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This tutorial demonstrates: How to externally connect and use the ultrasonic servo gimbal on the expansion board and then print the ultrasonic ranging data through the serial port.

1. Software-Hardware

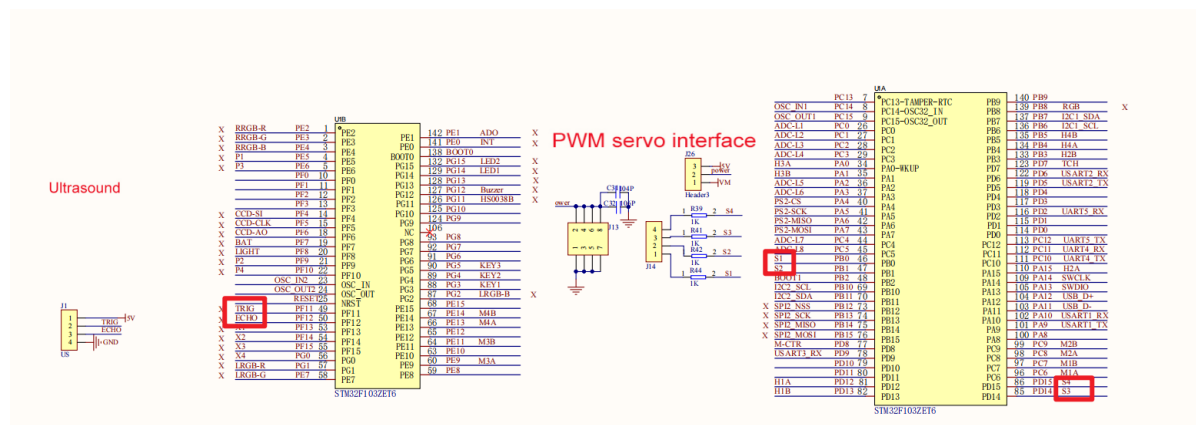
- STM32F103CubeIDE
- STM32 expansion board
- Ultrasonic steering gear head
- Type-C data cable or ST-Link

Download programs or simulate the development board.

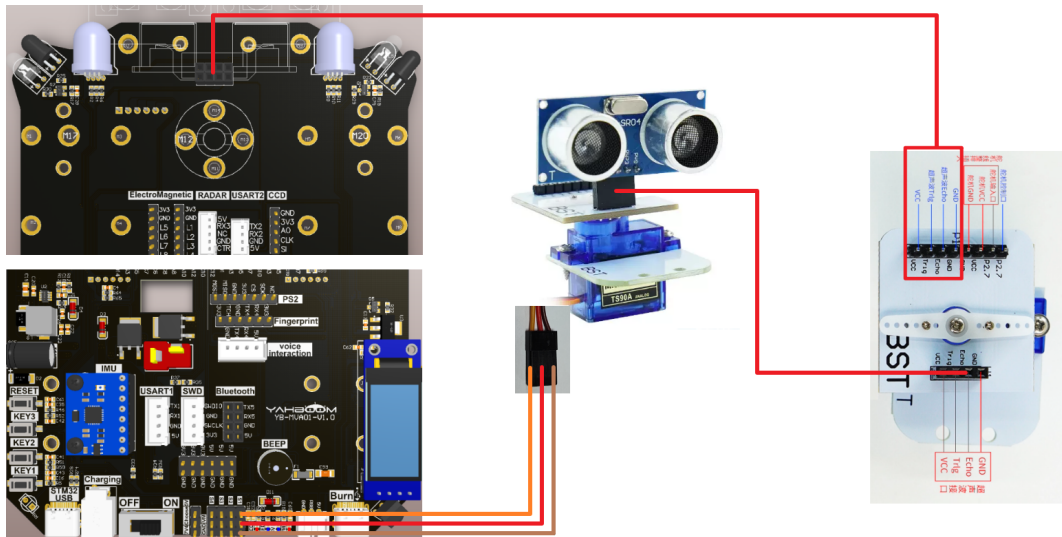
- Serial Assistant
- Receive serial port data and print

2. Brief principle

1. Hardware schematic diagram



2、Physical connection diagram



3、Control principle

(Schematic name)	Control pin	Specific meaning
TRIG	PF11	Trigger terminal
ECHO	PF12	Receiver
S1	PB0	Servo control pin

Ultrasonic Module:

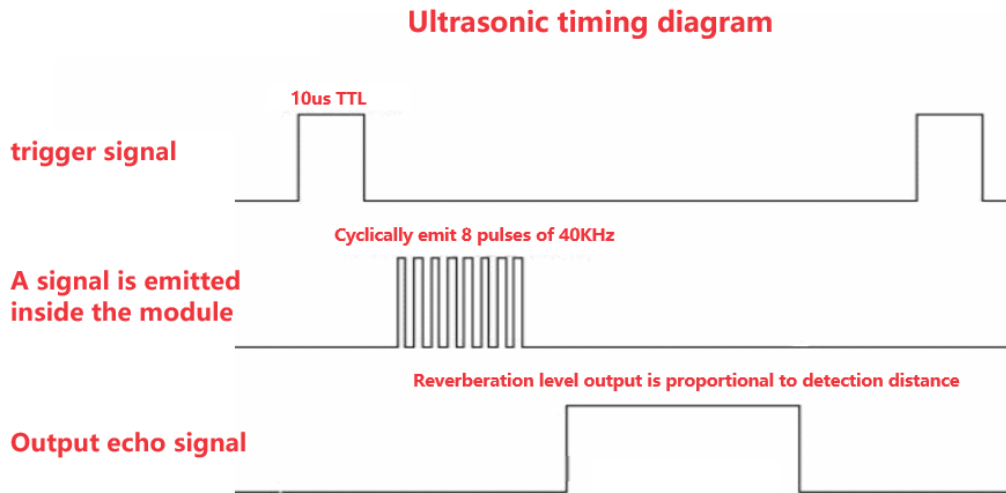
It is a module that uses ultrasonic waves for non-contact physical quantity measurement. It can accurately measure distance, speed, flow and other physical quantities by transmitting and receiving ultrasonic signals, and converts the measurement results into digital signal output. This article will popularize the ultrasonic module Its working principle and function.

Ultrasonic module information for this experiment:

Model	HC-SR04	Detection distance	2-400cm
Working voltage	5V	High precision	Up to 0.3cm
Operating current	15mA	Dead zone	2cm
Operating frequency	40KHz	Pin sequence	VCC, Trig (control end), Echo (receiving end), GND
Quiescent operating current	<2mA	Input trigger signal	10uS TTL pulse
Sensing angle	Not greater than 15°	Input echo signal	Output TTL level signal, proportional to range
Range range	2cm-4m (peak)	Level output	TTL level

Ranging principle: Input a high potential for more than 10 microseconds at the trigger end of the ultrasonic module to emit ultrasonic waves. After transmitting the ultrasonic waves and before receiving the returned ultrasonic waves, the receiving end is at a high potential. Therefore, the program can calculate the distance of the measured object from the high pulse duration of the "response" pin.

Test distance = (high level time * speed of sound (340M/S))/2;



Note: The above timing diagram shows that you only need to provide a pulse trigger signal of more than 10us, and the module will internally send out 8 40kHz cycle levels and detect echoes. Once an echo signal is detected, an echo signal is output. The pulse width of the reverberated signal is proportional to the measured distance. The distance can be calculated from the time interval between the transmitted signal and the received echo signal.

PWM control steering gear principle

The PWM signal is generated by using the timer/counter (TIM) peripheral, and the angle of the servo is controlled by adjusting the duty cycle.

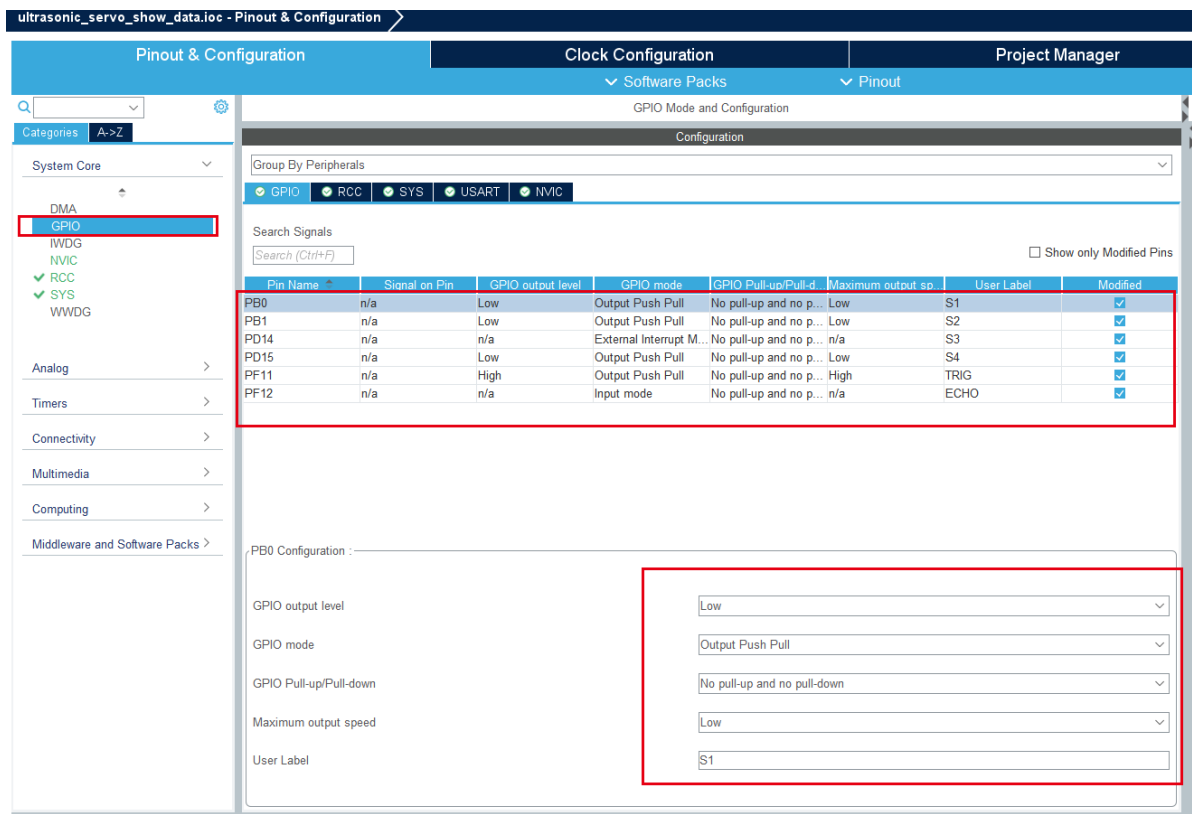
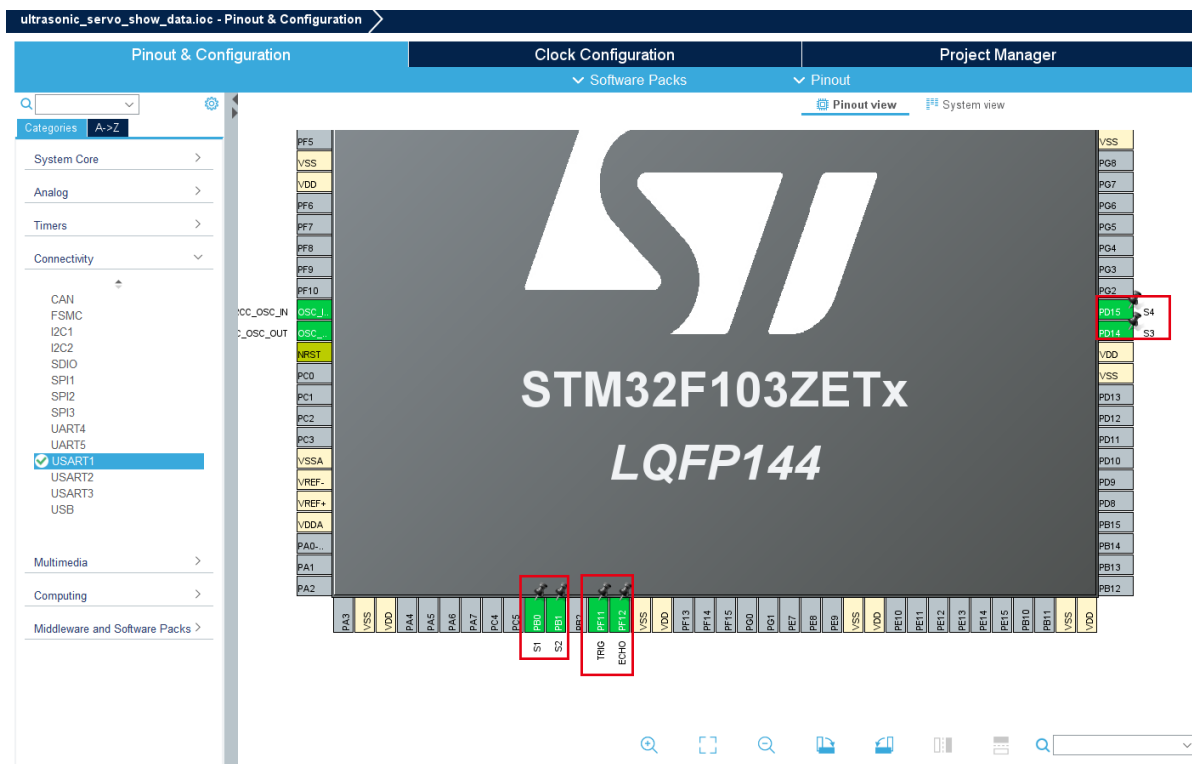
3. Project configuration

1. Description

Omitted project configuration part: **New project, chip selection, project configuration, SYS of pin configuration, RCC configuration, clock configuration and project configuration** content

Please refer to [2. Development environment construction and use: STM32CubeIDE installation and use] to understand how to configure the omitted parts of the project.

2. Pin configuration



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Pinout & Configuration

Clock Configuration

Project Manager

Software Packs

Pinout

NVIC Mode and Configuration

Configuration

NVIC

Code generation

Priority Group

2 bits for pre-emption priority 2 bits for subpriority

Sort by Preemption Priority and Sub Priority

Sort by interrupts names

Search

Search (Ctrl+F)

Show

available interrupts

Force DMA channels Interrupts

NVIC Interrupt Table

Enabled

Preemption Priority

Sub Priority

Non maskable interrupt

Hard fault interrupt

Memory management fault

Prefetch fault, memory access fault

Undefined instruction or illegal state

System service call via SWI instruction

Debug monitor

Pendable request for system service

Time base: System tick timer

PVD interrupt through EXTI line 16

Flash global interrupt

RCC global interrupt

USART1 global interrupt

EXTI line[15:10] interrupts

ITM7 global interrupt

Enabled

Preemption Priority

Sub Priority

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Code generation

Enabled interrupt table

Select for init sequence ordering

Generate Enable in Init

Generate IRQ ha...

Call HAL handler

Non maskable interrupt

Hard fault interrupt

Memory management fault

Prefetch fault, memory access fault

Undefined instruction or illegal state

System service call via SWI instruction

Debug monitor

Pendable request for system service

Time base: System tick timer

ITM7 global interrupt

Interrupt unmasking ordering table (interrupt init code is moved after all the peripheral init code)

Rank

Interrupt name

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TIM7 Mode and Configuration

Mode

☒ Activated
☐ One Pulse Mode

Configuration

Reset Configuration

Parameter SettingsUser ConstantsNVIC SettingsDMA Settings

Configure the below parameters :

Counter Settings

Prescaler (PSC - 16 bits value)

71

Counter Mode

Up

Counter Period (AutoReload Register - 16 bits value)

9

auto-reload preload

Disable

Trigger Output (TRGO) Parameters

Trigger Event Selection

Reset (UG bit from TIMx_EGR)

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TIM7 Mode and Configuration

Mode

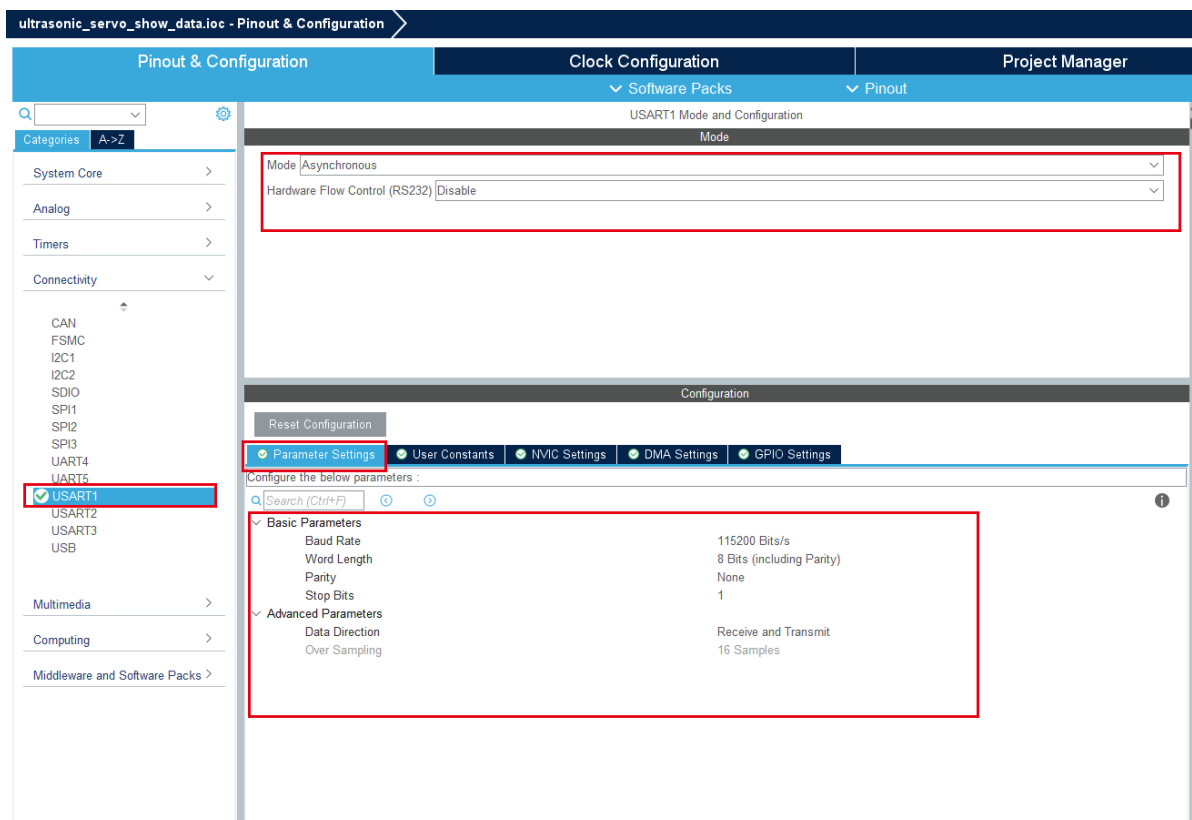
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NVIC Interrupt Table	Enabled	Preemption Priority	Sub Priority
TIM7 global interrupt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	1



4. Main functions

According to our tutorial STM32CubeIDE can generate the corresponding gpio.c, gpio.h, tim.c and tim.h files. For later transplantation and peripheral module driver, we will place the automatically generated code in the BSP under the project file. folder.

1. User function

Function: Get_distance

Function prototype	float Get_distance(void)
Function description	Get the average of 5 ultrasonic measurement data
Input parameters	None
Return value	Processed distance

Function: PwmServo_Set_Angle

Function prototype	void PwmServo_Set_Angle(uint8_t index, uint8_t angle)
Function description	Ultrasonic range detection
Input parameter 1	Servo serial number: 0~MAX_PWM_SERVO-1
Input parameter 2	Angle value: 0-180
Return value	None

Function: Bsp_TIM7_Init

Function prototype	void Bsp_TIM7_Init(void)
Function description	Open timer terminal
Input parameters	None
Return value	None

Function: Bsp_UART1_Init

Function prototype	void Bsp_UART1_Init(void)
Function description	Initialize serial port 1
Input parameters	None
Return value	None

5. Experimental phenomena

During installation, you need to center the servo before installing it; the [ultrasonic_servo_calibrating.hex] file is provided in the tutorial folder for calibration. After burning this program, the servo will rotate to 90°. At this time, the ultrasonic and servo clouds are installed. Connect the connecting plate of the platform (the actual picture is shown below) to the servo. When installing the ultrasonic wave, it needs to face the front (it will have no effect if it is slightly off).

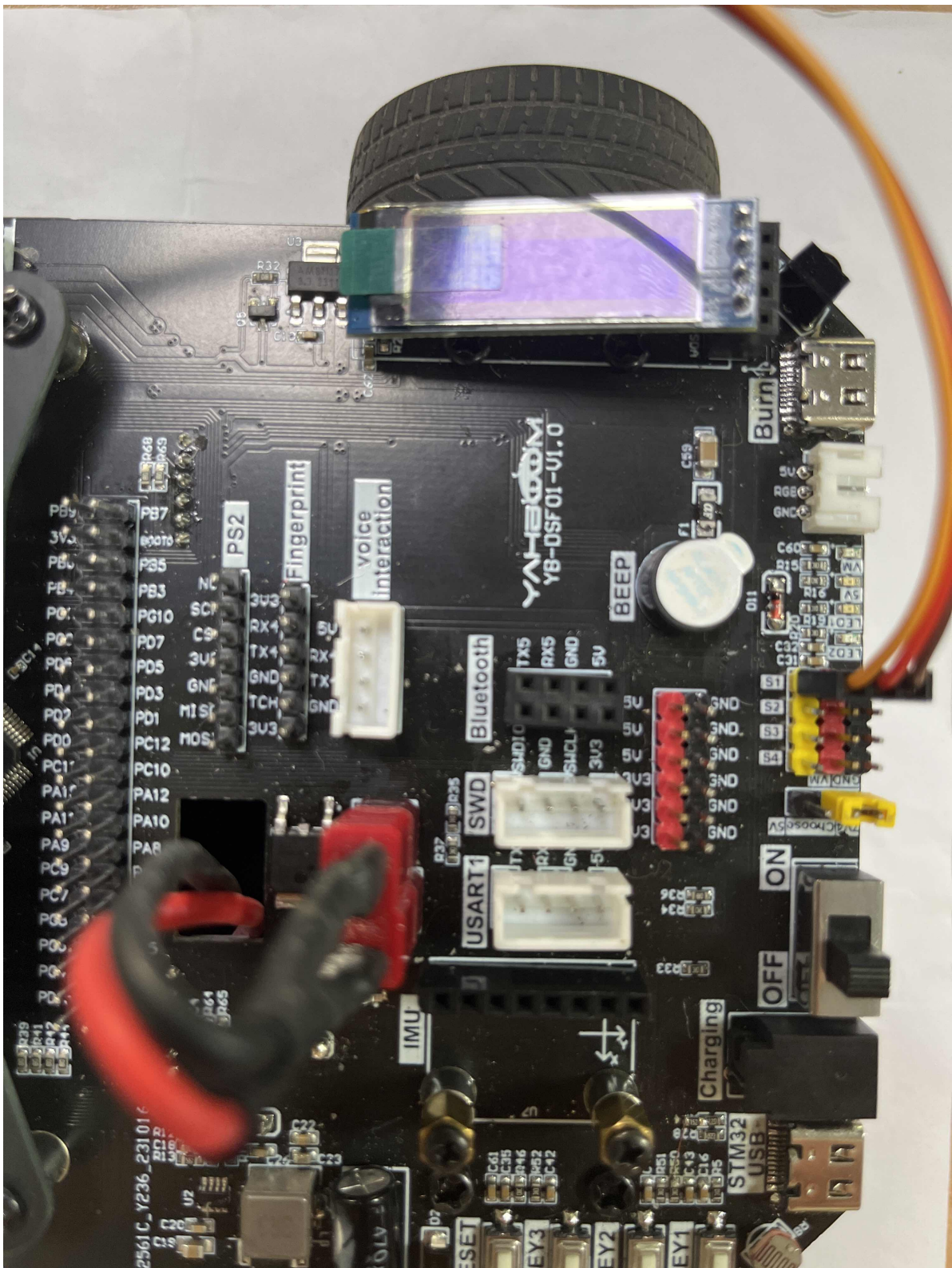


After the servo is calibrated, we can burn the code in this chapter. Then after powering up the car, press the Reset button. We need to connect to the host computer through the type C interface, open the serial port assistant, and set the parameters as shown in the figure below. Then we can view the measured ultrasonic distance through the serial port assistant.

After the car is powered on, the gimbal will first turn to the middle, then to the left, and then to the right. Cycle back and forth in these three directions. The serial port will print the distance between the ultrasonic measurement and the obstacle.

For program download, please refer to [2. Development environment construction and use: program download and simulation]

The servo wiring is as follows:



The effect is as follows:

COMUart Assistant (V3.8)

COMSettings

PortNum

COM11

BaudR

115200

DParity

NONE

DataB

8

StopB

1

Close

Recv Options

☐ Receive to file...

☒ Show timestamp

☐ Receive as hex

☐ Receive pause

Save...

Clear

Send Options

☐ Data from file ...

☐ Auto checksum

☐ Auto clear input

☐ Send as hex

☐ Send cyclic

Interval

1000

ms

Load...

Clear

COM port data receive

2023-11-24 16:53:14:400】Front_distance = 151.33 cm

【2023-11-24 16:53:15:552】Left_distance = 92.96 cm

【2023-11-24 16:53:16:636】right_distance = 33.63 cm

【2023-11-24 16:53:17:741】Front_distance = 157.06 cm

【2023-11-24 16:53:18:850】Left_distance = 92.89 cm

【2023-11-24 16:53:19:918】right_distance = 33.62 cm

【2023-11-24 16:53:21:029】Front_distance = 157.42 cm

【2023-11-24 16:53:22:135】Left_distance = 93.03 cm

【2023-11-24 16:53:23:213】right_distance = 33.64 cm

【2023-11-24 16:53:24:316】Front_distance = 157.54 cm

【2023-11-24 16:53:25:415】Left_distance = 92.70 cm

【2023-11-24 16:53:26:503】right_distance = 35.31 cm

【2023-11-24 16:53:27:609】Front_distance = 157.38 cm

Send

Ready!

Send: 0

Recv: 567

Reset