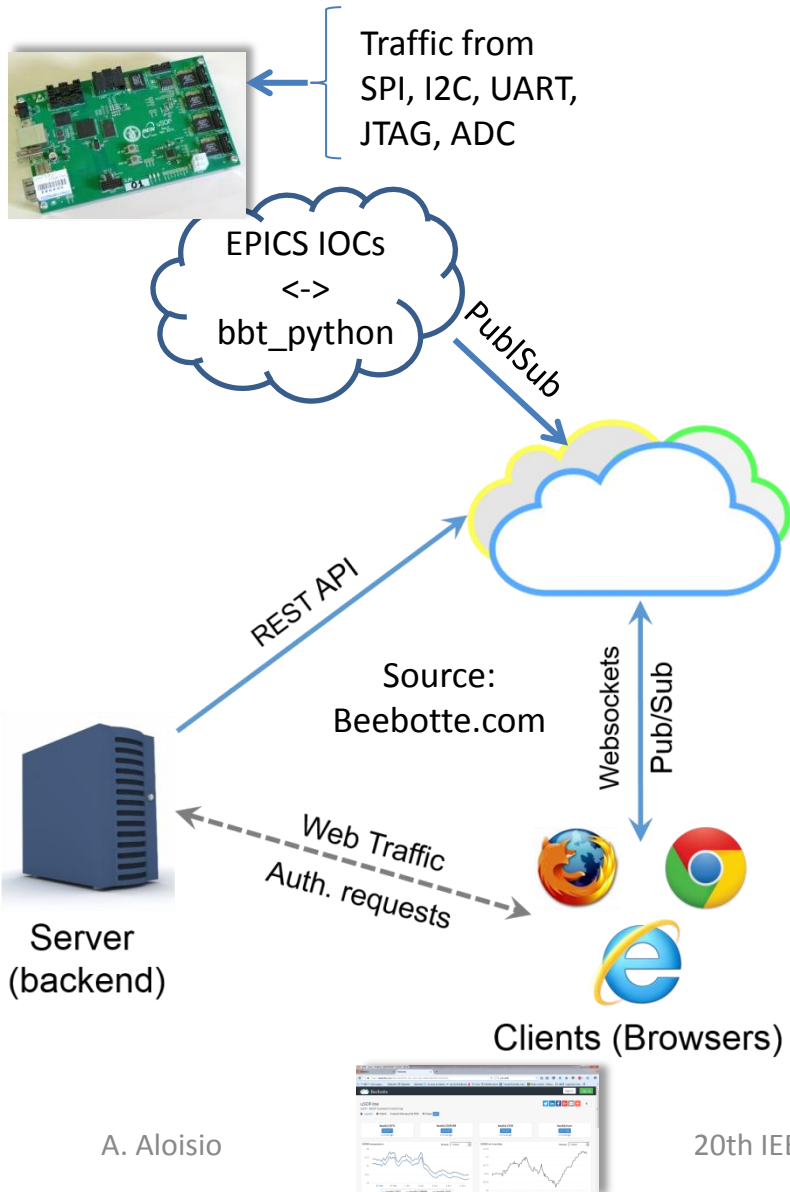
- Linux distribution: Debian - armv7l
 - image-builder script to generate a Linux Debian rootfs image for operating system installation on eMMC or network booting
- Full support for compilers and applications (packages management via APT repository)
- Kernels: major releases available
 - 3.x (up to 3.8.13 with Xenomai - Real-Time Linux support)
 - 4.x (up to 4.5.0)
- bootloader: U-Boot
 - some patching done on official TI bootloader in order to enable network booting and boot media selection (eMMC, uSD, network)
- first stage boot available:
 - eMMC
 - uSD
 - UART (XModem/YModem protocol)
 - Ethernet (DHCP + TFTP)
- Linux boot available
 - eMMC
 - uSD
 - Ethernet (TFTP)
- Devices for root filesystem (rootfs) mounting:
 - eMMC
 - uSD
 - Ethernet (NFS)



Experimental Physics and Industrial Control System

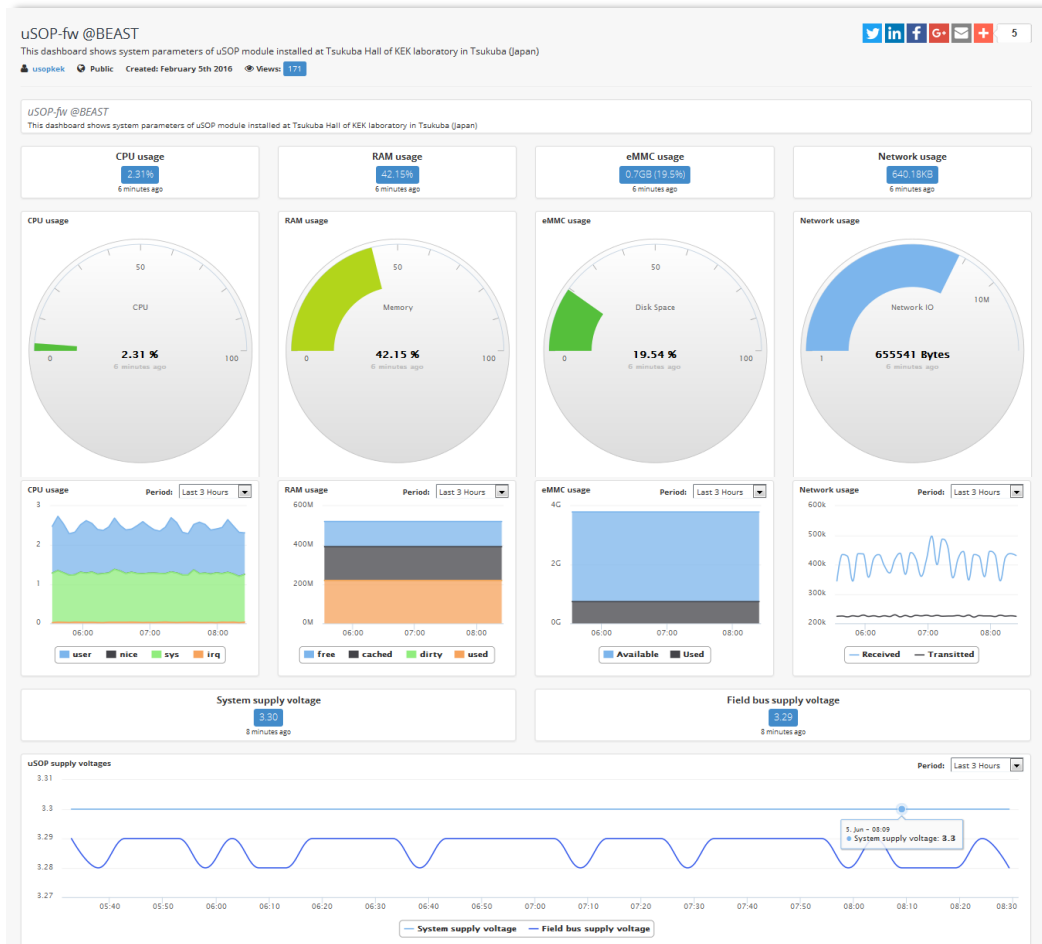
- EPICS (<http://www.aps.anl.gov/epics/>) is a set of Open Source software tools, libraries and applications developed collaboratively and used worldwide to create distributed soft real-time control systems for scientific instruments such as a particle accelerators, telescopes and other large scientific experiments.
 - On uSOP:
 - Straightforward compilation on ARM
 - Variety of EPICS extensions available on board:
 - ALH (ALarm Handler)
 - PV gateway
 - Asyn
 - StreamDevice
 - Autosave
 - IOCs for:
 - Linear LTC2499 (I2C)
 - Linear LTC2983 (SPI)
 - Sitara ADC (parallel)
 - On XportPRO
 - uCLinux customization, to enable additional software packages and security reinforcement of network services (SSH vs telnet)
 - Custom, low-footprint EPICS implementation, cross-compiled for uCLinux
 - IOCs for:
 - I2C protocol software emulation
 - SITARA power control
 - SITARA first stage boot setting (eMMC, Ethernet , uSD, UART)
 - LED activity

Beebotte as EPICS IOC consumer



- Beebotte (<https://beebotte.com/>) is an open cloud platform for network connected objects
- In our system, EPICS IOCs are interfaced with Beebotte using the bbt-Python library. Data is pushed to Beebotte every few minutes.
- A Publish/Subscribe model offers bidirectional data communication. Users decide which data to retain by using persistent and/or transient messages.
- Beebotte has REST API to let backend (server) applications read, write and publish data.

System Metrics Dashboard



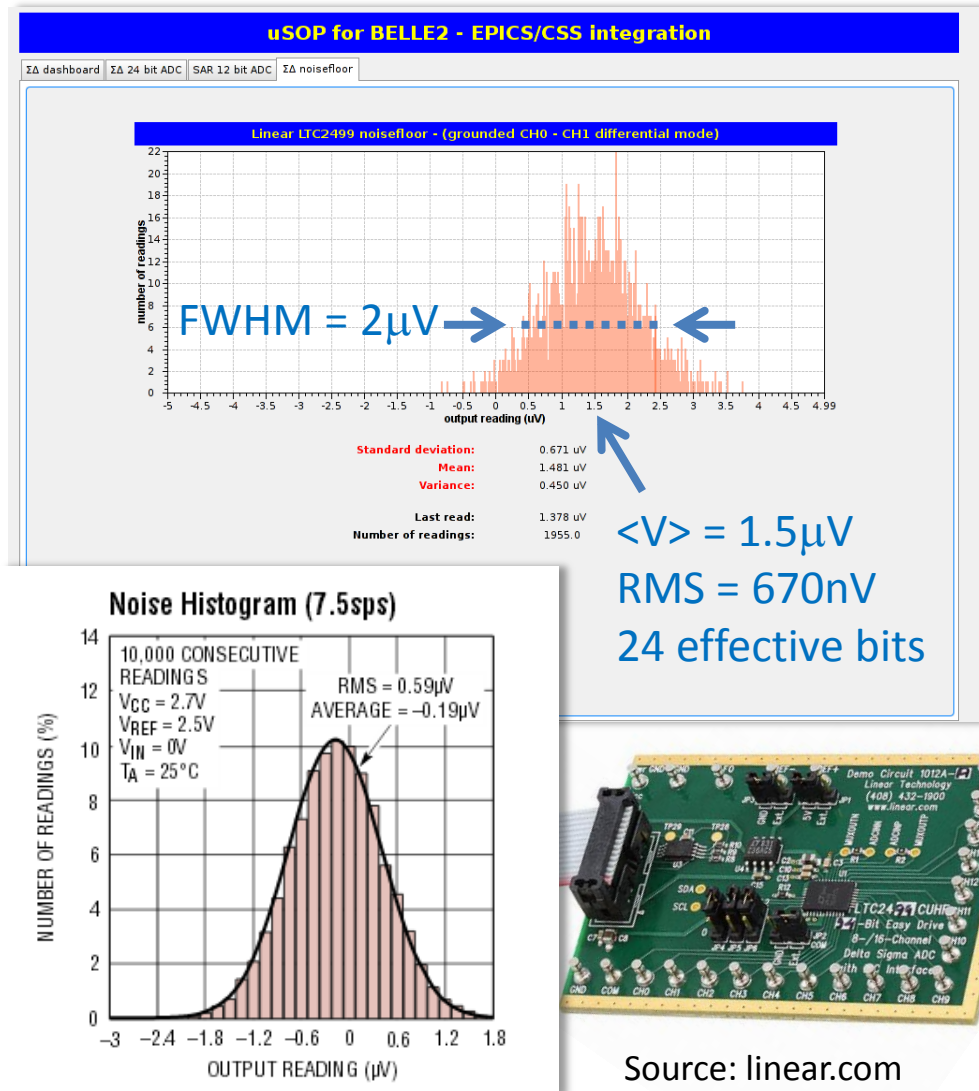
- In the same fashion, Beebotte is also used to monitor the uSOP main system metrics:
 - CPU load
 - RAM/FLASH usage
 - Network activity
 - peripheral power supplies

SLOWDOWN...



$\Delta\Sigma$ ADC – LTC2499 noise floor

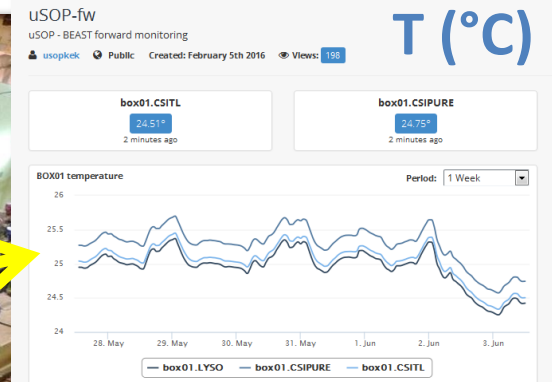
- uSOP bench test with LTC2499:
 - $\Delta\Sigma$ ADC, 24 bit
 - I²C, powered by uSOP isolated supply
 - $V_{in} = 0V$, Input shorted to local ground
 - ~5 Hz sampling rate
 - x1 mode
 - 50 Hz filter
 - V_{ref} : 5V
 - Read-out by EPICS IOC
 - GUI by CSS/BOY



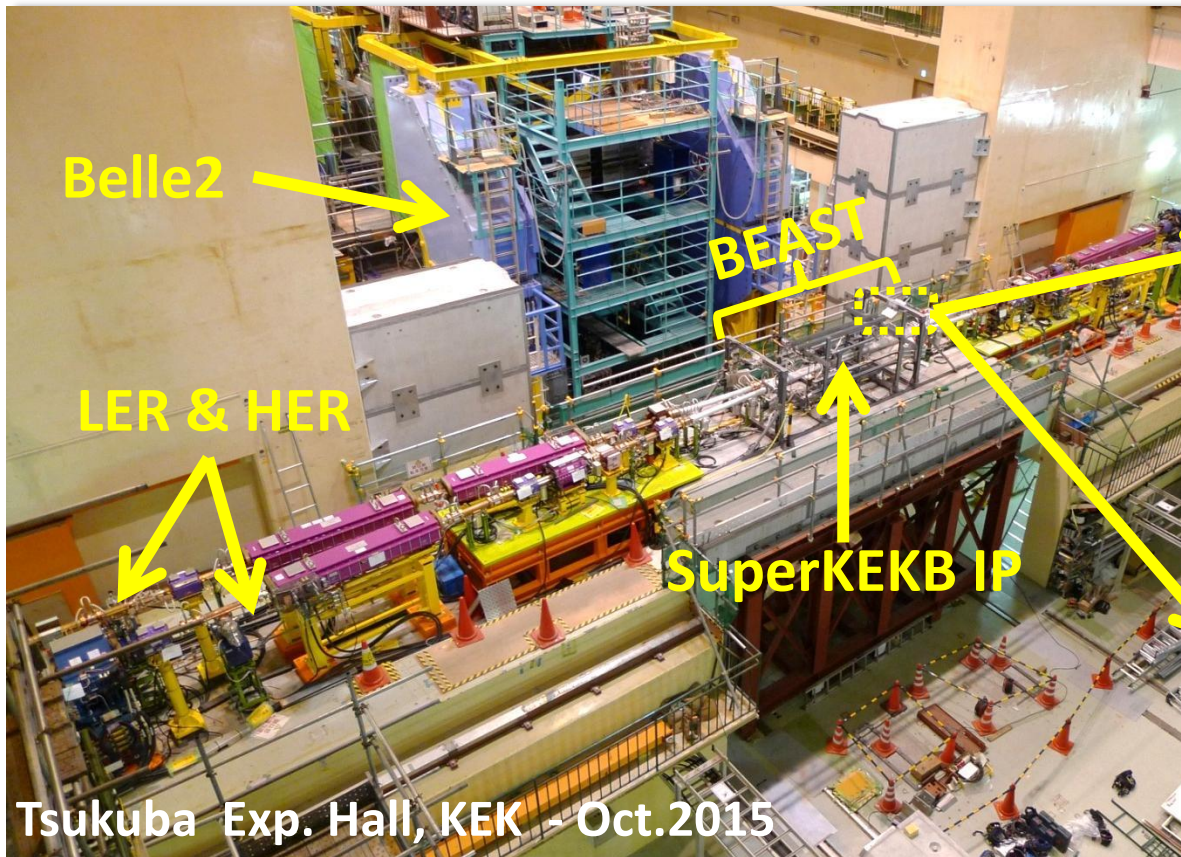
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uSOP @ BEAST

Beebotte Dashboard



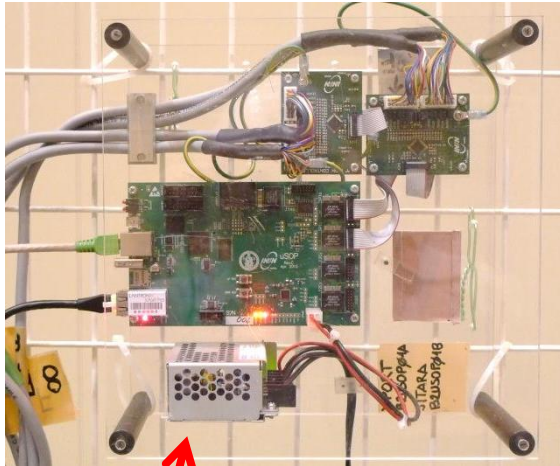
uSOP minicrate for BEAST



- BEAST is a detector presently taking data at SuperKEKB Interaction Point, to study beam background
- uSOP is monitoring T and Rh of the 18 BEAST crystals (LYSO, CsI, CsI(Tl)). Data available via EPICS and Beebotte

The EndCap ECL monitoring system 1/2

uSOP box



EndCap Sectors 7F and 8F



Cable Adapters



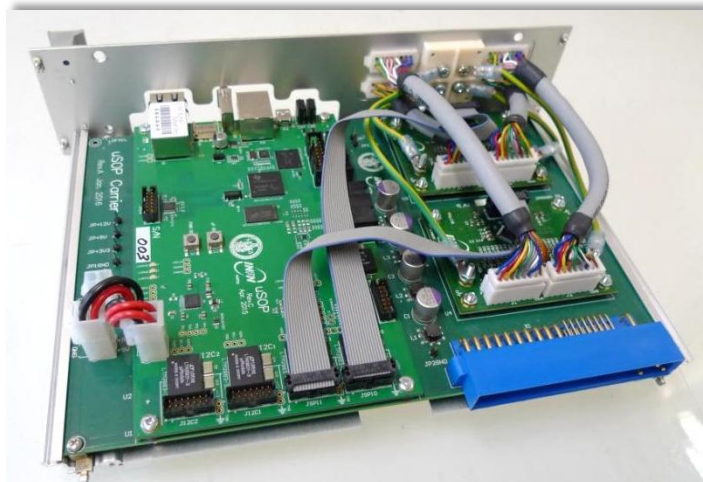
- Minimal, stand-alone monitoring system at the EndCap ECL test station
- 4 sectors over 32 monitored to control the conditioning system (T, Rh)
- Up-time > 1 year
- Data available via both EPICS and cloud

EndCap Test Station at Fuji Exp. Hall, KEK

The ECL EndCap monitoring system 2/2



uSOP crate



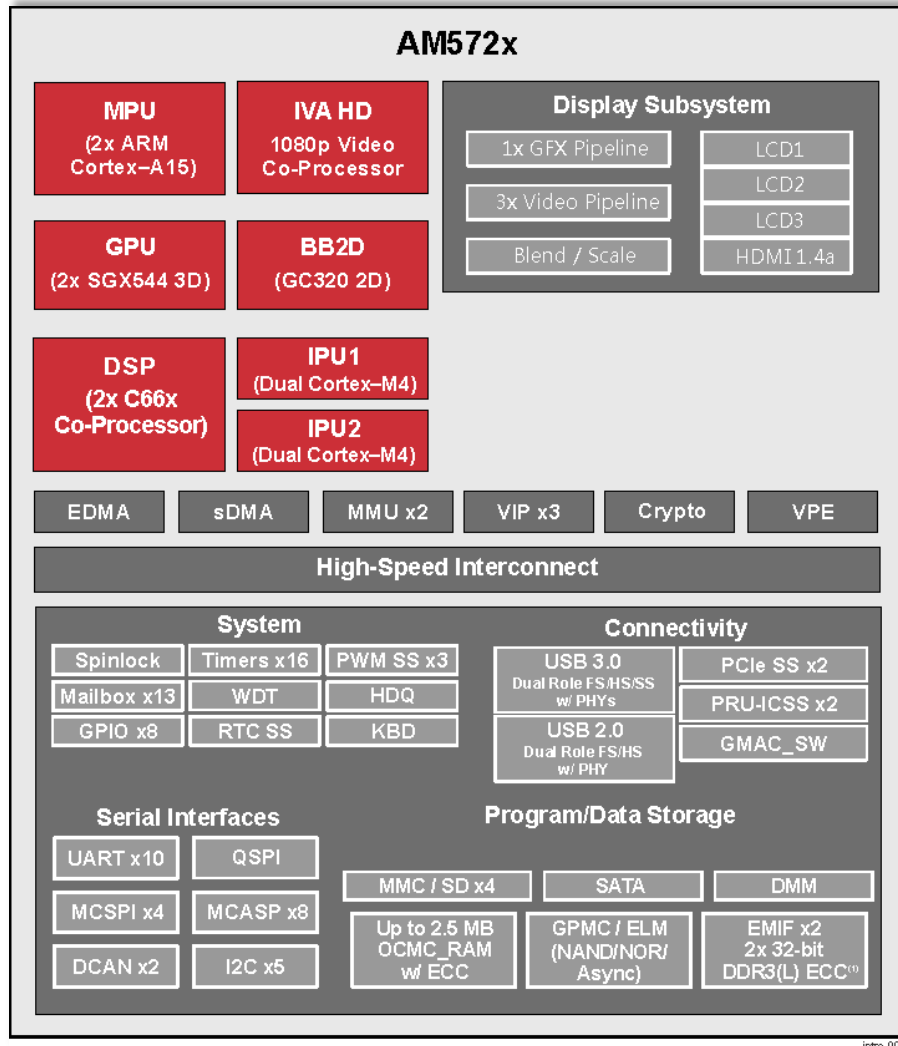
uSOP 6U unit (internal view)

- The final monitoring system will be installed at KEK during 2016
- Forward and Backward ECL:
 - 2112 CsI(Tl) crystals, 32 sectors
 - T and Rh monitor, 128 analog channels (96 thermistors + 32 Rh probes)
- Features:
 - 3-wire read-out to cancel the 40m cable stray resistance
 - Stray thermocouple effects cancellation
 - 8 uSOP boards, 16 ADCs (24 bit)
 - 6U, 12HP form factor, shielded
 - Selective ground scheme to avoid loops
 - Read-out and controls via network



IS UNDER DEVELOPMENT...

Going plus...



- Texas Instruments has released recently the 1.5 GHz dual-core Cortex A15 Sitara AM5728
- On this uP, we have started the design of a new platform with FPGA and dual high-speed ADC: uSOP+
- Not just monitoring: DSP, hardware processing, high-speed links, ...

Conclusions

- uSOP has been intensively tested at KEK, starting from Apr. 2015
- Stable and reliable LINUX platform, with uptime > 1 year
- Access to SITARA Event Capture peripherals
- Hardware controllers for all most common field busses
- Fully (re)configurable and managed remotely (from brick to fully functional)
- Designed to work as a stand-alone unit, yet easy to deploy in complex control infrastructures
- EPICS and NSMv2 compliant, IOCs developed for all the needed DAQ units
- A last thing for the Manga lovers...

Just for fun ...



Usop

- Japanese colleagues told us Usop (ウソップ) is one of the *One Piece* characters by the manga writer Eiichiro Oda
- ... More about Usop on wikipedia:
 - <https://it.wikipedia.org/wiki/Usop>



BACKUP

Cortex A Cores (32bit)

| | | | | | |
|----------------------|---------|----------------------------|---|--|--|
| Cortex-A (32-bit) | ARMv7-A | Cortex-A5 ^[23] | Application profile, ARM / Thumb / Thumb-2 / DSP / SIMD / Optional VFPv4-D16 FPU / Optional NEON / Jazelle RCT and DBX, 1-4 cores / optional MPCore, snoop control unit (SCU), generic interrupt controller (GIC), accelerator coherence port (ACP) | 4-64 KB / 4-64 KB L1, MMU + TrustZone | 1.57 DMIPS/MHz per core |
| | | Cortex-A7 ^[24] | Application profile, ARM / Thumb / Thumb-2 / DSP / VFPv4-D16 FPU / NEON / Jazelle RCT and DBX / Hardware virtualization, in-order execution, superscalar , 1-4 SMP cores, MPCore, Large Physical Address Extensions (LPAE), snoop control unit (SCU), generic interrupt controller (GIC), ACP, architecture and feature set are identical to A15, 8-10 stage pipeline, low-power design ^[25] | 8-64 KB / 8-64 KB L1, 0-1 MB L2, MMU + TrustZone | 1.9 DMIPS/MHz per core |
| | | Cortex-A8 ^[26] | Application profile, ARM / Thumb / Thumb-2 / VFPv3 FPU / NEON / Jazelle RCT and DAC, 13-stage superscalar pipeline | 16-32 KB / 16-32 KB L1, 0-1 MB L2 opt ECC, MMU + TrustZone | Up to 2000 (2.0 DMIPS/MHz in speed from 600 MHz to greater than 1 GHz) |
| | | Cortex-A9 ^[27] | Application profile, ARM / Thumb / Thumb-2 / DSP / Optional VFPv3 FPU / Optional NEON / Jazelle RCT and DBX, out-of-order speculative issue superscalar , 1-4 SMP cores, MPCore, snoop control unit (SCU), generic interrupt controller (GIC), accelerator coherence port (ACP) | 16-64 KB / 16-64 KB L1, 0-8 MB L2 opt parity, MMU + TrustZone | 2.5 DMIPS/MHz per core, 10,000 DMIPS @ 2 GHz on Performance Optimized TSMC 40G (dual-core) |
| | | Cortex-A12 ^[28] | Application profile, ARM / Thumb-2 / DSP / VFPv4 FPU / NEON / Hardware virtualization, out-of-order speculative issue superscalar , 1-4 SMP cores, Large Physical Address Extensions (LPAE), snoop control unit (SCU), generic interrupt controller (GIC), accelerator coherence port (ACP) | 32-64 KB / 32 KB L1, 256 KB-8 MB L2 | 3.0 DMIPS/MHz per core |
| | | Cortex-A15 ^[29] | Application profile, ARM / Thumb / Thumb-2 / DSP / VFPv4 FPU / NEON / integer divide / fused MAC / Jazelle RCT / hardware virtualization, out-of-order speculative issue superscalar , 1-4 SMP cores, MPCore, Large Physical Address Extensions (LPAE), snoop control unit (SCU), generic interrupt controller (GIC), ACP, 15-24 stage pipeline ^[25] | 32 KB w/parity / 32 KB w/ECC L1, 0-4 MB L2, L2 has ECC, MMU + TrustZone | At least 3.5 DMIPS/MHz per core (up to 4.01 DMIPS/MHz depending on implementation) ^[30] |
| | | Cortex-A17 | Application profile, ARM / Thumb / Thumb-2 / DSP / VFPv4 FPU / NEON / integer divide / fused MAC / Jazelle RCT / hardware virtualization, out-of-order speculative issue superscalar , 1-4 SMP cores, MPCore, Large Physical Address Extensions (LPAE), snoop control unit (SCU), generic interrupt controller (GIC), ACP | MMU + TrustZone | ? |
| | ARMv8-A | Cortex-A32 ^[31] | Application profile, AArch32, NEON advanced SIMD | 8-64 KB w/optional parity / 8-64 KB w/optional ECC L1 per core, 128 KB-1 MB L2 w/optional ECC shared | |

Beaglebone Black

BeagleBone Black Development Board

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Description

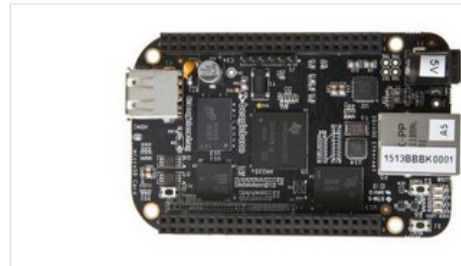
BeagleBone Black is a low-cost, open source, community-supported development platform for ARM® Cortex™-A8 processor developers and hobbyists. Boot Linux in under 10-seconds and get started on Sitara™ AM335x ARM Cortex-A8 processor development in less than 5 minutes with just a single USB cable.

BeagleBone Black ships with the Debian GNU/Linux™ in onboard FLASH to start evaluation and development. Many other Linux distributions and operating systems are also supported on BeagleBone Black including:

- Ubuntu
- Android
- Fedora

BeagleBone Black's capabilities can be extended using plug-in boards called "capex" that can be plugged into BeagleBone Black's two 46-pin dual-row expansion headers. Capes are available for, VGA, LCD, motor control, prototyping, battery power and other functionality. [More information.](#)

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BeagleBone Black development board.

The screenshot shows the BeagleBoard.org website. At the top is the logo and navigation links: Start, Discover Boards, Learn, Explore, Collaborate. A search bar is on the right. The main heading is "BeagleBone Black". Below it is a large image of the board. To the right of the image, the text "What is BeagleBone Black?" is followed by a description: "BeagleBone Black is a low-cost, community-supported development platform for developers and hobbyists. Boot Linux in under 10 seconds and get started on development in less than 5 minutes with just a single USB cable." Below this, a list of specifications is provided: Processor: AM335x 1GHz ARM® Cortex-A8; 512MB DDR3 RAM; 4GB 8-bit eMMC on-board flash storage; 3D graphics accelerator; NEON floating-point accelerator; 2x PRU 32-bit microcontrollers. To the right of the specifications, a list of connectivity options is shown: USB client for power & communications; USB host; Ethernet; HDMI; 2x 46 pin headers. Below the specifications, a section titled "Software Compatibility" lists: Debian; Android; Ubuntu; Cloud9 IDE on Node.js w/ BoneScript library; plus much more. On the far right, a yellow banner says "Fork me on GitHub". At the bottom right, there is a "Purchase" button with a shopping cart icon and a dropdown menu to "Select a distributor to buy".

AM5728



AM5728, AM5726
SPRS953 – DECEMBER 2015

AM572x Sitara™ Processors Silicon Revision 2.0

1 Device Overview

1.1 Features

- For Silicon Revision 1.1 information, see [SPR915](#)
- ARM® Dual Cortex®-A15 Microprocessor Subsystem
- Up to 2 C66x™ Floating-Point VLIW DSP
 - Fully Object-Code Compatible With C67x™ and C64x+™
 - Up to Thirty-two 16 × 16-Bit Fixed-Point Multiplies per Cycle
- Up to 2.5MB of On-Chip L3 RAM
- Two DDR3/DDR3L Memory Interface (EMIF) Modules
 - Supports up to DDR3-1066
 - Up to 2GB Supported per EMIF
- Dual ARM® Cortex®-M4 co-processors
- IVA-HD Subsystem
- Display Subsystem
 - Full-HD Video (1920 × 1080p, 60 fps)
 - Multiple Video Input and Video Output
 - 2D and 3D Graphics
 - Display Controller With DMA Engine and up to Three Pipelines
 - HDMI™ Encoder: HDMI 1.4a and DVI 1.0 Compliant
- 2x Dual-Core Programmable Real-Time Unit and Industrial Communication Subsystem (PRU-ICSS)
- 2D-Graphics Accelerator (BB2D) Subsystem
 - Vivante™ GC320 Core
- Video Processing Engine (VPE)
- Dual-Core PowerVR® SGX544™ 3D GPU
- Crypto Hardware Accelerators
 - AES, SHA, RNG, DES and 3DES
- Three Video Input Port (VIP) Modules
- General-Purpose Memory Controller (GPMC)
- Enhanced Direct Memory Access (EDMA) Controller
- 2-Port Gigabit Ethernet (GMAC)
- Sixteen 32-Bit General-Purpose Timers
- 32-Bit MPU Watchdog Timer
- Five Inter-Integrated Circuit (I²C) Ports
- HDQ™/1-Wire® Interface
- Ten Configurable UART/IrDA/CIR Modules
- Four Multichannel Serial Peripheral Interfaces (MCSPIs)
- Quad SPI Interface (QSPI)
- SATA Gen2 Interface
- Multichannel Audio Serial Port (MCASP)
- SuperSpeed USB 3.0 Dual-Role Device
- High-Speed USB 2.0 Dual-Role Device
- PCI-Express® 2.0 Subsystems With Two 5-Gbps Lanes
 - One 2-lane Gen2-Compliant Port
 - or Two 1-lane Gen2-Compliant Ports
- Dual Controller Area Network (CAN) Modules
 - CAN 2.0B Protocol
- Up to 247 General-Purpose I/O (GPIO) Pins
- Power, Reset, and Clock Management
- On-Chip Debug With CTools Technology
- 28-nm CMOS Technology
- 23 mm × 23 mm, 0.8-mm Pitch, 760-Pin BGA (ABC)

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Processor: **TI AM5728 2×1.5-GHz ARM® Cortex-A15**

- 2GB DDR3 RAM
- 4GB 8-bit eMMC on-board flash storage
- 2D/3D graphics and video accelerators (GPUs)
- 2×700-MHz C66 digital signal processors (DSPs)
- 2×ARM Cortex-M4 microcontrollers (MCUs)
- 4×32-bit programmable real-time units (PRUs)

Software Compatibility

- Debian
- Android
- Ubuntu
- Cloud9 IDE on Node.js
- plus much more

Connectivity

- 2×Gigabit Ethernet
- 3×SuperSpeed USB 3.0 host
- HighSpeed USB 2.0 client
- eSATA (500mA)
- full-size HDMI video output
- microSD card slot
- Stereo audio in and out
- 4×60-pin headers with PCIe, LCD, mSATA
- and much more...

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