# a-gsm series

Integrated antenna, dual SIM, quad band GSM/GPRS/DTMF/SMS ARDUINO, TEENSY, BBB & RASPBERRY PI compatible shield

The new a-gsmII v2.105, together with b-gsmgnss v2.105, belongs to the next generation of the successfully a-gsm v2.064, - ARDUINO, BBB & RASPBERRY PI compatible shied - and offers to best market performances for their product class, accompanied by reasonable cost.

Designed in EUROPE by **R&D Software Solutions** team -awarded in 2006 with the **GST SSC Bronze Award**, the a-gsmII shield proudly represents the concept of porting of professional solutions to the hobby/DYI market. This new version enhance the integration and performances of the previous **a-gsm** shield, including some new features inspired by customers feedback

The **a-gsm/b-gsmgnss series** answers at your needs for a fully integrated, functional and affordable cellular modem shield / platform. Smart complete design of the a-gsmII shield brings you the flexibility and easiness in integration, wherever your platform and application. Beyond ARDUINO / RASPBERY PI / others hobby / DYI platforms integration, the a-gsmII shield can be easily and in a time manner incorporated into your equipment regardless your previous experience in modem technology. The a-gsm series represents your best choice for usage into a wide range of designs requiring robust and reliable performance.

Standard a-gsmII features: high performance GSM/GPRS module (Quectel M95) with worldwide coverage- 850/950/1800/1900 MHz, integrated GSM antenna and u.FL socket for external antenna, DUAL SIM socket (placed on the top side of the shield), USB (WIN/LINUX/MAC, RPI/BBB [Debian] support; USB mini type B) and UART [TX, RX], POWER ON/OFF, MODEM STATUS and MODEM RESET 2.8V up to 5V compliant interfaces, micro SD slot (supporting micro TF cards up to 32Gb), high performance switching power supply [5 powering modes available], 2 x standard 3.5mm stereo jacks for high power output (870mW RMS) audio and for capacitor microphone input and a lot of other electrical interfaces, including SERIAL2, all in 84.00x53.34mm standard ARDUINO form factor.

Plug and replace [compatible with] the original Arduino GSM/Arduino GSM V2, in (almost) all projects using the ITBP Arduino GSM hack class [free download on https://itbrainpower.net/downloads].

Our range of products is available for ordering in following versions: with or without ARDUINO headers bundled.

Manufactured in EU.

Part number	Description	Usage	
AGSM2105#BAP	a-gsmII 2.105 DUAL SIM, Arduino headers bundle	GLOBAL	
AGSM2105#0AP	a-gsmII 2.105 DUAL SIM, no Arduino headers		
AGSM2105#IND	a-gsmII 2.105, industrial grade	GLOBAL	
Part number	Accessories description		
ITBP-UFL-SMAF#085	u.FL to SMA female panel 85mm pigtail		
ITBP-LIFL-SMAF#100	u EL to SMA female nanel 100mm nigtail		



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- **Integrated GSM antenna** and uFL connector for external antenna
- **DUAL SIM socket\***
- Worldwide compatibility # guad band module
- GSM / GPRS / SMS / **DTMF** supported
- Integrated uSD(TF) socket
- **USB** miniB interface
- 2.8V-5V serial interface
- 5.30-24V wide voltage • switching power supply
- ARDUINO, BBB and **RASPBERRY PI** direct compatibility
- Windows, MAC and Linux PC connectivity
- Audio jacks (out-870 mW, in- capacitor MIC)
- Complex code examples
- Ideal for small-medium series gadget / project integration

\* single SIM active



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# FEATURES AT A GLANCE:

INTEGRATED GSM antenna and u.FL connector for external GSM antenna;

DUAL SIM socket, SINGLE STANDBY - (SIM cards required not included)

**Quad band GSM/GPRS** module (Quectel M95F) with true worldwide coverage: 850MHz, 900MHz, 1800MHz and 1900MHz **USB adapter embedded** standard - SERIAL UART to USB bridge adapter with USB mini type B socket (you can use the a-gsmII board as wireless modem with your PC, connecting it directly thought USB to your PC – Windows, MAC and Linux compatible),

SERIAL TTL interface, down to 2.8V compliant (TX and RX) available in Arduino pin-out,

MicroSD card socket standard (support uTF cards up to 32 Gb),

**SWITCH POWER Supply**\* with efficiency up to 95%; the shield can be powered using various powering inputs: Arduino Vin pin(5-12V), <u>Arduino 5V pin</u> and <u>thought USB connector(\*)</u>.

Audio in and out 3.5 stereo jacks standard - HIGH power audio output (870mW) and capacitor Microphone interfaces embedded,

**Embedded switches**: control for modem ON/OFF & modem RESET and Arduino Reset

DIGITAL AUDIO interface and SERIAL2 (3V TXD and RXD) interfaces available thought additional back PCB side pads.

COMPACT FORMAT: 84.00x53.34mm, around 15g.

\* 5.30V-24V input support, <u>5 way powering profiles</u>: via USB, Arduino Vin pin, Arduino 5V, Vmain pin [up to 24V] and Vbat+GND [4V/LiPo] pins with manual selector [1xjumper] for users convenience

\*\* High Speed GPRS Multi-slot class 12 (configurable 1~12) Downlink and uplink speed - 85.6 kbps Max

**Extended Arduino, RaspberryPI and BBB support,** with code examples: - **GSM, TCP/UDP, HTTP[s], DTMF coding and decoding, SMS** and other features and utilities like **DUAL SIM**, others.

RaspberryPI PPP and TCPIP routing support (Debian based) trough easy installation and usage scripts.

# **PIN definition:**

Pin D2 = GSM TXD(RX), Pin D3 = GSM RXD(TX), Pin D7 = PWRKEY - MODEM ON/OFF, Pin D5 = MODEM-STATUS, Pin D6 = RESET-MODEM, PinRST = Arduino RESET OUT, Pin5V = Arduino 5V, PinVin = Arduino Vin, Pin GND(1&2) = GND

## **Standard Arduino Pin-out**

ONE to ONE connection without additional cables for Arduino UNO/LEONARDO and Arduino MEGA ADK/MEGA 2560\*

\* Arduino LEONARDO & Arduino MEGA ADK/MEGA 2560, additional strap / 1k resistor may be needed

# Easy RaspberryPI II, B+, III & Zero wiring

Connection name	RPi pin	a-gsmII shield pin
POWER a-gsm	16	D7 - power(UP/DOWN)
RESET a-gsm	18	D6 - reset *
a-gsm STATUS	12	D5 - status
serial TXD0	08	D3 - RX(TXD)
serial RXD0	10	D2 - TX(RXD)
GND	<b>06</b> /14	GND - on Arduino power IN connector
5V power supply	<b>02</b> /04	5V - on Arduino power IN connector **
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\* connection not mandatory

\*\* recommendation: do not power a-gsmII from the RPI 5V PIN, power the a-gsmII shield from independent PS.

# **CODE EXAMPLES and UTILITIES:**

## Arduino examples list (C code):

- SMS\_SS.ino a-gsmII shield 2.105 send/read/list SMS example >> GSM SHIELD SEND/RECEIVE SMS tutorial code
- GPRS\_HTTP.ino a-gsmII shield 2.105 HTTP client over GPRS example>> GSM SHIELD GPRS over HTTP tutorial code
- SIM\_UTILITIES.ino a-gsmII shield 2.105 SIM/MODEM/NETWORK/POWER ON/POWER OFF utilities >> GSM SHIELD UTILITIES tutorial code

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- DTMF\_SEND.ino a-gsmII shield 2.105 send DTMF example >> GSM SHIELD DTMF SEND tutorial code
- DTMF\_RECEIVE.ino a-gsmII shield 2.105 receive/decode DTMF example >> GSM SHIELD DTMF RECEIVE tutorial code

## **Raspberry PI[BBB] examples list (python):**

- powerOnOff.py a-gsmII 2.105 power on / power off / modem communication example >> GSM SHIELD POWER ON/OFF tutorial code
- setSerial.py a-gsmII 2.105 set serial communication speed example >> GSM SHIELD SET SERIAL SPEED tutorial code
- readSMS.py a-gsmII 2.105 list/read SMS example >> GSM SHIELD READ/LIST SMS tutorial code
- sendSMS.py a-gsmII 2.105 send SMS example >> GSM SHIELD SEND SMS tutorial code
- GprsHttp.py a-gsmII 2.105 HTTP client over GPRS example >> GSM SHIELD GPRS over HTTP tutorial code - a-gsmUtilities.py - a-gsmII 2.105 SIM/MODEM/MISCELLANEOUS (including DTMF) usage example utility >>
- GSM SHIELD UTILITIES tutorial code

## UTILITIES:

- Arduino GSM class hack. Run (almost) any project written for the original Arduino GSM using the a-gsmII shield
- a-gsmII kickstart for Arduino an interactive interface that allows to test the modem facilities with Arduino. Library based, Arduino C.
- itbpGSM REST IoT class. light IoT GSM class support for itbrainpower.net modems with examples.
- a-gsmII-raspian-ppp-1.0.tar.gz Raspian PPP and routing utility
- setSerial.py change and save a-gsmII serial communication speed Python utility (included in a-gsmIIraspian-ppp.tar.gz and in a-gsmII-series-RaspberyPI-code-examples-1.0.tar.gz)

## Additional documentation: (available on http://itbrainpower.net/downloads)

- Arduino/RaspberryPI gsm shield communication debug how to
- a-gsm audio wiring [valid for a-gsmII]
- a-gsm shield block schematics [valid for a-gsmII]
- a-gsm series GSM / GPRS / DTMF / SMS ARDUINO and RASPERRY PI compatible shield
- a-gsmII shield TOP description
- a-gsm shield series ARDUINO wiring using software serial, default in Arduino code examples [valid for agsmII]
- a-gsm shield series Arduino wiring for hardware serial [valid for a-gsmII]
- a-gsm shield series Raspberry PI B+ wiring schema [valid for a-gsmII]
- QUECTEL M95F AT command manual