

# USER MANUAL WT901C(RS232)

**Inclinometer Sensor** 





## **Tutorial Link**

#### **Google Drive**

**Link to instructions DEMO: WITMOTION Youtube Channel** WT901C Playlist

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- Car Navigation
- UAV
- Truck-mounted Satellite Antenna Equipment



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## 1 Introduction

The WT901C is a multi-sensor device detecting acceleration, angular velocity, angle as well as magnetic filed. The small outline makes it perfectly suitable for industrial retrofit applications such as condition monitoring and predictive maintenance. Configuring the device enables the customer to address a broad variety of use cases by interpreting the sensor data by smart algorithms.

WT901C's scientific name is AHRS IMU sensor. A sensor measures 3-axis angle, angular velocity, acceleration, magnetic field. Its strength lies in the algorithm which can calculate three-axis angle accurately.

WT901C is employed where the highest measurement accuracy is required. It offers several advantages over competing sensor:

- Heated for best data availability: new WITMOTION patented zero-bias automatic detection calibration algorithm outperforms traditional accelerometer sensor
- High precision Roll Pitch Yaw (X Y Z axis) Acceleration + Angular Velocity + Angle + Magnetic Field output
- Low cost of ownership: remote diagnostics and lifetime technical support by WITMOTION service team
- Developed tutorial: providing manual, datasheet, Demo video, free software for Windows computer, APP for Android smartphones, and sample code for MCU integration including 51 serial, STM32, Arduino, Matlab, Raspberry Pi, communication protocol for project development
- WITMOTION sensors have been praised by thousands of engineers as a recommended attitude measurement solution



# 1.1 Warning Statement

- Putting more than 5 Volt across the sensor wiring of the main power supply can lead to permanent damage to the sensor.
- VCC cannot connect with GND directly, otherwise it will lead to the burning of the circuit board.
- For proper instrument grounding: use WITMOTION with its original factory-made cable or accessories.
- For secondary developing project or integration: use WITMOTION with its compiled sample code.



# 2 Use Instructions with PC

## 2.1 Connection Method

PC software is only compatible with Windows system.

#### WT901C Playlist

#### 2.1.1 Serial Connection

**Step 1.** Connect the sensor with a serial converter

PIN Connection:

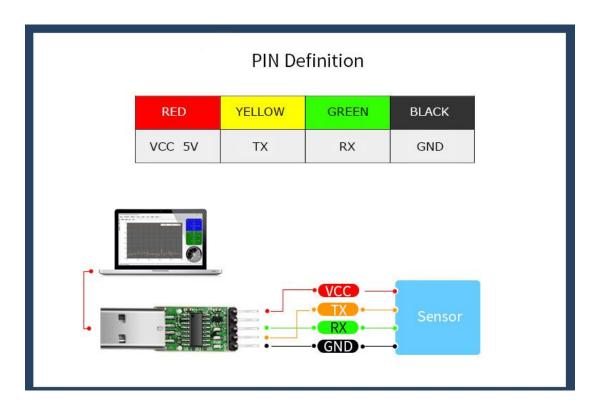
VCC - 3.3~5V

TX - Yellow

RX - Green

GND - GND

(When connecting with computer, VCC-5V is recommended.)





#### **Recommended tools:**



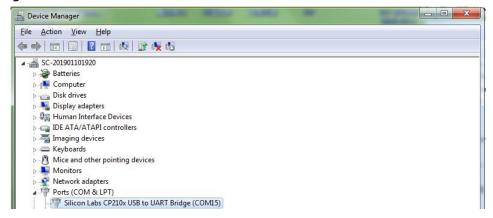
**Step 2.** Unzip the software and install the driver CH340 or CP2102

Link to tutorial of 3-in-1 serial converter/ RS232 serial cable (CH340 driver)

Link to tutorial of 6-in-1 serial converter (CP2102 driver)

(Depending on which accessory for usage.)

**Step 3.** Plugin the converter to computer and confirm the "com port" in device manager



**Step 4.** Open the software(Minimu.exe)
Data will appear after auto-search finishes

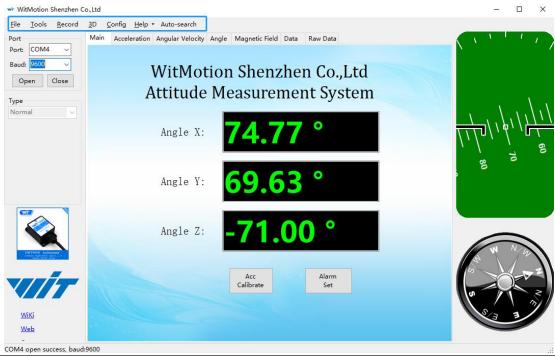
**Notice:** If not successful, please operate manually Choose the com port and baud rate 9600, data will be shown on the software.



## 2.2 Software Introduction

## Link to download software

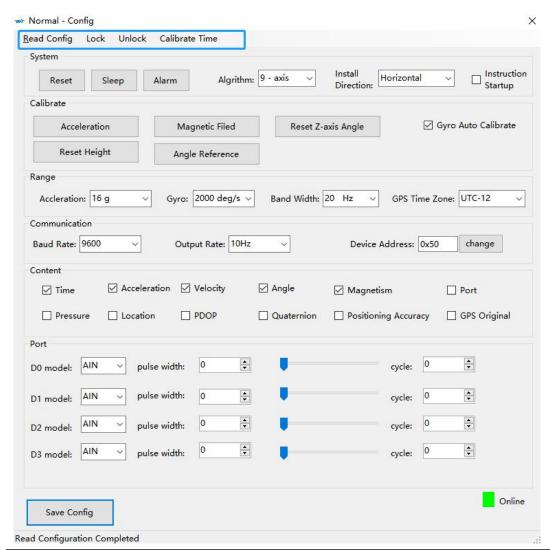
#### 2.2.1 Main Menu



Main Menu of software			
Button		Function	
File		Launch recorded HEX file (Bin format)	
Tools		Hide or display tools box on left side	
Record		Record function	
3D		3D DEMO	
Config		Configuration setting	
	Language	English or Chinese	
Help	Bluetooth Set	Binding device or unbind	
	Firmware update	Option for firmware update	
About Minimu		Info about Minimu.exe	
	Factory test	For manufacturer internal test only	
Auto-search		Auto searching the sensor	
Port		Com port selection	
Baud		Baud rate selection	
Type		Fixed setting as Normal for WT901C	
Open		Open com port	
Close		Close com port	

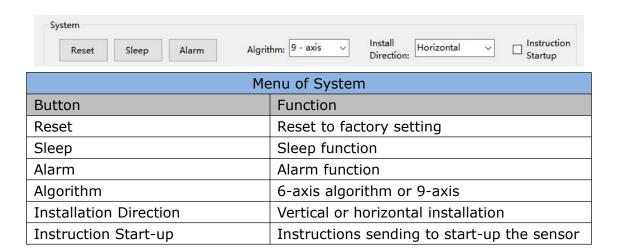


## 2.2.2 Menu of Configuration



Menu of Configuration			
Button	Function		
Read Config	Reading the current configuration		
Lock	Lock the sensor		
Unlock	Unlock the sensor		
Calibrate Time	Calibration time of chip		
Save Config	Save configuration		





#### Instruction Start-up:

This function is used to prevent the data sent by the module after connecting to the computer to conflict with the mouse, causing the mouse to jump. After checking this function, the function will take effect the next time the module is used, or it can take effect when the module is powered on again.



Menu of Calibrate		
Button	Function	
Acceleration	Accelerometer calibration	
Magnetic Field	Magnetometer calibration	
Reset Height	Reset height data to 0	
	(only for sensor built-in barometer,	
	including WT901B, WTGAHRS2,	
	WTGAHRS1, HWT901B)	
Reset Z-axis Angle	Reset Z-axis angle to 0 degree, not available	
	for WT901C in 9-axis algorithm	
Angle Reference	Setting current angle as 0 degree	
Gyro Auto Calibrate	Auto-calibration of gyroscope	





Menu of Range		
Button	Function	
Acceleration	Acceleration measurement range	
Gyro	Gyroscope measurement range	
Band Width	Bandwidth range	
GPS Time Zone	GPS positioning of time zone	

Communicat	tion							
Baud Rate:	9600	~	Output Rate:	10Hz	~	Device Address:	0x50	change

Menu of Communication		
Button	Function	
Baud Rate	Baud rate selection	
Output Rate	Return rate selection	
Device Address	Interface for R&D	

(	Content					
	☑ Time	✓ Acceleration	✓ Velocity	✓ Angle	✓ Magnetism	Port
	Pressure	Location	☐ PDOP	Quaternion	Positioning Accuracy	GPS Original

Menu of Content		
Button	Function	
Time	Time data output	
Acceleration	Acceleration data output	
Velocity	Angular velocity data output	
Angle	Angle data output	
Magnetism	Magnetic field data output	
Port	Port data output	
Pressure	Pressure output, only available with the	
	sensor built-in barometer like HWT901B,	
	WTGAHRS2, WT901B, etc	
Location	Latitude&Longitude data output, only for	
	GPS IMU series, such as WTGAHRS1,	
	WTGAHRS2	
PDOP	Ground velocity data output, only for GPS	
	IMU series, such as WTGAHRS1,	
	WTGAHRS2	
Quaternion	Quaternion data output	
Positioning Accuracy	Option for GPS positioning accuracy output,	
	including Satellite quantity, PDOP, HDOP,	
	VDOP data, only for GPS IMU series, such as	
	WTGAHRS1, WTGAHRS2	



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GPS Original	Only output GPS raw data, only for GPS IMU
	series, such as WTGAHRS1, WTGAHRS2
	Menu of Port
D0 Model	Extended port D0
D1 Model	Extended port D1
D2 Model	Extended port D2
D3 Model	Extended port D3
Pulse width	Pulse width of PWM
Cycle	Cycle of PWM





#### **Calibration** 2.3

#### Preparation:

Make sure the sensor is "Online".

Calibration on PC software:

It is required to calibrate for the first time usage.

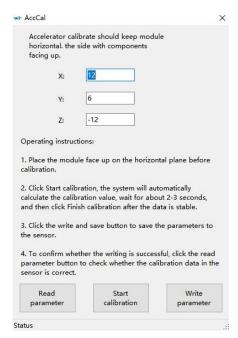
#### **Accelerometer Calibration**

#### **Purpose:**

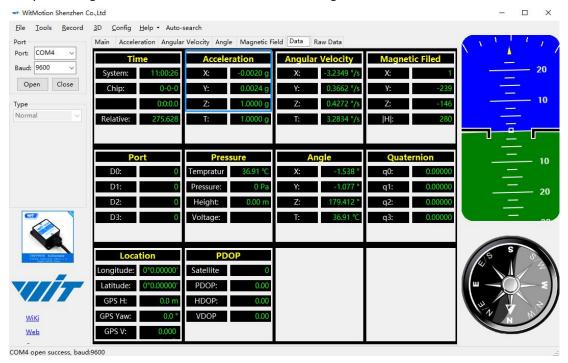
The accelerometer calibration is used to remove the zero bias of the accelerometer. Before calibration, there will be different degrees of bias error. After calibration, the measurement will be accurate.

#### Methods:

- Step 1. Keep the module horizontally stationary
- Step 2. Click the accelerometer calibration
- Step 3. Click the "Start calibration" and wait for 3 seconds







Step 5. Judge the result--confirm if there is 1g on Z-axis acceleration

1. After  $1 \sim 2$  seconds, the three axial acceleration value of the module is about 0, 0,1, the X and Y axis Angle is around 0°. After calibration, the x-y axis Angle is accurate.

Note: When putting the module horizontal, there is 1g of gravitational acceleration on the Z-axis.

## 2.3.2 Magnetic Field Calibration

#### **Purpose:**

Magnetic calibration is used to remove the zero bias of the magnetic field sensor. Usually, the magnetic field sensor will have a large zero error when it is manufactured. If it is not calibrated, it will bring a large measurement error, which will affect the accuracy of the measurement of the z-axis Angle of the heading Angle.



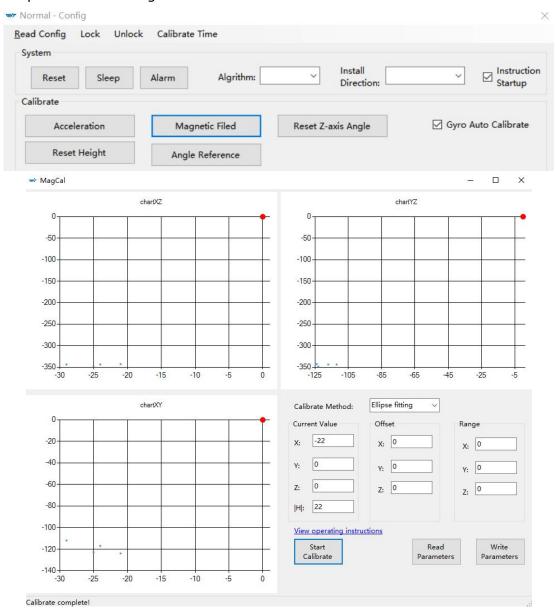
#### **Preparation:**

Sensors should be 20CM away from magnetic and iron and other materials

#### Methods:

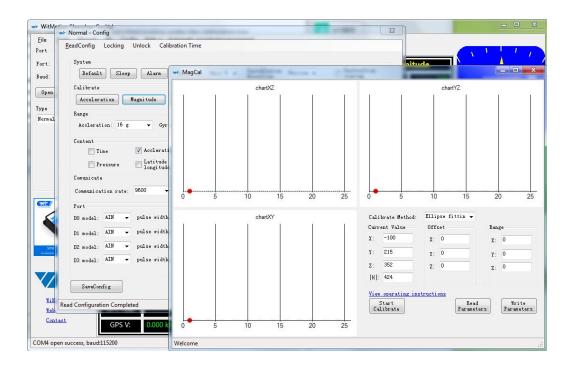
Step 1. Open the Config menu

Step 2. Click the magnetic field calibration button. click the "Start calibration"

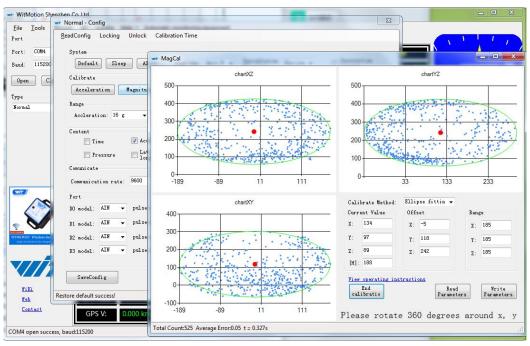


Step 3. Slowly rotate the module 360° around X, Y, Z, 3-axis accordingly





Step 4. After rotation, click "End calibration"



#### Successful result:

Most of data dots will be within the ellipse.

If not successful, please stay away from the objective that can create magnetic field interference.



## 2.3.3 Gyroscope Automatic Calibration

The gyroscope calibration is to calibrate the angular velocity, and the sensor will calibrate automatically.

It is recommended that the automatic calibration of gyroscopes can be inactivated only if the module rotates at a constant speed.



## 2.3.4 Reset Z-axis Angle

Note: If you want to avoid magnetic interference, you can change the algorithm to Axis 6,then you can use reset function of "Reset Z-axis angle".

The z-axis angle is an absolute angle, and it takes the northeast sky as the coordinate system can not be relative to 0 degree.

Z axis to 0 is to make the initial angle of the z axis angle is relative 0 degree. When the module is used before and z - axis drift is large, the z - axis can be calibrated, When the module is powered on, the Z axis will automatically return to 0.

Calibration methods as follow: firstly keep the module static, click the "Config" open the configuration bar and then click "Reset Z-axis Angle" option, you will see the the angle of the Z axis backs to 0 degree in the module data bar.

## 2.3.5 Reset Height to 0

Only available for the module built-in barometer like WT901B, HWT901B, WTGAHRS1, WTGAHRS2.



# 2.4 Configuration

#### 2.4.1 Return Content

Setting method: The content of the data return can be set according to user needs, click the configuration option bar, and check the data content to be output.

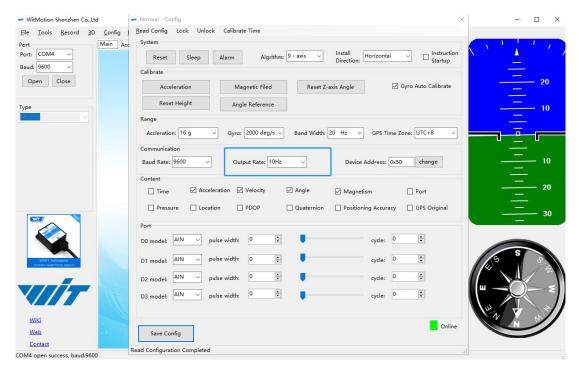
Taking WT901C as an example, the default output of the module is acceleration, angular velocity, angle, and magnetic field.

w Normal - Config www WitMotion Shenzhen Co. Ltd. File Tools Record 3D Config Read Config Lock Unlock Calibrate Time Main Acc System Port: COM4 Algrithm: 9 - axis V Install | Horizontal | Instruction | Startup Reset Sleep Alarm Baud: 9600 Calibrate Open Close Acceleration Magnetic Filed Reset Z-axis Angle Gyro Auto Calibrate Angle Reference Accleration: 16 g ∨ Gyro: 2000 deg/s ∨ Band Width: 20 Hz ∨ GPS Time Zone: UTC+8 Baud Rate: 9600 Output Rate: 10Hz Device Address: 0x50 change 20 ☑ Acceleration ☑ Velocity ✓ Angle ☐ Time ✓ Magnetism Port ☐ Pressure ☐ Location ☐ PDOP ☐ Quaternion ☐ Positioning Accuracy ☐ GPS Original 30 D0 model: AIN v pulse width: 0 ÷ D1 model: AIN • y pulse width: 0 D2 model: AIN v pulse width: 0 cycle: 0 • Online Save Config Contact Read Configuration Completed

Notice: If choosing the GPS Original, there will be no other data output.



#### 2.4.2 **Output Rate**



The default return rate of the module is 10Hz, the highest return rate supports 200Hz.

10Hz refers to the return of 10 data packets in 1S. 1 data packet is 33 bytes by default.

Note: If there are more backhaul contents and the communication baud rate is lower, it may not be possible to transmit so much data. Then the module will automatically reduce the frequency and output at the maximum allowable output rate. To put it simply, if the return rate is high, the baud rate should also be set higher, generally 115200.



#### 2.4.3 Baud Rate

The module supports multiple baud rates, and the default baud rate is 9600. To set the baud rate of the module, you need to select the baud rate to be changed in the communication rate drop-down box in the configuration bar based on the correct connection between the software and the module.

Note: After the change, the module will no longer output data at the original baud rate. The data will be output only when the baud rate that has been changed is selected on the PC software again.

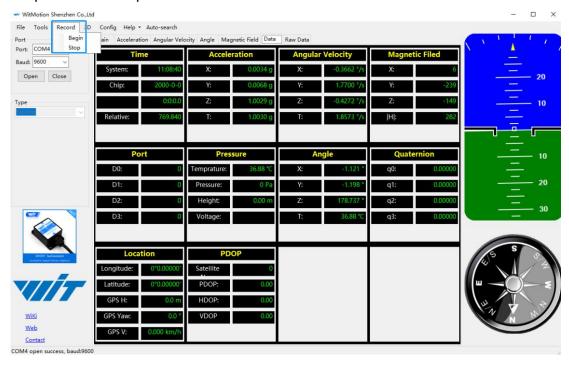


## 2.4.4 Data Recording

Method are as follows:

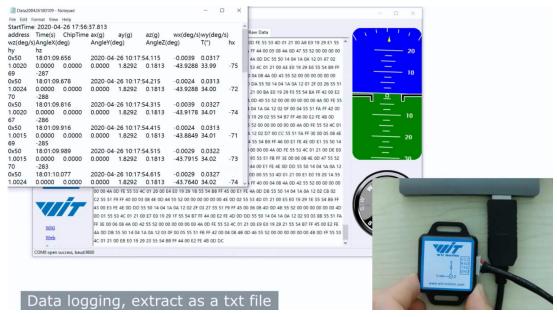
Step 1: Click "Record" and "Begin"

Step 2: Click "Stop"



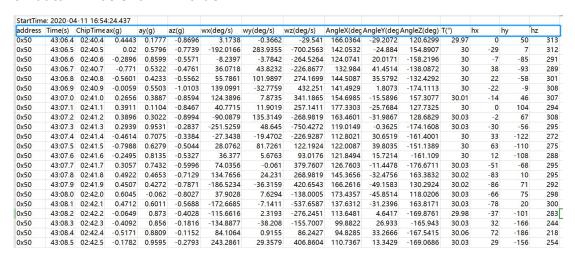


Step 3: Extract the data as "txt" file



Notice: If there is repeated "TIME" of data, that's caused by low-resolution of the Windows system's time. The changes in other data is correct.

It is highly recommended that data can be pasted to an Excel file. In this way, all data will be shown in order.



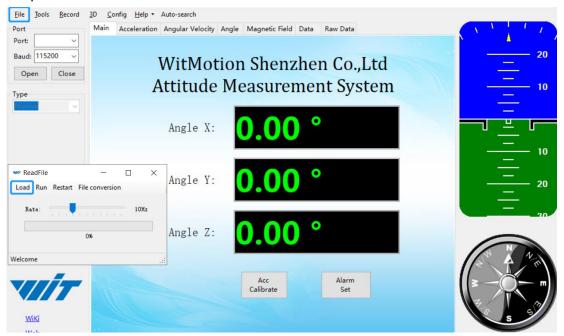


## 2.4.5 Data Playback

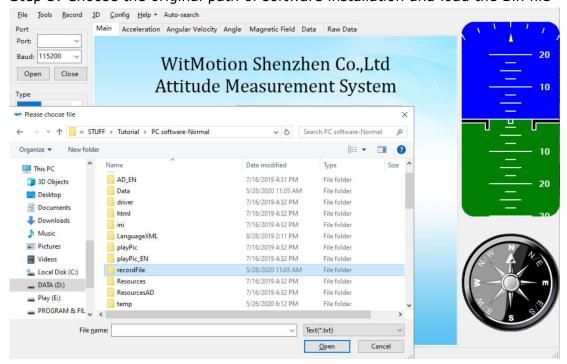
New function: When creating recorded file each time, there will a BIN file created in the folder of record file in path of installed software meanwhile. Recorded data playback method:

Step 1: Disconnect the sensor

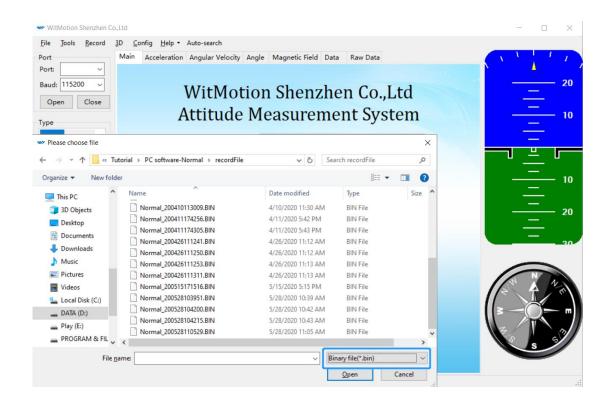
Step 2: Click "File" Button and then click "Load"



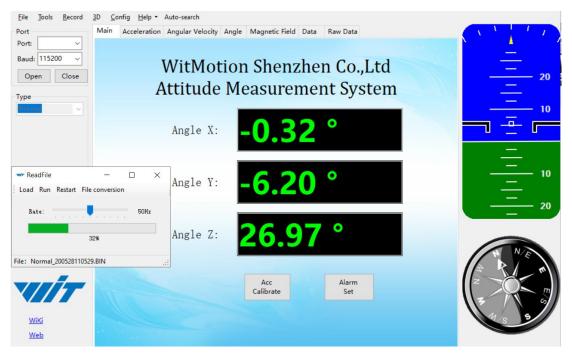
Step 3: Choose the original path of software installation and load the Bin file







Step 4: Click "Run" and the Binary file will be playback When playback, the rate can be editable.





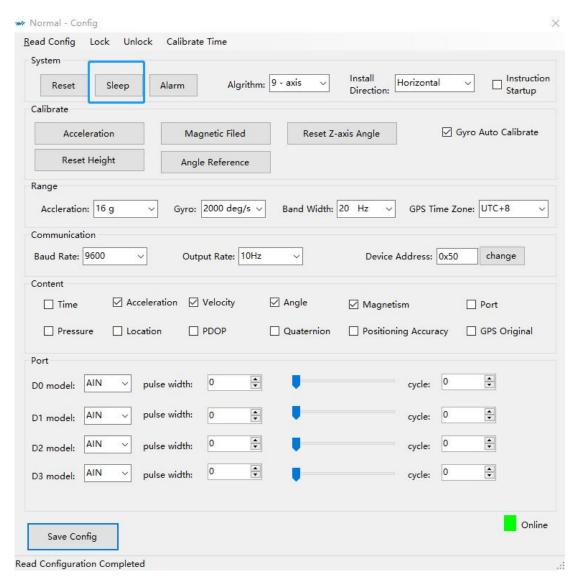
## 2.4.6 Standby and Wake Up

Sleep: The module paused working and entered the standby mode. Power consumption is reduced after sleeping.

Wake Up: The module enters the working state from the standby state.

The module defaults to a working state, in the "Config" of the software, click

"Sleep" option to enter the sleep state, click "Sleep" again to release sleep.





#### 2.4.7 Placement Direction

The default installation direction of the module is horizontal. When the module needs to be installed vertically, the vertical installation can be set.

Step 1: Rotate the module 90 degrees around the X-axis

Step 2: Place the sensor 90 degrees vertically

Step 3: Click "Vertical" as install directions on "Config" menu





#### 2.4.8 Bandwidth

#### Default bandwidth is 20Hz.



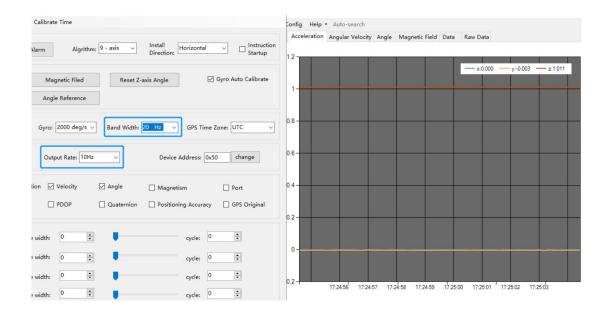
#### Function:

1. The higher rate of bandwidth setting will lead to the higher fluctuation in data waveform. Conversely, the lower rate of bandwidth, data will become more fluent.

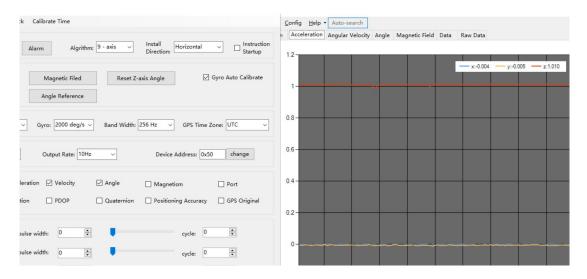
#### For example:

Bandwidth as 20Hz, Output rate as 10Hz. The waveform is very steady.





Bandwidth as 256Hz, Output rate as 10Hz. The waveform will show more fluctuation.



2. The higher rate of bandwidth will solve the data-repeating problem.

For example, if the bandwidth setting is 20Hz, retrieval rate as 100Hz, there will be 5 repeating data.

If you prefer there is no repeating data, it is required to increase the bandwidth more than 100Hz.



## 2.4.9 Restore Factory Setting

#### Operation method:

Connect the WT901C module and the computer through the USB-TTL module, click the setting tab, and click to restore the default. After restoring the factory settings, power on the module again. (This method needs to know the baud rate of the module in advance, if the baud rate does not match the instruction will not take effect, please try to use the short circuit method to recover)



## 2.4.10 6-axis/ 9-axis Algorithm

6-axis algorithm: Z-axis angle is mainly calculated based on angular velocity integral. There will be calculated error on Z-axis angle.

9-axis algorithm: Z-axis angle is mainly calculated and analyzed based on the magnetic field. Z-axis angle will have few drift.

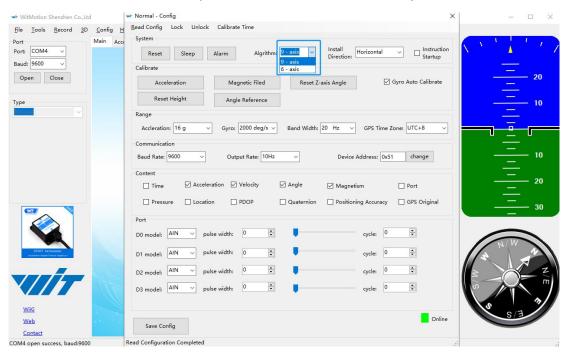
The default algorithm of WT901C is 9-axis. If there is magnetic field interference around installed environment, it is recommended to switch to 6-axis algorithm to detect the angle.

#### Method:

Step 1: Switch to the "6-axis" algorithm on "Config" menu

Step 2: Proceed the "Accelerometer calibration" and "Reset Z-axis angle" calibration.

After the calibration is completed, it can be used normally.



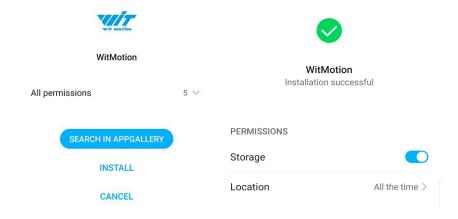


# 3 Use Instructions with Android Phone

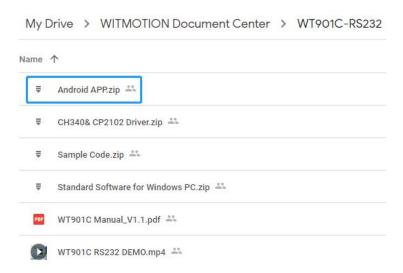
For APP configuration introduction, please referring to the Chapter 2.2

## 3.1 APP Installation

Install the APK file, give permission of Location and Storage



#### Link to download Android APP





# **3.2 Hardware Preparation**

Connecting with Android smartphone requires a serial cable and a Type-C converter or OTG converter according to phone's interface.





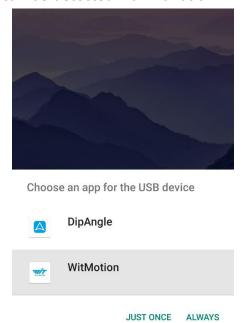
## 3.3 Connection

Step 1. Install the APK file, give permission of Storage.

Step 2: Connect the sensor with TTL cable. Then connect the cable with type-c converter. Plug in the device "type-c converter" to the phone.

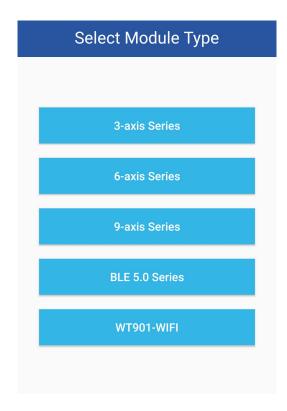
#### Notice:

- 1. After successful connection, there will be a notification reminding that "Choose an APP for the USB device", which means that the device has been detected. Choose "WitMotion", " JUST ONCE" or "ALWAYS" is optional.
- 2. Only CH340 driver can be detected via WitMotion APP.



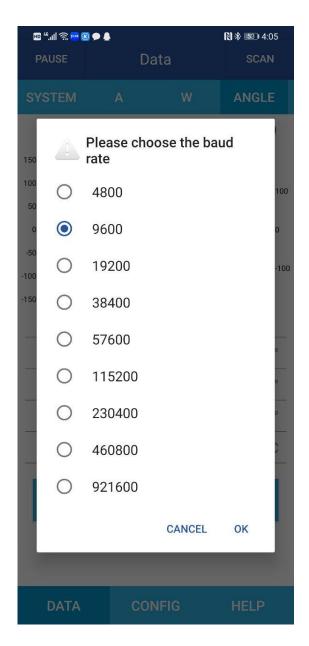


Step 3. Open APP and choose "9-axis Series" as sensor series



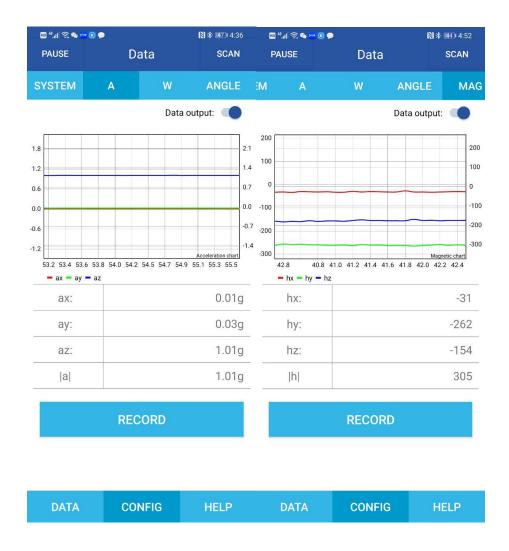


Step 4. Select the baud rate- 9600.



After selection and wait for a few seconds, the data will show automatically.





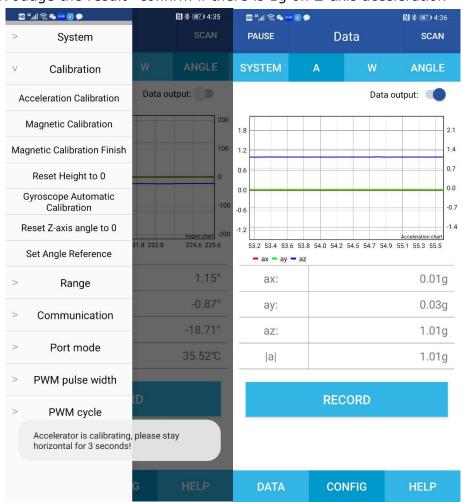


## 3.4 Calibration

#### WT901C-232 Playlist

#### 3.4.1 Acceleration Calibration

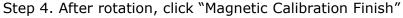
- Step 1. Keep the module horizontally stationary
- Step 2. Click the "Calibration" menu
- Step 3. Click the "Acceleration Calibration" and wait for 3 seconds
- Step 5. Judge the result--confirm if there is 1g on Z-axis acceleration

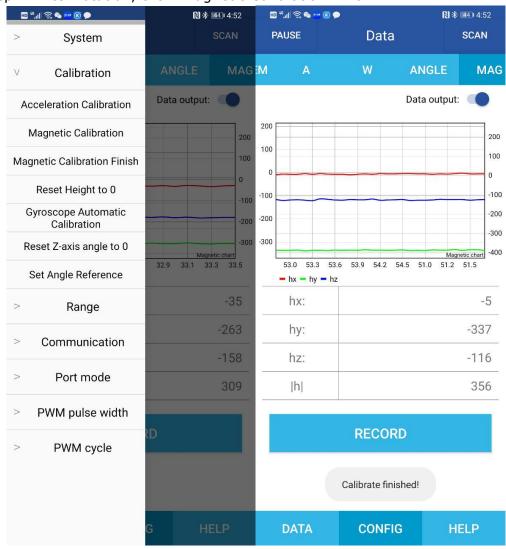




## 3.4.2 Magnetic Field Calibration

- Step 1. Click "Calibration" menu
- Step 2. Click the "Magnetic calibration" button
- Step 3. Slowly rotate the module 360° around X, Y, Z, 3-axis accordingly



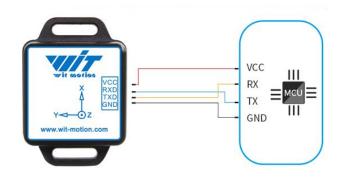


Check the result: The Z-axis angle will have fewer drift than before.

Notice: If not successful, please stay away from the objective that can create magnetic field interference.



# 4 MCU Connection



Link to download all sample code

## Link to sample code instructions demo

Notice: There is no sample code provided for Linux or Python system at present.

## 4.1 Arduino

**Download link** 

Arduino UNO3 Demo Link

## 4.2 STM32

**Download link** 

# 4.3 Raspberry pi

**Tutorial link** 

#### 4.4 C#

**DEMO link** 



# 4.5 C++

**DEMO link** 

# 4.6 Matlab

Receive Sample Code

**Dataplot DEMO**