

BeagleBone AI System Reference Manual

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BeagleBone AI Design

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1.0 Introduction

Built on the proven BeagleBoard.org® open source Linux approach, BeagleBone® AI fills the gap between small SBCs and more powerful industrial computers. Based on the Texas Instruments AM5729, developers have access to the powerful SoC with the ease of BeagleBone® Black header and mechanical compatibility. BeagleBone® AI makes it easy to explore how artificial intelligence (AI) can be used in everyday life via TI C66x digital-signal-processor (DSP) cores and embedded-vision-engine (EVE) cores supported through an optimized TIDL machine learning OpenCL API with pre-installed tools. Focused on everyday automation in industrial, commercial and home applications.

2.0 Change History

2.1 Document Change History

2.2 Board changes

2.2.1 Rev A0

Initial prototype revision. Not taken to production.

2.2.2 Rev A1

Second round prototype.

- Fixed size of mounting holes.
- Added LED for WiFi status.
- Added microHDMI.
- Changed eMMC voltage from 3.3V to 1.8V to support HS200.
- Changed eMMC from 4GB to 16GB.
- Changed serial debug header from 6-pin 100mil pitch to 3-pin 1.5mm pitch.

- Switched expansion header from UART4 to UART5. The UART4 pins were used for the microHDMI.

2.2.3 Rev A1a

Pilot run.

- Added pull-down resistor on serial debug header RX line.

2.2.4 Rev A2

Proposed changes.

- Moved microSD card cage closer to microHDMI to fit cases better.
- Connected AM5729 ball AB10 to P9.13 to provide a GPIO.
- HDMI hot-plug detection fixes planned (TBD).

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Main Processor Features

- Dual 1.5GHz ARM® Cortex®-A15 with out-of-order speculative issue 3-way superscalar execution pipeline for the fastest execution of existing 32-bit code
- 2 466x Floating-Point VLIW DSP supported by OpenCL
- 4 Embedded Vision Engines (EVEs) supported by TIDL machine learning library
- 2x Dual-Core Programmable Real-Time Unit (PRU) subsystems (4 PRUs total) for ultra low-latency control and software generated peripherals
- 2x Dual ARM® Cortex®-M4 co-processors for real-time control
- IVA-HD subsystem with support for 4K @ 15fps H.264 encode/decode and other codecs @ 1080p60

- Vivante® GC320 2D graphics accelerator
- Dual-Core PowerVR® SGX544™ 3D GPU

Communications

- BeagleBone Black header and mechanical compatibility
- 16-bit LCD interfaces
- 4+ UARTs
- 2 I2C ports
- 2 SPI ports
- Lots of PRU I/O pins

Memory

- 1GB RAM
- 16GB on-board eMMC flash

Connectors

- USB Type-C connector for power and SuperSpeed dual-role controller
- Gigabit Ethernet
- 802.11ac 2.4/5GHz WiFi

Out of Box Software

- Zero-download out of box software environment

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7.1 Expansion Connectors

The expansion interface on the board is comprised of two 46 pin connectors. All signals on the expansion headers are **3.3V unless otherwise indicated.

****NOTE:** Do not connect 5V logic level signals to these pins or the board will be damaged.

NOTE: DO NOT APPLY VOLTAGE TO ANY I/O PIN WHEN POWER IS NOT SUPPLIED TO THE BOARD. IT WILL DAMAGE THE PROCESSOR AND VOID THE WARRANTY.

NO PINS ARE TO BE DRIVEN UNTIL AFTER THE SYS_RESET LINE GOES HIGH.

Figure ? shows the location of the expansion connectors.

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The location and spacing of the expansion headers are the same as on the BeagleBone Black.

7.1.1 Connector P8

Table ? shows the pinout of the **P8** expansion header. Other signals can be connected to this connector based on setting the pin mux on the processor, but this is the default settings on power up. The SW is responsible for setting the default function of each pin. There are some signals that have not been listed here. Refer to the processor documentation for more information on these pins and detailed descriptions of all of the pins listed. In some cases there may not be enough signals to complete a group of signals that may be required to implement a total interface.

The **PROC** column is the pin number on the processor.

The **PIN** column is the pin number on the expansion header.

The **MODE** columns are the mode setting for each pin. Setting each mode to align with the mode column will give that function on that pin.

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Table ?. Expansion Header P8 Pinout

PIN	PROC	NAME	MODE0	MODE1	MODE2	MODE3
1		GND				
2		GND				
3	AB8	AB8_MMC3_DATA6	mmc3_dat6	spi4_d0	uart10_ctsn	
4	AB5	AB5_MMC3_DATA7	mmc3_dat7	spi4_cs0	uart10_rtsn	
5	AC9	AC9_MMC3_DATA2	mmc3_dat2	spi3_cs0	uart5_ctsn	
6	AC3	AC3_MMC3_DATA3	mmc3_dat3	spi3_cs1	uart5_rtsn	
7	G14	G14_TIMER11	mcasp1_axr14	mcasp7_aclkx	mcasp7_aclkr	
8	F14	F14_TIMER12	mcasp1_axr15	mcasp7_fsx	mcasp7_fsr	
9	E17	E17_TIMER14	xref_clk1	mcasp2_axr9	mcasp1_axr5	mcasp2_ahclkx
10	A13	A13_TIMER10	mcasp1_axr13	mcasp7_axr1		
11	AH4	AH4_GPIO3_11	vin1a_d7			vout3_d0
12	AG6	AG6_GPIO3_10	vin1a_d6			vout3_d1
13	D3	D3_EHRPWM2B	vin2a_d10			mdio_mclk
14	D5	D5_GPIO4_13	vin2a_d12			rgmii1_txc
15	D1	GPIO4_3	vin2a_d2			
	A3		vin2a_d19		vin2b_d4	rgmii1_rxctl
16	B4	B4_GPIO4_29	vin2a_d21		vin2b_d2	rgmii1_rxd2
17	A7	A7_GPIO8_18	vout1_d18		emu4	vin4a_d2
18	F5	F5_GPIO4_9	vin2a_d8			
19	E6	E6_EHRPWM2A	vin2a_d9			
20	AC4	AC4_MMC3_CMD	mmc3_cmd	spi3_sclk		
21	AD4	AD4_MMC3_CLK	mmc3_clk			
22	AD6	AD6_MMC3_DATA5	mmc3_dat5	spi4_d1	uart10_txd	
23	AC8	AC8_MMC3_DATA4	mmc3_dat4	spi4_sclk	uart10_rxd	
24	AC6	AC6_MMC3_DATA1	mmc3_dat1	spi3_d0	uart5_txd	

PIN	PROC	NAME	MODE0	MODE1	MODE2	MODE3
25	AC7	AC7_MMC3_DATA0	mmc3_dat0	spi3_d1	uart5_rxd	
26	B3	B3_GPIO4_28	vin2a_d20		vin2b_d3	rgmii1_rxd3
27	E11	LCD_VSYNC	vout1_vsync			vin4a_vsync0
	A8		vout1_d19		emu15	vin4a_d3
28	D11	LCD_CLK	vout1_clk			vin4a_fld0
	C9		vout1_d20		emu16	vin4a_d4
29	C11	LCD_HSYNC	vout1_hsync			vin4a_hsync0
	A9		vout1_d21		emu17	vin4a_d5
30	B10	LCD_DE	vout1_de			vin4a_de0
	B9		vout1_d22		emu18	vin4a_d6
31	C8	LCD_DATA14	vout1_d14		emu13	vin4a_d14
	G16		mcasp4_axr0		spi3_d0	uart8_ctsn
32	C7	LCD_DATA15	vout1_d15		emu14	vin4a_d15
	D17		mcasp4_axr1		spi3_cs0	uart8_rtsn
33	C6	LCD_DATA13	vout1_d13		emu12	vin4a_d13
	AF9		vin1a_fld0	vin1b_vsync1		
34	D8	LCD_DATA11	vout1_d11		emu10	vin4a_d11
	G6		vin2a_vsync0			vin2b_vsync1
35	A5	LCD_DATA12	vout1_d12		emu11	vin4a_d12
	AD9		vin1a_de0	vin1b_hsync1		vout3_d17
36	D7	LCD_DATA10	vout1_d10		emu3	vin4a_d10
	F2		vin2a_d0			
37	E8	LCD_DATA8	vout1_d8		uart6_rxd	vin4a_d8
	A21		mcasp4_fsx	mcasp4_fsr	spi3_d1	uart8_txd
38	D9	LCD_DATA9	vout1_d9		uart6_txd	vin4a_d9
	C18		mcasp4_aclkx	mcasp4_aclkr	spi3_sclk	uart8_rxd
39	F8	F8_LCD_DATA6	vout1_d6		emu8	vin4a_d22
40	E7	E7_LCD_DATA7	vout1_d7		emu9	vin4a_d23
41	E9	E9_LCD_DATA4	vout1_d4		emu6	vin4a_d20
42	F9	F9_LCD_DATA5	vout1_d5		emu7	vin4a_d21
43	F10	F10_LCD_DATA2	vout1_d2		emu2	vin4a_d18
44	G11	G11_LCD_DATA3	vout1_d3		emu5	vin4a_d19
45	F11	LCD_DATA0	vout1_d0		uart5_rxd	vin4a_d16
	B7		vout1_d16		uart7_rxd	vin4a_d0
46	G10	LCD_DATA1	vout1_d1		uart5_txd	vin4a_d17
	A10		vout1_d23		emu19	vin4a_d7

PIN	PROC	MODE4	MODE5	MODE6	MODE7	MODE8	MODE9
1							
2							
3	AB8	vin2b_de1					vin5a_hsync0
4	AB5	vin2b_clk1					vin5a_vsync0
5	AC9	vin2b_d3					vin5a_d3

PIN	PROC	MODE4	MODE5	MODE6	MODE7	MODE8	MODE9
6	AC3	vin2b_d2					vin5a_d2
7	G14				vin6a_d9		
8	F14				vin6a_d8		
9	E17	mcasp6_ahclkx			vin6a_clk0		
10	A13				vin6a_d10		
11	AH4	vout3_d16					
12	AG6	vout3_d17					
13	D3	vout2_d13					kbd_col7
14	D5	vout2_d11				mii1_rxclk	kbd_col8
15	D1	vout2_d21	emu12			uart10_rxd	kbd_row6
	A3	vout2_d4		vin3a_d11		mii1_txer	
16	B4	vout2_d2	vin3a_fld0	vin3a_d13		mii1_col	
17	A7	vin3a_d2	obs11	obs27			
18	F5	vout2_d15	emu18			mii1_rxd3	kbd_col5
19	E6	vout2_d14	emu19			mii1_rxd0	kbd_col6
20	AC4	vin2b_d6					vin5a_d6
21	AD4	vin2b_d7					vin5a_d7
22	AD6	vin2b_d0					vin5a_d0
23	AC8	vin2b_d1					vin5a_d1
24	AC6	vin2b_d4					vin5a_d4
25	AC7	vin2b_d5					vin5a_d5
26	B3	vout2_d3	vin3a_de0	vin3a_d12		mii1_rxer	
27	E11	vin3a_vsync0				spi3_sclk	
	A8	vin3a_d3	obs12	obs28			
28	D11	vin3a_fld0				spi3_cs0	
	C9	vin3a_d4	obs13	obs29			
29	C11	vin3a_hsync0				spi3_d0	
	A9	vin3a_d5	obs14	obs30			
30	B10	vin3a_de0				spi3_d1	
	B9	vin3a_d6	obs15	obs31			
31	C8	vin3a_d14	obs9	obs25			
	G16	uart4_rxd		vout2_d18		vin4a_d18	vin5a_d13
32	C7	vin3a_d15	obs10	obs26			
	D17	uart4_txd		vout2_d19		vin4a_d19	vin5a_d12
33	C6	vin3a_d13	obs8	obs24			
	AF9	vout3_clk	uart7_txd		timer15	spi3_d1	kbd_row1
34	D8	vin3a_d11	obs6	obs22	obs_dmarq2		
	G6	vout2_vsync	emu9		uart9_txd	spi4_d1	kbd_row3
35	A5	vin3a_d12	obs7	obs23			
	AD9	vout3_de	uart7_rxd		timer16	spi3_sclk	kbd_row0
36	D7	vin3a_d10	obs5	obs21	obs_irq2		
	F2	vout2_d23	emu10		uart9_ctsn	spi4_d0	kbd_row4
37	E8	vin3a_d8					
	A21	i2c4_scl		vout2_d17		vin4a_d17	vin5a_d14

PIN	PROC	MODE4	MODE5	MODE6	MODE7	MODE8	MODE9
38	D9	vin3a_d9					
	C18	i2c4_sda		vout2_d16		vin4a_d16	vin5a_d15
39	F8	vin3a_d22	obs4	obs20			
40	E7	vin3a_d23					
41	E9	vin3a_d20	obs2	obs18			
42	F9	vin3a_d21	obs3	obs19			
43	F10	vin3a_d18	obs0	obs16	obs_irq1		
44	G11	vin3a_d19	obs1	obs17	obs_dmarq1		
45	F11	vin3a_d16				spi3_cs2	
	B7	vin3a_d0					
46	G10	vin3a_d17					
	A10	vin3a_d7				spi3_cs3	

PIN	PROC	MODE10	MODE11
1			
2			
3	AB8	ehrpwm3_tripzone_input	pr2_mii1_rxd1
4	AB5	eCAP3_in_PWM3_out	pr2_mii1_rxd0
5	AC9	eQEP3_index	pr2_mii_mr1_clk
6	AC3	eQEP3_strobe	pr2_mii1_rxdv
7	G14	timer11	pr2_mii0_rxdv
8	F14	timer12	pr2_mii0_rxd3
9	E17	timer14	pr2_mii1_crs
10	A13	timer10	pr2_mii_mr0_clk
11	AH4	eQEP2B_in	
12	AG6	eQEP2A_in	
13	D3	ehrpwm2B	pr1_mdio_mdclk
14	D5	eCAP2_in_PWM2_out	pr1_mii1_txd1
15	D1	eCAP1_in_PWM1_out	pr1_ecap0_ecap_capin_apwm_o
	A3	ehrpwm3_tripzone_input	pr1_mii1_rxd0
16	B4		pr1_mii1_rxlink
17	A7	pr2_edio_data_in2	pr2_edio_data_out2
18	F5	eQEP2_strobe	pr1_mii1_txd3
19	E6	ehrpwm2A	pr1_mii1_txd2
20	AC4	eCAP2_in_PWM2_out	pr2_mii1_txd2
21	AD4	ehrpwm2_tripzone_input	pr2_mii1_txd3
22	AD6	ehrpwm3B	pr2_mii1_rxd2
23	AC8	ehrpwm3A	pr2_mii1_rxd3
24	AC6	eQEP3B_in	pr2_mii1_txd0
25	AC7	eQEP3A_in	pr2_mii1_txd1
26	B3	eCAP3_in_PWM3_out	pr1_mii1_rxr
27	E11		
	A8	pr2_edio_data_in3	pr2_edio_data_out3

PIN	PROC	MODE10	MODE11
28	D11		
	C9	pr2_edio_data_in4	pr2_edio_data_out4
29	C11		
	A9	pr2_edio_data_in5	pr2_edio_data_out5
30	B10		
	B9	pr2_edio_data_in6	pr2_edio_data_out6
31	C8	pr2_uart0_txd	
	G16		
32	C7	pr2_ecap0_ecap_capin_apwm_o	
	D17		
33	C6	pr2_uart0_rxd	
	AF9	eQEP1B_in	
34	D8	pr2_uart0_cts_n	
	G6	ehrpwm1A	pr1_uart0_rts_n
35	A5	pr2_uart0_rts_n	
	AD9	eQEP1A_in	
36	D7	pr2_edio_sof	
	F2	ehrpwm1B	pr1_uart0_rxd
37	E8	pr2_edc_sync1_out	
	A21		
38	D9	pr2_edio_latch_in	
	C18		
39	F8	pr2_edc_latch1_in	
40	E7	pr2_edc_sync0_out	
41	E9	pr1_ecap0_ecap_capin_apwm_o	
42	F9	pr2_edc_latch0_in	
43	F10	pr1_uart0_rxd	
44	G11	pr1_uart0_txd	
45	F11	pr1_uart0_cts_n	
	B7	pr2_edio_data_in0	pr2_edio_data_out0
46	G10	pr1_uart0_rts_n	
	A10	pr2_edio_data_in7	pr2_edio_data_out7

PIN	PROC	MODE12	MODE13	MODE14
1				
2				
3	AB8	pr2_pru0_gpi10	pr2_pru0_gpo10	gpio1_24
4	AB5	pr2_pru0_gpi11	pr2_pru0_gpo11	gpio1_25
5	AC9	pr2_pru0_gpi6	pr2_pru0_gpo6	gpio7_1
6	AC3	pr2_pru0_gpi7	pr2_pru0_gpo7	gpio7_2
7	G14	pr2_pru1_gpi16	pr2_pru1_gpo16	gpio6_5
8	F14	pr2_pru0_gpi20	pr2_pru0_gpo20	gpio6_6
9	E17	pr2_pru1_gpi6	pr2_pru1_gpo6	gpio6_18

PIN	PROC	MODE12	MODE13	MODE14
10	A13	pr2_pru1_gpi15	pr2_pru1_gpo15	gpio6_4
11	AH4	pr1_pru0_gpi4	pr1_pru0_gpo4	gpio3_11
12	AG6	pr1_pru0_gpi3	pr1_pru0_gpo3	gpio3_10
13	D3	pr1_pru1_gpi7	pr1_pru1_gpo7	gpio4_11
14	D5	pr1_pru1_gpi9	pr1_pru1_gpo9	gpio4_13
15	D1	pr1_edio_data_in7	pr1_edio_data_out7	gpio4_3
	A3	pr1_pru1_gpi16	pr1_pru1_gpo16	gpio4_27
16	B4	pr1_pru1_gpi18	pr1_pru1_gpo18	gpio4_29
17	A7	pr2_pru0_gpi15	pr2_pru0_gpo15	gpio8_18
18	F5	pr1_pru1_gpi5	pr1_pru1_gpo5	gpio4_9
19	E6	pr1_pru1_gpi6	pr1_pru1_gpo6	gpio4_10
20	AC4	pr2_pru0_gpi3	pr2_pru0_gpo3	gpio6_30
21	AD4	pr2_pru0_gpi2	pr2_pru0_gpo2	gpio6_29
22	AD6	pr2_pru0_gpi9	pr2_pru0_gpo9	gpio1_23
23	AC8	pr2_pru0_gpi8	pr2_pru0_gpo8	gpio1_22
24	AC6	pr2_pru0_gpi5	pr2_pru0_gpo5	gpio7_0
25	AC7	pr2_pru0_gpi4	pr2_pru0_gpo4	gpio6_31
26	B3	pr1_pru1_gpi17	pr1_pru1_gpo17	gpio4_28
27	E11	pr2_pru1_gpi17	pr2_pru1_gpo17	gpio4_23
	A8	pr2_pru0_gpi16	pr2_pru0_gpo16	gpio8_19
28	D11			gpio4_19
	C9	pr2_pru0_gpi17	pr2_pru0_gpo17	gpio8_20
29	C11			gpio4_22
	A9	pr2_pru0_gpi18	pr2_pru0_gpo18	gpio8_21
30	B10			gpio4_20
	B9	pr2_pru0_gpi19	pr2_pru0_gpo19	gpio8_22
31	C8	pr2_pru0_gpi11	pr2_pru0_gpo11	gpio8_14
	G16			
32	C7	pr2_pru0_gpi12	pr2_pru0_gpo12	gpio8_15
	D17	pr2_pru1_gpi0	pr2_pru1_gpo0	
33	C6	pr2_pru0_gpi10	pr2_pru0_gpo10	gpio8_13
	AF9			gpio3_1
34	D8	pr2_pru0_gpi8	pr2_pru0_gpo8	gpio8_11
	G6	pr1_edio_data_in4	pr1_edio_data_out4	gpio4_0
35	A5	pr2_pru0_gpi9	pr2_pru0_gpo9	gpio8_12
	AD9			gpio3_0
36	D7	pr2_pru0_gpi7	pr2_pru0_gpo7	gpio8_10
	F2	pr1_edio_data_in5	pr1_edio_data_out5	gpio4_1
37	E8	pr2_pru0_gpi5	pr2_pru0_gpo5	gpio8_8
	A21			
38	D9	pr2_pru0_gpi6	pr2_pru0_gpo6	gpio8_9
	C18			
39	F8	pr2_pru0_gpi3	pr2_pru0_gpo3	gpio8_6
40	E7	pr2_pru0_gpi4	pr2_pru0_gpo4	gpio8_7

PIN	PROC	MODE12	MODE13	MODE14
41	E9	pr2_pru0_gpi1	pr2_pru0_gpo1	gpio8_4
42	F9	pr2_pru0_gpi2	pr2_pru0_gpo2	gpio8_5
43	F10	pr2_pru1_gpi20	pr2_pru1_gpo20	gpio8_2
44	G11	pr2_pru0_gpi0	pr2_pru0_gpo0	gpio8_3
45	F11	pr2_pru1_gpi18	pr2_pru1_gpo18	gpio8_0
	B7	pr2_pru0_gpi13	pr2_pru0_gpo13	gpio8_16
46	G10	pr2_pru1_gpi19	pr2_pru1_gpo19	gpio8_1
	A10	pr2_pru0_gpi20	pr2_pru0_gpo20	gpio8_23

Notes regarding the resistors on muxed pins.

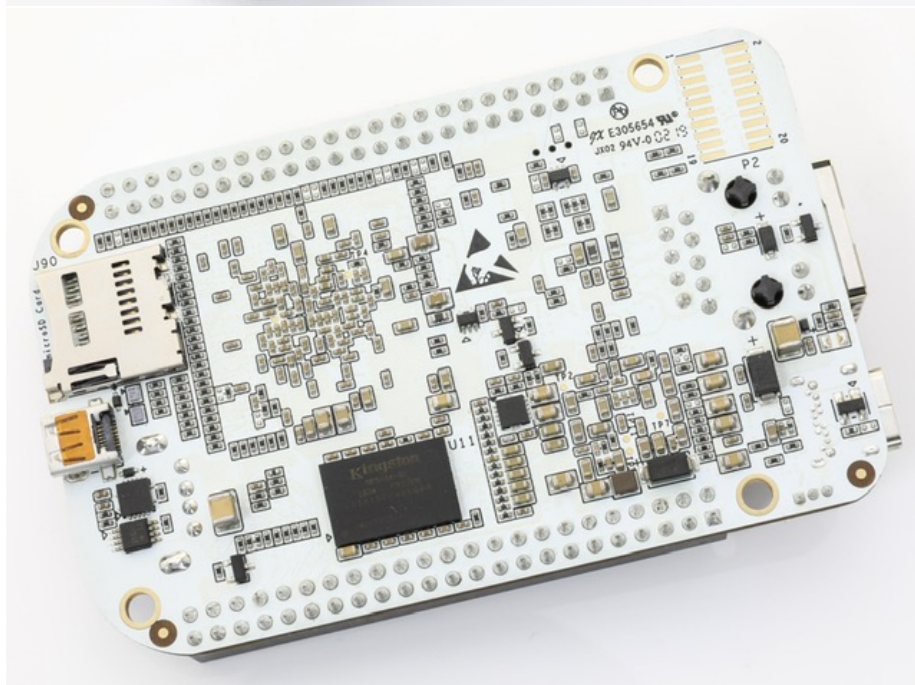
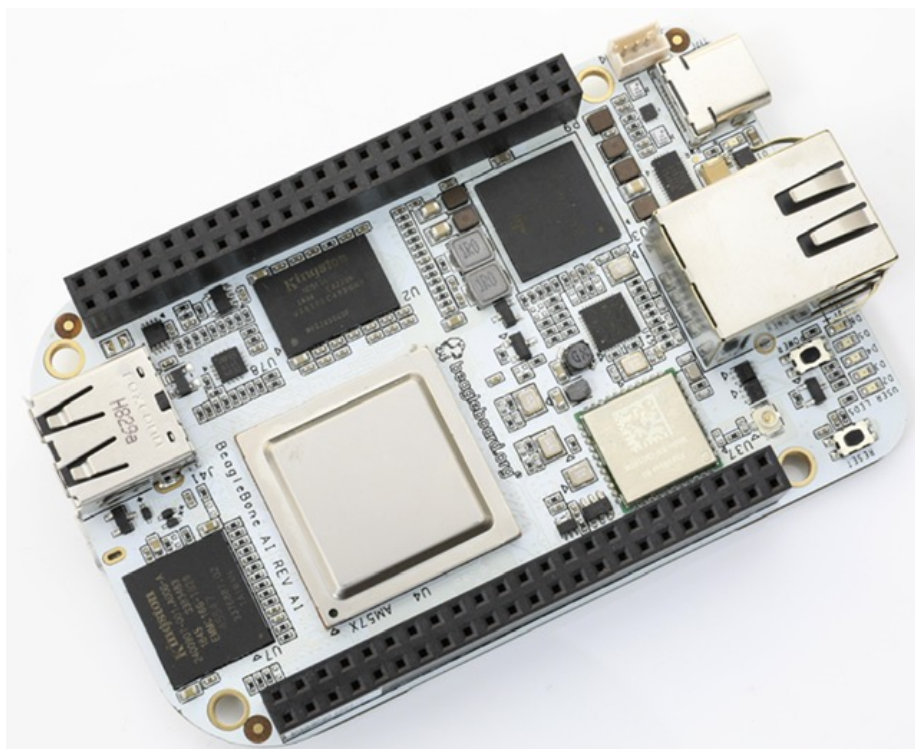
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8.0 Cape Board Support

9.0 BeagleBone AI Mechanical

10.0 Pictures

BeagleBone AI Back of Board Image



11.0 Support Information