

# USER MANUAL WT901C(RS485)

**Inclinometer Sensor** 





## **Tutorial Link**

#### **Google Drive**

Link to instructions DEMO: WITMOTION Youtube Channel WT901C RS485 Playlist

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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, 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.



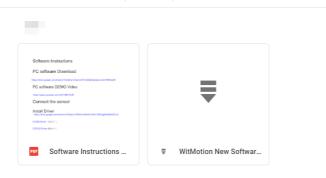
## 2 Instructions of 2023 New Software

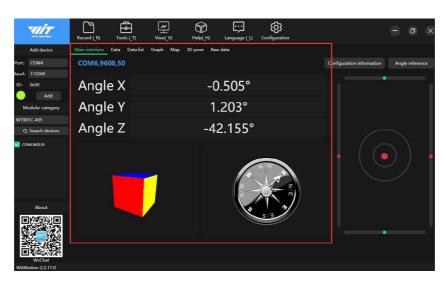
In order to improve the user experience and our customer service, we develop a new version PC software.

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.

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#### 3.1.1 Serial Connection

**Step 1.** Connect the sensor with a serial converter PIN Connection:

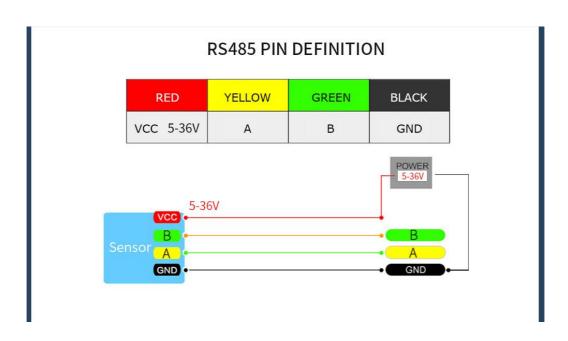
VCC - 5-36V

B - B

A - A

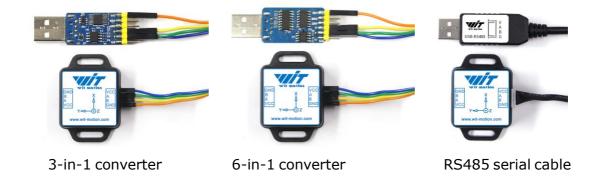
GND - GND

(VCC 5-36V is recommended for connection)





#### **Recommended tools:**



Link to tutorial of 3-in-1 serial converter/ RS485 serial cable (CH340 driver)

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

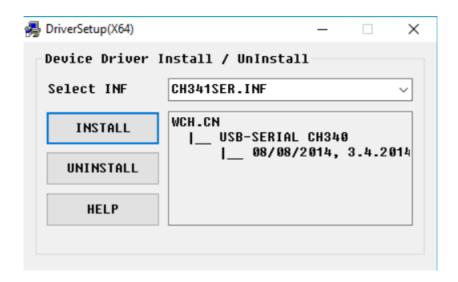
**Step 1.** Connect the sensor with offered dupont line or RS485 line.

**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.

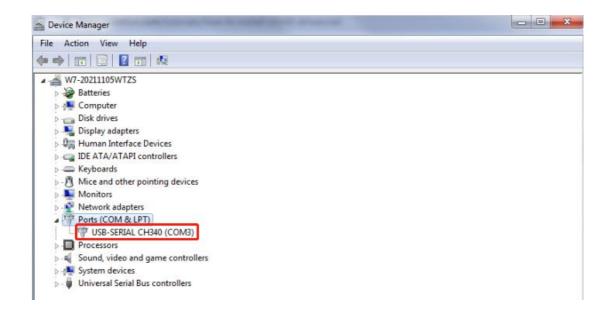




- \*How to verify your driver is working
- 1) To check that the CH340 enumerates to a COM port, you can open the device manager. You can click the **Start** or  $\boxplus$  (Windows) button and type "device manager to quickly search for the application.



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.





# **Step 3.** 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.



## (Old version software instruction)

## 3.2 Software Introduction

#### Link to download software

#### 3.2.1 Main Menu

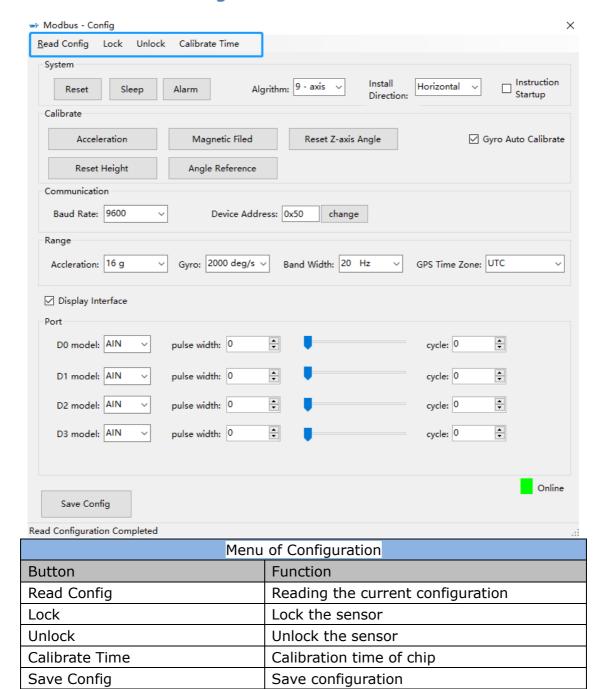




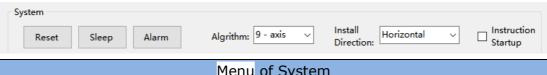
	Main	Menu of software		
Button		Function		
File		Launch recorded HEX file (Bin format)		
Tools		Hide or display tools box on left side		
Record		Record function		
3D		3D DEMO		
Config		Configuration setting		
	Language	English or Chinese		
Help	Bluetooth Set	Binding device or unbind		
	Firmware update	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		
Туре		Fixed setting as Modbus for WT901C RS485		
Open		Open com port		
Close		Close com port		



## 3.2.2 Menu of Configuration







Menu of System			
Button	Function		
Reset	Reset to factory setting		
Sleep	Sleep function		
Alarm	Alarm function		
Algorithm	6-axis algorithm or 9-axis		
Installation Direction	Vertical or horizontal installation		
Instruction Start-up	Instructions sending to start-up the sensor		

#### 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		

Communicatio	n				
Baud Rate:	9600 ~	Device Address:	0x50	change	

Menu of Communication			
Button	Function		
Baud Rate	Baud rate selection		
Device Address	0X50		



## 3.3 Calibration

#### Preparation:

Make sure the sensor is "Online".

#### Calibration on PC software:

It is required to calibrate for the first time usage.

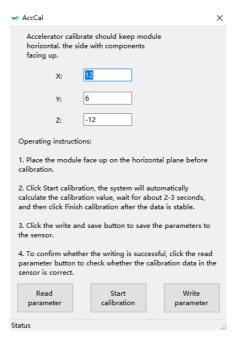
#### 3.3.1 Accelerometer Calibration

#### **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.

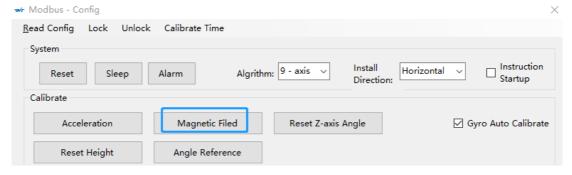
#### **Preparation:**

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

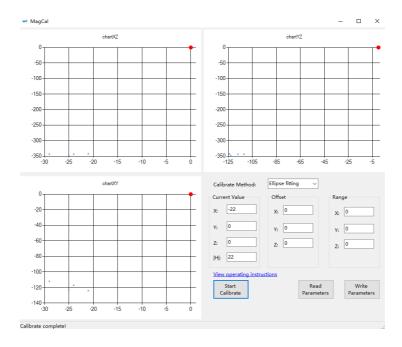
#### Methods:

Step 1. Open the Config menu

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

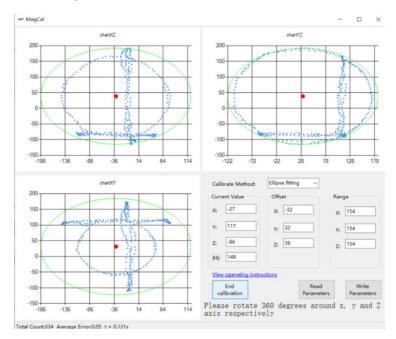






Step 3. Slowly rotate the module 360° around X, Y, Z, 3-axis accordingly

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 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.

## 3.3.5 Reset Height to 0

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



## 3.4 Configuration

#### **3.4.1** 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.



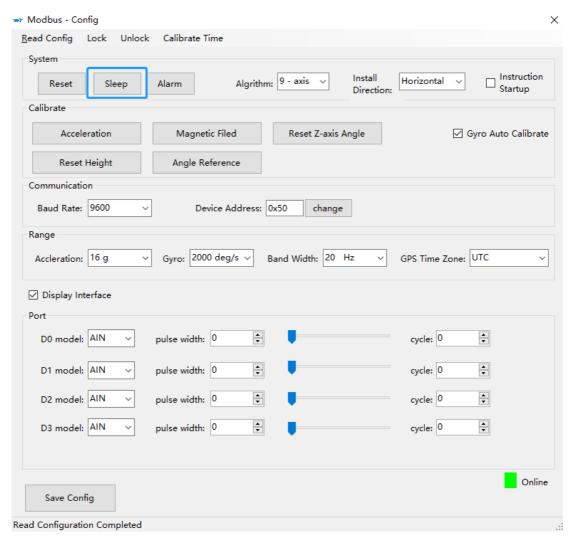
#### 3.4.2 Standby and Wake Up

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.





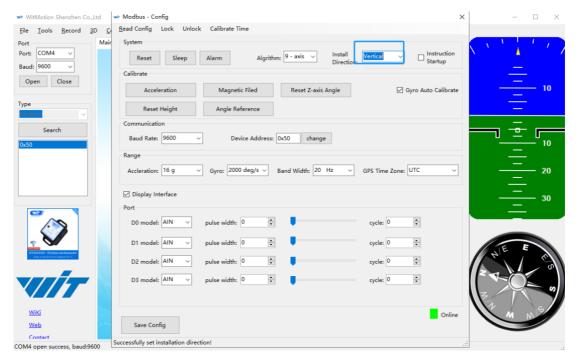
#### 3.4.3 Placement Direction

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



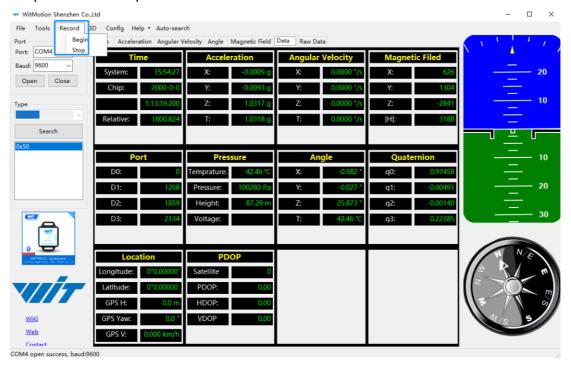


## 3.4.4 Data Recording

Method are as follows:

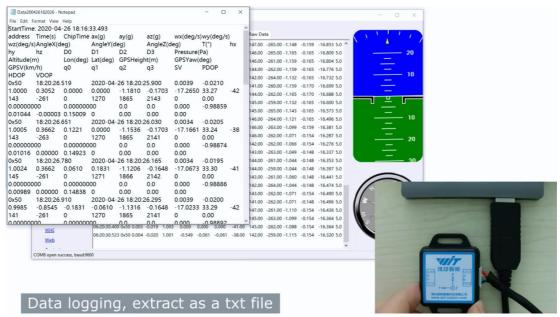
Step 1: Click "Record" and "Begin"

Step 2: Click "Stop"



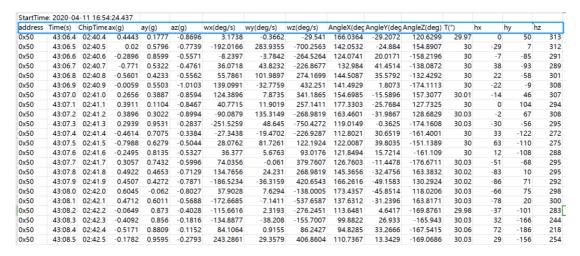


Step 3: Extract the data as "txt" file



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.



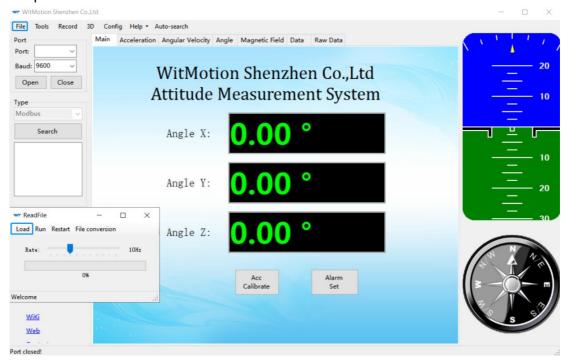


## 3.4.5 Data Playback

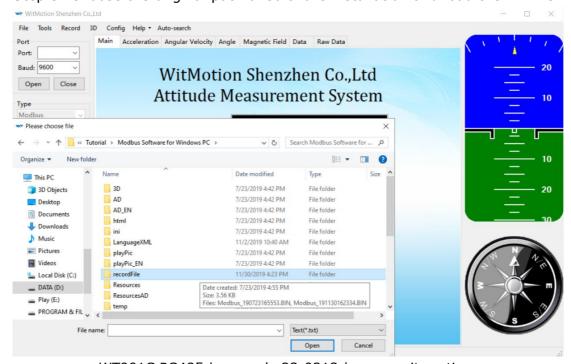
New function: When creating recorded file each time, there will a BIN file created in the folder of record file in path of installed software meanwhile. Recorded data playback method:

Step 1: Disconnect the sensor

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

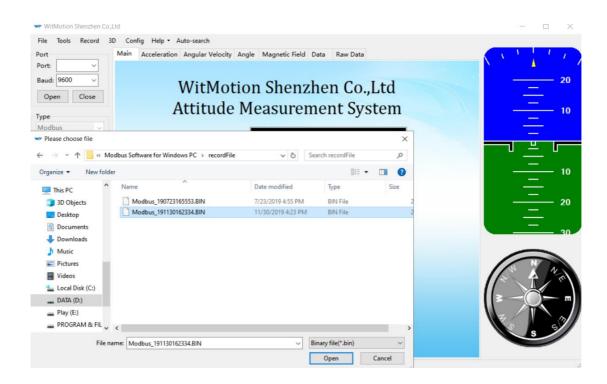


Step 3: Choose the original path of software installation and load the Bin file



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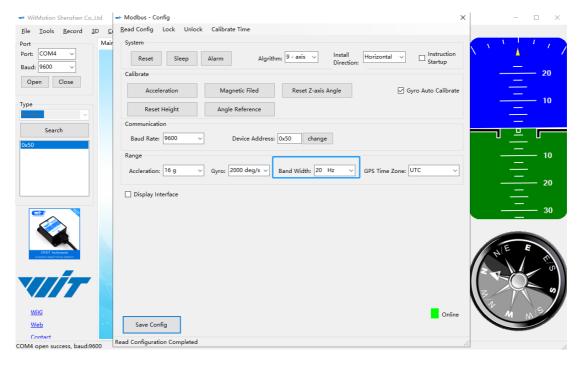
Step 4: Click "Run" and the Binary file will be playback When playback, the rate can be editable.





#### 3.4.6 Bandwidth

#### Default bandwidth is 20Hz.

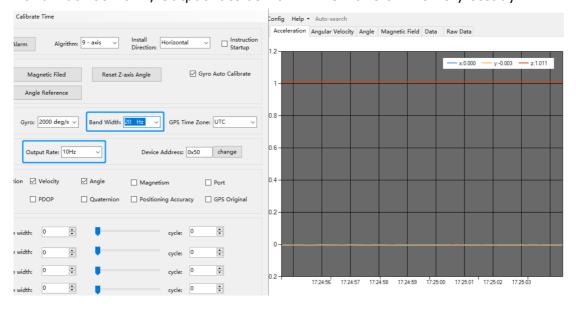


#### Function:

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:

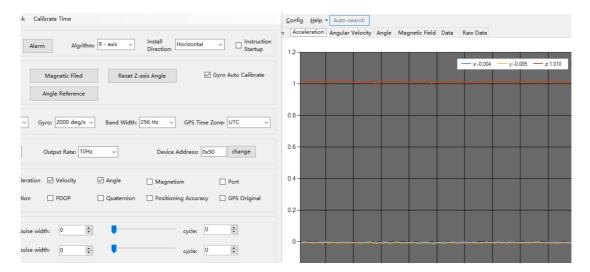
Bandwidth as 20Hz, Output rate as 10Hz. The waveform is very steady.



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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.

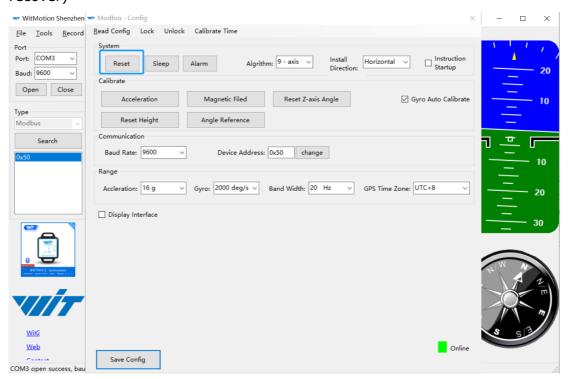
If you prefer there is no repeating data, it is required to increase the bandwidth more than 100Hz.



## 3.4.7 Restore Factory Setting

#### Operation method:

Connect the WT901C module and the computer through the USB-RS485 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)





#### 3.4.8 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.

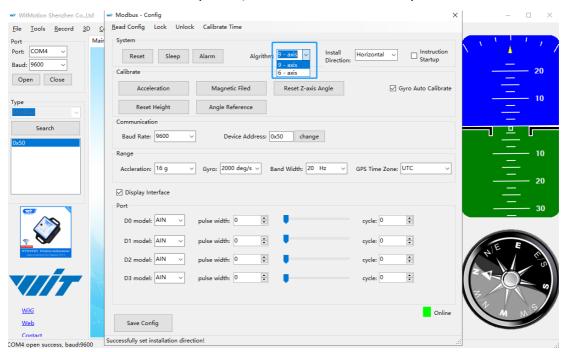
The default algorithm of WT901C is 9-axis. If there is magnetic field interference around installed environment, it is recommended to switch to 6-axis algorithm to detect the angle.

#### Method:

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

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

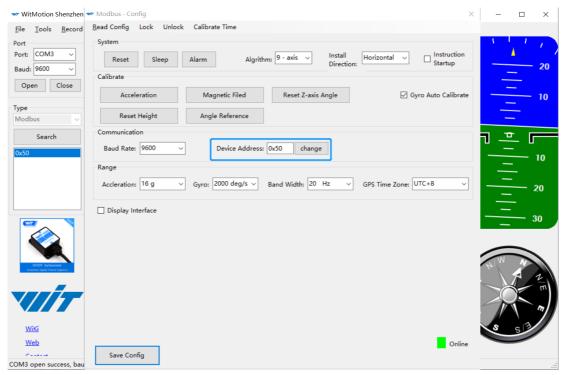
After the calibration is completed, it can be used normally.





#### 3.4.9 Set MODBUS Address

The default address is 0x50 and can be changed via software. Enter the new hexadecimal one in the modbus address configuration tab, then click the "change".



Note: After the change, the modbus address will not be changed immediately, and the device address needs to be searched again to take effect.



# **4 Multiple Module Cascades**

Support multiple modules cascades, you can see the data of multiple devices on the PC software.

#### Tip:

- 1. Before cascading, you first need to change the module's MODBUS address to a different one on PC software one by one.
- 2. Decrease the baud rate to a lower level due to the data packet missing when BUS cable is too long.

#### Warning Statement:

- 1. Make sure each sensor powered with enough input voltage
- 2. Working voltage requires 3.3-5V input



## 3. Hardware Connection Diagram



Note: when multiple cascades, check carefully for correct wiring between modules (VCC-VCC A-A B-B GND-GND).



## 4.1 Software Operation

Open PC software, select the model, serial port, baud rate (9600), and click the search button to find the device. You can search for multiple cascade device addresses.



Select the searched device address, you can see the data of different modules.

Note: When cascading multiple modules, you must remember the MODBUS address of the module (you can rotate the module to verify whether the data on the PC software is the data of the module).



# **5** Sample Code

Link to download all sample code