

AgonLight2

User Manual

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Introduction



What is AgonLight2?

[AgonLight2](#) is a re-design of the original AgonLight eZ80F92 retro computer, designed as a hobby project by Bernardo Kastrup;

[AgonLight2](#) is a complete Single Board Computer (SBC) with VGA display output, PS2 keyboard, and SD card (acting as an external disk). This means that to write and run programs you do not need an external computer like Arduino boards do;

[AgonLight2](#) has a GPIO connector with GPIO ports, I2C, SPI, and more signals which are accessible and can be used to interact with other hardware (sensors, expansions, etc;)

AgonLight and [AgonLight2](#) are Open Source Hardware and officially [OSHWA certified](#);

All CAD source files are available at [AgonLight](#) and [AgonLight2](#) GitHub repositories. They are released under CERN Open Hardware License Version 2 – Strongly Reciprocal and allow users to learn, study, edit, modify, produce, and sell same or derivative products based on these designs. The only requirements is to open source their work under the same licensee.

The firmware of AgonLight is written by Dean Belfield and reproduces BBC Basic for Z80. The firmware is also Open Source Software and available on [GitHub](#). The same firmware works on [AgonLight2](#) without any modifications.

[AgonLight2](#) is RoHS, REACH, CE and UKCA compliant.

Order codes for AgonLight2 and accessories:

<u>AgonLight2</u>	Single board BBC Basic Z80 Retro style Computer
<u>MICRO-SD-CLASS</u>	You need a microSD card to store Basic and software (demos, examples)
<u>AgonLight2-Proto</u>	DIY expansion kit with big proto area; compatible with AgonLight2
<u>BOX-AGONLIGHT2-BLACK</u>	Metal box for AgonLight2
<u>CABLE-USB-A-C-1M</u>	USB-C data and power cable
<u>BATTERY-LIPO1400mAh</u>	Li-po battery 3.7V 1400mAh – note that these batteries can be shipped only by ground so we can deliver only to EU destinations
<u>USB-KEYBOARD-PS2</u>	USB keyboard which supports PS2 and can be used for <u>AgonLight2</u>
<u>BREADBOARD-1</u>	Breadboard for experimenting with <u>AgonLight2</u>
<u>JW-200x10-FM</u>	10 pieces female-male jumper wires for breadboarding
<u>JW-200x10</u>	10 pieces male-male jumper wires for breadboarding
<u>JW-200x10-FF</u>	10 pieces female-female jumper wires for breadboarding
<u>UEXT modules</u>	Different sensors, relays, LCDs, RTC, GSM, GPS etc accessories which can be connected to <u>AgonLight2</u> UEXT connector
<u>MOD-Wii-UEXT-NUNCHUCK</u>	3 axis joystick, two buttons game controller with UEXT connector

The differences between AgonLight and AgonLight2:

AgonLight2 has these differences from the original design:

- KiCad is used for the CAD, instead of EasyEDA. KiCad is open source software – free to download and use, it is a more fitting CAD tool for an Open Source Hardware project;
- USB-C connector for power supply;
- DCDC power converter with up to 2A output instead of linear power converter;
- Li-Po battery backup power supply, the battery acts like a UPS and will power the computer even if the USB-C gets disconnected. The battery is charged automatically when USB or external power supply is present;
- USB connector for keyboard (but the keyboard must be PS2 compatible!!!);
- SRAM routed with 40 ohm impedance as per part datasheet;
- Fixed some wrong signal naming on ESP32-PICO-D4 GPU co-processor;
- Fixed GPIO and programming connector pin ordering;
- Replaced the naked header 32-pin connector with a plastic boxed 34-pin connector following the same layout and adding two additional signals Vbat and Vin which allow AgonLight2 to be powered by this connector too;
- Added a UEXT connector (<https://www.olimex.com/Products/Modules/>) which allows AgonLight2 to be connected to: temperature sensors, environmental air quality sensors, pressure, humidity, gyroscope, light, RS485, LCDs, LED matrix, relays, Bluetooth, Zigbee, Lora, GSM, RFID reader, GPS, Pulse, EKG, RTC etc;
- Added 4 grounded mount holes with 3mm diameter, but also kept the original 2.5 mm mount holes.

First time start up or how to prepare the SD card and boot

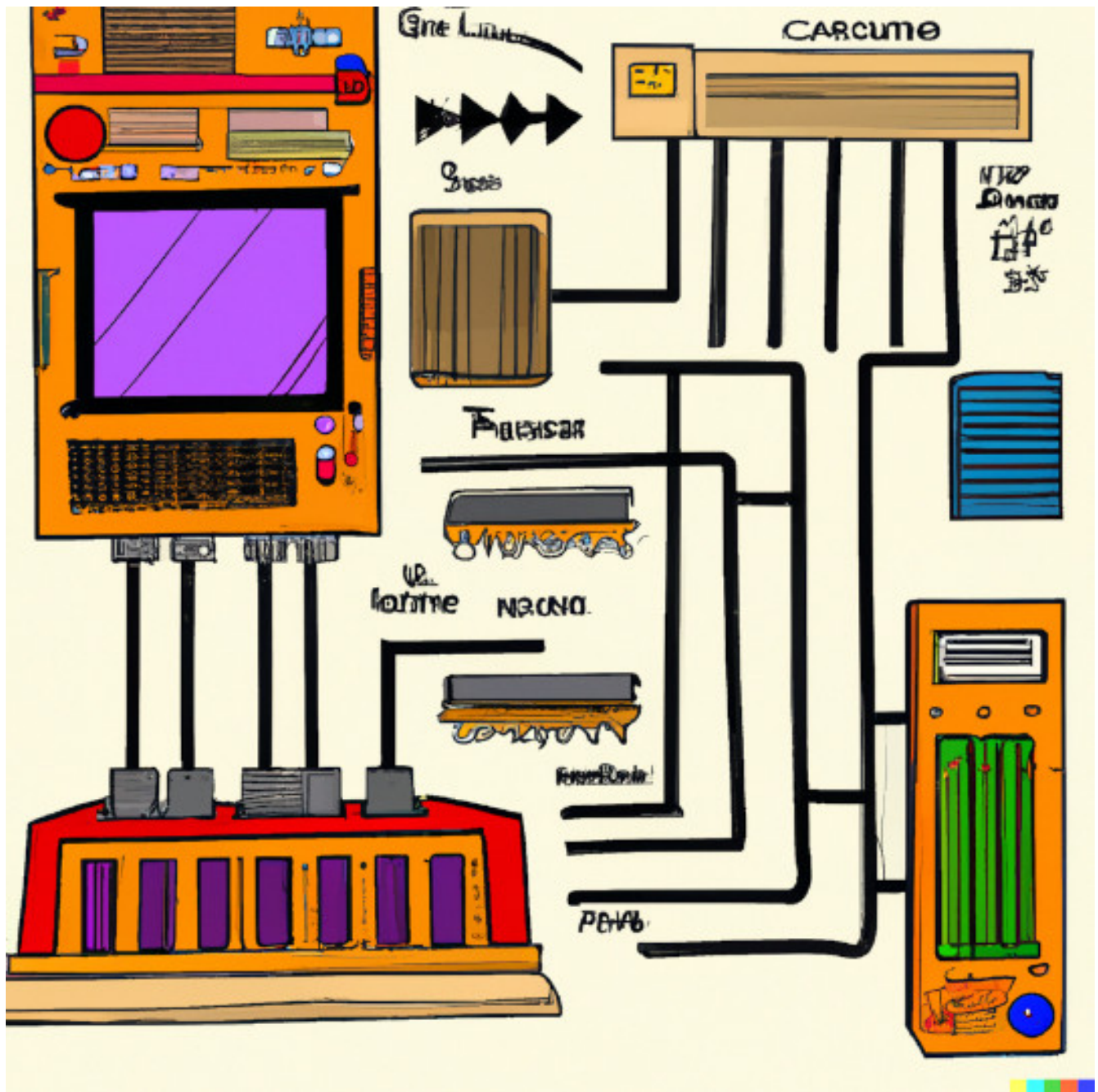
Important! Notice that [AgonLight2](https://github.com/OLIMEX/AgonLight2) comes completely assembled, tested, and programmed with firmware. The only thing you would need to do is prepare a microSD card with BBC basic and some examples, then connect your display and peripherals and apply power supply.

1. Open a web browser and navigate to:
<https://github.com/OLIMEX/AgonLight2>
2. Click on: Code -> Local tab, Download ZIP;
3. Uncompress the downloaded ZIP file in your PC;
4. Enter the folders “SOFTWARE” and then “FIRMWARE” and then “1-SD-card-contents”, then copy the contents of the folder;
5. Insert a class-10 microSD card in your Windows PC (pre-formatted as Fat32 and with a partition of maximum 32GB).
6. Paste the contents of the folder “1-SD-card-contents” which you’ve copied in step 4, onto the microSD card. Files should be placed directly into main folder of the card.
7. Eject the microSD card from your Windows PC.
8. Insert the microSD card into the board.
9. Connect a VGA monitor and a PS/2 keyboard (or a PS/2-compatible USB keyboard, via a PS/2 adapter) to the AgonLight2 unit.
10. Turn the AgonLight2 board on by connecting it to the USB cable:

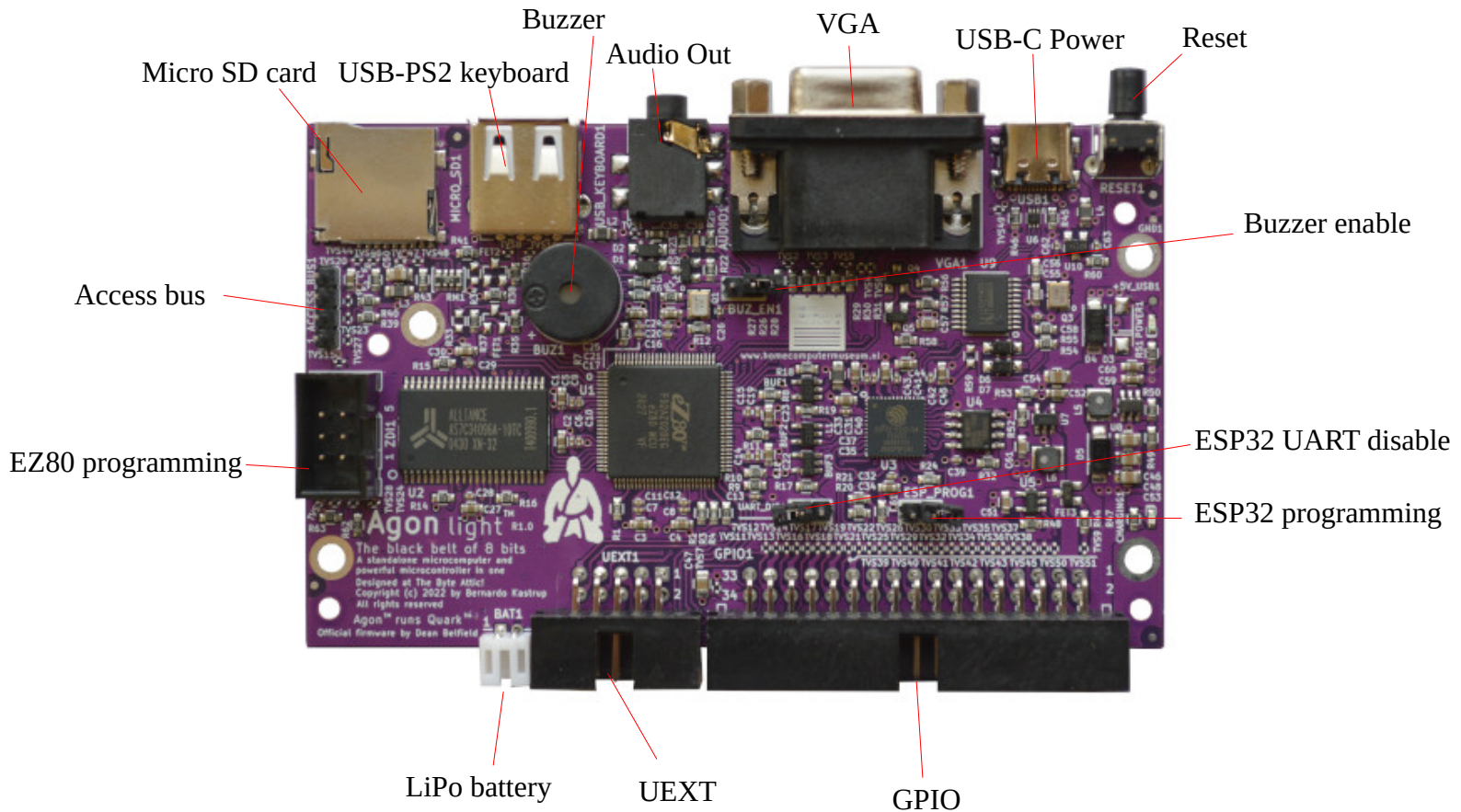
AgonLight references documents:

Here we link original [AgonLight Hardware Manual](#), [QuickStart Guide](#) and [Firmware Installation Guide](#).

HARDWARE

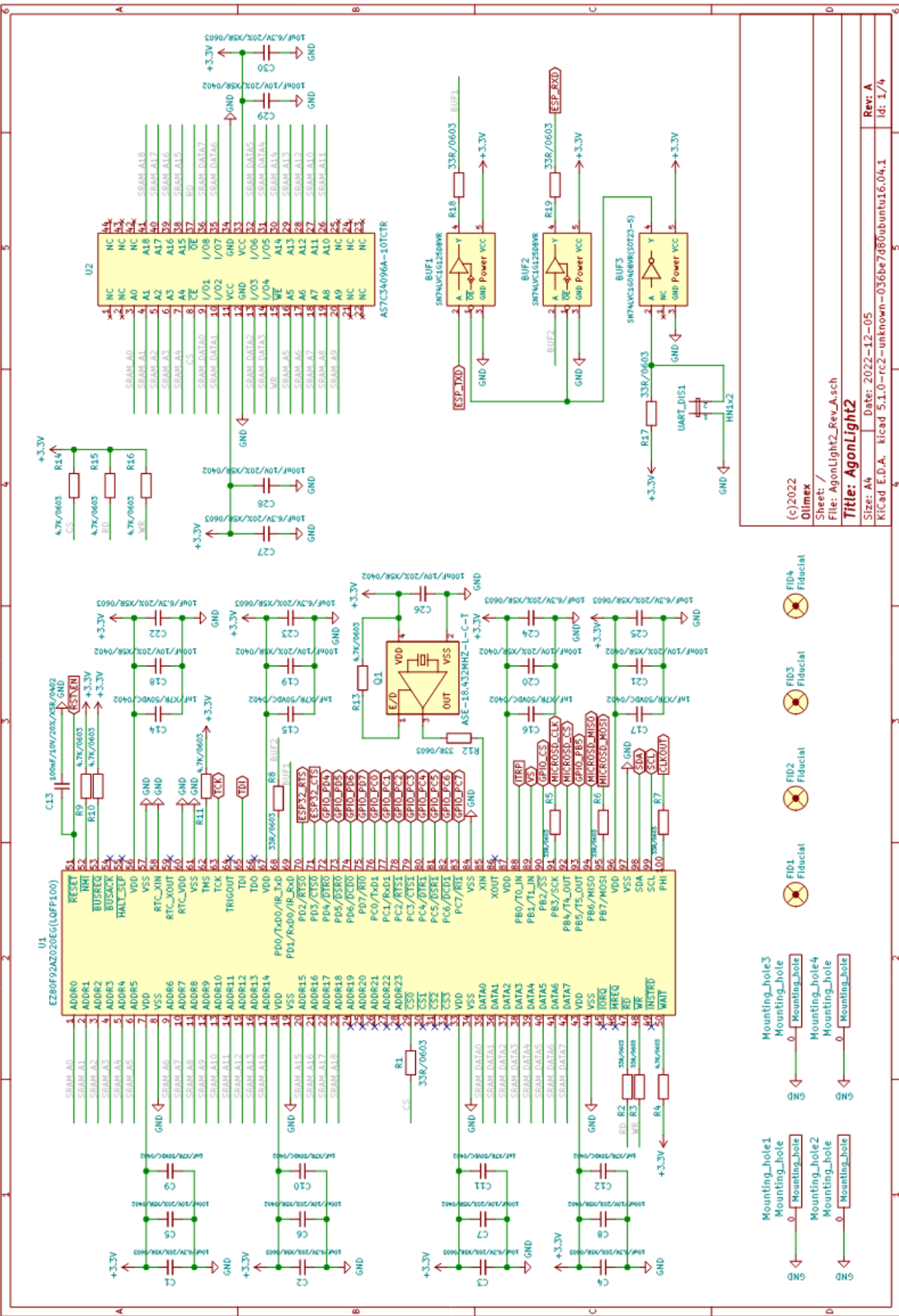


AgonLight2 layout:



AgonLight2 schematic:

The current [AgonLight2](#) schematic is available for download and print on [GitHub](#)



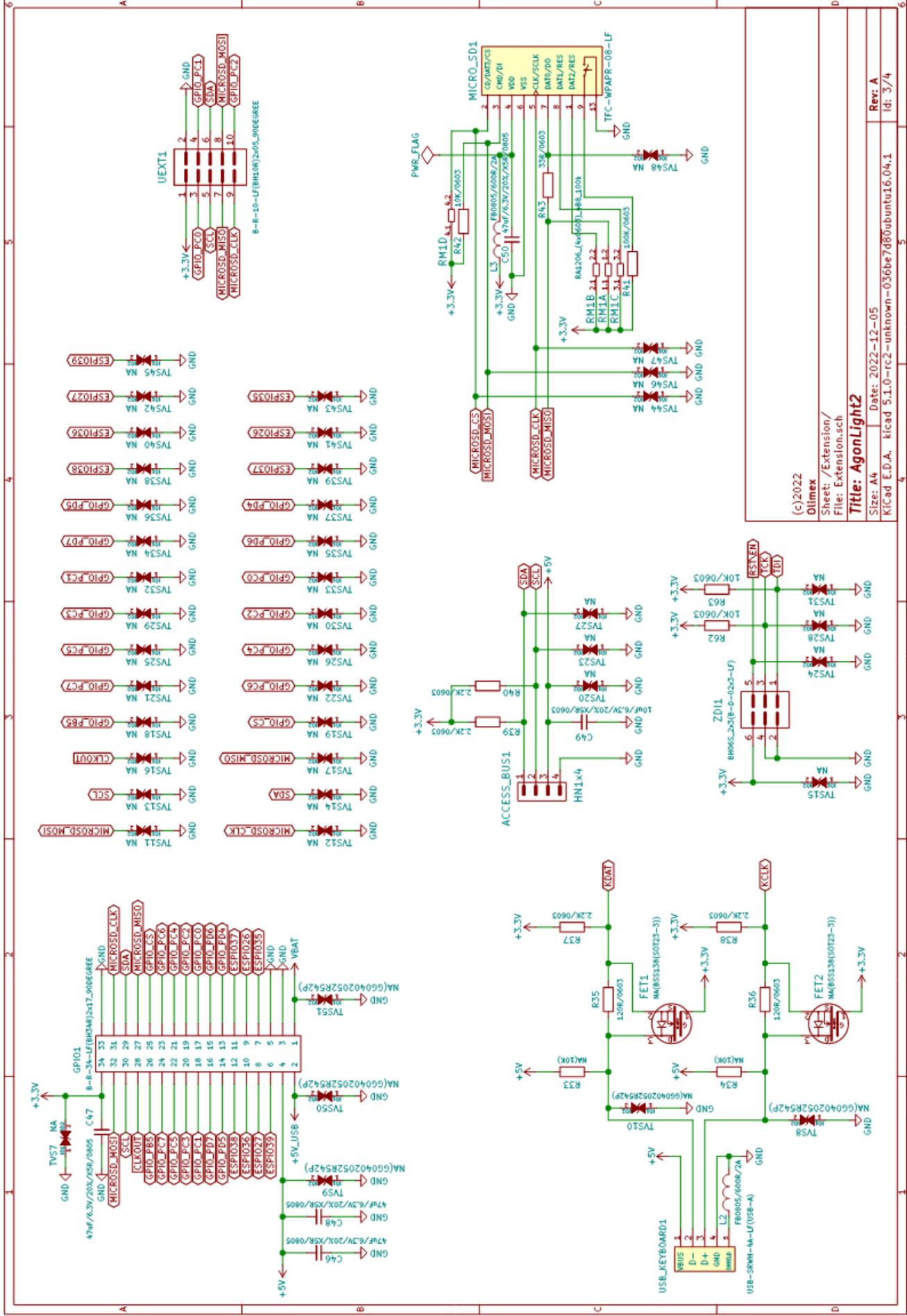
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Power Supply

The diagram illustrates a power supply circuit for a device. Key components and their connections include:

- Input:** +5V_USB is connected to the circuit.
- Power Switch:** POWER1 is connected to the +5V_USB line.
- Fuse:** F1 is connected in series with the +5V_USB line.
- Resistor:** R51 is connected in series with the +5V_USB line.
- LiPo Charger:** The WPM2015-3/TR IC is used for charging the LiPo battery (BAT1). It is connected to the +5V_USB line and the LiPo battery.
- Battery Connector:** A 3.7V battery connector is connected to the LiPo battery.
- Voltage Divider:** A voltage divider consisting of resistors R52 and R53 is used to provide a PWR_FLAG signal.
- 5V Regulator:** The U7 IC is a 5V regulator that provides a stable 5V output from the +5V_USB input.
- Passive Components:** Various capacitors (C1-C5, C9, C10, C11, C12, C13, C14, C15, C16, C17, C18, C19, C20, C21, C22, C23, C24, C25, C26, C27, C28, C29, C30, C31, C32, C33, C34, C35, C36, C37, C38, C39, C40, C41, C42, C43, C44, C45, C46, C47, C48, C49, C50, C51, C52, C53, C54, C55, C56, C57, C58, C59, C60, C61, C62, C63, C64, C65, C66, C67, C68, C69, C70, C71, C72, C73, C74, C75, C76, C77, C78, C79, C80, C81, C82, C83, C84, C85, C86, C87, C88, C89, C90, C91, C92, C93, C94, C95, C96, C97, C98, C99, C100) and inductors (L1, L2, L3, L4, L5, L6, L7, L8, L9, L10, L11, L12, L13, L14, L15, L16, L17, L18, L19, L20, L21, L22, L23, L24, L25, L26, L27, L28, L29, L30, L31, L32, L33, L34, L35, L36, L37, L38, L39, L40, L41, L42, L43, L44, L45, L46, L47, L48, L49, L50, L51, L52, L53, L54, L55, L56, L57, L58, L59, L60, L61, L62, L63, L64, L65, L66, L67, L68, L69, L70, L71, L72, L73, L74, L75, L76, L77, L78, L79, L80, L81, L82, L83, L84, L85, L86, L87, L88, L89, L90, L91, L92, L93, L94, L95, L96, L97, L98, L99, L100) are used for filtering and decoupling.

LiPo Charger

WPM2015-3/TR

BAT1

3.7V Battery Connector

DW02R

U7

BL4054B-42TPRN(SOT23-5)

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AgonLight2 power supply and consumption:

[AgonLight2](#) can be powered by 3 sources:

- USB-C connector;
- Li-Po battery connector;
- GPIO.pin2 (5V_USB) note that this signal is connected to USB 5V signal so when you power [AgonLight2](#) with this pin you should not connect it to the USB!!!

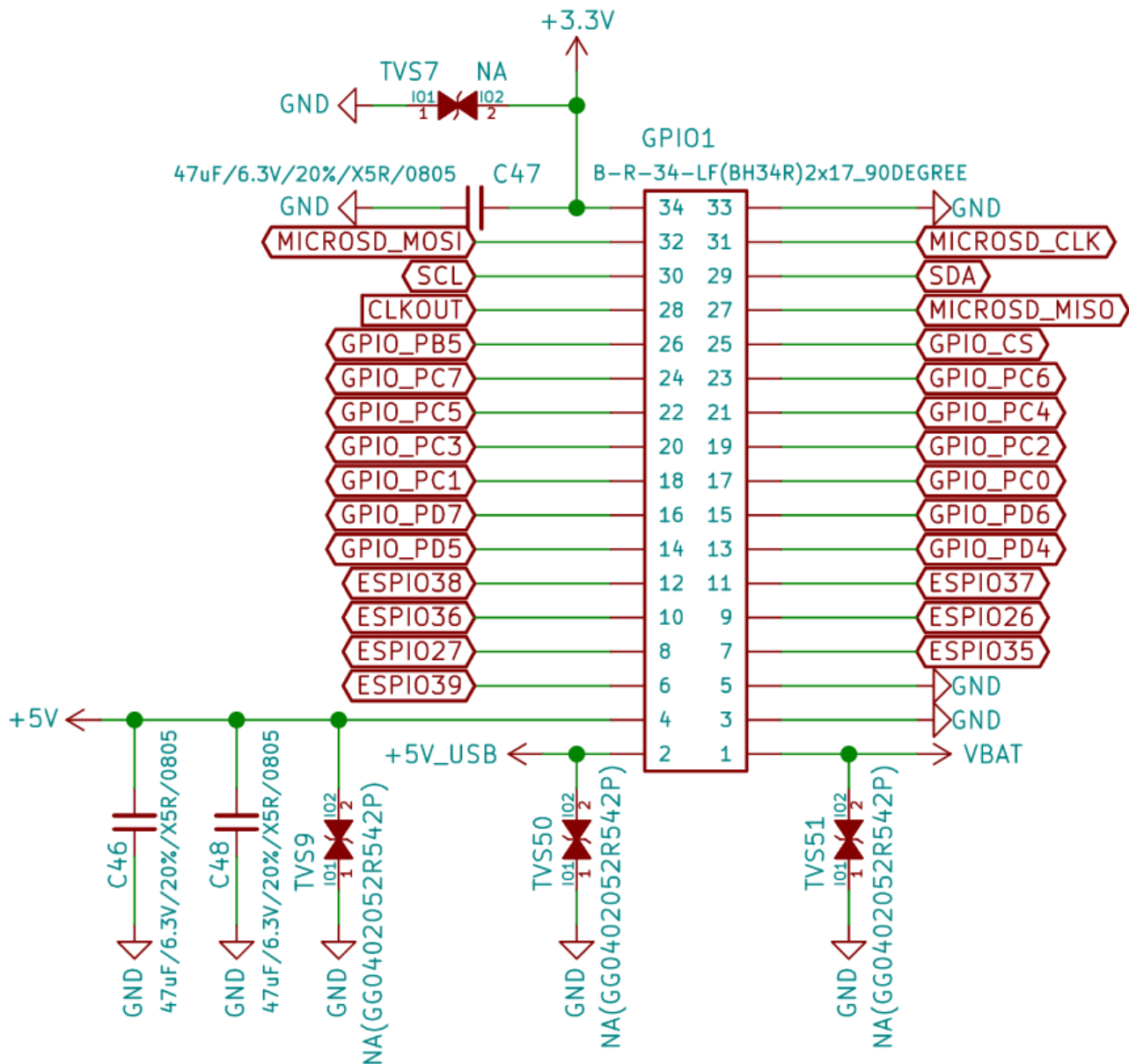
The power consumption of [AgonLight2](#) is approximately 130mA without a keyboard and around 180mA with connected keyboard.

If a Li-Po battery is connected it will get charged automatically when power supply is attached with up to 100mA.

When the LiPo battery is attached and external power supply is missing internal DCDC step-up converter and switching circuit automatically powers [AgonLight2](#) from the battery. 1400mAh battery will provide about 8 hours of stand-alone operation.

+ The LiPo battery connector is JST 2.0 mm connector and with Olimex's battery polarity. If you use batteries from other manufacturers please make PLUS and MINUS are connected properly as you may damage the board!!!

GPIO connector:



Pin.1 is connected to the Li-Po battery PLUS you can connect external battery on this pin or to use battery voltage to external circuits.

Pin. 2 is 5V power supply connected to USB-C +5V signal, you can power the board from this signal if the USB-C is not connected. It must be regulated 5V power supply, applying more than 5V will damage the board.

Pin.3, Pin.5, Pin.33 are GND

Pin.34 is +3.3V output capable to source up to 2A note that 200mA are used by AgonLight2

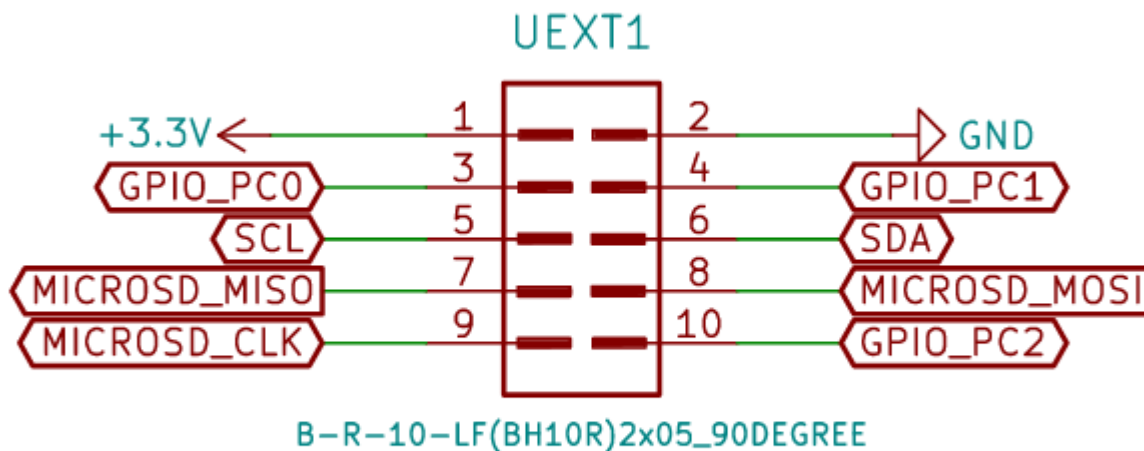
Pin.4 is +5V output capable to source up to 2A (1.8A + AgonLight2 0.2A), it's backed by LiPo UPS so even if there is interruption on power supply if LiPo battery is attached there will be 5V on this pin.

All GPIOs are operating on +3.3V. This means you should not connect signals above 3.3V on these ports as this will damage the board.

UEXT connector:

UEXT connector stands for Universal EXTension connector and contain +3.3V, GND, I2C, SPI, UART signals:

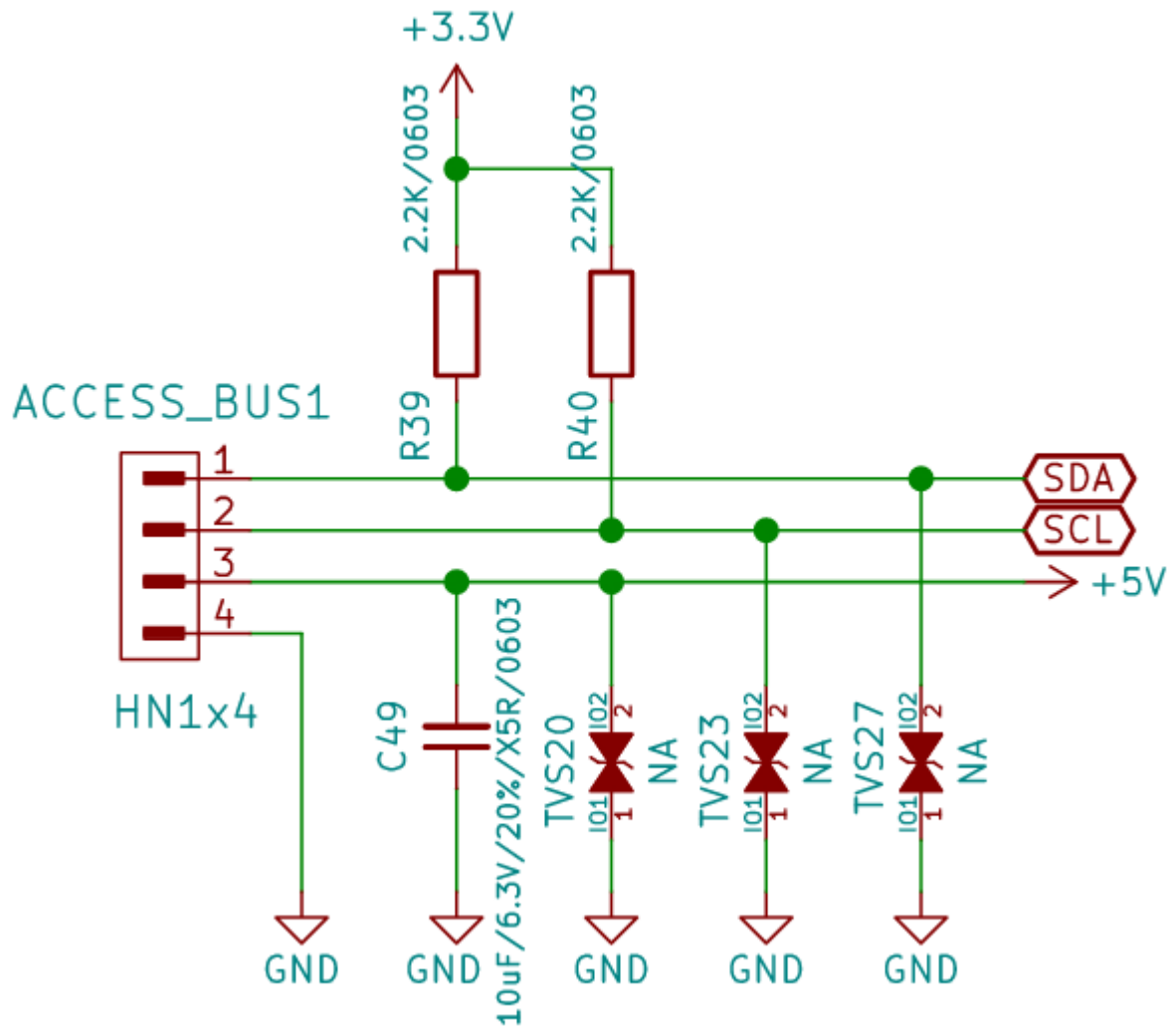
UEXT is 0.1" 2.54mm step boxed plastic connector. All signals are with 3.3V levels.



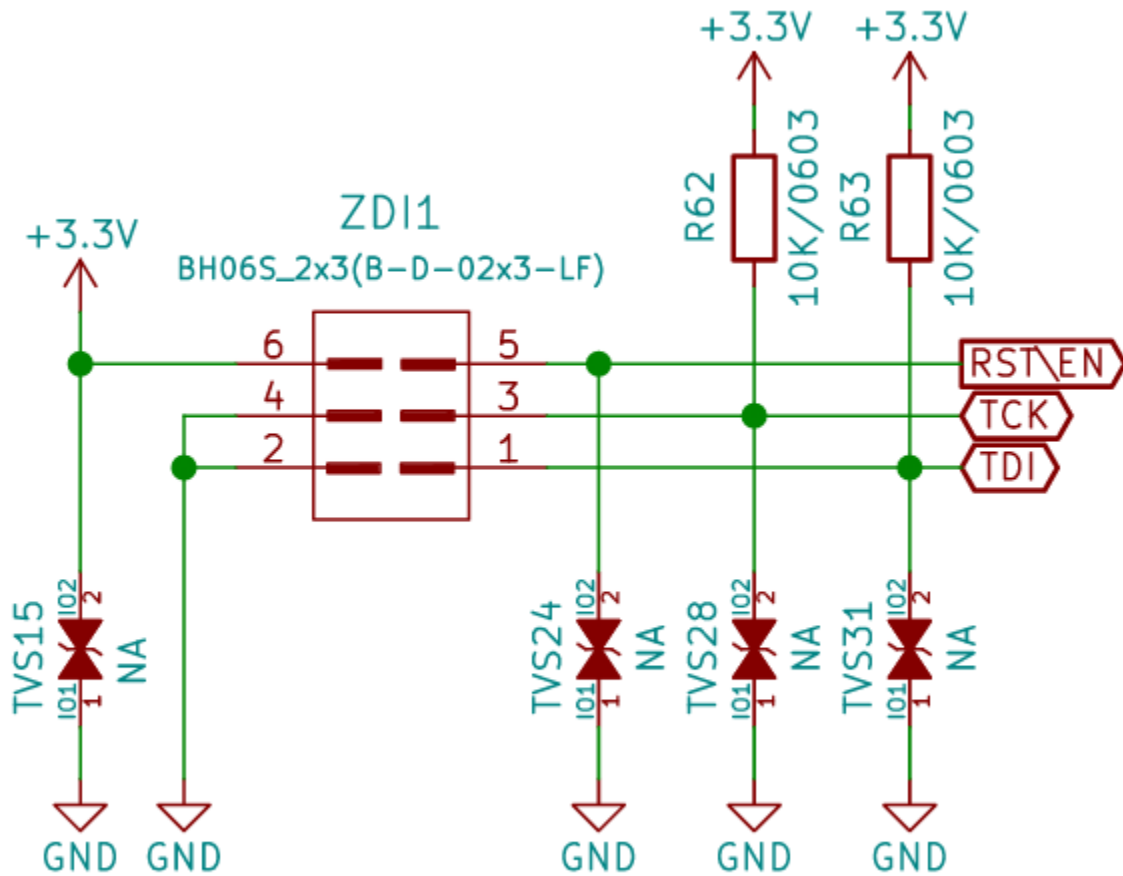
Olimex has developed number of [MODULES](#) with this connector. There are temperature, humidity, pressure, magnetic field, light sensors. Modules with LCDs, LED matrix, relays, Bluetooth, Zigbee, WiFi, GSM, GPS, RFID, RTC, EKG, etc.

Access bus connector:

This is I2C and power supply with 3.3V levels.



eZ80 programming connector:



This connector is used for initial programming of eZ80 microcontroller. AgonLight2 comes with pre-programmed firmware so you do not need to use this connector nor programmer for it.

If you want to develop your own firmware [Jeroen Venema wrote flash utility](#) which allows you to flash new firmware without need of external programmer.

Jumpers:

Typically you don't need to change the positions of the jumpers to use the board.



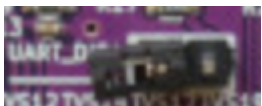
BUZ_EN1 – buzzer enable jumper – when closed the buzzer plays the sound commands.

Default state: Open (Buzzer disabled)



ESP_PROG1 – ESP programming enabled when closed ESP32 enters bootloader mode at reset and can be programmed over the USB connector.

Default state: Open (ESP programming handled by software)



UART_D – UART disable – when closed the UART connection between eZ80 and ESP32 is disconnected. This is necessary when ESP32 is programming.

Default state: Open (communication between eZ80 and ESP32 enabled)

General AgonLight2 Firmware

The three modules of AgonLight2 official firmware, called Quark™, can be found here:

- [Quark™ BBC BASIC](#) – BBC Basic interpreter
- [Quark™ MOS](#) - command line machine operating system, similar to CP/M or DOS
- [Quark™ VDP](#) - The VDP is a serial graphics terminal that takes a BBC Basic text output stream as input. The output is via the VGA connector on the Agon.

Olimex tested firmware and examples

Can be found in the repository here:

<https://github.com/OLIMEX/AgonLight2/tree/main/SOFTWARE/FIRMWARE>

Disclaimer: Most of the examples located in the repository above are NOT written by Olimex. We have just tested them and confirmed them working at the time of release.

The repository contains: examples taken from [AgonLight repository](#), solutions to our weekly programming challenge, and other interesting examples we found online.

MOS commands:

LOAD “”

SAVE “”

*CAT *DIR

*CD /

*MKDIR

*BYE *CPM

*ERA file

*ESC [ON OFF]

*EXEC file

*OPT

*REN oldfile ewfile

*SAVE file aaaa bbbb

*SPOOL file

*TYPE file

*| comment

BBC Basic commands reference:

Variables:

X – float
X% - integer
X\$ - string
&X – hex

Pressing ESC key breaks the code execution

This is list of the BBC Basic commands click on the command name for more info and use.

ABS	EOR	LOMEM	REPORT
ACS	ERL	MID\$	RESTORE
ADVAL	ERR	MOD	RETURN
AND	ERROR	MODE	RIGHT\$(
ASC	EVAL	MOVE	RND
ASN	EXP	NEW	RUN
ATN	EXT	NEXT	SAVE
AUTO	FALSE	NOT	SGN
BGET	FN	OFF	SIN
BPUT	FOR	OLD	SOUND
CALL	GCOL	ON ERROR	SPC
CHAIN	GET	ON ERROR OFF	SQR
CHR\$	GET()	ON X%	STEP
CLEAR	GET\$	OPENIN	STOP
CLG	GOSUB	OPENOUT	STR\$
CLOSE	GOTO	OPT	STRING\$(
CLS	HIMEM	OR	TAB(X)
COLOUR	IF	PAGE	TAB(X,Y)
COS	INKEY	PAGE	TAN
COUNT	INKEY\$	PI	THEN
DATA	INPUT	PLOT	TIME
DEF	INSTR(POINT(TO
DEG	INT	POS	TRACE
DELETE	LEFT\$	PRINT	TRUE
DIM	LEN	PROC	UNTIL
DIV	LET	PTR	USR
DRAW	LINE	PUT A, X	VAL
ELSE	LIST	RAD	VDU
END	LN	READ	VPOS
ENDPROC	LOAD	REM	WIDTH
ENVELOPE	LOCAL	RENUMBER	
EOF	LOG	REPEAT	

Software access to GPIOs:

eZ80 ports are described in the [eZ80-specification](#).

Port direction register set if the port is INPUT or OUTPUT. Upon RESET all GPIOs are set as Inputs.

Direction registers are 8 bit and each bit corresponds to port signal. If 1 is written on the corresponding port will be set as Input if 0 as Output.

Port B data direction register is at address: 009Bh = 153 decimal

Port C data direction register is at address: 009Fh = 159 decimal

Port D data direction register is at address: 00A3h = 163 decimal

If we read the Port C direction register we can PRINT GET(159) and it should return 255

If we want to set GPIO_PC0 as output we should write 0 in bit 0 with the command PUT 159,254.

Data registers are 8 bit and each bit corresponds to port signal. If 1 is written on the corresponding port will be set 3.3V if 0 is written 0V will be set.

Port B data register is at address: 009Ah = 152 decimal

Port C data register is at address: 009Eh = 158 decimal

Port D data register is at address: 00A2h = 162 decimal

If we read data register with GET() command, for instance PRINT GET(158) it will return the state of Port C.

We can write the data register with PUT command, for instance PUT 158,1 will set GPIO_PC0 to +3.3V and PUT 158,0 will set it to 0V.

Software access to I2C:

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Software access to SPI:

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Software access to VPU:

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Revision History

Revision 1.0 January 2023

- initial release

Revision 1.1 January 2023

- added “How to prepare the SD card and boot the first time”, taken and edited from “Agon light™ Firmware Installation Guide.pdf”

Revision 1.2 June 2023

- general improvements to the structure of the document; added more info about first steps with the board