

USER MANUAL BWT901CL

Bluetooth 2.0 Inclinometer Sensor





Tutorial Link

Google Drive

Link to instructions DEMO: WITMOTION Youtube Channel BWT901CL Playlist

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1 Introduction

The BWT901CL is a multi-sensor device detecting acceleration, angular velocity, angle as well as magnetic filed. The robust housing and 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.

BWT901CL'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.

BWT901CL is an CE standard accelerometer. It is employed where the highest measurement accuracy is required. BWT901CL 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
- 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.
- > For proper instrument grounding: use WITMOTION with its original factory-made cable or accessories.
- > Do not access the I2C interface.
- Do not change the baud rate because WITMOTION BLUETOOTH sensor's baud rate is fixed.

1.2 LED Status

LED	Status	Remark
Red	Flashing	Charging
Dive	Flashing	Pairing process
Blue	Keeping still	Successful pairing



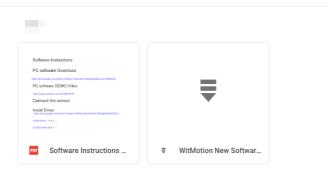
2 Instructions of 2023 New Software

In order to improve the user experience and our customer service, we develop a new version PC software.

Below is the new software and universal instruction download link.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1dnwmnH7mi4zBpNqDywLzrzsV7BfeKaD9?usp=share_link

WITMOTION New Software(Universal)





Note:

The 2022 old version software will be reserved for use. You can check "Chapter 3 Use Instructions with PC" for more details. \downarrow \downarrow



3 Use Instructions with PC

3.1 Connection Method

PC software is only compatible with Windows system. BWT901CL Playlist

3.1.1 Serial Connection

Step 1. Connect the sensor with offered Type-C wire.

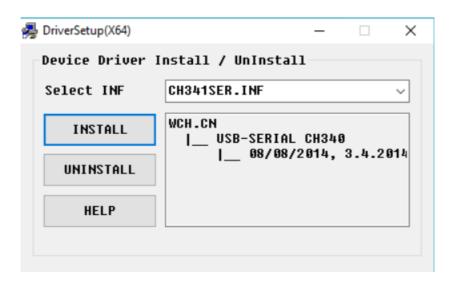
(Warm Reminder: If you wanna use a longer cable, it should be a standard Type-C data cable)

Step 2. Unzip the software and install the driver CH340

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1I3hl9Thsj9aXfG6U-cQLpV9hC3bVEH2V/view ?usp=sharing

*How to Install and update the CH340 driver

Click the "Uninstall" button first. Then click on the "Install" button.

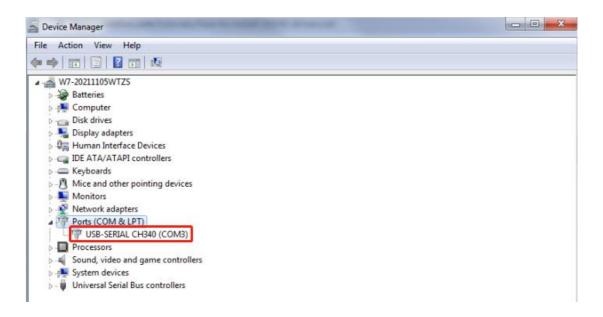




- *How to verify your driver is working
- 1) To check that the CH340 enumerates to a COM port, you can open the device manager. You can click the **Start** or \boxplus (Windows) button and type "device manager to quickly search for the application.



2) After opening the device manager, you will need to open the **Ports (COM & LPT)** tree. The CH340 should show up as **USB-SERIAL CH340 (COM##)**. Depending on your computer, the COM port may show up as a different number.





(Old version software instruction)

Step 4. Open the software(Minimu.exe)



Data will appear after auto-search finishes



Notice: If not successful, please operate manually Choose the comport and baud rate 115200, data will be shown on the software.



3.1.2 USB-HID Connection

Step 1. Open the software, Minimu.exe



Step 2. Insert the USB-HID adapter into the USB slot of the computer (the blue light of HID adapter flashes)





Step 3. Install the driver CH340 and confirm the "com port" in device manager

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Please kindly refer to Chapter 2.1.1 Serial Connection, content of installing or updating CH340 driver

Step 3. Turn on the sensor and the blue light of the sensor flashes

Step 4. Close the pop-up window



^{*}How to Install and update the CH340 driver



Step 5. the software will be set up unbinding automatically and search devices successfully (Bluetooth Pairing process)



Step 6. Set successfully, click "ok"





Step 7. Wait till the sensor's blue LED light remains on--means pairing succeeded



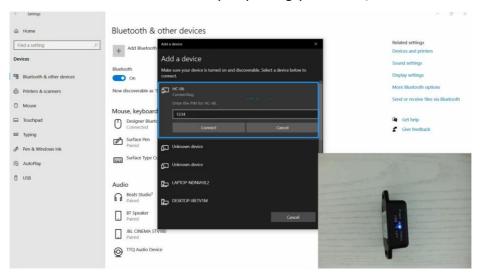
Step 8. Data will appear once the auto-search finishes



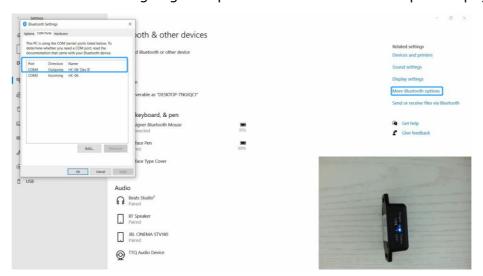


3.1.3 PC's Bluetooth Connection

- Step 1. Turn on the computer's Bluetooth
- Step 2. Turn on the sensor
- Step 3. Search HC-06 device and input pairing password, 1234



Step 4. Confirm the "outgoing com port" on "More Bluetooth Options" page



Step 5. Open software (Minimu.exe) and choose the correct comport

Step 6. Data will appear once the automatic search finishes.



3.2 Software Introduction

Link to download software

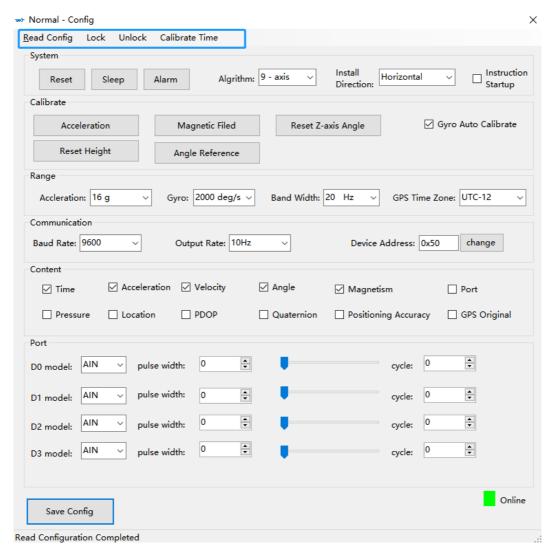
3.2.1 Main Menu



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 About Minimu Factory test		Option for firmware update	
		Info about Minimu.exe	
		For manufacturer internal test only	
Auto-search		Auto searching the sensor	
Port		Com port selection	
Baud		Baud rate selection	
Туре		Fixed setting as Normal for BWT901CL	
Open		Open com port	
Close		Close com port	



3.2.2 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





Menu of System		
Button	Function	
Reset	Reset to factory setting	
Sleep	Sleep function, not available for Bluetooth	
	sensor series	
Alarm	Alarm function, not available for Bluetooth	
	sensor series	
Algorithm	6-axis algorithm or 9-axis	
Installation Direction	Vertical or horizontal installation	
Instruction Start-up	Instructions sending to start-up the sensor	



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 BWT901CL 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	





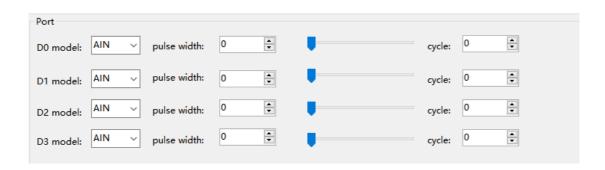
Menu of Communication		
Button Function		
Baud Rate	Baud rate selection, not available for	
	Bluetooth sensor series	
Output Rate	Return rate selection	
Device Address	Not available for Bluetooth sensor series	

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, not available for Bluetooth	
	sensor series	
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	
GPS Original	Only output GPS raw data, only for GPS IMU	
	series, such as WTGAHRS1, WTGAHRS2	
	Menu of Port	
D0 Model	Not available for Bluetooth sensor series	
D1 Model	Not available for Bluetooth sensor series	



D2 Model	Not available for Bluetooth sensor series
D3 Model	Not available for Bluetooth sensor series
Pulse width	Not available for Bluetooth sensor series
Cvcle	Not available for Bluetooth sensor series





3.3 Calibration

Preparation:

Make sure the sensor is "Online".

Calibration on PC software:

It is required to calibrate for the first time usage.

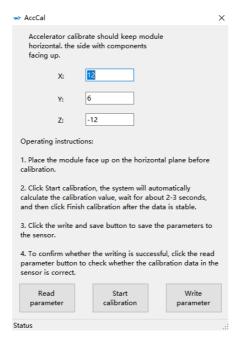
3.3.1 Accelerometer Calibration

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:

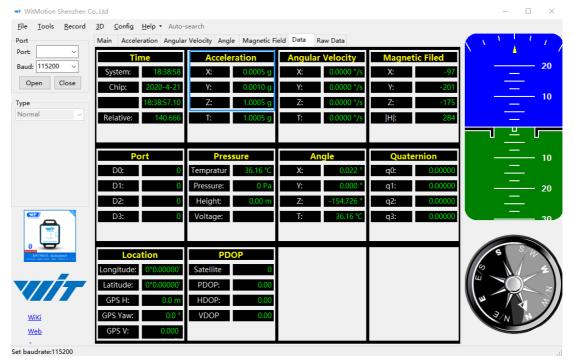
- Step 1. Keep the module horizontally stationary
- Step 2. Click the accelerometer calibration
- Step 3. Click the "Start calibration" and wait for 3 seconds





Step 4. Click "Complete Calibration"

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.



3.3.2 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.

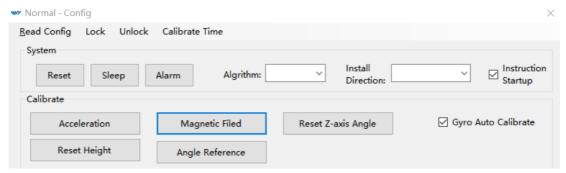
Preparation:

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

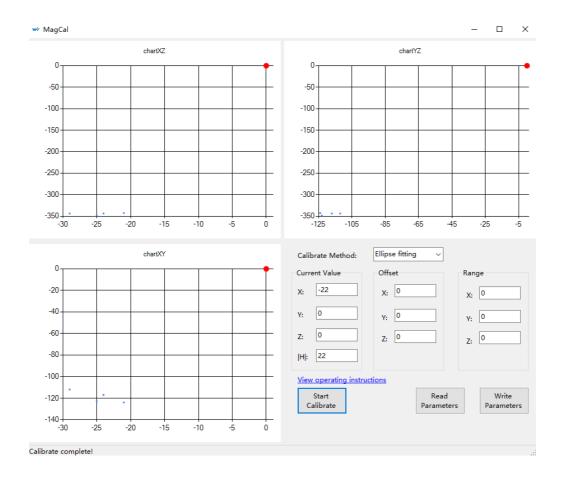
Methods:

Step 1. Open the Config menu

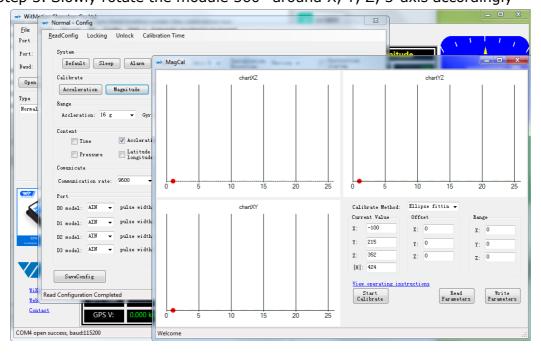
Step 2. Click the magnetic field calibration button. click the "Start calibration"





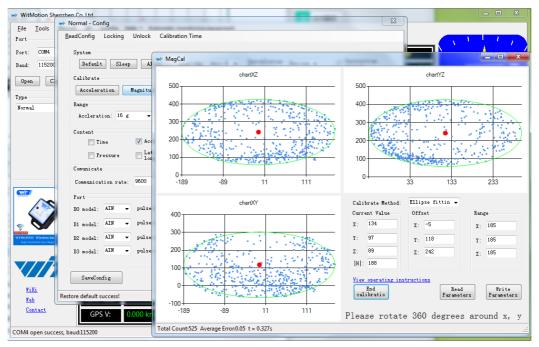


Step 3. Slowly rotate the module 360° around X, Y, Z, 3-axis accordingly





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.

3.3.3 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.



3.3.4 Reset Z-axis Angle

Note: If you want to avoid magnetic interference, you can change the algorithm to 6-axis, function of resetting Z-axis angle can be used.

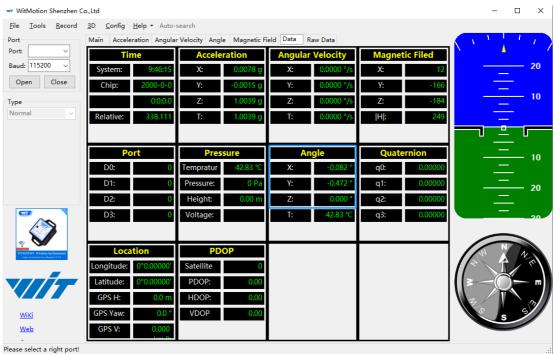
The z-axis angle is an absolute angle, and it takes the northeast sky as the coordinate system can not be relative to 0 degree.

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:

Step 1: Keep the module static.

Step 2: Open the "Config" and then click the "Reset Z-axis Angle" option, you will see the angle of the Z-axis backs to 0 degree in the "Data".





3.3.5 Reset Height to 0

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



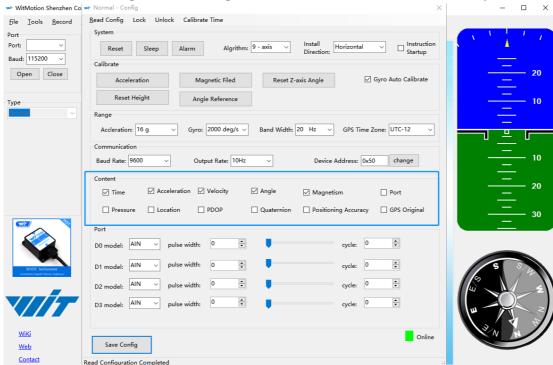
Set baudrate:115200

3.4 Configuration

3.4.1 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.

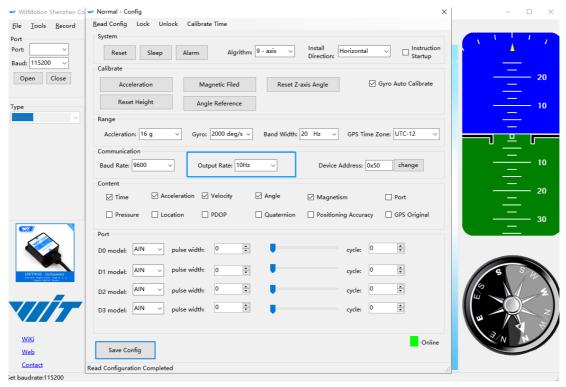
Taking BWT901CL as an example, the default output of the module is acceleration, angular velocity, angle, and magnetic field.



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



3.4.2 Output Rate



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

10Hz refers to 10 packets returned every second. There contain 33bytes in a data packet in default.

Reminder: If there being many types of return data and low baud rate of communication, the module will automatically reduce the frequency and output at a maximum allowable output rate. The default baud rate is 115200.

3.4.3 Baud Rate

Not available for Bluetooth sensor series.

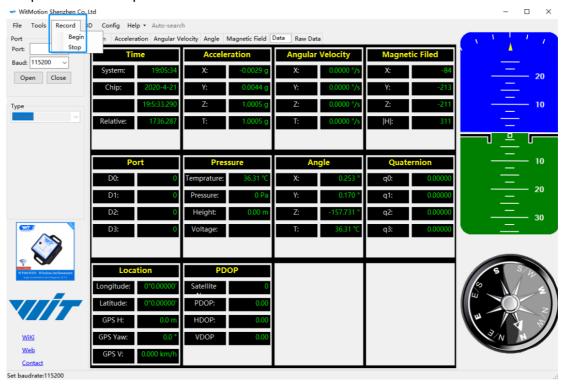


3.4.4 Data Recording

Method are as follows:

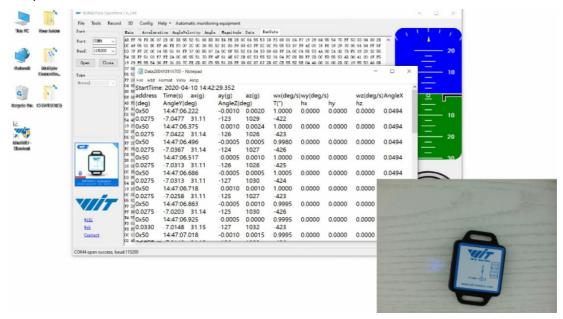
Step 1: Click "Record" and "Begin"





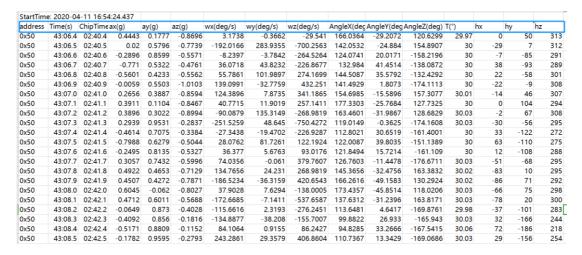


Step 3: Extract the data as "txt" file



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 a Excel file. In this way, all data will be shown in order.



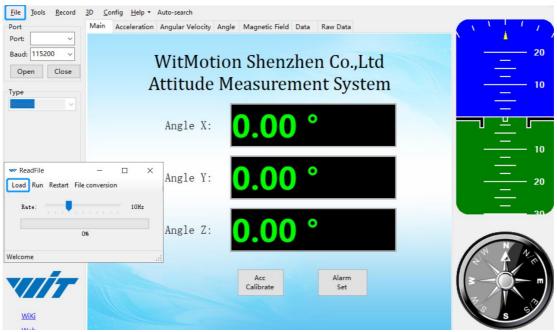


3.4.5 Data Playback

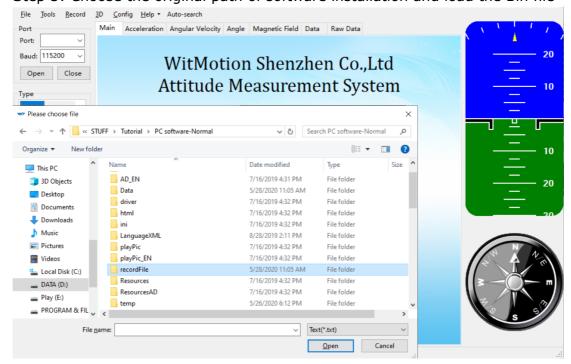
New function: When creating recorded file each time, there will a BIN file created in the folder of record file in path of installed software meanwhile. Recorded data playback method:

Step 1: Disconnect the sensor

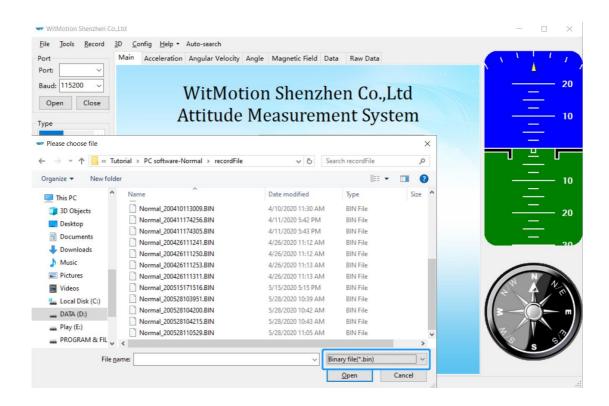
Step 2: Click "File" Button and then click "Load"



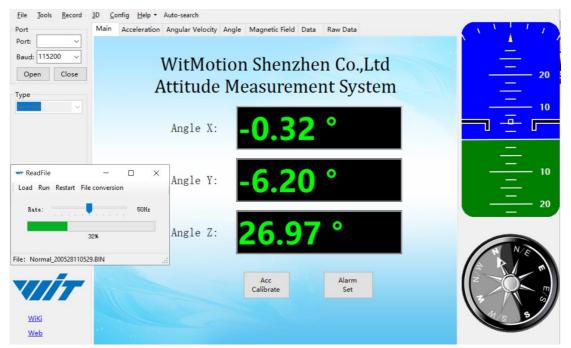
Step 3: Choose the original path of software installation and load the Bin file







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





3.4.6 Standby and Wake Up

Not available for Bluetooth sensor series.

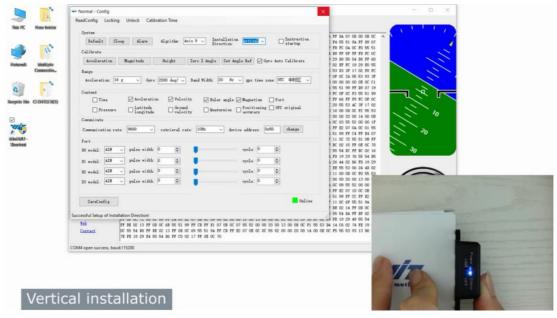


3.4.7 Placement Direction

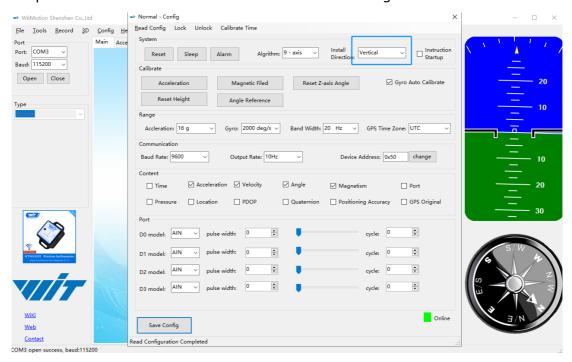
The default installation direction of the module is horizontal. When the module needs to be installed vertically, the vertical installation can be set.

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

Step 2: Place the sensor 90 degrees vertically



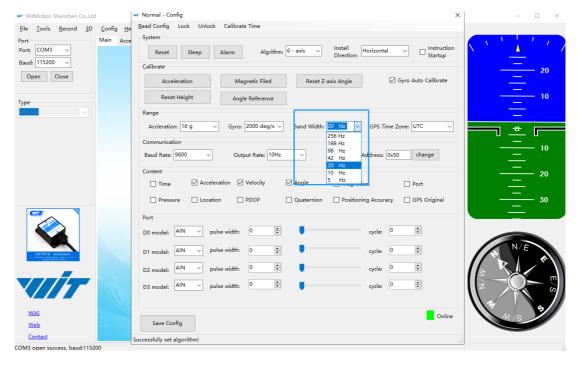
Step 3: Click "Vertical" as install directions on "Config" menu





3.4.8 Bandwidth

Default bandwidth is 20Hz.

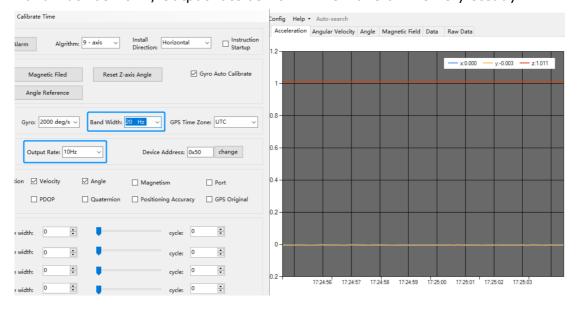


Function:

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:

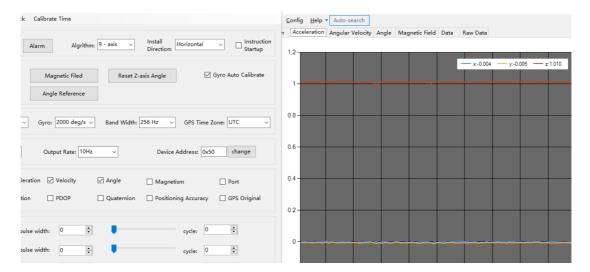
Bandwidth as 20Hz, Output rate as 10Hz. The waveform is very steady.



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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.



3.4.9 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.

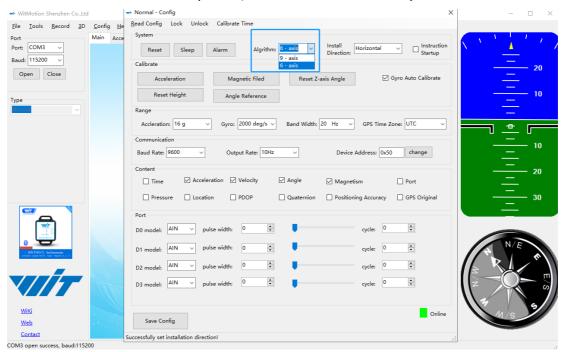
The default algorithm of BWT901CL is 9-axis. If there is magnetic field interference around installed environment, it is recommended to switch to 6-axis algorithm to detect the angle.

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.



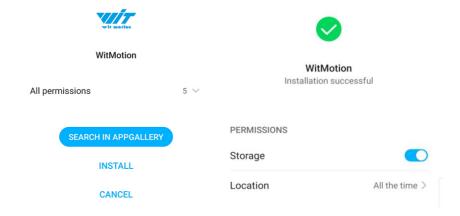


4 Use Instructions with Android Phone

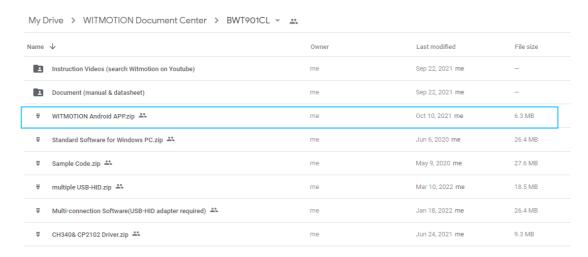
For APP configuration introduction, please referring to the Chapter 2.2

4.1 APP Installation

Install the APK file, give permission of Location and Storage



<u>Link to download Android APP</u> WITMOTION 2023v New Android APP



About Android APP:

- 1. Note: Paired devices can be searched without turning on positioning. According to Google's requirements, if APP installed on a higher version of Android (6.0) mobile phone, pairing with a Bluetooth device, Location must be allowed when using Bluetooth at the same time.
- 2. It is recommended to use method shown in the Chapter 3.3.1

 If Bluetooth device cannot be shown on search result, it is recommended to try

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another method in the Chapter 3.3.2

4.2 Connection

4.2.1 APP Pairing

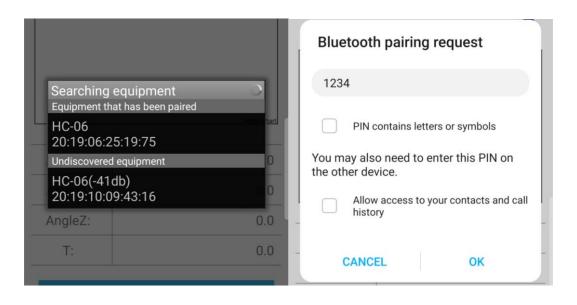
Step 1. Install the APK file, give permission of Location and Storage

Step 2. Open APP and choose "9-axis Series"



Step 3. Turn on the sensor and search "HC-06", input password "1234".







Step 4. When pairing is done, the blue LED light of sensor will remain still. After a few seconds, the data will show automatically.

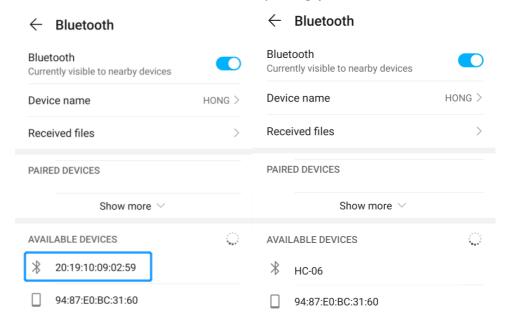




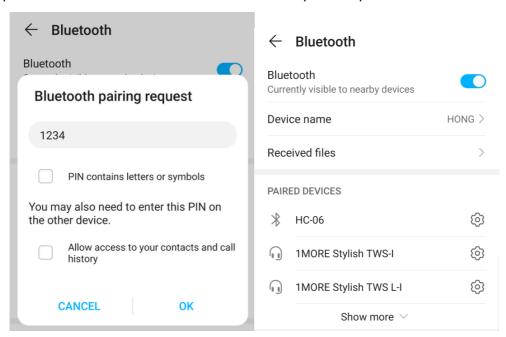
4.2.2 Phone's Bluetooth Pairing

- Step 1. Install the APK file, give permission of Location and Storage
- Step 2. Turn on the Bluetooth in the setting menu of smartphone
- Step 3. Search the Bluetooth sensor

(First pairing the device will be recognize as mac address and will be shown as HC-06 after successful pairing.)



Step 4. Click the "MAC address" device and input the password "1234"





Step 5. Open the WITMOTION APP, and choose "9-axis Series"

Step 6. Click "Scan" and select the paired Bluetooth device "HC-06" (No need to input password)

Step 7. The Blue LED light of sensor will keep on. Connection with APP is successful.





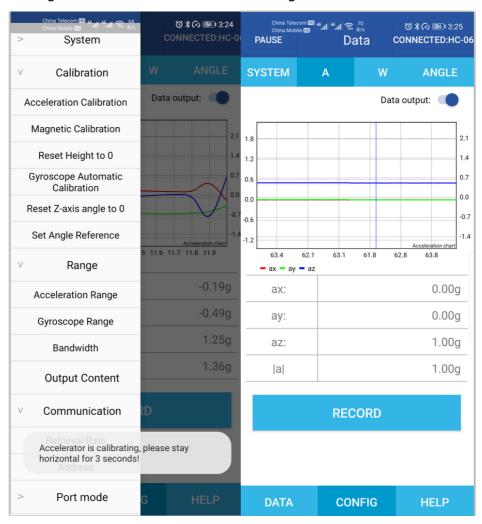
4.3 Calibration

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4.3.1 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

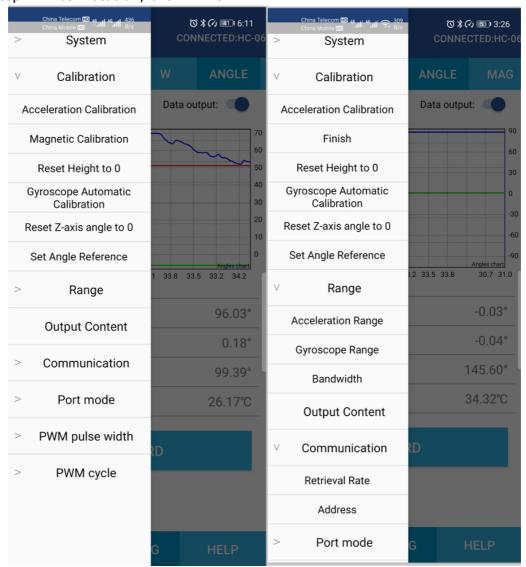




4.3.2 Magnetic field calibration

- 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

Step 4. After rotation, click "Finish"



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.



5 Multiple Connection

For software introduction, please referring to the Chapter 2.2.

5.1 Download Link

For multi-connection, please download the multi-connection HID software. <u>Download link</u>

5.2 Connection Instructions

DEMO Link

Instructions:

Step 1. Open the multiple-connection PC software

Step 2: Plugin the USB-HID adapter in the beginning

Step 3. Turn on the sensor after the red light of USB-HID adapter begins flashing

Step 4. Wait till sensor's blue LED light keeps on--means pairing succeeds

Step 5. For multiple-connection, repeat Step 2-4

Step 6. Click the HID device accordingly and the data will show

Notice:

- 1. The multiple connection will require the USB-HID 2.0 adapter (need to install CH340 driver)
- 2. Each BWT901CL Bluetooth 2.0 sensor can only pair with 1 USB-HID adapter.